

## 2024 RIDGE Conference

October 7, 2024

USDA/FNS Offices, Braddock Metro Center II, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314

### Agenda

- 8:00-8:30 am           Arrival and Coffee
- 8:30- 9:00 am           Introduction (RIDGE partnership).
- Parke Wilde, Professor, Tufts University
- Spiro Stefanou, USDA/ERS, Administrator
- Jay Variyam, USDA/ERS, Director, Food Economics Division
- Rich Lucas, USDA/FNS, Director, Office of Policy Support

### Block 1 – WIC

- 9:00-9:25 am           Anderson - *Valuating Associations of WIC Food Benefit Redemption with Child Dietary Intake and Continued WIC Participation*
- 9:25-9:50 am           Matias - *Maternal WIC Participation During Pregnancy and Gestational Weight Gain.*
- 9:50-10:00 am          Discussant – Irma Arteaga, Professor, University of Missouri
- 10:00-10:15 am        Q&A
- 10:15-10:30            Coffee break

### Block 2 – SNAP (students)

- 10:30-10:55           James - *Human Discretion in the SNAP Program: How Discretion Affects Case Outcomes and Modifies the Impacts of Interview and Recertification Waivers.* (student)
- 10:55-11:20           Fannin - Exploring the Effects of SNAP Certification Interview Waivers on Program Participation Outcomes. (student)
- 11:20-11:45           Engel- *The Effect of SNAP Benefit Distribution on Subjective Well-Being.*
- 11:45-11:55           Discussant – Laura Tiehen, USDA/ERS

11:55-12:10 Q&A

12:10-1:30 pm Lunch

Block 3 – SNAP

1:30-1:55 pm Feng. *Did Pandemic-EBT Benefits Improve Dietary Quality?*

1:55-2:20 pm Hamersma. How Does SNAP Access Prior to Pregnancy Affect Maternal and Infant Health Outcomes?

2:20-2:45 pm Rothstein. *Student Access to SNAP Benefits During the Transition to College*

2:45-2:55 pm Discussant – Tatiana Andreyeva, Associate Professor, Rudd Center, University of Connecticut

2:55 – 3:10 pm Q&A

Discussion and Reflection

3:10-3:20 pm Reflections (Michele Ver Ploeg, USDA/ERS)

3:20-3:30 pm Reflections (Norbert Wilson, Duke University)

3:30-3:50 pm Open questions/discussion – moderated by Parke Wilde, Professor, Tufts University