

Jessie Green Gruner, PhD, RDN

Biographical Sketch

Education and Training

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Exercise Science and Nutrition

- Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ
- Summa Cum Laude

Master of Science (MS), Human Nutrition

- Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ
- Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science (BS), Nutrition and Dietetics

- University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM
- Summa Cum Laude

Credentials

Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, **RDN**

Professional Experience

Pinnacle Prevention, Chandler, AZ (May 2017 – Present), Director of Community Innovations

- Cultivate strategic partnerships and cross sector relationships to result in community innovations supporting a healthy food system and opportunities for active living
- Develop project proposals to advance health equity and healthy communities consistent with evidence-based strategies and best practices
- Facilitate the exchange of information, best practices and successes among stakeholders and community partners
- Monitor and provide technical assistance in federal, state, and local policy and advocacy impacting healthy eating and active living
- Draft briefs, white papers, and toolkits for communicating policy, system, and environmental change strategies to partners, advocates, and elected officials
- Design, disseminate and analyze surveys for program evaluation, strategic planning, and community health needs assessments
- Conduct and analyze focus groups and key informant interviews with community members, stakeholders, and policy makers
- Provide day-to-day operational support in all aspects of administration of Double Up Food Bucks Arizona and the Arizona Farmers Market Nutrition Program
- Support the management of grants and contracts fulfilling deliverables and reporting requirements
- Provide operations and facilitation support for the Arizona Food Systems Network
- Serve as the Policy and Cross Network Collaboration Chair for the Arizona Farm the School Network
- Steering committee member and co-chair of the policy workgroup for the Arizona Farmland Preservation Coalition
- Supervise and coordinate projects for dietetic interns and student volunteers

Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ (August 2017 – May 2019), Adjunct Faculty

- Instructor
- Student advisement
- Lesson planning and development

Scottsdale Community College, Scottsdale, AZ (January 2017 – December 2018), Adjunct Faculty

- Instructor
- Student advisement
- Lesson planning and development

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ (May 2014 – May 2017), Research and Teaching Associate

- Managed and coordinated research development
- Conducted and analyzed research data collection
- Authored and supported the development of publications
- Served as adjunct teaching associate providing student instruction and advisement

Publications

- **Gruner J**, DeWeese R, Bronwynne E, Acosta-Ortiz M, Bruening M, Mollner K, Lacagnina G, Ohri-Vachaspati P. Qualitative Research in Phoenix, AZ, Exploring Support for Public-Private Partnership to Expand the Reach of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. *J Acad Nutr Diet*. 2020; 120(11): 1834-1846.
- **Gruner J**, DeWeese R, Lorts C, Yedidia M, Ohri-Vachaspati P. Predicted Impact of the Food and Drug Administrations' Menu Labeling Regulations on Restaurants in Four New Jersey Cities. *Am J Public Health*. 2018; 108(2): 234-240.
- Ohri-Vachaspati P, Dachenhaus E, **Gruner J**, Mollner K, Hekler E, Soto M. Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program and Requests for Fruits and Vegetables Outside of School Settings. *J Acad Nutr Diet*. 2018; 118(8): 1408-1416.
- **Gruner J**, Ohri-Vachaspati, P. Food and Beverage Selection Patterns among Menu Label Users and Nonusers: Results from a Cross-Sectional Study. *J Acad Nutr Diet*. 2017; 117:929-936.
- **Gruner J**, DeWeese R, Ohri-Vachaspati P. Finding Winnable Strategies to Expand the Reach of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Beyond School Settings. December 2016.
- Mollner K, **Gruner J**, Dachenhaus E, Ohri-Vachaspati P. The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program: Does it Promote Nagging for Fruits and Vegetables at the Store and at Home? July 2016.
- **Green J**, Brown A, Ohri-Vachaspati P. Sociodemographic Disparities among Fast-Food Restaurant Customers Who Notice and Use Calorie Menu Labels. *J Acad Nutr Diet*. 2015; 115(7): 1093-101.

Professional Memberships

- National Sustainable Agricultural Coalition; 2019 – Present
- Arizona Public Health Association; 2012 – 2014; 2016 – Present
- American Society for Nutrition; 2016 – Present
- Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics; 2010 – 2021
- Arizona Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics; 2013 – 2021
- Society of Behavioral Medicine; 2015 – 2017