**Rebecca Jones**

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**Current Titles:**

**Multidisciplinary Research Training to Reduce Inequalities in Cardiovascular Health (METRIC), Emory University** Atlanta, GA

*Postdoctoral Research Fellow*  July 2021 – present

*Mentors: Shakira Suglia, Venkat Narayan*

**Behavioral Sciences and Health Education, Emory University**

*Instructor: Socio-behavioral Measurement* Fall 2020, Fall 2021

*Co-Instructor: Structural Equation Modeling* Spring 2019

**Education:**

**Global Diabetes Research Center, Emory University** Atlanta, GA

*Postdoctoral Research Fellow*  June 2020 – July 2021

**Nutrition and Health Sciences, Emory University** Atlanta, GA

*Doctoral student, Laney Graduate School*  May 2020

*Committee: S. Cunningham (chair), C. Hadley, S. Patel, A. Stein, K.M. Yount, E. Vaquera*

**Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University** Atlanta, GA

*Master of Science in Public Health, Public Nutrition* May 2015

**Centre College** Danville, KY *Bachelor of Arts, History; Minor, Biology*  May 2012

**Professional Experience:**

**Drivers of Food Choice in the Context of Nutrition Transition in Indian Households** Atlanta, GA

*Postdoctoral Research Fellow* July 2020-December 2020

* Project with data collection from 2019 with PIs: Solveig Cunningham and Shailaja Patil in collaboration with BLDE Deemed to be University in Vijayapura, India.
* Development of public-facing dataset on dataverse including codebooks, data manual and datasets.
* Dissemination activities for Drivers of Food Choice grant mechanism and for the community
* Development of multiple manuscripts using the dataset around food choice among adolescents
* Administrative work and monthly meetings with the full project team

**Obesity Dynamics across the Life Course** Atlanta, GA

*Postdoctoral Research Fellow* June 2020 - present

* Administrative work and monthly meetings with the full project team
* Manuscripts related to different body mass index (BMI) metrics in early life using the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study (ECLS-B).
* Manuscript related to disparities in BMI trajectories using The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health (Add Health).

**Crossroads to Health: a cross-national project on migration and health** Atlanta, GA

*Doctoral student* Fall 2015- Spring 2020

* Lead on quantitative survey components including creation and validation of instruments for refugee adults and adolescents in Metro Atlanta
* Collaboration with World Relief of Atlanta in data collection with adults at the point of legal permanent residency status
* Collaboration with International Rescue Committee (IRC) in mixed methods data collection with youth (10-18 years) after school program
* Collaboration with Oakhurst Medical Center in workshop intervention with pre-diabetic refugee adults
* Utilization of New Immigrant Survey to examine changes in food among immigrants after resettling in the United States, and the relationships between food changes and bodyweight.
* See [Website](https://rebeccaevelynjones.wixsite.com/crossroadstohealth) for further details

**Global Diabetes Research Center** Atlanta, GA

*Doctoral student* Summer 2015- present

* Research assistant on Urban/Rural Adolescent Health Project in Bijapur, India

**Georgia Diabetes Translation Research Center** Atlanta, GA

*Doctoral student* Spring 2016- present

* Co-investigator (Round 1) and Reviewer (Round 3) of Faculty Pilot Research Grant
* Practicum Supervisor to student leading adaptation of Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP)

**London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine** London, England

*Student Collaborator*  Spring 2018-present

* Collaboration on quantitative analysis of diet and migration using Indian Migration Study.

**Research Rotation: Path analysis of Women’s empowerment to Women’s Nutritional Outcomes in East African Countries** Atlanta, GA

*Doctoral student* Spring 2017

* Implementation of structural equation modeling to analyze 3 domains of women’s empowerment and its indirect and direct effects on women’s nutritional status at an individual country and multi-country level

**Research Rotation: Path analysis and modeling of Women’s empowerment in livestock index (WELI) in Tanzania** Atlanta, GA

*Doctoral student* Fall 2016

* Implementation of exploratory and confirmatory factor analysis to analyze the 6 dimensions of the WELI
* Evaluation of associations between baseline empowerment status and household, maternal and child dietary indicators

**Research Rotation: Women’s empowerment in poultry-focused agriculture: identifying and understanding pathways to impact for maternal and child nutrition in Ethiopia**

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

*Doctoral student* Summer 2016

* Characterized women’s empowerment and perceptions in 4 communities in Ethiopia via focus group discussions of elderly women, young women, community leaders, and husbands as well as case studies of empowered and disempowered women.
* Creation of comprehensive final report and data-sharing for each in-country partner
* [Emory Global Health Institute Feature Story](http://www.globalhealth.emory.edu/resources/pdfs/2017_august_feature_story.pdf)

**World Health Organization- Regional Office for Europe** Copenhagen, Denmark

*Graduate Intern- Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity* Summer 2014

* Analyzed current prevalence estimates of weight status for children under five in Member States and assessment of current surveillance on this topic
* Creation of Food and Nutrition Action Plan (FNAP) approved at Regional Committee (September 2014) and facilitate initial meetings of first Physical Activity Strategy Plan
* Developed and edited projects including salt initiatives, Inprofoods conference, energy drink review, data analysis on Childhood Obesity Surveillance Initiative (COSI) and physical activity review

**Emory Prevention Research Center** Atlanta, GA

*Graduate research assistant* October 2013-September 2014

* Analyzed quantitative and qualitative data for Young Adults Formative Research: perceptions of young women about nutrition, physical activity, and the desire to prevent weight gain as they age
* Development of a codebook for qualitative analysis of in depth interviews and analyze using NVivo

**Publications**

Accepted in Press:

* Breda, J., Whiting, S.H., Encarnacao, R., Norberg, S., **Jones, R**., Reinap, M., Jewell, J. (2014). Energy drink consumption in Europe: a review of the risks, adverse health effects, and policy options to respond. *Front. Public Health* **2:** 134. doi: 10.3389/fpubh.2014.00134.
* **Jones, R.,** Saksena, R., Breda, J., Jewell, J. (2017). Overweight and Obesity in Children Under 5 Years: Surveillance Opportunities and Challenges for the WHO European Region. *Frontiers in Nutrition.* doi: 10.3389/fpubh.2017.00058.
	+ Press on conference version of paper in 2015 included the following: [ASPPH](https://www.aspph.org/emory-study-highlights-high-proportion-of-overweight-and-obese-children-aged-5-and-under-in-europe-and-importance-of-early-intervention/); [Medscape](http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/844331); [Telegraph](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/science/science-news/11586937/Low-breastfeeding-rates-help-fuel-epidemic-of-child-obesity.html); [Daily Mail](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3071207/Quarter-UK-children-overweight-age-three.html); [ibTimes](http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/almost-quarter-british-children-overweight-obese-claims-study-1500061); [Press Display](http://www.pressdisplay.com/pressdisplay/iphone/homepage.aspx#_article935863884); [onmedica](http://www.onmedica.com/newsArticle.aspx?id=84996816-c6df-4472-923d-fad50bbb516b); [The Times](http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/health/child-health/article4432683.ece); [The Guardian](http://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/may/07/one-quarter-british-children-overweight-obese-study); [Medical Research](http://medicalresearch.com/weight-research/childhood-obesity-presents-opportunities-and-challenges/13942/); [novinte](http://m.novinite.com/articles/168370/Bulgaria%2BHas%2BFifth%2BLargest%2BShare%2Bof%2BObese%2BChildren%2Bin%2BEurope%2B%E2%80%93%2BWHO); London Channel 4 news.
* Vaquera, E., **Jones, R.**, Marí-Klose, P., Marí-Klose, M., & Cunningham, S. (2018). Unhealthy weight among children in Spain and the role of the home environment. *BMC Research Notes, 11*(591). doi:10.1186/s13104-018-3665-2
* Galié, A., Girard, A.W., Baltenwek, I., Dominguez-Salas, P., Price, M.J., **Jones, R.,** Lukuyu, B., Raskind, I., Smith, K., Teufel, N., Yount, K. (2019). Women’s empowerment, food security and nutrition of pastoral communities in Tanzania. *Global Food Security, 23:* 125-134. doi:10.1016/j.gfs.2019.04.005.
* **Jones, R.,** Haardörfer, R., Ramakrishnan, U., Yount, K.M., Miedema, S., Girard, A.M. (2019). Women’s Empowerment and Child Nutrition: The Role of Intrinsic Agency. *SSM- Population Health, 9*: 100475. doi: 10.1016/j.ssmph.2019.100475.
* **Jones, R.,** Haardörfer, R., Ramakrishnan, U., Yount, K.M., Miedema, S.S., Roach, T., Webb Girard, A. (2020). Intrinsic and instrumental agency associated with nutritional status of East African women. *Social Science & Medicine.* 247(112803). doi:10.1016/j.socscimed.2020.112803.
* Luhar, S., Ttimæus, I.M., **Jones, R.,** Cunningham, S., Patel, S.A., Kinra, S., Clarke, L., Houben, R. (2020). Forecasting the Prevalence of Overweight and Obesity in India to 2040. *Plos One.* 15(2): e0229438. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0229438.
* Luhar, S., Kondal, D., **Jones, R**., Anjana, R.M., Patel, S.A., Kinra, S., Clarke, L., Ali, M.K., Prabhakaran, D., Kadir, M.M., Tandon, N., Mohan, V., Narayan, K.M.V. (2021). Lifetime risk of diabetes in metropolitan cities in India. *Diabetologia* doi: 10.1007/s00125-020-05330-1.

Submitted:

* **Jones, R**., Datar, A., Patil, S., Shaikh, N., Cunningham, S. Food Choices in the Context of Globalizing Food Options among Adolescents in rural Southern India. *Ecology of Food and Nutrition-* **under revision***.*
* Cunningham, SA., Kramer, M., Ng, C., **Jones, R.** Changes in Incidence of Childhood Obesity across Two Contemporary U.S. National Cohorts**.** *Pediatrics***. – under revision**
* Rafei, A., Elliott, M.R.., Jones, R., Riosmena, F., Cunningham, S.A., Mehta, N.K. Dynamics of Obesity Incidence across Age and Birth Cohorts in U.S. Children and Young Adults: A Pooled Analysis of Five National Longitudinal Surveys. *Journal of Pediatrics –* **under review**
* **Jones, R**., Cunningham, S. Weight Patterns among Mother-Child Pairs in the Middle East and North African Region. *International Journal of Epidemiology.* ***–* under review**
* **Jones, R.,** Cunningham, S. Unhealthy Weight among young Children in the Middle East and North African Region. *Plos One.* – **under review**
* Cunningham, S., Sugihara, M., **Jones, R.** Experiences of Victimization Before Resettlement and Chronic Disease among Foreign-born People in the U.S. *Journal of Ethnic & Migration Studies –* **under review** (Master’s Student Practicum Supervisor)
* **Jones, R.,** Riosmena, F., Haardörfer, R., Stein, A., Yount, K.M., Cunningham, S.A. Context of Emigration: The lingering effects on immigrant BMI. *International Migration Studies –* **under review** (Manuscript associated with Dissertation)
* **Jones, R.,** Judd, S., Cunningham, S.A. Food Change Patterns of Abandoned and Adopted Foods Post-Migration among Foreign-born People to the US. *American Journal of Health Promotion –* **under review** (Manuscript associated with Dissertation)
* Cunningham, S., VandenHeede, H., **Jones, R**. Contexts of Reception and Immigrant Health: Evidence from Foreign-born People in the U.S. and Belgium. *Migration Studies* – **under review**
* **Jones, R**., Tasnim, L., Cunningham, S. The Prevalence of Multimorbidity among Foreign-Born Adults in the United States (Master’s Student Practicum Supervisor). *Ethnicity & Disease*– **under review**
* Nadabar, A., Patil, S., **Jones, R.,** Datar, A., Cunningham, S. Local Tastes and Global Flavors: Food Choices in the Context of the Nutrition Transition in South India. *Public Health Nutrition* – **under review**

In Development:

* **Jones, R.,** Haardörfer, R., Cunningham, S.A. Does Place Matter? Cross-Classified Multilevel Models to Disentangle Country of Origin and State of Residence Effects of Dietary Change. *–* **to be submitted**
* **Jones, R.,** Hadley, C., Cunningham, S. Sorting it Out: Adolescent Refugee’s Perceptions of Food upon Arrival to the US- **to be submitted**
* **Jones, R.,** Cunningham, S. The Stability of Weight Status over Time, and the Role of Weight-Related Behaviors in the First Five Years of Life - **to be submitted**
* Aguayo-Markes, L., **Jones, R.,** Riosmena, F., Suglia, SF., Cunningham, SA. Lose to Win: Weight Loss from Adolescence to Early Adulthood and Cardiovascular Health Gains in Middle Age. – to be submitted.

**Leadership and Service**

* Co-Founder: Migration and Health Working Group for Doctoral Students (2018 – present)
* Applebaum-Peabody Scholarship Recipient
* Student Advisor, Refugee and Immigrant Health Working Alliance (2018-present)
* Student Advisory Committee, Emory Global Health Institute (2017-2019)
* Student Representative, Global Nutrition Council, American Society for Nutrition (2017-2019)
* Co-editor of NHS program Newsletter Committee (2016- 2018)
* Teaching Associate: Nutritional Epidemiology (Masters course- Fall 2016), Introduction to Quantitative Data Collection (Masters Short Course- Fall 2019)
* Teaching Assistant: Population Dynamics (Demography Masters Introductory course- Spring 2015), Nutrition Mythbusters (Undergraduate course- Spring 2016)
* Reviewer (Public Health Nutrition; Social Science & Medicine; Journal of Development Studies; Global Health Research and Policy)
* Mentorship
	+ Undergraduate Research Supervisor: 6 students
		- Includes data collection, systematic review and data analysis
	+ Medical Student Research Supervisor: 1 student
		- Systematic review
	+ Master’s Student Research Supervisor: 4 students
		- Includes data collection, data entry, and data management
	+ Master’s Student Practicum Supervisor: 5 students
		- Includes adaptation of Diabetes Prevention Program for adult refugee population, data analysis (NIS & Crossroads), photovoice project with adolescent refugee population, and qualitative interviews of women’s empowerment in Ethiopia.
	+ Alumni Mentorship: 1
		- Nutrition and Health Sciences PhD

**Guest Lectures**

* Chronic Disease among Refugee Communities- Emory School of Medicine. Refugee Health Series – Summer 2021
* Testing and Improving Instruments. Introduction to Quantitative Data Collection. Emory University – Rollins School of Public Health. Short Course- Fall 2019.
* Field Staff: Selection and Training. Introduction to Quantitative Data Collection. Emory University – Rollins School of Public Health. Short Course- Fall 2019.
* Nutritional Assessment and Immigrant Communities. Text to Table. Emory University- Human Health Undergraduate Course. Fall 2019; Fall 2020
* Introduction to SEM: Structural Equation Modeling. 3-part workshop. Madras Diabetes Research Foundation. Chennai, India. Summer 2019
* Confirmatory Factor Analysis. Structural Equation Modeling. Emory University – Rollins School of Public Health, Spring 2019.
* Group Comparisons: MIMIC and Measurement Models. Structural Equation Modeling. Emory University – Rollins School of Public Health, Spring 2019.
* Survey Methods “in the Field”. Survey Methods. Emory University- Rollins School of Public Health, Spring 2019
* Nutritional Status among Young Children in the Middle East & North African Region. Population and Development. Emory University- Rollins School of Public Health, Fall 2017
* Factors associated with nutritional status among young children in the MENA region. Population and Development. Short Course, Emory University- Rollins School of Public Health. Fall 2016
* Introduction to Survey Methods. 2 lectures. Genetic Counseling Training Program, Emory University. Fall 2016.
* Use of Survey Data in Nutritional Epidemiology. Methods in Nutrition Epidemiology, Emory University- Rollins School of Public Health. Fall 2016.

**Conference Presentations**

* **Jones R,** Shaikh N, Datar A, Patil S, Nadabar A, Cunningham, S. Food Choices within South Indian Families in the Context of a Globalizing Market. July 2021. Virtual. Oral Presentation
* **Jones R,** Hadley C, Cunningham S. Worldwide dietary patterns and the relationship to dietary change among immigrants to the US. Population Association of America. May 2021. Virtual. Poster
* **Jones R,** Tasnim L, Cunningham S. The prevalence of multimorbidity among foreign-born adults to the US. Population Association of America. May 2021. Virtual. Poster
* **Jones R,** Haardörfer R, Riosmena F, Cunningham S. Health Implications of Migration: Cross-classified multi-level models to disentangle country of origin and state of resettlement effects of bodyweight. American Society for Nutrition. June 2019. Baltimore, MD. Paper
* **Jones R,** Haardörfer R, Riosmena F, Cunningham S. Health Implications of Migration: Cross-classified multi-level models to disentangle country of origin and state of resettlement effects of bodyweight. Population Association of America. April 2019. Austin, TX. Poster
* Cunningham S, Vandenheede H, **Jones R**. Changing Environments and Chronic Disease among Foreign-born People in the U.S. and Belgium. Population Association of America. April 2019. Austin, TX. Poster
* Al-Araji R, **Jones R**, Cunningham S. America through the eyes of a refugee. Refugee and Immigrant Health Working Alliance- Clarkston Summit. November 2018. Atlanta, GA. Poster
* **Jones R,** Cunningham S. Dietary Changes after Arrival among Refugees in Clarkson. Refugee and Immigrant Health Working Alliance- Clarkston Summit. November 2018. Atlanta, GA. Poster
* **Jones R,** Cunningham S. Health-Related Behaviors among Foreign-Born People in Clarkston and Brussels. Refugee and Immigrant Health Working Alliance- Clarkston Summit. November 2018. Atlanta, GA. Poster
* **Jones R,** Cunningham S. Diet and Health Perceptions among Refugee Adolescents. International Rescue Committee. October 2018. Atlanta, GA.
* **Jones R,** Haardörfer R, Ramakrishnan U, Yount K, Miedema S, Girard AW. Is Women’s Empowerment a Pathway to better Maternal Nutrition in East Africa? STEM Research and Career Symposium. October 2018. Atlanta, GA. Poster
* **Jones R,** Haardörfer R, Ramakrishnan U, Yount K, Miedema S, Girard AW. Women’s Empowerment: Pathways toward Child Nutritional Outcomes. Agriculture, Nutrition and Health Academy. June 2018. Accra, Ghana. Paper
* **Jones R,** Haardörfer R, Ramakrishnan U, Yount K, Miedema S, Girard AW. Women’s Empowerment: Pathways toward Child Nutritional Outcomes. American Society for Nutrition. June 2018. Boston, MA. Poster
* **Jones R,** Haardörfer R, Ramakrishnan U, Yount K, Miedema S, Girard AW. Is Women’s Empowerment a Pathway to better Maternal Nutrition in East Africa? Population Association of America. April 2018. Denver, CO. Poster.
* **Jones R,** Cunningham S. Adoption of New Lifestyles among Refugee Families: Health Implications of Integration. Georgia Center for Diabetes Translation Research. Diabetes Translation Research Symposium. January 2018. Atlanta, GA.
* **Jones R,** Miedema S, Haardöerfer R, Ramakrishnan U, Yount K, Girard, AW. Is women’s empowerment a pathway to better nutrition in east Africa? International Congress on Nutrition. October 2017. Buenos Aires, Argentina. Poster.
* Girard, AW, **Jones R,** Smith K, Korir L, Raskind I, Galiè A, Baltenweck I, Teufil N, Yount K, Dominguez-Salas P. Women’s empowerment is associated with maternal and child dietary diversity but not household food security in pastoral communities in Tanzania. Experimental Biology. April 2017. Chicago, IL. Paper
* **Jones R,** Cunningham S. Economic development and growth of preschool children in the Middle East and North African Region. Experimental Biology. April 2017. Chicago, IL. Poster
* **Jones R,** Cunningham S. Nutritional Status among young children in the Middle East and North African Region. Population Association of America. April 2017. Chicago, IL. Paper
* **Jones R,** Cunningham S. Adoption of New Lifestyles among Refugee Families: Health Implications of Integration. Georgia Center for Diabetes Translation Research. Diabetes Translation Research Symposium. April 2017. Atlanta, GA. Paper
* **Jones R,** Webb Girard A. Women’s Empowerment, Food security, and diet in pastoral communities in Tanzania. Experimental Biology. Chicago, IL. April 2017. Paper
* **Jones R,** Cunningham S. Economic development and associations with growth of preschool children in the Middle East and North African Region. Experimental Biology. Chicago, IL. April 2017. Poster
* Cunningham S, **Jones R**. Adoption of New Lifestyles among Refugee Families: Health Implications of Integration. MCH Grant Symposium. March 2017. Emory University. Paper
* **Jones R,** Cunningham S. Economic development and associations with growth of preschool children in the Middle East and North African Region. Young Demographer’s Association. Prague, Czech Republic. February 2017. Paper.
* **Jones R,** Cunningham S. Unhealthy Weight among Young Children in the Middle East and North African Region. Southern Demographic Association. Athens, GA. October 2016. Paper.
* **Jones R,** Cunningham S. Unhealthy Weight among Mothers and Young Children in the Middle East and North African Region. Population Association of America. Washington, DC. April 2016. Posterr
* **Jones R**, Cunningham S, Patil S: Weight Status and the Family Meal Environment in India. The FASEB Journal 2016, 30:1149.8. San Diego, CA. April 2016. Poster
* **Jones R,** Cunningham S. Unhealthy Weight among Mothers and Young Children in the Middle East and North African Region. FASEB Journal 2016, 667.7. San Diego, CA. April 2016. Posterr
* **Jones R**, Cunningham S**,** Patil S. Differences in Meal Patterns by Mother’s Weight Status in Rural India. American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL. August 2015. Paper.
* **Jones R,** Breda J. Surveillance of Overweight including Obesity in Children under 5: Opportunities and Challenges for the European Region. European Congress on Obesity. Prague, Czech Republic. May 2015. Paper.

**Grants**

Faculty Pilot Research Grant

PI: Solveig Cunningham

Agency: Emory Center of Excellent in Maternal and Child Health Education

Role: Co-Investigator (Nutrition Doctoral Student)

Direct Costs: $2,100

Period: 2015-2016

One Year Pilot & Feasibility Grant

Co- PI’s: Solveig Cunningham & Rebecca Jones

Agency: Georgia Center for Diabetes Translation Research

Role: Co- Principle Investigator

Direct Costs: $23,000

Period: 2017-2018