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- 2001 – 2005 Doctor of Philosophy in Nutritional Sciences
The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, USA
- 1997 – 1998 Post-Graduate Diploma in Dietetics & Hospital Food Service
*Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition,
Mumbai, India (National Council for Hotel Management & Catering Technology)*
- 1982 – 1985 Bachelors in Science (Honors), Major: Foods & Nutrition
The University of Delhi, Delhi, India

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2013 – present Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), Department of Nutrition and UNC Nutrition
Research Institute
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2013 – 2013 Staff Scientist II (Equivalent to Research Associate Professor), Department of
Genetics
Texas Biomedical Research Institute, San Antonio, TX
- 2010 – 2012 Staff Scientist I (Equivalent to Research Assistant Professor), Department of
Genetics
*Texas Biomedical Research Institute (Formerly Southwest Foundation for
Biomedical Research), San Antonio, TX*
- 2005 – 2009 Postdoctoral Scientist (Genetic Epidemiology), Department of Genetics
Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research, San Antonio, TX
Advisor: Anthony G. Comuzzie, PhD
- 2001 – 2005 Teaching Assistant, Department of Human Ecology
The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
- 2001 – 2004 Tutor (Nutrition), Department of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women
The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

HONORS

- 2016 Junior Faculty Development Award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2014 Elected Fellow of the American Heart Association by the Council of Functional
Genomics and Translational Biology
- 2007– 2008 New Investigator Research Award from The Obesity Society

- 2007 Charles E. Ragus Award of the American College of Nutrition as the Best Scientific Paper of 2007 for Klohe-Lehman DM, Freeland-Graves JH, Clarke KK, Cai G, **Voruganti VS**, Milani TJ, Nuss HJ, Proffitt JM, Bohman TM. Low-income, overweight and obese mothers as agents of change to improve food choices, fat habits, and physical activity in their 1-to-3-year-old children. *2007. J Am Coll Nutr. 26(3):196-208*
- 2004 – 2005 University Continuing Fellowship by Office of Graduate Studies, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2004 – 2005 JOGUE Junior Scientist Award in Nutrition presented by the Association of Scientists of Indian Origin in America (ASIOA)
- 2002 – 2003 Estelle Boughton Sharp Memorial Scholarship in Human Ecology, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2001 – 2002 Cooke Endowment Scholarship in Human Ecology, The University of Texas at Austin
- 1997 – 1998 Lilavati Endowment Award for the Best Research Project during Post-Graduate Diploma in Dietetics and Hospital Food Service

MEMBERSHIPS

- 2014 – present Center for Environmental Health and Susceptibility to Disease, UNC Chapel Hill
- 2014 – present Nutrition Obesity Research Center (NORC), UNC Chapel Hill
- 2014 – present American Society for Nutrition (ASN)
- 2012 – present American Society of Nephrology (ASN)
- 2011 – present International Society of Nutrigenetics/Nutrigenomics (ISNN)
- 2006 – present American Heart Association (AHA)

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND PRODUCTS OF SCHOLARSHIP

Books & Chapters

1. **Voruganti VS**, Comuzzie AG. Value of waist circumference in metabolic diseases. In: V.R. Preedy (ed). *Handbook of Anthropometry: Physical Measures of Human Form in Health and Disease*, pp.1947-1958, Springer-Verlag, 2012
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Refereed Papers / Articles

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2. Xu X, Drobna Z, **Voruganti VS**, Barron K, Gonzalez-Horta C, Sanchez-Ramirez B, Ballinas-Casarrubias L, Hernandez Ceron R, Viniestra Morales D, Baeza Terrazas FA, Ishida MC, Gutierrez-Torres DS, Saunders RJ, Fry RC, Loomis D, Garcia-Vargas GG, Del Razo LM, Styblo M, Mendez MA. Association between variants in *AS3MT* and urinary metabolites of inorganic arsenic: The role of arsenic exposure level. *Toxicological Sciences* 2016; (In press)
3. Balakrishnan P, Vaidya D, Franceschini N, **Voruganti VS**, Gribble MO, Haack K, Laston S, Umans JG, Francesconi KA, Goessler W, North KE, Lee ET, Yracheta J, Best LG, MacCluer JW, Kent Jr, JW, Cole SA, Navas-Acien A. Association of cardiometabolic genes with arsenic metabolism biomarkers in American Indian communities: The Strong Heart Family study (SHFS). *Environ Health Persp.* 2016; (In press)
4. Vazquez-Vidal I, Chittoor G, Laston S, Puppala S, Kayani Z, Mody K, Comuzzie AG, Cole SA, **Voruganti VS**. Assessment of cardiovascular disease risk factors in a genetically homogenous population of Parsi Zoroastrians in the US: A pilot study. *Am J Hum Biol.* 2016; (In press): 1-4
5. Fernandez-Rhodes L, Graff M, Hodonsky CJ, Love SM, Howard AG, Seyerle AA, Avery CL, Chittoor G, Franceschini N, **Voruganti VS**, Young K, O'Connell J, North KE, Justice AE. Comparison of gene-environment methods using simulated GAW19 family-based data. *BMC genetics. GAW19 proceedings 2016; (In press) : 1-5*
6. Justice AE, Howard AG, Chittoor G, Fernandez-Rhodes L, Graff M, **Voruganti VS**, Diao Q, Love SM, Franceschini N, O'Connell J, Avery CL, Young KL, North KE. Genome-wide association of trajectories of systolic blood pressure change. *BMC genetics. GAW19 proceedings 2016; (In press) : 1-5*
7. Chittoor G, Kent Jr. JW, Almeida MA, Puppala S, Farook VS, Cole SA, Haack K, Goring HHH, MacCluer JW, Curran JE, Carless MA, Johnson MP, Moses EK, Almasy L, Mahaney MC, Lehman DM, Duggirala R, Comuzzie AG, Blangero J, **Voruganti VS**. GWAS and transcriptional analysis prioritize *ITPR1* and *CNTN4* for a serum uric acid 3p26 QTL in Mexican Americans. *BMC Genomics.* 2016; 17(1):276-283. *PMCID:PMC4818944*
8. Chittoor G, Pajewski NM, **Voruganti VS**, Comuzzie AG, Clarkson TB, Nudy M, Schnatz PF, Kaplan JR, Jorgensen MJ. Vitamin D heritability and effect of pregnancy status in vervet monkeys (*Chlorocebus aethiops sabaeus*) under conditions of modest and high dietary supplementation. *Am J Phys Anthropol.* 2016; 159(4):639-645. *PMCID:PMC4783241*
9. Gribble MO, **Voruganti VS**, Cole SA, Haack K, Laston SL, Tellez-Plaza M, Francesconi KA, Goessler W, Umans JG, Sibergald EK, Thomas DC, Gilliland F, North KE, Franceschini N, Navas-Acien A. Linkage analysis of urine arsenic species patterns in the Strong Heart Family Study. *Toxicol Sci.* 2015; 148(1):89-100. *PMCID:PMC4731407*
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Invited presentations

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| 2016 | “Nutritional Epidemiology in the Genomic Age”. Presented at the short course on Nutrigenetics, Nutrigenomics and Precision Nutrition held from May 22-26, Kannapolis, NC |
| 2016 | “Genes, Nutrients and Hyperuricemia”. Presented in a lunch meeting with Dean of Gillings School of Public Health, UNC Chapel Hill |
| 2016 | “Sugars, Uric acid and Cardiometabolic health” Presented as part of the faculty seminar at the Department of Nutrition, UNC Chapel Hill |
| 2015 | “Genetic influence on uric acid variability in family-based studies”. Speaker as part of the seminar series at Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, NC |

- 2014 “Genetics and environmental effects on hyperuricemia and cardiorenal disease risk”, as part of 3rd annual Catalyst Research Symposium organized by UNC Nutrition Research Institute, Kannapolis, NC
- 2014 “Genetics of cardiovascular disease risk in American Indians and Alaska Natives” as part of Cardiovascular disease epidemiology seminar series – Spring 2014 of UNC Gillings School of Public Health, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2013 “Appetite and satiety regulation: Do macronutrients matter?” Keynote Speaker at the 7th. Curso Internacional sobre Obesidad en Espanol, San Antonio, Texas
- 2013 “Obesity and Metabolic Syndrome among Mexican Americans in the U.S: A Genetic Perspective”. Keynote Speaker at the International Symposium on Obesity and Metabolic Syndrome among Mexican and Mexican Americans at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2013 “Genetic analyses and challenges”. Presented at a population studies workshop organized by NIH/NHLBI, Bethesda, MD
- 2013 “Gene by environment interaction in metabolic diseases: Is this the next target for public health research?” Presented at the Department of Nutrition, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2012 Genetic and environmental determinants of serum uric acid. Presented at the Nutrition Research Institute, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Kannapolis, NC
- 2012 “Genetic influence on nutrient-related cardiorenal disease risk factors”. Presented as part of the Faculty Seminar Series at Texas Biomed, San Antonio, TX
- 2012 “Brain glucose sensing and counterregulatory adaptation to recurrent hypoglycemia in diabetes”. Presented at the Journal Club at Texas Biomed, San Antonio, TX
- 2010 “A family-based genetic study in Parsis of Texas: A pilot assessment”.. Presented at the North American Zoroastrian Congress held in Houston, TX
- 2010 “Follow-up of the chromosome 11 RBC fatty acid delta 5 desaturase QTL”. Presented at the Observational Study Meeting board for the Genetics of Coronary Artery Disease in Alaska Natives (GOCADAN) study held in Washington DC
- 2009 “A pilot assessment for a family-based genetic study in Parsi Zoroastrians in Texas”. Presented at the Annual general meeting of the Zoroastrian Association of Houston, Texas.
- 2009 “Genetic regulation of plasma and erythrocyte fatty acids and desaturases in Alaska Natives”. Presented at the Observational Study Meeting board for the Genetics of Coronary Artery Disease in Alaska Natives (GOCADAN) study held in Washington DC
- 2008 “Genetics of complex diseases in understudied populations”. Presented “Research on socio-economical, attitudinal, demographic, scientific and health aspects of the Zoroastrian community in India”. A workshop sponsored by the

- UNESCO-assisted project for preserving Parsi culture and heritage (PARZOR) in Mumbai, India
- 2008 "Influence of genetic and environmental factors on traits related to appetite and adiposity". Presented at the Lifespan Health Research Center, Department of Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, Wright State University, Dayton, OH, USA

Book Reviews

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TEACHING ACTIVITIES

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill – Department of Nutrition

- Spring 2016 Instructor – “Nutrigenetics and Nutrigenomics” (NUTR 865) Mondays 1.25-3.20pm (7 students)
- Spring 2016 Instructor – “Introduction to Obesity- from cell to society” (NUTR812) Thursdays 12.30-3.30pm (8 students)
- Fall 2015 Guest Lecture – “Modeling genetic data and testing gene-environment and other interactions” as part of the course “Analytic Methods in Nutritional Epidemiology (NUTR818)” taught by Drs. Linda Adair and Katie Meyer (3 hour lecture - 15 students)
- Spring 2015 Guest Lecture – “Genetics in Nutritional Epidemiology” as part of the course “Nutritional Epidemiology (NUTR813)” taught by Drs. Michelle Mendez and Sandra Albrecht (3 hour lecture – 20 students)
- Fall 2014 Instructor – “Nutrition and Population Genetics (NUTR 696.018) Thursdays 2-3.50pm (4 students)
- Spring 2014 Member of the comprehensive oral examination team for Nutritional Epidemiology Ph.D. students

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill – School of Medicine

- Fall 2015 Lecture “Nutrition in Cardiovascular Disease” (2 hour lecture – 100 students)
- Fall 2015 Lecture “The pathophysiology of Obesity” (1 hour lecture – 104 students)
- Fall 2015 Lecture “Treatment of Obesity 1:Diets, Exercise and Behavioral Change” (1 hour lecture – 104 students)

UNC Nutrition Research Institute

- 2015 – present Provide training in “Introductory genetic epidemiology and statistical genetics” student interns from University of North Carolina at Charlotte and Rowan-Cabarrus Community College.

Winston-Salem State University

- Spring 2015 Guest Lecture – “Uric acid and exercise: Implications for cardiovascular disease” as part of Health promotion course to undergraduate students majoring in Exercise Science (1 hour lecture –15 students)
- Fall 2014 Guest Lecture – “Genetic influence on cardiovascular disease risk in minority populations” as part of the Health promotion course to undergraduate students majoring in Exercise Science (1 hour lecture – 20 students)

Texas Biomedical Research Institute

- 2007 – 2013 Provided training in “introductory genetic epidemiology and statistical genetics” and supervised students from University of Chicago, Chicago, IL; Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD; Schreiner University, Kerrville, TX; Texas State University, San Marcos, TX; St. Mary’s University, San Antonio, TX; Trinity University, San Antonio, TX; and The University of Texas at Dallas, Dallas, TX.

University of Texas at Austin

- 2002 – 2005 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Textiles and Apparel, Department of Human Ecology, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
- 2001 – 2004 Tutor (Nutrition), Department of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women
- 2001 – 2004 Teaching Assistant, Introductory Nutrition, Department of Human Ecology, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
- 2002 Teaching Assistant, Introductory Food Science, Department of Human Ecology, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Academic Trainees**Research Scientist**

- Spring 2016 – present Geethavani Chittoor

Postdoctoral Trainees

- Summer 2014 – present Itzel Vazquez-Vidal
- Spring 2014 – Spring 2016 Geethavani Chittoor

Graduate Students (Doctoral)

- Fall 2015 – present Ruixue Hou

Graduate Students (Masters)

- Summer 2016 – present Xinruo Zhang

Master in Public Health (MPH) (Academic Advisor)

- Fall 2015 – present Ashley Marie Perrone

Laboratory Rotations (Doctoral)

- Fall 2014 – Spring 2015 Keri Barron

Undergraduate Students

Summer 2016	Saikumar Dass, UNC Charlotte
Fall 2015 – present	Bethy K. Bell, UNC Charlotte
Fall 2015	Amanda Medlin, UNC Charlotte
Spring 2015–Spring2016	Baba Mass, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College
Spring 2015–Fall 2015	Lauren Gridley, UNC Charlotte
Summer 2015	Laura Diamond-Williams, UNC Charlotte
Summer 2015	Astrid Monar, UNC Charlotte

Member of the Doctoral Committee

Kimberly Stratford (Department of Toxicology, UNC Chapel Hill and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)) Thesis title: Role of *Klotho* and TRPA1 in vitamin D deficiency and air-pollution induced cardiopulmonary dysfunction.

GRANTSOngoing

05/2016 – 04/2021	UNC Nutrition and Obesity Research Center (NORC) <i>NIH/NIDDK-P01</i> \$ 275,000 Direct costs Principal Investigator: Dr. Steven Zeisel (Professor of Nutrition, UNC) Role: Co-investigator and Director, Nutrigenetics and Nutrigenomics Core
06/2012 – 05/2017	Comprehensive SNP discovery of <i>SLC2A9</i> : A candidate gene for uric acid nephropathy. <i>NIH/NIDDK-R01</i> \$ 1,562,695 Total Costs Role: Principal Investigator
01/2016 – 12/2016	Genotype-specific response of serum uric acid to a fructose challenge Junior Faculty Development Award, UNC Chapel Hill \$ 7,500 Total costs Role: Principal Investigator

Completed

05/2015 – 04/2016	A pilot study to identify polymorphisms associated with hyperuricemia. <i>DUKE University</i> \$ 10,000 Total costs Role: Principal Investigator
04/2015 – 03/2016	UNC Nutrition and Obesity Research Center (NORC) <i>NIH/NIDDK-P01</i> \$ 20,000 Direct costs Principal Investigator: Dr. Steven Zeisel (Professor of Nutrition, UNC) Role: Co-investigator and Director, Nutrigenetics core
01/2015 – 06/2015	Persistent organic pollutants and Hyperuricemia in American Indian families. <i>UNC Nutrition Research Institute, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</i> \$ 96,379 Total costs

- Principal Investigator: Dr. Ana Navas-Acien (Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health)
Role: Co-principal Investigator
- 01/2015 – 06/2015 Genetic and environmental determinants of obesity and cardiometabolic risk across the life course: The Santiago Longitudinal Cohort Study
UNC Nutrition Research Institute, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
\$ 95,929 Total costs
Principal Investigator: Dr. Kari North (Professor of Epidemiology, UNC)
Role: Co-principal Investigator
- 01/2014 – 12/2014 Role of phthalates and vitamin E in risk of diabetes.
NC Tracs Translational research matched pilot grant award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
\$ 50,000 Total costs
Principal Investigator: Dr. Michelle Mendez (Assistant Professor of Nutrition, UNC)
Role: Co-investigator
- 04/2014 – 03/2015 Effect of gene-nutrient interaction on the variation in serum uric acid levels.
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill Center for Environmental Health and Susceptibility (CEHS) pilot project
\$ 25,000 Total costs
Role: Principal Investigator
- 12/2013 – 06/2014 Effect of SNPxE interaction on serum uric acid levels.
UNC Nutrition Research Institute, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
\$ 32,168 Total costs
Role: Principal Investigator
- 08/2010 – 07/2011 Effect of insulin on hypothalamic function measured with fMRI
UTHSCSA Translational Technology Resource (TTR) Supplement to the Max and Minnie Voelcker Fund.
\$ 10,000 Total Costs
Role: Principal Investigator
- 04/2010 – 03/2011 Effect of insulin on hypothalamic function measured with fMRI
Max and Minnie Voelcker Fund.
\$ 39,708 Total Costs
Role: Principal Investigator
- 08/2009 – 07/2010 A pilot assessment for a CVD genetic study in Parsi Zoroastrians in Texas
Southwest Foundation Forum, San Antonio, TX.
\$ 27,260 Total Costs
Role: Principal Investigator
- 02/2009 – 01/2011 Role of Ghrelin Antagonism in Appetite and Adiposity
Southwest National Primate Research Center, San Antonio, TX
\$ 98,100 Total Costs

Principal Investigator: Dr. Raul Bastarrachea (Staff Scientist, Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research)
 Role: Co-principal Investigator
 02/2007– 01/2009 Effect of high-fructose meal on gene expression of appetite related peptides in baboons
The Obesity Society.
 \$ 24,415 Total Costs
 Role: Principal Investigator

Under Review

2017 – 2017 Nutrigenetics, Nutrigenomics and Precision Nutrition
NIH/NCATS-R13
 Role: Principal Investigator
 2017- 2021 Genotype-specific effects on cardiometabolic disease risk factors in response to acute fructose challenge.
American Heart Association-Established investigator award
 Role: Principal Investigator
 2017 – 2019 Genotype-specific effects on uric acid processing in response to acute fructose challenge
NIH/NIDDK-R21
 Role: Principal Investigator

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Internal Committees

Gillings School of Public Health – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2015 – present Member, Master of Public Health (MPH) committee
 2014 – present Member, Gillings School-wide Awards committee

Department of Nutrition – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2016 Member, Curriculum Committee
 2015 Member, Search committee for the position of Tenure track/open rank Transdisciplinary/Nutritional intervention faculty
 2015 Member, Search committee for the position of Research track/Marilyn Gentry Fellowship in Nutrition and cancer research at UNC

UNC Nutrition Research Institute - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2016 Member, Search committee for the position of two tenure track professors/Nutritional Epidemiology/Microbiome
 2015 Member, Search committee for the position of Research track/open rank/Energy metabolism faculty
 2015 Member, Search committee for the position of Tenure track/open rank Microbiome faculty

- 2015 Member, Search committee for the position of Research track/open rank Clinical Director
- 2014 – 2015 Coordinator, Faculty Seminar Series
- 2014 Member of the Internal Review committee

Service

- 2016 Judge, Poster competition at Nutrient-gene interaction RIS, Annual conference of the Experimental Biology, San Diego
- 2014 – present Associate Editor, Frontiers in Nutrigenomics
- 2014 Member, Organizing committee of the 9th Congress of ISNN

Grant Reviewer

- 2016 External Reviewer, French National Research Agency call for proposals
- 2016 Adhoc member, NIH/CHS Panel B study section (June)
- 2016 NORC, UNC Pilot and Feasibility grants
- 2016 Adhoc member, NIH/NIDDK/ZDK1 GRB-8 (M4)S
- 2016 Adhoc member, NIH/CHS Panel B study section (February)
- 2015 Adhoc member, NIH/CHSB/ZRG1 PSE-U90S
- 2015 Adhoc member, NIH/NAME/ZRG1 PSE-P(02)M
- 2015 NORC, UNC Pilot and Feasibility grants
- 2015 Adhoc member, NIH/CASE-EPIC- Panel B/ZRG1 PSE R 90
- 2013 Adhoc member, NIH/NIDDK/ZDK1 GRB-8 (02)
- 2012 American Diabetic Association (ADA) and Novo Nordisk Award in Hypoglycemia and Diabetes

Manuscript Reviewer

- 2016 Kidney International, Obesity Reviews, Personalized Medicine, Rheumatology International
- 2015 BMC Medical Genetics, International Journal of Obesity (IJO), Pediatric obesity
- 2014 BMC Medical Genetics, Cytokine, Human Immunology, International Journal of Obesity (IJO), PLoS One
- 2006 – 2013 American Journal of Clinical Nutrition (AJCN), American Journal of Physical Anthropology (AJPA), BMC Medical Genetics, BMC Medical Genomics, British Trace Element Research (BTER), Cardiology, Current Anthropology, Endocrine, Human Biology, Insulin, International Journal of Obesity (IJO), International Journal of Diabetes Mellitus (IJDM), Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA), Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism (JCEM), Journal of Diabetes and its Complications, Journal of Food and Nutritional Disorders, Metabolism-Clinical and Experimental, Molecular Genetics and Metabolism, Nutrition Journal, Nutrition and Metabolism, Obesity, PLOS One, Scandinavian Journal of Rheumatology

Abstract Reviewer

- 2016- present The Obesity Society, Annual meeting
 2008 – present American Heart Association, Scientific sessions.
 2007 – present American Heart Association, Joint Conferences – Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention; and Nutrition, Physical Activity and Metabolism

FACULTY ENGAGEMENT

- 2016 Interviewed by the New York (The Cut) Magazine for opinion on the benefits of coconut oil in cooking. The article, with my quotes, appeared in its July issue.
- 2016 Served as a judge at the Plant Pathways Elucidation Project (P2EP) summer research poster competition at NC Research campus, Kannapolis, NC
- 2016 Served as a judge for the fifth annual BIOREX event at Cannon School, Concord, NC. The BIOREX event is a science projects competition involving biological research that takes place at the end of junior year of high school.
- 2014 Presented a talk to the community titled “Uric acid: A new look at an old risk factor for gout and cardio-renal disease”, as part of the Frontiers in Nutrition seminar series by Appetite for Life Academy, Kannapolis, NC
- 2014 Taught 7th grade class at Ridge Road Middle School about “Nutrition and Genes in Human Health” as part of the North Carolina Science Festival’s Invite-a-Scientist program in Charlotte, NC
- 2013 Presented a talk titled “Uric acid: A new look at an old risk factor for gout and cardio-renal disease- *How do genes and environment (nutrients and lifestyle) influence serum uric acid levels*” at the Texas Biomedical Research Institute Founder’s Council’s Dining and Discourse event in San Antonio, TX
- 2010 – 2012 Set up a booth focused on “Health eating for healthy living” at a Science Fair in San Antonio, TX organized by Girls Inc.as part of a festival that is held once every year to encourage girls to get interested in science and technology
- 2006 – 2007 Mentor for a high school student from Westwood High School, Austin, TX, on a science project on “Genetics of Obesity”
- 2004 – 2005 Student Representative for Vitamin and Mineral Research Interest Section, American Society for Nutritional Sciences.
- 2004 – 2005 Extended Essay Project Mentor for two students of International Baccalaureate program at Westwood High School, Austin, TX. Guided and mentored the students’ research for their extended essay projects titled “How does the consumption of soy affect the emergence of breast cancer in women?” and “How does a vegetarian diet affect both mother and fetus during pregnancy and lactation?”