

## HER NOPREN Summer Speaker Series for Students

### About the Summer Speaker Series for Students:

The goal of the third-annual Summer Speaker Series for Students is to explore various public health topics related to food and nutrition security, federal nutrition assistance programs, COVID-19 implications, and nutrition equity through research, policy, and practice. Each week will feature presentations from speakers across different public health sectors on the fundamentals of the topic and give participants opportunities to network with experts in the field. Participation in the series is open to all students.

This series is a collaborative effort of Healthy Eating Research, a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Nutrition and Obesity Policy Research and Evaluation Network (NOPREN). To learn more or watch recordings from past Summer Speaker Series visit: <https://nopren.ucsf.edu/student-resources>

### Speaker Series

The series will consist of 8 webinar presentations on a variety of topics related to food and nutrition security, federal nutrition assistance programs, COVID-19 implications, and nutrition equity. The presentations will be held on **Wednesdays from 4pm to 5:15pm ET every week from June 15, 2022 to August 10, 2022**, with the exception of July 6th. Calendar invitations will be sent from NOPREN (NOPREN@ucsf.edu) to all confirmed students. Registration link: <https://ucsf.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwvcOutTgsGNFI35sy-spXwdEoisQktXvX>

### Student Presentations

At the end of the summer, students participating in the speaker series will have the opportunity to briefly present a project they worked on over the summer related to public health nutrition. This is a great opportunity for students to practice public speaking among peers. The student presentations will be held on Wednesday, August 17. More detailed information regarding submission requirements and deadlines will be sent out in the future.

### Series Schedule (all sessions will be held from 4:00-5:15pm ET)

Date	Title and Description
June 15	<b>Improving Nutrition Security Among Young Children</b> Policy, systems, and environmental (PSE) strategies and interventions that influence young children's nutrition and food security in the US
June 22	<b>Food Retail and Inflation</b> Broad overview of healthy food retail and factors that affect rising food costs, along with its impact on nutrition assistance programs
June 29	<b>Centering Equity in Nutrition Research</b> Strategies and practices that promote health equity in the planning and execution of community nutrition research

<b>July 13</b>	<b>Upcoming Policy Opportunities for School Meals</b> Federal and state school meal policies with strongest potential to increase participation and impact the nutritional status of school-age children
<b>July 20</b>	<b>Impacts of COVID-19 on Food Security</b> Overview of food and nutrition security during the pandemic and policies and programs that address these issues
<b>July 27</b>	<b>WIC: Research for the Next Generation</b> Opportunities for new research in WIC and how to develop a research agenda
<b>August 3</b>	<b>Implementing Food Service Guidelines</b> Broad overview of food service guidelines and strategies to implement sustainable practices in food service
<b>August 10</b>	<b>Emerging Research in Drinking Water</b> Brief overview of the CDC's focus on drinking water and new research in water consumption patterns
<b>August 17</b>	<b>Student Presentations</b>

**About HER:** Healthy Eating Research (HER) is a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) committed to building a Culture of Health through identifying effective strategies to improve children's nutrition and prevent childhood obesity. HER's mission is to support and disseminate research on policy, systems, and environmental strategies that promote healthy eating among children and advance nutrition and health equity.

**About NOPREN:** The Nutrition and Obesity Policy Research and Evaluation Network is a thematic research network of the Prevention Research Centers Program. The [CDC's Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity \(DNPAO\)](#) created NOPREN to foster understanding of the effectiveness of policies to prevent childhood obesity through improved access to affordable, healthier foods and beverages in child care, schools, worksite, and other community settings.