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Nutrition Consortium Researchers Ranked Among World's Most Cited

BY JALENA JAMES

Three faculty affiliates of the University of South Carolina Nutrition Consortium have been named to the 2018 Highly Cited Researcher's list by Clarivate Analytics.

Each year, the list recognizes researchers who are among the most influential scientists in their respective field for producing multiple highly cited papers that rank in the top one percent of citations globally, for the preceding decade.

While six researchers in the University of South Carolina were recognized, five are Arnold School of Public Health faculty members; three of the six, affiliates of the school's nutrition consortium.

"The Highly Cited Researchers 2018 list helps to identify the researchers who are having the greatest impact on the research community as measured by the rate at which their work is being cited by others and that contributes so greatly to extending the frontier and gaining knowledge and innovations for society," said Annette Thomas, CEO of the Scientific & Academic Research group at Clarivate Analytics.

Nutrition Consortium affiliates named to the prestigious list were: Dr. Angela Liese, professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics; Dr. James Hébert, Health Sciences Distinguished Professor of Epidemiology; and Dr. Steve Blair, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Exercise Science and Faculty Affiliate of the Prevention Research Center. **(Continued)**

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8th annual Nutrition Symposium
March 22nd in the USC Alumni Center

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details to come



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“To be named along with other faculty members of the nutrition consortium really speaks to the team effort of successful research teams and productivity of those here at the university,” said Dr. Liese.

“I think it is important to note that while I am proud of this recognition, I don’t think this could have been possible without other players involved that have helped to make such an impact.”

Dr. Liese is professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics with research interests in methods and applications of nutritional epidemiology with a focus on dietary patterns, quality indexes, issues of food access and food assistance. As an honoree of the University of South Carolina’s 2016 Breakthrough Leadership in Research Award, Dr. Liese stated her most distinct research regarding nutrition derived from a project entitled, “Dietary Patterns Research Methods” for the 2015-2020 guidelines. Through this research, she discovered that there is no difference in eating patterns; all were associated with lower chronic diseases and mortality.

Dr. Hébert, also a recipient of the University of South Carolina’s 2016 Breakthrough Leadership in Research Award, has been listed on Leading Scientists of the World by the International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, England since 2005. His invention and 2014 refinement of the Dietary Inflammatory Index (DII®), along with heroic effort by Dr. Nitin Shivappa (another Clarivate Highly Cited Researcher) has now produced over 2225 peer-reviewed articles by USC scientists and colleges in over 100 research institutes in 39 countries and has been cited over 5000 times. Besides his methodologic accomplishments, Hébert’s work focuses on testing the specific effect of diet and related factors in causing cancer. His research interests also include designing studies to understand how changes in dietary risk factors affect both biomarkers of exposure and cancer-related outcomes.

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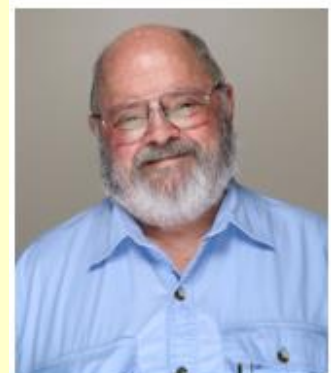
Dr. Angela
Liese



Dr. James
Hébert



Dr. Steve
Blair



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Dr. Blair is a Distinguished Professor Emeritus of the Departments of Exercise Science and Epidemiology and Biostatistics and is an alumnus of Indiana University. Dr. his research focuses on the associations between lifestyle and health, with emphasis on exercise, physical fitness, body composition, and chronic disease. In addition to a prestigious educational background, Dr. Blair is highly recognized in professional associations’ recognitions with awards from the American College of Sports Medicine, the American Heart Association, the Obesity Society, the National Institutes of Health, and Surgeon General's Medallion. He has published more than 650 papers and chapters in the scientific literature and is one of the most highly cited exercise scientists with over 46,000 citations of his research publications.

With more than 4,000 named in 21 fields of the sciences and social sciences, nutrition affiliates Dr. Liese, and Dr. Hébert and Dr. Blair are considered amongst the most influential scientific researchers of 2018. [More information from [Clarivate Analytics](#)]

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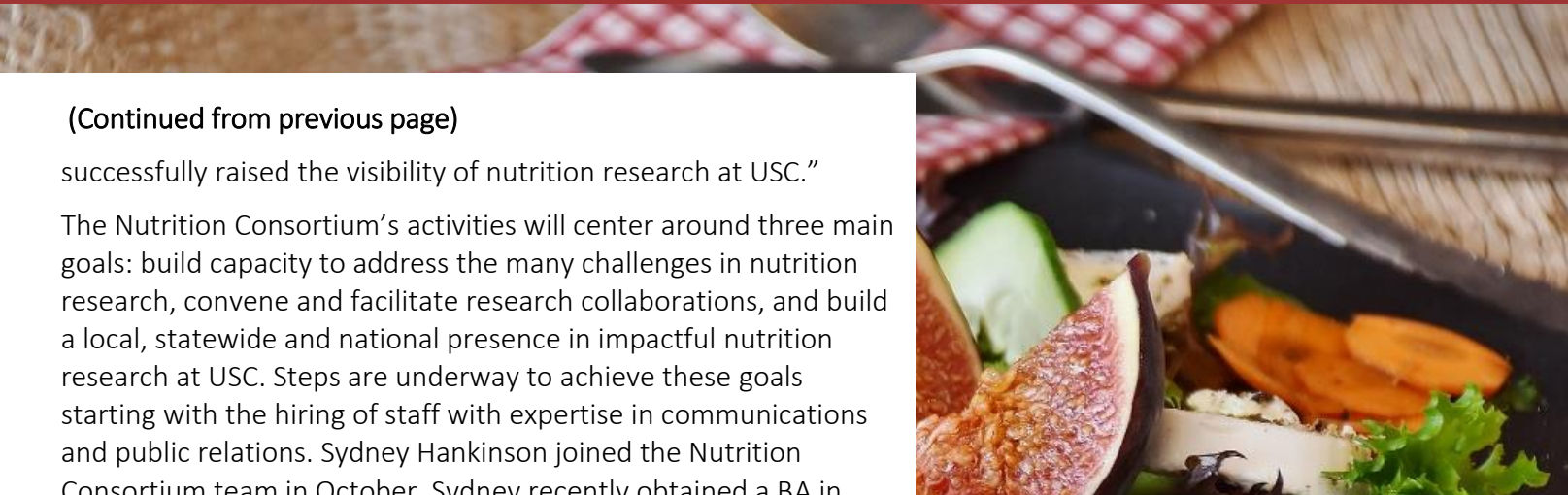
Nutrition at the University of South Carolina
Gets a Makeover

BY SYDNEY HANKINSON

An exciting new change has come to the Arnold School of Public Health! In response to shifting needs, priorities, and the landscape of nutrition interests at USC, the former Center for Research in Nutrition and Health Disparities is being redesigned as the new University of South Carolina Nutrition Consortium.

The vision of the Nutrition Consortium is to generate and communicate knowledge across the spectrum of nutrition research to optimize holistic health for all people using systems perspectives. The new head of the consortium is Dr. Christine Blake, who takes over where Dr. Sonya Jones left off. Dr. Jones served as head for the past five years. “Under her leadership,” says Arnold School of Public Health’s Dean Thomas Chandler, “the Nutrition Center broke new ground in collaborations across the University, community, state and region and (Continued)

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successfully raised the visibility of nutrition research at USC.”

The Nutrition Consortium’s activities will center around three main goals: build capacity to address the many challenges in nutrition research, convene and facilitate research collaborations, and build a local, statewide and national presence in impactful nutrition research at USC. Steps are underway to achieve these goals starting with the hiring of staff with expertise in communications and public relations. Sydney Hankinson joined the Nutrition Consortium team in October. Sydney recently obtained a BA in Mass Communications from Winthrop University. Jalena James joined the team in November and recently completed a BA in Mass Communications from the University of South Carolina. Both Sydney and Jalena will work together with Dr. Blake and the Nutrition Consortium steering committee to advance nutrition research at the University of South Carolina.

The Nutrition Consortium will host its first big event— the 8th annual Nutrition Symposium— on March 22nd at the University of South Carolina Alumni Center. Call for abstracts and further details to come, so please save the date.

Those who are interested in becoming an Affiliate of the Nutrition Consortium are urged to request an application from Jalena James at jalenaj@email.sc.edu. If you would like to be added to the Nutrition Consortium Listserv, please send a request to Sydney Hankinson at sydneyh@email.sc.edu. If you have any other questions, please contact Dr. Christine Blake at ceblake@mailbox.sc.edu.



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