

**Obesity-Related Policy, Systems, and Environmental Research in the US (OPUS) Workshop**  
National Collaborative on Childhood Obesity Research (NCCOR)  
June 4-5, 2024

**OPUS Virtual Meeting, Day 1: June 4**

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- 12:00 – 12:10 Welcome**  
Jill Reedy, PhD, MPH, RDN, *National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health*
- 12:10 – 12:20 Opening Remarks**  
Katrina Goddard, PhD, *Division of Cancer Control and Population Science, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health*
- 12:20 – 12:25 Introduction to Keynote 1**  
Tamara Dubowitz, ScD, MS, MSc, *University of Pittsburgh, Department of Epidemiology*
- 12:25 – 12:45 Keynote 1**  
**Systems Approaches to Obesity Prevention**  
Ross Hammond, PhD, *Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis and Economic Studies, The Brookings Institution*
- 12:45 – 12:50 Introduction to Keynote 2**  
Heidi Blanck, PhD, *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Obesity Prevention and Control Branch*
- 12:50 – 1:10 Keynote 2**  
**Applying Systems Thinking in Community-Engaged, Participatory Research: Lessons Learned from the Amsterdam Healthy Weight Program**  
Wilma Waterlander, PhD, *Amsterdam UMC, University of Amsterdam, Department of Public and Occupational Health, Amsterdam Public Health Research Institute*
- 1:10 – 1:15 Break**
- 1:15 – 1:20 Introduction to Panel Discussions**  
Dan Hatfield, PhD, *NCCOR Coordinating Center*
- 1:20 – 2:05 Panel Discussion**  
**Advancing Success in Obesity Prevention: What Works Where and for Whom?**  
Moderator: Shiriki Kumanyika, PhD, MS, MPH, *Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health*
- Steve Gortmaker, PhD, *Harvard University T.H. Chan School of Public Health*
  - Russell Pate, PhD, *University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health*
  - Christina Economos, PhD, *Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science & Policy*

- 2:05 – 2:30**      **Discussion and Q&A**
- 2:30 – 2:35**      **Break**
- 2:35 – 3:20**      **Panel Discussion**  
**Building the Next Generation of Multilevel Interventions to Prevent Obesity**  
Moderator: Bill Dietz, MD, PhD, *George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health*
- Deanna Hoelscher, PhD, RDN, LD, CNS, *University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health in Austin*
  - Boyd Swinburn, MD, *University of Auckland School of Population Health*
  - Bob Vollinger, DrPH, MSPH, *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*
- 3:20 – 3:45**      **Discussion and Q&A**
- 3:45 – 4:00**      **Closing**  
Jamie Chriqui, PhD, MHS, *University of Chicago Illinois School of Public Health*

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**OPUS Virtual Meeting, Day 2: June 5**

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- 12:00 – 12:10**    **Welcome and Recap**  
Susan Czajkowski, PhD, *National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health*  
Heidi Blanck, PhD, *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Obesity Prevention and Control Branch*
- 12:10 – 12:50**    **Panel Discussion**  
**Authentically Engaging Communities to Maximize Relevance and Impact**  
Moderator: Caree Cotwright, PhD, RDN, *USDA*
- Alison Brown, PhD, RDN, *National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health*
  - Denise Holston, PhD, MS, RDN, *Louisiana State University School of Nutrition and Food Sciences*
  - Kelli Wilson Begay, MS, MBA, RDN, *Maven Collective Consulting*
- 12:50 – 1:15**    **Discussion and Q&A**
- 1:15 – 1:20**      **Break**

- 1:20 – 2:00**      **Panel Discussion**  
**Food and Physical Activity Environments: Thinking Beyond Food Retail and Green Space**  
Moderator: Angela Odoms-Young, PhD, *Cornell University, College of Human Ecology*
- Vivica Kraak, PhD, MS, RDN, *Virginia Tech, Department of Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise*
  - Deborah Salvo, PhD, *University of Texas at Austin, Department of Kinesiology and Health Education, College of Education*
  - Lindsey Smith Taillie, PhD, *University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health*
- 2:00 – 2:25**      **Discussion and Q&A**
- 2:25 – 2:30**      **Break**
- 2:30 – 3:10**      **Panel Discussion**  
**Social Policy as Obesity Policy: The Impact of Addressing Social Determinants of Health**  
Moderator: Andrea Richardson, PhD, MPH, *RAND Corporation*
- Caitlin Caspi, ScD, *University of Connecticut Rudd Center for Food Policy and Health*
  - Dolores Acevedo-Garcia, PhD, *Brandeis University Institute for Child Youth and Family Policy*
  - Carl Gershenson, PhD, *Princeton University Department of Sociology*
- 3:10 – 3:35**      **Discussion and Q&A**
- 3:35 – 3:40**      **Break**
- 3:40 – 4:20**      **Panel Discussion**  
**Where Do We Go Next? Scaling Systems Approaches for Equitable Obesity Prevention**  
Moderator: Jamie Chriqui, PhD, MHS, *University of Chicago Illinois School of Public Health*
- Terry Huang, PhD, MPH, MBA, *CUNY School of Public Health*
  - Stephenie Lemon, PhD, MS *University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School*
  - Nico Pronk, PhD, MA, FACSM, FAWHP, *HealthPartners Institute*
- 4:20 – 4:45**      **Discussion and Q&A**
- 4:45 – 4:55**      **Closing**  
Tamara Dubowitz, ScD, MS, MSc, *University of Pittsburgh*