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## **I. ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

### ***Educational Background***

<u>Degree:</u>	<u>Year:</u>	<u>University:</u>	<u>Major:</u>
Ph.D.	2021	Louisiana State University Baton Rouge, Louisiana	Nutrition and Food Sciences, Concentration: Human Nutrition
M.S./internship	1990	Texas Woman's University/ Houston VA Medical Center Houston, Texas	Nutrition and Food Science
B.S.	1989	Louisiana State University Baton Rouge, Louisiana	Dietetics

### ***University Experience***

<u>Position:</u>	<u>University:</u>	<u>Dates:</u>
Assistant Professor, Director, Didactic Program in Dietetics	Sam Houston State University Department of Human Sciences	September 1, 2022 - present
Adjunct Instructor	Louisiana State University School of Nutrition and Food Sciences	August - December 2021
Graduate Research Assistant	LSU AgCenter	June 2018 - December 2021

### ***Relevant Professional Experience***

<u>Position:</u>	<u>Entity:</u>	<u>Dates:</u>
Registered Dietitian	Baton Rouge General Hospital Baton Rouge, Louisiana	April 2022 - July 2022
Registered Dietitian	Eating Disorder Center, LLC Baton Rouge, Louisiana	November 2006 - July 2022

Registered Dietitian	The Eating Disorder Treatment Center at River Oaks Hospital New Orleans, Louisiana	November 2006 - May 2018
Consultant Dietitian	Seaside Behavioral Health Baton Rouge, Louisiana	November 2010 - November 2015
Consultant Dietitian	Healthcare facilities, Florida, Louisiana	March 2003 - November 2006
Director	Food and Nutrition Department Baptist Hospital Memphis, Tennessee	March 2000 - November 2002
Registered Dietitian (Clinical Dietitian, Assistant Director of Nutrition Care Services, and Regional Dietitian)	Valley Management, Jackson, Mississippi	November 1990 - March 2000

### ***Other Professional Credentials***

Licensed as an R.D., L.D. in Texas (DT88205), November 2022 - present

Registered Dietitian with Commission on Dietetic Registration (#725007), April 1991 - present

## **II. TEACHING**

### ***Courses Taught***

#### Sam Houston State University

FSCN (FACS) 2362 Nutrition

FSCN (FACS) 3329 Nutrition through the Lifespan

FSCN (FACS) 4371 Nutrition Assessment (ACE course, Spring 2024)

DIET 5383 Research Problems

DIET 5398 Public Health Nutrition (ACE course, Fall 2023)

HUSC (FACS) 5375 Seminar in Recent Developments in Family and Consumer Sciences (online)

#### Louisiana State University

NFS 4021 Contemporary Topics in Nutrition

### ***Supervised Student Projects***

SHSU Honors projects:

Spring 2023 FSCN 2362 Vanessa Avalos, Kierra Anstee

Spring 2024 FSCN 2362 Kaitlyn Novak, Aidan Davis

Funded project:

Mentor - Summer Research and Extension Experiences for Undergraduates (REEU) program titled "Nurturing Researchers and Educators of Smart Food Consumption" funded by USDA NIFA. 2024.  
PI: Danhong Chen, PhD, Co-PI: Berna El Rahi

## ***Curriculum Development***

FSCN Program new curriculum developed (2023)

- FSCN 3330 Professionalism in Dietetics
- FSCN 4372 Nutrition Counseling and Education
- FSCN 4374 Research in Nutrition Sciences
- minor in Human Nutrition

Academic Community Engagement Courses

- FSCN 5398 Public Health Nutrition (2023)
- FSCN 4371 Nutrition Assessment (2024)

## ***Other***

### ***Professional development***

Online Course Redesign and Faculty Certification, SHSU Online - 1/30/23 - 3/5/2023

ACE Faculty Workshop Series 2023, SHSU, Center for Community Engagement - March 8, 2023; March 22, 2023; November 15, 2023

Engaging Explorations Workshop SHSU, Professional and Academic Center for Excellence - June 27 - 30, 2023

## **III. SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE**

### ***Works in Print***

#### ***Refereed Journal Articles***

**Fergus L, Long A, Holston D.** Modeling behavioral economic strategies in social marketing messages to promote vegetable consumption to low-resource Louisiana residents: a conjoint analysis. *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*. 2023;123(6):876-887.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jand.2023.01.011>

#### ***Accepted Conference Abstracts***

**Fergus L, Gao D.** Modeling on-campus pantry shopping and university student factors to predict academic success. Texas Academy Annual Conference and Exhibition. Poster Session (April 5-6, 2024).

**Fergus L, Holston D, Long A.** Modeling behavioral economic strategies in social marketing messages to promote vegetable consumption to low-resource Louisiana residents: a conjoint analysis. *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*. 2022;122(9):A21. FNCE 2022 Poster Session (October 9, 2022)  
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2212267222004506>.

### ***Works in Progress***

“Modeling on-campus pantry shopping and university student factors to predict academic success,” authored by Linda **Fergus (first author)**, Di Gao, Tabbetha Lopez, and Kathleen Gilbert is in process with intent to submit to the Journal of American College Health or the Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior by April 30, 2024.

### ***Submitted, External Grants under review***

- A. Entergy Grant (open grant). May 2024. SHSU Pantry Funds and Research. \$25,000. PI: Kathleen Gilbert, PhD, Co PI: Linda Fergus, PhD RD LD, Tabbetha Lopez PhD RD LD FAND
- B. American Heart Association Grant: Institutional Award for Undergraduate Student Training (10 weeks). \$6000 stipend per student and \$3000 for student’s conference travel (September, 2023) PI: Tabbetha Lopez, Co-PI: Linda Fergus, Kiron Sapkota, Amanda Scarborough.

### ***Submitted but not funded External grants***

- A. Robert Woods Johnson Foundation, Healthy Eating Research 2024 Call for proposals (concept paper). A Multi-component Intervention to Increase Fruit and Vegetable Consumption in Texas Families with Low-incomes. \$254,690. PI: Kathleen Gilbert, PhD Co PI: Linda Fergus, PhD RD LD, Tabbetha Lopez PhD RD LD FAND
- B. The David E. Rogers Student Fellowship Award for Medical and Dental Students | New York Academy of Medicine (nyam.org), \$ 4000 for summer (January, 2024), Research Mentor to student – Neha Thiippa (student at SHSU College of Medicine).
- C. University-based Program to Mitigate Food Insecurity and Provide Other Basic Needs for College Students, US Department of Education, \$791,222 (October, 2022) PI: Jeanine Bias; Co-PI: Basem Boutros, Tabbetha Lopez, Linda Fergus, Kathleen Gilbert.

### ***Funded Internal Grants***

- A. SHSU Internal Grant for New Faculty: Are food security status, diet quality, and stress related to the risk for chronic disease development in university students? \$5000 (October 2023) PI: Linda Fergus; Co-PI Tabbetha Lopez

### ***Other***

#### ***Professional Development***

CITI Program training – Basic Course - 9/9/2023

## **IV. SERVICE**

### ***University***

2022 - 2023 SHSU Pathfinder Scholars Committee

### ***College***

Fall 2023 COHS Strategic Plan Committee

## 2022 - 2023 COHS MTE Committee

### ***Department***

2022 - 2024	Director, FSCN Program in Dietetics, SHSU
2022 - 2024	Faculty Advisor - Sam Houston State University Student Dietetic Association
June 20 - 24, 2023	Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Conference (Dallas) - COHS exhibit
Fall 2023	Chair on the Assistant Professor of Food Science and Nutrition tenure-track faculty search committee, Department of Human Sciences, SHSU
Fall 2023	Department Search Committee for Administrative Associate II staff position, Department of Human Sciences, SHSU
Spring 2023	SHSU, MS-Dietetics Intern Selection Committee; ad hoc
Fall 2022	FES Policy Committee; ad hoc

### ***Professional Organizations***

January 2024 - present	ad hoc reviewer for <i>Nutrition Bulletin</i> ; reviewed 1 article
May 2023 - present	<i>Policy and Advocacy Leader</i> , Research Dietetic Practice Group of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (national organization)
2022 - present	Texas Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, member
2022 - present	Nutrition and Dietetic Educators and Preceptors, an organization of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, member
2020 - May 2023	<i>Webinar Co - Chair</i> , Research Dietetic Practice Group of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (national organization)
2022 - present	Nutrition and Dietetics Educators and Preceptors, member
2020 - present	Research Dietetic Practice Group of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, member
2020 - 2022	Medical Nutrition Therapy Dietetic Practice Group of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, member
1991 - present	Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, member

### ***Community Involvement***

2023	Huntsville, TX - Toyota Health Fair
2022	Huntsville Memorial Hospital Shared Governance Committee, Huntsville, TX - ad hoc