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# UofSC Nutrition Consortium Mini Research Symposium

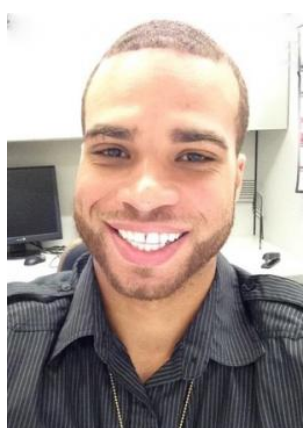
**Our symposium will feature oral presentations of doctoral dissertation work across the spectrum of nutrition science from the following recent graduates.**



**Tushar Trivedi**

Dr. Tushar Trivedi is a vascular neurologist and stroke medical director at Regional Medical Center, Orangeburg, SC. He holds an MPH and a Ph.D. in epidemiology, MD in medicine, and has further completed neurology residency training and vascular neurology clinical fellowship. Dr. Trivedi's research interests include inflammation, intracranial atherosclerosis, and stroke. He has successfully combined clinical care, research, and teaching, and continues to work on advancing and understanding the causes and treatment of stroke.

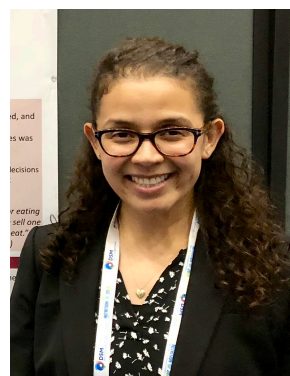
**Presentation Title:** "Intracranial Atherosclerotic Stenosis and its Association with Inflammation and Mediterranean Diet"



**Malcolm Bevel**

Dr. Bevel is a Postdoctoral Associate in the Department of Population Health Sciences. He is a May 2020 graduate from the University of South Carolina's Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. He received his Bachelors of Science in Biology from Prairie View A&M University in 2009 and his Masters of Science in Public Health with a concentration in cancer epidemiology from Meharry Medical College in 2011. Dr. Bevel worked for Vanderbilt University for two years as a research associate assisting with studies focused on atherosclerotic health among kidney transplant patients before studying for his PhD. His focuses are cancer and chronic disease health disparities within the African American community, and using the community-based participatory research approach to tailor interventions to the needs of the underserved. He is a proud member of Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity Inc.

**Presentation Title:** "To Plant or Not to Plant: A Mixed Methods Analysis of the Role of Food Swamps and Deserts on Inflammation and Community Gardening Among African American Women in South Carolina"



**Ligia Reyes**

Ligia I. Reyes is a postdoctoral research associate with the Drivers of Food Choice Program at the Arnold School of Public Health (ASPH). She earned her Ph.D. in May of 2020 from the Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior. She is trained in health behavior in global settings, with an emphasis on infant and young child feeding. Her research examines context-specific drivers that shape dietary decisions that individuals make for themselves and others. She is interested in strengthening evidence that programs and policy can use to design and implement programs for better nutrition, health, and overall quality of life.

**Presentation Title:** "Characterizing the Local Food Environment to Understand Maternal Food Acquisition for Young Children in Rural Mexico"



**Shilpa Constantinides**

Dr. Shilpa Constantinides (BS, MPH, PhD) is a Research Associate in the Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior at the University of South Carolina, Arnold School of Public Health. Her research focuses on food and nutrition policy in low- and middle-income countries and the double burden of malnutrition in India. She has experience in applying evaluation and research methodologies as a William J. Clinton Fellow for Service through the American India Foundation, and as a research assistant and educator on nutrition projects in the United States and India. She currently works with the Drivers of Food Choice Program to support and facilitate ongoing efforts to synthesize and disseminate learnings from across Drivers of Food Choice projects in diverse low- and middle-income countries and is a co-lead on research investigating the intersection between the food environment and food choice in these settings.

**Presentation Title:** "The role of stakeholder framing in nutrition agenda-setting to address the double burden of malnutrition in Tamil Nadu, India"



**Elyse Iruhiriye**

Elyse Iruhiriye is an Assistant Scientist at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, where she currently supports the DataDENT initiative. Dr. Iruhiriye holds a PhD in public health from the University of South Carolina Columbia.

**Presentation Title:** "Understanding the role of political commitment and nutrition policy coherence in enabling improvements in nutrition in Rwanda"

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