

Faculty Member Contact Information

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1 Funded, 2 Unfunded URCA Assistant(s)

Are you willing to work with students from outside of your discipline? If yes, which other disciplines?

- Yes

How many hours per week will your student(s) be required to work in this position?
(Minimum is 6 hours per week; typical is 9)

- 9

Will it be possible for your student(s) to earn course credit?

- No

Location of research/creative activities:

- East St. Louis, Illinois

Brief description of the nature of the research/creative activity?

- The project aims to investigate how grocery shopping tours can impact a reduction in obesity and food insecurity among (food insecure) African Americans in East St. Louis, Illinois. This exploration within East St. Louis (a food desert) might further explain and provide ways to promote healthy, reduce obesity, prevent chronic disease diagnosis, and/or management of current chronic conditions for future studies.

Brief description of student responsibilities?

1. Survey data collection (in the East St. Louis community)

-Approach members of the East St. Louis community and ask community members if they are interested in participating in the study

-Ensure that surveys have been completed from start to finish

-Ensure that participants receive incentive(s) for participation

2. Survey data entry and cleaning

3. Height and weight measurements

4. Conducting literature reviews and data analyses for manuscript preparation

5. Manuscript drafting and editing

6. Drafting abstracts for conference presentations

URCA Assistant positions are designed to provide students with *research or creative activities* experience. As such, there should be measurable, appropriate outcome goals. What exactly should your student(s) have learned by the end of this experience?

- By the end of the Fall 2026 semester, the URCA student will be able to enter data, clean, organize, and analyze quantitative data for at least 1 manuscript and/or presentation.
- By the end of the Fall 2026 semester, the URCA student will draft a poster or Powerpoint for a professional presentation.
- By the end of the Fall 2026 semester, the URCA student will be named co-author on at least 1 professional presentation.
- By the end of the Fall 2026 semester, the URCA student will be named co-author on at least 1 manuscript.

Requirements of Students

If the position(s) require students to be available at certain times each week (as opposed to them being able to set their own hours) please indicate all required days and times:

- Monday-Friday 9a-230p. Generally, team meetings are held weekly Fridays @ 9a.

If the location of the research/creative activities involves off campus work, must students provide their own transportation?

- Students will need to be able to provide their own transportation to and from campus as well as East St. Louis, Illinois when necessary. Most like 2-3 days a week.

Must students have taken any prerequisite classes? Please list classes and preferred grades:

- None required. However, having taken a statistics and/or data analysis course is preferred.
- Also, making a B or higher in English Composition is preferred

Other requirements or notes to applicants:

- None.