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EDUCATION & TRAINING

Postdoctoral Fellow, Human Genomics, 2009 – 2012

Human Genomics Laboratory, Pennington Biomedical Research Center, Baton Rouge, LA

Mentors: Claude Bouchard, Tuomo Rankinen

Doctor of Philosophy, Kinesiology, November 2008

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Emphasis: Exercise Physiology

Cognates: Principles and Techniques of Genetics and Molecular Biology, Physical Activity

Epidemiology, Biomechanics

Certificate: Molecular Laboratory Diagnostics from the Medical Technology Program

Dissertation: Association of the PAI-1 4G/5G Polymorphism with Blood Pressure in the

Quebec Family Study: Interactions with Adiposity, Physical Activity, and the ACE I/D

Polymorphism

Mentor: Joe C. Eisenmann

Bachelor of Science, Physiology, May 2002

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Honors College, Cum Laude

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My current research attempts to identify molecular biomarkers of response to behavioral and lifestyle interventions. My research employs a translational and integrated -omics (genomics, proteomics, metabolomics, transcriptomics, and diverse cellular assays) approach to identify and characterize the biological factors associated with the response of clinically relevant cardiometabolic phenotypes, particularly lipoproteins, adiposity, insulin sensitivity, and cardiorespiratory fitness, to lifestyle and exercise interventions. The goal is to better predict which individuals are most likely to benefit from lifestyle therapies in the management of cardiometabolic risk factors and to identify the features and functions of circulating molecules contributing to the cardioprotective benefits of exercise. Our research is collaborative and multi-disciplinary and involves clinical, population, and translational studies.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor (with tenure), January 2026 –

Associate Professor (with tenure), August 2020 – 2025

Graduate Director of PhD program, August 2017 – June 2021

Assistant Professor, August 2015 – July 2020

University of South Carolina, Arnold School of Public Health, Department of Exercise Science, Columbia, SC

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Pennington Biomedical Research Center, Human Genomics Laboratory, Baton Rouge, LA January 2016 – present

Assistant Professor-Research, Pennington Biomedical Research Center, Human Genomics Laboratory, Baton Rouge, LA July 2014 – July 2015

Instructor-Research (Faculty), Pennington Biomedical Research Center, Human Genomics Laboratory, Baton Rouge, LA August 2012 – June 2014

Post-doctoral Fellow, Pennington Biomedical Research Center, Human Genomics Laboratory, Baton Rouge, LA January 2009 – July 2012

Graduate Research Assistant, Michigan State University, Department of Kinesiology, East Lansing, MI August 2007 – June 2008

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Michigan State University, Department of Kinesiology, East Lansing, MI August 2004 – July 2007

Other Professional Activities

Member, Physical Activity Committee of the American Heart Association Council on Lifestyle and Cardiometabolic Health, 2025 –

Permanent member, NIH Cardiovascular and Respiratory Diseases study section, 2022 – 2026

Steering Committee member, GenBioPAC (Genomics and Biology of Physical Activity Consortium), 2022 – 2026

- Chair of GenBioPAC – 2024

Ad hoc member, NIH Cancer, Heart, and Sleep Epidemiology A (CHSA) study section,

- 2022: June; 2021: Feb, June, Oct

Member, ACSM's Fit Society Page® Newsletter Editorial Board Committee. 2017 – 2018

Member, National Exercise Clinical Trials Network (NExTNet). 2015 – 2018

Member, Membership & Communications Committee of the American Heart Association Lifestyle and Cardiometabolic Health Council. 2014 – 2020

Member, Coronary Artery Risk Development in young Adults (CARDIA) Study Physical Activity & Fitness Working Group. 2011– present

Additional Training

Attendee, UNC Nutrition Research Institute's (NRI) Nutrigenetics, Nutrigenomics, and Precision Nutrition Workshop, Kannapolis, NC, June 3 – 6, 2019

Mentee, NIH Grant Writing Bootcamp, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina, December 2017 – August 2018

Attendee, NIH/NIGMS Metabolomics Workshop, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL, June 14-18, 2015

Attendee, European Bioinformatics Institute-Wellcome Trust workshop on Proteomics Bioinformatics, Wellcome Trust Genome Campus, Hinxton, Cambridge, UK, November 11-15, 2013

Attendee, National Lipid Association's Translation of HDL Science Master Class: Core Curriculum Intensive Program, Charlotte, NC, September 13-14, 2012

Fellow, AHA/CDC Ten-Day Seminar on the Epidemiology and Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease, Tahoe City, CA. July-August 2012

Attendee, 2nd Annual NSF-Funded Five-Day Short Course on Statistical Genetics & Statistical Genomics, Honolulu, HI. July 2009

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American College of Sports Medicine, 2004 – present, Fellow since 2016
- American Heart Association, 2010 – present, Fellow since 2015
 - Council on Lifestyle and Cardiometabolic Health
 - Council on Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, Vascular Biology

HONORS & AWARDS

- Fellow of the National Academy of Kinesiology, 2026
- Henry J. Montoye Scholar Award, Southeast Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine (SEACSM), 2026
- Faculty Research Award, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina, 2022
- Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine, 2016
- Fellow of the American Heart Association, 2015
- Scott Grundy Fellowship Award for Excellence in Metabolism Research, American Heart Association Council on Lifestyle and Cardiometabolic Health, 2014

GRANTS and CONTRACTS

Current Research Support:

NIH/NICHD R01HD112351

Sept 2023 – May 2028

Title: Identifying patterns of BMI development and associated behavioral, social, environmental, and biologic factors for children from 3-10 years

Direct Costs: \$1,970,530 Total Costs: \$2,659,061

Role: **Co-I** (Weaver, PI) (4% effort)

Completed Research Support:

Research Fellowship for Aging from ASPH's Office for the Study of Aging 2025
 Title: Characterization of Multiple Proteomic and Metabolomic Age Clocks Before and After Exercise Training
 Total: \$5,000
 Role: **PI**

NIH/NIDDK R01DK128057 April 2021 – March 2026
 Title: Ensuring the cultural relevance of Dietary Guidelines diet patterns among African Americans: Increasing dietary quality and reducing type 2 diabetes risk
 Direct Costs: \$2,651,132 Total Costs: \$3,426,100
 Role: **Co-I** (Turner-McGrievy, PI) (7.5% effort)

NIH/NINR R01NR019628 March 2021 – December 2025
 Title: Biochemical profiling to identify cardiometabolic responsiveness to an endurance exercise intervention
 Direct Costs: \$2,074,411 Total Costs: \$2,881,126
 Role: **MPI** (25% effort) (Gerszten, Co-PI)

NIH/NHLBI R01HL146462 April 2019 – March 2025 (NCE)
 Title: The Molecular and Genetic Basis of Exercise-induced Changes in HDL Function
 Direct Costs: \$2,770,482 Total Costs: \$3,429,123
 Role: **Principal Investigator** (25% effort yrs 1-4, 33% yr 5)

3R01HL146462-02S1 April 2020 – March 2022
 NIH Diversity Supplement to Emanuel Ayala
 Budget: \$123,032 Role: **PI/Mentor** Mentee: Emanuel Ayala

P20 GM103499 July 2019 – June 2020
 NIH/NIGMS SC INBRE Bioinformatics Pilot Project
 Title: miRNA bioinformatics of peak VO₂ response to exercise training in heart failure
 Role: **Co-PI** Budget: \$10,000

Office of Vice President of Research November 2018
 Gift from VPR to support research associated with 2nd year of SC INBRE project
 Amount: \$15,000

P20 GM103499 July 2018 – March 2019
 NIH/NIGMS South Carolina IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (SC INBRE) Developmental Research Project Program (DRP)
 Title: The Effect of Exercise Training on Proteins and MicroRNAs Bound to High-Density Lipoproteins
 Direct Costs: \$44,278 Total Costs: \$64,867
 Role: **Principal Investigator**

P20 GM103499 July 2017 – May 2018

NIH/NIGMS South Carolina IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (SC INBRE)
Developmental Research Project Program (DRP)

Title: The Effect of Exercise Training on Proteins and MicroRNAs Bound to High-Density Lipoproteins

Direct Costs: \$49,991 Total Costs: \$64,867

Role: **Principal Investigator**

USC Office of the Vice President for Research July 2017 – September 2018

ASPIRE-I Innovation grant: Advanced Support for Innovative Research Excellence

Title: The Effect of Exercise Training on MicroRNAs Bound to High-Density Lipoproteins.

Budget: \$14,890 Role: **Principal Investigator**

5 P20 GM103641 June 2016 – May 2017

NIH/NIGMS COBRE: Center for Dietary Supplements and Inflammation pilot grant

Title: Effects of short-term curcumin and multi-polyphenol supplementation on the anti-inflammatory properties of HDL.

Direct Costs: \$74,456 Total Costs: \$93,125

Role: **Principal Investigator**

USC Office of the Vice President for Research July 2016 – September 2017

ASPIRE-I Innovation grant: Advanced Support for Innovative Research Excellence

Title: Energy Expenditure Variability by Exercise Type.

Budget: \$14,999 Role: **Co-PI**

U24 DK097154 June 2015 – May 2016

NIH/NIDDK: West Coast Metabolomics Center Pilot and Feasibility Project Grants

Title: Changes in the Metabolome and Lipidome in Response to Exercise Training.

Budget: \$42,480 Role: **Principal Investigator**

U54 GM104940 March 2015 – July 2015

NIH/NIGMS Louisiana Clinical and Translational Science Center (LA CaTS) Pilot Grants
Program Renewal

Title: Integrating Clinical and Genetic Data to Predict the Response of Lipoproteins to Regular Exercise.

Budget: \$50,000 Role: **Principal Investigator**

P20 GM103528 August 2012 – July 2015

NIH/NIGMS Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) program “Mentoring Obesity and Diabetes Research in Louisiana”.

Title: Gene-Environment Interactions and High-Density Lipoproteins: An Integrated Genomic, Biological, and Behavioral Approach.

Budget \$150,000 (annual) Role: **Project 1 Principal Investigator**

U54 GM104940 July 2013 – June 2014

NIH/NIGMS Louisiana Clinical and Translational Science Center (LA CaTS) Pilot Grants Program.

Title: Integrating Clinical and Genetic Data to Predict the Response of Lipoproteins to Regular Exercise.

Budget: \$50,000 Role: **Principal Investigator**

Prince Faisal Award

April 2012 – December 2012

2012 Prince Faisal Bin Fahad International Prize for Elite Sport Development Research:

“Predicting an elite endurance athlete status: a genome-wide exploration”

Budget \$200,000 Role: **Co-investigator**

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July 2010 – June 2012

American Heart Association Greater Southeast Affiliation Postdoctoral Fellowship: “Genome-wide association study of the response of blood lipids to exercise training in the HERITAGE Family Study”.

Budget \$88,772 Role: **Principal Investigator**

Primary Sponsor for External Funding

Active:

NIH Loan Repayment Program Award (Clinical Research-Extramural)

1L30HL175811-01

2024 – 2026

Budget: \$18,334

Title: The Associations of Novel Measures of HDL Function in Response to Exercise Training and Cardiometabolic Traits, HDL Composition, and the Plasma Proteome and Metabolome

Role: **Sponsor** (Eric Leszczynski, recipient)

Completed:

AHA Predoctoral Fellowship award

April 2021– May 2022

Title: Molecular Foundations of Lipoprotein Response to Exercise

Budget: \$63,040 Role: **Sponsor** Mentee: Jacob Barber, PI

RESEARCH

**Note:* Underlined authors are graduate students or postdoctoral fellows, while double underline denotes undergraduate student under my mentorship.

Manuscripts: Published (Peer-reviewed journals)

108. Weaver RG, Finnegan O, White III JW, Kiely K, Armstrong B, Beets MW, Adams EL, Burkhart S, Savidge MC, Griffin R, Culverhouse J, Holmes A, **Sarzynski MA**, Kaczynski AT, Bohnert A, Moreno JP. The Weight of Summer: Children’s Fat and BMI Gain Accelerate during Summer. *Childhood Obesity* (in press) (**2024 IF: 2.7**)

107. Brooks AN, Cunningham B, Siedler MR, Burkart S, **Sarzynski MA**, Parker NH, Fairman CM. Follow-Up Effects of Exercise-Based Interventions on Physical Performance in Cancer Survivors: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis. *Journal of Cancer Survivorship* (in press) PMID: 42069881 DOI: 10.1007/s11764-026-02030-4 (**2024 IF: 2.9**)

106. Goonewardena SN, Jurga T, Zhang L, Lloyd-Jones D, Damodaran D, Thyagarajan B, Jacobs, Jr. DR, Shore S, Brandt EJ, Clish C, Tanriverdi K, Freedman JE, Patel CJ, **Sarzynski MA**, Emmer BT, Wilkins JT, Do R, Bittner V, Georgakis MK, Rosenson RS, Shah RV, Murthy VL. Lipoprotein(a)-Associated Proteomic Signature Predicts Cardiovascular Disease in Young Adults. *J Clin Invest* 2026 Apr 16:e204287. PMID: 42012308 DOI: 10.1172/JCI204287 (2024 IF: 13.6)
105. Kuklennyik Z, Ivanova A, Drinkard L, Schieltz D, Toth C, Gardner M, Parks B, Andrews M, Kusovschi J, Rees J, Santana W, Leszczynski EC, **Sarzynski MA**, Kraus WE, Barr J. Effect of HDL disk and LDL dimer formation on lipoprotein particle number determination and classification of lipoprotein subclasses using the volumetric approach. *Analytical and Bioanalytical Chemistry* 2026 Apr;418(9):2619-2639. PMID: 41758230 PMCID: PMC13079496 DOI: 10.1007/s00216-026-06390-9 (2024 IF: 3.8)
104. Leszczynski EC, Schwartz CS, Jacobs KJC, Dev PK, Ghosh S, Robbins JM, Gerszten RE, Rohatgi A, Collier TS, Konrad RJ, Sato M, Zubiran R, Bouchard C, Neufeld EB, Remaley AT, **Sarzynski MA**. Characterization and response to exercise training of high-density lipoprotein-specific phospholipid efflux. *J Lip Res* 2026 Feb 3; 67(3): 100993. PMID: 41644095 PMCID: PMC12966657 doi: 10.1016/j.jlr.2026.100993 (2024 IF: 4.1)
103. Robbins JM, Benson M, Verkerke ARP, Tiwari G, Deng S, Rao P, Tahir UA, Avila-Pacheco J, Shi X, Guan Y, Tendoh FG, Barber JL, Miller PE, Perry AS, Hall ME, Frazier-Wood AC, Taylor KD, Post WS, Rich SS, Naylor M, Wilson JG, Lewis GD, Shah RV, Rotter JJ, Summers SA, Raffield LM, Kajimura S, Bouchard C, Clish CB, **Sarzynski MA**, Gerszten RE. N-palmitoyl glutamine is a candidate mediator of cardiorespiratory fitness. *Circulation* 2026 Jan 6;153(1):47-58. PMID: 41221589 PMCID: PMC12862896 DOI: 10.1161/CIRCULATIONAHA.125.074187 (2024 IF: 38.6)
102. Tremblay A, Bouchard C, **Sarzynski MA**, Skinner JS, Marin-Couture E, Schrauwen P, Joannis DRR, Thibault G, Mathieu ME, Pérusse L. Variation in cycling exercise mechanical efficiency in the HERITAGE Family Study. *Physiological Reports* 2025; 13: e70626. PMID: 41162184 PMCID: PMC12571541 DOI: 10.14814/phy2.70626 (2024 IF: 1.9)
101. Bailey S, Turner-McGrievy GM, Keseko EA, Duncan T, Ward-Johnson D, Davis B, Wilcox S, Friedman DB, **Sarzynski MA**, Liese AD. The Diet Guidelines: 3 Diets (DG3D) Study protocol of a behavioral teaching kitchen intervention for type-2 diabetes prevention among African American adults. *Contemp Clin Trials* 2025; 159: 108109 PMID: 41077220 DOI: 10.1016/j.cct.2025.108109 (2024 IF: 1.9)
100. Dev PK*, Leszczynski EC*, Schwartz CS, Barber JL, Ayala EJ, Wang X, Fairman CM, Ghosh S, Gerszten RE, Olivier M, Rohatgi A, Clish CB, Bouchard C, **Sarzynski MA**. Association of the HDL lipidome with HDL traits before and after exercise training: HERITAGE Family Study. *Metabolomics* 2025; 21: 120. PMID: 40830729 PMCID: PMC12364975 DOI: 10.1007/s11306-025-02330-3 (2024 IF: 3.3)

99. Silbernagel G, Chen YQ, Li H, Lemen D, Wen Y, Zhen E, Rief M, Kleber M, Delgado G, **Sarzynski MA**, Qian YW, Schmidt B, Erbel R, Trampisch U, Moissl AP, Rudolf H, Schunkert H, Stang A, Marz W, Trampisch H, Scharnagl H, Konrad RJ. Associations of Circulating ANGPTL3, C-Terminal Domain-Containing ANGPTL4, and ANGPTL3/8 and ANGPTL4/8 Complexes with LPL Activity, Diabetes, Inflammation, and Cardiovascular Mortality. *Circulation* 2025; 151: 218-234. PMID: 39392008 DOI: 10.1161/CIRCULATIONAHA.124.069272 (2024 IF: 35.5)
98. Meyler SJR, Swinton PA, Bottoms L, Bouchard C, Dalleck LC, Hunter B, **Sarzynski MA**, Wellsted D, Williams CJ, Muniz-Pumares D. Changes in cardiorespiratory fitness following exercise training prescribed relative to traditional intensity anchors and to physiological thresholds: a systematic review with meta-analysis of individual participant data. *Sports Medicine* 2025; 55: 301-323. PMID: 39538060 DOI: 10.1007/s40279-024-02125-x (2024 IF: 9.3)
97. Turner-McGrievy GM, Wirth MD, Okpara N, Jones M, Kim Y, Wilcox S, Friedman DB, **Sarzynski MA**, Liese AD. Similar changes in diet quality indices, but not nutrients, among African American participants randomized to follow one of the three dietary patterns of the US Dietary Guidelines: A secondary analysis. *Nutrition Research* 2024; 131: 27-38. PMID: 39366028 PMCID: PMC11563860 DOI: 10.1016/j.nutres.2024.09.005 (2024 IF: 3.4)
96. Grammer EE, McGee JE, Bartlett AN, Brown TT, Clunan MC, Huff AC, Osborne BG, Matarese LE, Pories WJ, Houmard JA, Carels RA, **Sarzynski MA**, Swift DL. Effects of weight loss and weight maintenance on lipoprotein insulin resistance scores in adults with overweight and obesity. *Metab Syndr Relat Disord* 2024; 22: 598-607. PMID: 39163283 PMCID: PMC12021762 DOI: 10.1089/met.2023.0180 (2024 IF: 1.3)
95. Rao P, Keyes MJ, Mi MY, Barber JL, Tahir UA, Deng S, Clish CB, Shen D, Farrell LA, Wilson JG, Gao Y, Yimer WK, Ekunwe L, Hall ME, Munter PM, Rotter JI, Guo X, Taylor KD, Rich SS, Tracy RP, Xanthakis V, Vasan RS, Bouchard C, **Sarzynski MA***, Gerszten RE*, Robbins JM*. Plasma Proteomics of Exercise Blood Pressure and Incident Hypertension. *JAMA Cardiology* 2024; 9(8): 713-722. *equal senior authorship. PMID: 38865108 PMCID: PMC11170454 DOI: 10.1001/jamacardio.2024.2323 (2023 IF: 24.0)
94. Perry AS*, Farber-Eger E*, Gonzales T*, Tanaka T*, Robbins JM*, Murthy VL, Stolze LK, Zhao S, Colangelo L, Deng S, Hou L, Lloyd-Jones DM, Walker K, Ferrucci L, Watts EL, Barber JL, Rao P, Mi M, Gabriel KP, Hornikel B, Sidney S, Houstis N, Lewis GD, Liu GY, Thyagarajan B, Khan S, Washko G, Kalhan R, Wareham N, Bouchard C, **Sarzynski MA**, Gerszten RE[#], Brage S[#], Wells Q[#], Naylor M[#], Shah RV[#]. Proteomic analysis of cardiorespiratory fitness for prediction of mortality and multi-system disease risks. *Nature Medicine* 2024; 30(6): 1711-1721. *equal first #equal senior authorship PMID: 38834850 PMCID: PMC11186767 DOI: 10.1038/s41591-024-03039-x. (2023 IF: 58.7)
93. Miranda Maravi JS*, Leszczynski EC*, Schwartz CS, Dev PK, Barber JL, Reasons RJ, Pearce RW, McPhaul MJ, Konrad RJ, Robbins JM, Gerszten RE, Collier TS, Bouchard C, Rohatgi A, **Sarzynski MA**. Associations of an HDL Apolipoproteomic Index with

Cardiometabolic Risk Factors Before and After Exercise Training in the HERITAGE Family Study. *Atherosclerosis* 2024; 17:395:117587. PMID: 38823353 DOI: 10.1016/j.atherosclerosis.2024.117587 (**2023 IF: 5.3**) *equal first authors

92. Samani SL, Barlow SC, Freeburg LA, Jones TL, Poole M, **Sarzynski MA**, Zile MR, Shazly T, Spinale FG. Left Ventricle Function and Post-Transcriptional Events with Exercise Training in Pigs. *Plos ONE* 2024; 19: e0292243. PMID: 38306359 PMCID: PMC10836705 DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0292243. (**2023 IF: 3.7**)

91. Hoffmann WG, Chen YQ, Schwartz CS, Barber JL, Dev PK, Reasons RJ, Miranda Maravi JS, Armstrong B, Gerszten RE, Silbernagel G, Konrad RJ, Bouchard C, **Sarzynski MA**. Effects of Exercise Training on ANGPTL3/8 and ANGPTL4/8 and their Associations with Lipid and Cardiometabolic Traits. *J of Lipid Research* 2024; 65(2): 100495. PMID: 38160757. DOI: 10.1016/j.jlr.2023.100495. (**2023 IF: 6.5**)

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cardiorespiratory fitness adaptations. *JCI Insight* 2023; 8(7):e165867. PMID: 37036009
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Presentations:

Invited Speaking Engagements

"Sex differences in the cardiometabolic benefits of exercise". Invited speaker, Pennington Biomedical Research Center Symposium on Exercise and Cardiovascular Health, Baton Rouge, LA, March 6, 2025

"Exercise and Glucose-Insulin Homeostasis: Clinical, Genomic, and Molecular Insights". The Diabetes Institute, Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine, Athens, OH, January 19, 2024.

"Multi-omics Investigations of Cardiometabolic Responses to Exercise Training", Cardiovascular Translational Research Center, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, March 22, 2022.

"Using omics to better understand exercise trainability". Invited seminar speaker (honorarium), Dept. of Health & Exercise Science, Colorado State University, March 12, 2021.

"Age, sex, and race differences in exercise response variability". Invited speaker, 2017 PBRC Symposium on Exercise Response Variability, Baton Rouge, LA.

“Genomic predictors of CVD trait responses to exercise training: progress & perils (& promise!)”. Mid-Atlantic Regional Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine, Nov. 6, 2015, Harrisburg, PA

“Exercise and lipids and lipoproteins: moving beyond cholesterol”. University of Copenhagen Strategic Platform for Lifestyle, Obesity, and Metabolic research (LOM) Conference on Exercise and Physical Activity in Relation to Lifestyle, Obesity and Metabolic Diseases. Copenhagen, Denmark, May 18, 2015.

“Exercise Genomics and the Quest for Personalized Medicine: Lessons learned from the HERITAGE Family Study”. Center for Health, Intervention, and Prevention at the University of Connecticut Lecture Series on Genomics and Health Behavior. Storrs, CT, April 23, 2015.

“The Good and Bad Cholesterol Myth: Implications for Exercise and Health”. Northland ACSM annual meeting, Mankato, MN, October 10, 2014.

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“Lack of Replication of Associations for Elite Endurance Athlete Candidate Genes in the GENATHLETE Study”. Prince Faisal Bin Fahad International Prize Award Ceremony and the International Symposium on Sport Sciences, Dubai, UAE, February 25, 2014.

Speaker, Meet-the-Expert Networking Session at the American College of Sports Medicine 2012 Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, June 1, 2012.

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“Genetic associations in the CARDIA Fitness Study”. CARDIA Steering Committee and Review Board In-Person Meetings, Bethesda, MD, March 25-26, 2010.

Invited Conference Presentations

Understanding Exercise as Medicine: Molecular Insights into the Cardiometabolic Benefits of Training. Henry J. Montoye Scholar Award lecture at Southeast Chapter of American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting. Greenville, SC, February 27, 2026

Responders/Non-responders to Exercise Training DO Exist. Talk part of Symposium Debate: Universal benefit or individual limits to exercise training? A responder vs. non-responder clash at the Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology Annual Conference, London, Ontario, Canada. October 16, 2025

“Effects of exercise on lipoprotein composition (Integrated Omics) and function”. Invited speaker for Session: Novel Aspects of Lipoprotein Composition and Function at American Heart Association Scientific Sessions, Nov 5, 2022, Chicago, IL

“Exercise Omics: Past, Present and Future Through the Lens of the HERITAGE Family Study”. Mid-Atlantic Regional Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine, Nov. 4, 2022, Harrisburg, PA

“Predicting the exercise response of lipids and lipoproteins: a multi-omic and multi-collaborative approach”. Genomics, Genetics, and Exercise Biology: A Celebratory Symposium, Santorini, Greece, May 16, 2015.

“The '-omics' of HDL response to exercise training”. Invited speaker for the Featured Symposium “Is it because of my Genes that My Jeans Don’t Fit?: Integrating the ‘-omics’ to Understand the Control of Activity and Weight” at the ACSM 2014 Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL.

Sarzynski MA, Rice TK, Sung YJ, Rao DC, Bouchard C, Rankinen T. GWAS of Triglycerides and LPL Activity Responses to Exercise Training in the HERITAGE Family Study. Invited speaker for the Featured Science Session “Evidence for the importance of Genomics in Exercise” at the ACSM 2011 Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.

Published Abstracts/Refereed Presentations at Conferences (Selected)

**Note:* Underlined author name denotes graduate student or postdoc, while double underline denotes undergraduate student under my mentorship.

Oral presentation (given by me)

Sarzynski MA. Genomic Predictors of Exercise Responsiveness: What We’ve Learned and Where We’re Going. Chair and Speaker of Symposium “From Genes to Training: Rethinking Genomic Applications in Sports Science” at American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting Salt Lake City, UT May 2026.

Sarzynski MA, Barber JL, Robbins JM, Rao P, Leszczynski EC. Proteomic Profiling of Exercise Response. Chair and Speaker of Symposium at American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting Boston, MA May 2024.

Sarzynski MA, Barber JL, Robbins JM, Ghosh S. HERITAGE Family Study at 25: Summary of Training Effects on Fitness, Reproducibility, Genomics, and Molecular Transducers. Chair and Speaker of Symposium at American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting San Diego, CA June 2022.

Sarzynski MA. “HDL as a biomarker for vascular function: using systems biology to unravel the effects of exercise” Oral presentation as part of Symposium: Cardiometabolic Risk Across the Lifespan: Insulin Resistance, Metabolomics & Measurement. ACSM Annual Meeting June 1, 2018

Sarzynski MA. HDL as a biomarker for vascular function: using systems biology to unravel the effects of exercise. Talk part of Symposium VII: Vascular Dysfunction From Gene, Child to Adult: Exercise to the Rescue! at the Southeast Chapter of American College of Sports Medicine, Greenville, SC. February 18, 2017

Sarzynski MA*, Rankinen T, Leon AS, Rao DC, Skinner JS, Després JP, Bouchard C. Changes in HDL Particle Traits in Response to Regular Exercise: Results from the HERITAGE Family Study. *Circulation*. 2014; 129:A36. *Recipient of the Scott Grundy Fellowship Award for Excellence in Metabolism Research at the AHA EPI/NPAM 2014 Scientific Sessions.

Sarzynski MA, Sternfeld B, Carnethon M, Sidney S, Quesenberry CP Jr, Haskell WL, Jacobs DR Jr, Lewis CE, Schreiner PJ, Williams OD. Association of 20-Year Changes in Cardiorespiratory Fitness with Incident Dyslipidemia between Years 20 and 25 in the CARDIA Fitness Study. *Circulation*. 2013; 127: A038

Sarzynski MA, Rankinen T, Sternfeld B, Fornage M, Jacobs DR Jr, Sidney S, Bouchard C. SNPs from 17 candidate genes with baseline symptom-limited exercise test duration and change in duration over 20 years: The CARDIA Fitness Study. *Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise* 42(5) (Supplement): 89, May 2010.

Sarzynski MA, Rankinen T, Sternfeld B, Fornage M, Sidney S, Bouchard C. Associations between HIF1A gene sequence variation and cardiorespiratory fitness: The CARDIA Fitness Study. *FASEB J*. April 2009; 23 (Meeting Abstract Supplement): 955.31

Sarzynski MA, Eisenmann JC, Tucker J, Laurson K, Heelan KA. Association between maternal obesity and offspring fatness and blood pressure: Role of physical activity. North American Society of Pediatric Exercise Medicine (NASPEM) Biannual Conference (oral communication given by Dr. Eisenmann), Colorado Springs, CO, Sept. 20, 2008.

Oral presentations (given by my trainee with me as senior author)

Jacobs KJC, Leszczynski EC, Schwartz CS, Pitre MJ, Nayak S, Rao P, Mi MY, Ghosh S, Robbins JM, Gerszten RE, Bouchard C, Šimunić-Briški N, Lauc G, **Sarzynski MA**. The Effects of Endurance Exercise Training on the IgG and Plasma Glycomes: HERITAGE Family Study. President's Cup oral presentation and poster presentation at American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT, May 27, 2026.

Jacobs KJC, Leszczynski EC, Pitre MJ, Schwartz CS, Dev PK, Valakos MG, Rao P, Mi M, Ghosh S, Robbins JM, Gerszten RE, Bouchard C, **Sarzynski MA**. Exercise training attenuates age-related increases in 10- and 30-year CVD risk: HERITAGE Family Study. Oral presentation at Southeast American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, Greenville, SC, February 2025

Ruiz-Ramie JJ, Greene DR, Craig-Jones A, Wang X, Lane A, Wilkins JT, Church TS, Johannsen N, **Sarzynski MA**. Lipoprotein Cholesterol and Particle Discordance: Associations with Exercise Induced Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factor Changes. Oral presentation at Southeast American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, Greenville, SC, February 2025

Leszczynski EC, Dev PK, Barber JL, Schwartz CS, Rao P, Mi M, Ghosh S, Rohatgi A, Bouchard C, Robbins JM, Gerszten RE, Clish CB, **Sarzynski MA**. Correlations of Lipid

Species in HDL-sized and Whole Plasma Measured by Mass Spectrometry. Oral presentation at The HDL Workshop, Chicago, IL, May 2024

Dev PK, Leszczynski EC, Schwartz C, Barber JL, Ghosh S, Gerszten RE, Olivier M, Rohatgi A, Clish CB, Bouchard C, Sarzyński MA. Association of HDL lipid classes and HDL traits before and after exercise training: HERITAGE Family Study. Oral presentation at Don Fredrickson Lipid Research Conference, Nashville, TN, Sept. 2023.

Clarkson WA, Barber JL, Reasons RJ, Hamid Z, Dev PK, Schwartz CS, Wallis K, Robbins JM, Bouchard C, Gerszten RE, Olivier M, Rohatgi A, **Sarzyński MA**. Association between cholesterol efflux capacity and HDL-sized and whole plasma proteins in the HERITAGE Family Study. Oral presentation at Don Fredrickson Lipid Research Conference, Durham, NC, Sept. 2022.

Clarkson WA, Barber JL, Robbins JM, Rao P, Mi M, Dev PK, Ghosh S, Clish C, Katz DH, Gerszten RE, Bouchard C, **Sarzyński MA**. Associations of Changes in Plasma Proteins and Body Composition Traits in Response to Endurance Training. Oral Presentation at American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting San Diego, CA June 2022.

Jones A, Barber JL, Skinner JS, Bouchard C, **Sarzyński MA**. Differences in Body Composition at Baseline and in Response to Exercise Training by Metabolic Health and Weight Status. Oral presentation at AHA Epi/Lifestyle meeting May 2021.

Grieve GL, Davis JM, Durstine JL, Geraci M, Wang X, Ritchey JS, Drenowatz C, **Sarzyński MA**. Reductions in energy expenditure after aerobic and resistance exercise in resistance-trained males. Oral presentation at the 2019 ACSM Annual Meeting. *Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise*. 51(5S), May 2019.

Barber JL, Ruiz-Ramie JJ, Clarkson WA, Olivier M, Bouchard C, Rohatgi A, **Sarzyński MA**. Association of Exercise-Induced Changes in Cholesterol Efflux Capacity with Changes in the HDL Proteome. Oral presentation at HDL Workshop 2019, Boston, MA

Ross LM, Church TS, Blair SN, Durstine JL, Hagberg JM, Martin CK, Rankinen T, Ross R, Bouchard C, **Sarzyński MA**. Prevalence of VO₂max Low Response Across Nine Aerobic Exercise Interventions. Oral presentation at the American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, Denver, CO. June 2, 2017. *MSSE* 49(5S):838, May 2017

Ross LM, Barber JL, Sui X, Blair SN, **Sarzyński MA**. Association of Cardiorespiratory Fitness and Ideal Cardiovascular Health in the Aerobics Center Longitudinal Study. Oral presentation (MA Sarzyński as presenter) at AHA Cardiovascular Disease, Epidemiology and Prevention / Lifestyle and Cardiometabolic Health 2017 Scientific Sessions in Portland, OR.

Oral (talk given by colleague with me as co-author)

Weaver RG, Finnegan O, White III JW, Kiely K, Burkart S, Beets MW, Armstrong BA, Adams EL, Bowen K, Randolph G, Savidge M, Niako N, Kaczynski AT, **Sarzyński, MA**. Children's Anthropometric Changes During the Summer: Preliminary findings from the Healthy Seasons

Study. Oral presentation at the International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity Annual Meeting, Cadiz, Spain, May 2026.

Benson MD et al. The Integration of Genomic and Proteomic Profiling Data in TOPMed to Identify Protein-Protein Pathway Partners in Human Plasma. Oral presentation as part of TOPMed symposium at American Society for Human Genetics 2024 Annual Meeting.

Rao P, Peterson C, Barber JL, Mi MY, Chandra MS, Leszczynski EC, Dev PK, Farrell LA, Bouchard C, Sarzynski MA, Robbins JM, Gerszten RE. Sex Differences In Physiological Responses During Acute Exercise: Heritage Family Study. Oral presentation at ACSM Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, May 2024.

Turner-McGrievy GM, Liese AD, Wilcox S, Friedman D, **Sarzynski MA**, Bailey S, Carswell J, Wilson M. The DG3D study: 12-week randomized weight loss and diet quality intervention among African Americans. Obesity Week annual meeting, oral presentation, November 2022. San Diego, CA.

Robbins JM, Rao P, Mi M, Deng S, Keyes M, Katz D, Beltran PM, Tahir UA, Barber JL, Farrell L, Clish C, **Sarzynski MA**, Bouchard C, Gerszten RE. Plasma proteomic profiling of endurance exercise identifies changes in extracellular matrix biology associated with VO2max adaptations. Oral presentation (presenter = P Rao) at AHA annual sessions 2021.

Robbins JM, Peterson B, Morningstar JE, Rankinen T, **Sarzynski MA**, Bouchard C, Gerszten RE. Glycine Levels Are Associated With Improvements In Submaximal Blood Pressure Response After Endurance Exercise Training. Oral presentation at AHA Scientific Sessions 2019.

Robbins JM, Herzig M, Morningstar JE, Wilson J, **Sarzynski MA**, Bouchard C, Rankinen T, Gerszten RE. Dimethylguanidino Valeric Acid Predicts Partial Resistance To The Metabolic Health Benefits Of Regular Exercise. Oral presentation at AHA Scientific Sessions 2018. JM Robbins – Finalist for the Young Investigator Award

Posters (selected from 2015 onwards)

Nayak S, Jacobs KJC (presenter), Pitre MJ, Leszczynski EC, Rao P, Mi MY, Ghosh S, Cohen P, Bouchard C, Robbins JM, Gerszten RE, **Sarzynski MA**. Characterization of Lp-PLA2 mass concentration before and after exercise training in the HERITAGE Family Study. Poster presentation at American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT, May 2026.

Pitre MJ, Leszczynski EC, Jacobs KJC, Kiely K, Schwartz CS, McBride MK, Nayak S, Robbins JM, Rao P, Mi MY, Ghosh S, Gerszten RE, Swift DL, Beets MW, Johannsen NM, Church TS, Ross R, Lee DC, Bouchard C, Kraus WE, Ross LM, Weaver RG, **Sarzynski MA**. Effects Of Exercise Training On Predicted ASCVD Risk: Meta-Analysis Across Eight Exercise Training Studies. Poster presentation at American Heart Association Epi/Lifestyle Scientific Sessions, Boston, MA March 2026

McBride MK, Leszczynski EC, Jacobs KJC, Barber JL, Pitre MJ, Rao P, Mi MY, Schwartz CS, Ghosh S, Clish CB, Silbernagel G, Bouchard C, Robbins JM, Gerszten RE, **Sarzynski MA**. Plasma Proteins Underlying Changes In Triglyceride Metabolism With Exercise Training. Poster presentation at American Heart Association Epi/Lifestyle Scientific Sessions, Boston, MA March 2026

Jacobs KJC, Leszczynski EC, Schwartz CS, Pitre MJ, Rao P, Mi MY, Ghosh S, Robbins JM, Gerszten RE, Bouchard C, Šimunić-Briški N, Lauc G, **Sarzynski MA**. Association of the IgG and Plasma Glycomes with Cardiometabolic Risk Factors. Poster presentation at American Heart Association Epi/Lifestyle Scientific Sessions, Boston, MA March 2026

Nayak S, Jacobs KJC, Pitre MJ, Leszczynski EC, Rao P, Mi MY, Ghosh S, Cohen P, Bouchard C, Robbins JM, Gerszten RE, **Sarzynski MA**. Characterization of Lp-PLA2 mass concentration before and after exercise training in the HERITAGE Family Study. Poster presentation at Southeast American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, Greenville, SC, February 2026.

Jacobs KJC, Leszczynski EC, Schwartz CS, Pitre MJ, Nayak S, Rao P, Mi MY, Ghosh S, Robbins JM, Gerszten RE, Bouchard C, Šimunić-Briški N, Lauc G, **Sarzynski MA**. The Effects of Endurance Exercise Training on the IgG and Plasma Glycomes: HERITAGE Family Study. Poster presentation at Southeast American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, Greenville, SC, February 2026.

Herzig M, Dev PK, Jacobs KJC, Leszczynski EC, Barber JL, Rao P, Mi M, Valakos M, McBride M, Clish CB, Ghosh S, Saha E, Bouchard C, Gerszten RE, Robbins JM, **Sarzynski MA**. Endurance Exercise Modifies Organ-Specific Proteomic Aging Scores: Insights from the Heritage Family Study. Poster presentation at the 2025 American Heart Association Scientific Sessions, New Orleans, LA November 2025.

Rao P, Leszczynski EC, Mi MY, Barber JL, Jacobs K, Dev PK, Peterson C, Clish C, Farrell LA, Ho J, Lau E, Ghosh S, Ross R, Bouchard C, Sarzynski MA, Robbins JM, Gerszten RE. Sex Differences In Response to Endurance Training. Poster presentation at the 2025 American Heart Association Scientific Sessions, New Orleans, LA November 2025.

Ruiz-Ramie JJ, Greene DR, Craig-Jones A, Wang X, Lane A, Wilkins JT, Church TS, Johannsen N, **Sarzynski MA**. Lipoprotein Cholesterol and Particle Discordance: Associations with Exercise Induced Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factor Changes. Poster presentation at American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, May 2025

Leszczynski EC, Jacobs KJC, Dev PK, Schwartz CS, Barber JL, Pitre MJ, Rohatgi A, Bouchard C, Lauc G, **Sarzynski MA** (presenter). Association of the HDL-enriched Glycome with Cardiometabolic Risk Factors. Poster Presentation at HDL Workshop, April 2025, Baltimore, MD.

Leszczynski EC, Jacobs KJC, Schwartz CS, Dev PK, Ghosh S, Rohatgi A, Olivier M, Sato M, Zubiran R, Clish CB, Lauc G, Bouchard C, Neufeld E, Remaley A, **Sarzynski MA**. Multi-

Omics Characterization of HDL-Specific Phospholipid Efflux. Poster Presentation at HDL Workshop, April 2025, Baltimore, MD.

Olivier, Michael, Zimmerman, Kip, Puppala, Sobha, Chan, Jeannie, Li, Ge, Reyes, Arisbeth, Wallis, Kit, Jadhav, Avinash, Huber, Hillary, Nathanielsz, Peter, **Sarzynski, Mark**, Cox, Laura. HSPA8 as a Putative Mediator of Aging-Related Molecular Changes across Metabolic Tissues in Normal Primate Aging. American Aging Association 2025 Annual Meeting, Anchorage, AL.

Leszczynski EC, Barber JL, Rao P, Jacobs KJC, Mi M, Dev PK, Schwartz CS, Ghosh S, Bouchard C, Clish CB, Robbins JM, Gerszten RE, **Sarzynski MA** (presenter). Sex Differences in the Plasma Metabolome Before and After Exercise Training. Poster presentation at the 2025 American Heart Association Epi/Lifestyle Scientific Sessions, New Orleans, LA March 2025

Jacobs KJC, Leszczynski EC, Barber JL, Rao P, Mi M, Dev PK, Ghosh S, Clish CB, Bouchard C, Robbins JM, Gerszten RE, **Sarzynski MA**. Plasma proteomic signature of BMI reveals heterogeneous cardiometabolic risk profiles within and across standard BMI classifications. Moderated poster presentation at the 2025 American Heart Association Epi/Lifestyle Scientific Sessions, New Orleans, LA March 2025

Herzig M, Dev PK, Jacobs KJC, Leszczynski EC, Barber JL, Rao P, Mi M, Ghosh S, Clish CB, Bouchard C, Gerszten RE, Robbins JM, **Sarzynski MA**. Plasma proteomic signatures of organ aging are not responsive to exercise training: HERITAGE Family Study. Poster presentation at the 2025 American Heart Association Epi/Lifestyle Scientific Sessions, New Orleans, LA March 2025

Dev PK, Leszczynski EC, Jacobs KJC, Barber JL, Schwartz CS, Mi M, Rao P, Spinale FG, Ross LM, Robbins JM, Gerszten RE, Kraus WE, **Sarzynski MA**. Proteomic signature of high and low VO₂peak response to exercise training in chronic heart failure. Poster presentation at Southeast American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, Greenville, SC, February 2025

Pitre MJ, Leszczynski EC, Jacobs KJC, Dev PK, Schwartz CS, Ross LM, Kraus WE, **Sarzynski MA**. The effects of exercise training on 10-year ASCVD predicted risk across the STRIDE exercise interventions. Poster presentation at Southeast American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, Greenville, SC, February 2025

Valakos MG, Leszczynski EC, Jacobs KJC, Barber JL, Rao P, Mi M, Dev PK, Ghosh S, Clish CB, Bouchard C, Robbins JM, Gerszten RE, **Sarzynski MA**. Metabolomic signature of Lp(a) is related to cardiometabolic profile and exercise responsiveness in healthy adults. Poster presentation at Southeast American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, Greenville, SC, February 2025

Leszczynski EC, Miranda Maravi JS, Schwartz CS, Dev PK, Ross LM, Pearce RW, McPhaul MJ, Rohatgi A, Church TS, Collier TS, Johannsen NM, Kraus WE, **Sarzynski MA**. Effect Of Exercise Training On HDL Apolipoproteomic Score In Adults With Prediabetes Or Type 2

Diabetes. Poster presentation at American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, May 2024

Ruiz-Ramie JJ, Lane AD, Wang X, Wilkins JT, Bouchard C, **Sarzynski MA**. The Relationship between Low-Density Lipoprotein Discordance and Exercise Training Induced Changes in Multiple Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factors in the HERITAGE Family Study. Poster presentation at American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, May 2024

Leszczynski EC, Dev PK, Barber JL, Rao P, Mi M, Schwartz C, Ghosh S, Clish CB, Silbernagel G, Chen YQ, Konrad RJ, Robbins JM, Bouchard C, Gerszten RE, **Sarzynski MA** (presenter). Metabolomic predictors of changes in triglyceride metabolism with exercise training. Poster presentation at Cell Symposia: Exercise Metabolism, Lisbon, Portugal, May 2024

Leszczynski EC, Dev PK, Barber JL, Rao P, Mi M, Ghosh S, Clish CB, Bouchard C, Robbins JM, Gerszten RE, **Sarzynski MA**. Plasma Lipidome Signature of Visceral Fat Reveals Heterogenous Cardiometabolic Risk Profiles. Poster presentation at the 2024 American Heart Association Epi/Lifestyle Scientific Sessions, Chicago, IL March 2024

Leszczynski EC, Dev PK, Barber JL, Rao P, Mi M, Ghosh S, Connelly MA, Clish CB, Bouchard C, Robbins JM, Gerszten RE, **Sarzynski MA**. Association of plasma lipid species with lipoprotein insulin resistance score before and after exercise training. Poster presentation at the 2024 American Heart Association Epi/Lifestyle Scientific Sessions, Chicago, IL March 2024

Leszczynski EC, Dev PK, Barber JL, Rao P, Ghosh S, Clish CB, Bouchard C, Robbins JM, Gerszten RE, **Sarzynski MA**. Cholesterol ester 18:2 is an exercise inducible metabolite associated with a favorable cardiometabolic profile. Poster presentation at the 2024 American Heart Association Epi/Lifestyle Scientific Sessions, Chicago, IL March 2024

Valakos MG, Barber JL, Leszczynski EC, Rao P, Mi M, Tahir UA, Dev PK, Clish CB, Ghosh S, Robbins JM, Bouchard C, Gerszten RE, **Sarzynski MA**. Attenuated cardiometabolic benefits from exercise training in individuals with genetically predicted high Lp(a) levels. Poster presentation at Southeast American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, Greenville, SC, February 2024

Barber JL, Rao P, Mi MY, Tahir UA, Dev PK, Bouchard C, Clish CB, Robbins JM, **Sarzynski MA**, Gerszten RE. Phenotypic Manifestations of Polygenic Risk for Ischemic Stroke in Adults Free from Disease. Poster Presentation at American Heart Association Scientific Sessions, Philadelphia, PA, November 2023

Rao P, Barber JL, Mi M, Tahir UA, Deng S, Farrell LA, Dev PK, Bouchard C, Clish C, **Sarzynski MA**, Robbins JM, Gerszten RE. Large-scale plasma proteomics and Mendelian Randomization of cardiovascular performance and peak arteriovenous oxygen difference identify novel biology related to VO₂max. Poster presentation at American Heart Association Scientific Sessions, Philadelphia, PA, November 2023

Fredrickson K, Manish M, Barber J, Deng S, Rao P, Mi M, Dev PK, Farrell L, Clish C, Bouchard C, Gerszten RE, **Sarzynski MA**, Robbins JM. Antibody-Based Plasma Proteomics Profiling Reveals New Markers of Cardiorespiratory Fitness. Poster presentation at American Heart Association Scientific Sessions, Philadelphia, PA, November 2023

Meyler S, Swinton PA, Bottoms L, Bouchard C, Dalleck LC, Hunter B, **Sarzynski MA**, Wellsted D, Williams CJ, Muniz-Pumares D. Changes in cardiorespiratory fitness following exercise training prescribed relative to physiological thresholds and to traditional intensity anchors. Poster Presentation at European College of Sport Science Annual Congress, Paris, France July 2023

Falahati A, Wolfarth B, Rauramaa R, **Sarzynski MA**, Bouchard C, Vellers HL. Mitochondrial Genome Characterization in Male World-Class Elite Endurance Athletes. Poster Presentation at American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, Denver, CO June 2023

Stahl ME, Grammer E, McGee J, Brown T, Clunan MC, Huff AC, Osborne BG, Matarese LE, Pories WJ, Houmard JA, Carels RA, **Sarzynski MA**, Swift D. Effects Of Weight Loss And Weight Maintenance On Inflammation In Overweight And Obese Adults. Poster Presentation at American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, Denver, CO June 2023

Grammer E, McGee J, Brown T, Clunan M, Huff A, Osborne B, Matarese L, Pories W, Houmard J, Carels R, **Sarzynski MA**, Swift D. Effects of weight loss and weight maintenance on apoB in overweight and obese adults. Poster Presentation at Southeast Regional American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, Greenville, SC February 2023 and American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, Denver, CO June 2023

Miranda Maravi JS, Schwartz CS, Dev PK, Barber JL, Reasons RJ, Pearce RW, McPhaul MJ, Gerszten RE, Rohatgi A, Bouchard C, Collier TS, **Sarzynski MA**. HDL Apolipoproteomic Score, Cardiometabolic Risk, and Exercise Training. Poster presentation at the 2023 American Heart Association Vascular Discovery: From Genes to Medicine Scientific Sessions, Boston, MA, May 2023

Samani SL, Barlow SC, Freeburg LA, Jones TL, Poole M, **Sarzynski MA**, Zile MR, Shazly T, Spinale FG. Relation between left ventricular relaxation and post-transcriptional regulation with exercise in pigs. Poster presentation at American Physiological Society Annual Meeting, Long Beach, CA, April 2023

Samani SL, Barlow SC, Freeburg LA, Jones TL, Poole M, **Sarzynski MA**, Zile MR, Shazly T, Spinale FG. Chronic exercise in pigs shifts post-transcriptional control of the myocardial inflammasome. Poster presentation at American Physiological Society Annual Meeting, Long Beach, CA, April 2023

Miranda Maravi JS, Hoffman WG, Dev PK, Barber JL, Schwartz CS, Clarkson WA, Robbins JM, Rao P, Mi M, Ghosh S, Clish C, Silbernagel G, Chen YQ, Konrad RJ, Bouchard C, Gerszten RE, **Sarzynski MA**. Plasma Proteomic Signatures of ANGPTL3/8 and 4/8 Before and

After Exercise Training. Presentation at the 2023 American Heart Association Epi/Lifestyle Scientific Sessions, Boston, MA March 2023

Dev PK, Miranda Maravi JS, Hoffman WG, Barber JL, Schwartz CS, Clarkson WA, Robbins JM, Rao P, Mi M, Ghosh S, Clish C, Silbernagel G, Chen YQ, Konrad RJ, Bouchard C, Gerszten RE, Sarzynski MA. Association of ANGPTL3/8 and 4/8 with Plasma Metabolites Before and After Exercise Training. Presentation at the 2023 American Heart Association Epi/Lifestyle Scientific Sessions, Boston, MA March 2023

Schwartz CS, Barber JL, Ghosh S, Rohatgi A, Kelesidis T, Bouchard C, Sarzynski MA. Endurance exercise training improves the anti-oxidative properties of high-density lipoproteins (HDL). Poster Presentation at Southeast Regional American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, Greenville, SC February 2023

Grammer E, McGee J, Brown T, Clunan M, Huff A, Osborne B, Matarese L, Pories W, Houmard J, Carels R, **Sarzynski MA**, Swift D. Effects of weight loss and weight maintenance on apoB in overweight and obese adults. Poster Presentation at Southeast Regional American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, Greenville, SC February 2023

Miranda-Maravi S, Clarkson WA, Barber JL, Schwartz CS, Dev PK, Robbins JM, Gerszten RE, Clish C, Bouchard C, **Sarzynski MA**. Association of Lipid Species Measured in HDL-sized and Whole Plasma. Poster Presentation at Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minoritized Scientists (ABRCMS), Anaheim, CA, November 2022.

Barber JL, Cai G, Robbins JM, Rao P, Mi M, Ghosh S, Clish C, Katz DH, Bouchard C, Gerszten RE, **Sarzynski MA**. Proteomic landscape of plasma lipoprotein responses to regular exercise. Poster presentation at American Heart Association Scientific Sessions, Chicago, IL, November 2022.

Clarkson WA, Barber JL, Robbins JM, Cai G, Rao P, Mi M, Dev PK, Ghosh S, Clish C, Katz DH, Bouchard C, Gerszten RE, **Sarzynski MA**. Associations Between Plasma Proteins with Body Composition Traits and Their Responses to Exercise Training. Poster presentation at American Heart Association Scientific Sessions, Chicago, IL, November 2022.

Dev PK, Barber JL, Clarkson WA, Robbins JM, Rao P, Mi M, Ghosh S, Clish C, Katz DH, Bouchard C, Gerszten RE, **Sarzynski MA**. Associations Between Plasma Metabolites with Body Composition Traits and Their Responses to Exercise Training. Poster presentation at American Heart Association Scientific Sessions, Chicago, IL, November 2022.

Hoffman WG, Barber JL, Dev P, Clarkson WA, Cai G, Rao P, Mi M, Katz DH, Ghosh S, Clish C, Robbins JM, Bouchard C, Gerszten RE, **Sarzynski MA**. Association of Plasma Metabolites With Inflammatory Markers CRP and GlycA and Their Responses to Exercise Training. Poster presentation at American Heart Association Scientific Sessions, Chicago, IL, November 2022.

Meyler S, Bottoms L, Bouchard C, Dalleck L, Hunter B, **Sarzynski M**, Whyatt C, Williams C, Muniz-Pumares D. The effect of different methods of exercise intensity prescription on

cardiorespiratory fitness following endurance training: a meta-analysis of individual participant data. *Europhysiology* 2022, Sept 17 2022, Copenhagen, Denmark

Hoffman WG, Chen YQ, Schwartz CS, Barber JL, Clarkson WA, Dev PK, Reasons RJ, Silbernagel G, Konrad RJ, Bouchard C, **Sarzynski MA**. Effects of Exercise Training on ANGPTL3/8 and 4/8 and their Associations with Lipid and Cardiometabolic Traits. Poster presentation at Don Fredrickson Lipid Research Conference, Durham, NC, Sept. 2022.

Reasons RJ, Hamid Z, Barber JL, Kass AI, Clarkson WA, Dev PK, Wallis K, Bouchard C, Robbins JM, Gerszten RE, Olivier M, **Sarzynski MA**. Association between the HDL-sized and circulating plasma proteomes. Presentation at American Heart Association Vascular Discovery: From Genes to Medicine Scientific Sessions, Seattle, WA May 2022.

Barber JL, Cai G, Robbins JM, Rao P, Mi M, Ghosh S, Clish C, Katz DH, Gerszten RE, Bouchard C, **Sarzynski MA**. Exercise Training-Induced Changes in Lipid Traits are Associated with Changes in Circulating Proteins and Metabolites. [JL Barber: Doctoral Student Award Finalist.] Poster Presentation at Southeast Regional American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, Greenville, SC February 2022 and ACSM Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA June 2022

Dev PK, Barber JL, Cai G, Robbins JM, Rao P, Mi M, Ghosh S, Clish C, Katz DH, Gerszten RE, Bouchard C, **Sarzynski MA**. Exercise Training Slows Down Proteomic Age Acceleration in Middle-Aged to Older Adults: HERITAGE Family Study. Poster Presentation at Southeast Regional American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, Greenville, SC February 2022 and ACSM Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA June 2022

Clarkson WA, Barber JL, Robbins JM, Rao P, Mi M, Dev PK, Ghosh S, Clish C, Katz DH, Gerszten RE, Bouchard C, **Sarzynski MA**. Associations of Changes in Plasma Proteins and Body Composition Traits in Response to Endurance Training. Poster Presentation at Southeast Regional American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting Greenville, SC February 2022

Schwartz CS, Charchar FJ, Barber JL, Robbins JM, Rao P, Mi M, Ghosh S, Bouchard C, Gerszten RE, **Sarzynski MA**. Genetically estimated telomere length weakly associates with body composition and metabolic profiles but not cardiorespiratory fitness. Poster Presentation at Southeast Regional American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting Greenville, SC February 2022.

Barber JL, Cai G, Dev PK, Robbins JM, Rao P, Mi M, Ghosh S, Clish C, Katz DH, Gerszten RE, Bouchard C, **Sarzynski MA**. Association Of Plasma Proteome With Inflammatory Markers Crp And Glyca And Their Responses To Exercise Training. Poster Presentation (Given by MA Sarzynski) at American Heart Association Epi/Lifestyle Scientific Sessions, Chicago, IL March 2022.

Barber JL, Cai G, Robbins JM, Rao P, Mi M, Ghosh S, Clish C, Katz DH, Gerszten RE, Bouchard C, **Sarzynski MA**. Proteomic and Metabolomic Signatures of Plasma Triglyceride-

Related Trait Responses to Regular Exercise. Poster Presentation at American Heart Association Epi/Lifestyle Scientific Sessions, Chicago IL March 2022

Ruiz-Ramie JJ, Barber JL, Wilkins JT, Snell-Bergeon J, Lloyd-Jones DM, Lane AD, Sarzynski MA. Association Of Discordance Between Low-density Lipoprotein And High-density Lipoprotein Cholesterol Versus Particle Concentration With Incidence Of Type 2 Diabetes: CARDIA Study. Poster presentation at American Heart Association Epi/Lifestyle Scientific Sessions, Chicago, IL March 2022

Clarkson WA, Barber JL, Armstrong B, Wang Y, McGillicuddy FC, Saldanha S, Akinmolayemi O, Neeland IJ, Rohatgi A, Sarzynski MA. Combined Metabolic Health And Obesity Status Is Associated With Markers Of High-Density Lipoprotein Metabolism: Dallas Heart Study. Poster presentation at American Heart Association Epi/Lifestyle Scientific Sessions, Chicago, IL March 2022

Marini CF, Sisti D, Leon AS, Skinner JS, **Sarzynski MA**, Bouchard C, Rocchi MB, Piccoli G, Stocchi V, Federici A, Lucertini F. Accounting for individual characteristics makes the %HRR-% $\dot{V}O_2R$ relationship neither 1:1 nor more accurate. Poster presentation at the European College of Sports Science Congress, September 2021.

Ruiz-Ramie JJ, Barber JL, Lane-Cordova AD, Wang X, Wilkins JT, Johannsen NM, Sarzynski MA. Discordance Between HDL Cholesterol Versus Particle Concentration and Cardiovascular Risk Factor Profile in Adults with Type 2 Diabetes. Poster presentation at American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, June 2021

Jones A, Barber JL, Ayala EJ, Schwartz CS, Clarkson WA, Skinner JS, Bouchard C, Sarzynski MA. Cardiorespiratory fitness at baseline and in response to training across metabolic health and weight phenotypes. Poster Presentation at SEACSM virtual meeting Feb 2021 and American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, June 2021.

Ayala EJ, Barber JL, Schwartz CS, Robbins JS, Gerszten RE, Wang X, Skinner JS, Bouchard C, Sarzynski MA. Clinical Predictors of $\dot{V}O_{2max}$ Response to Endurance Training: HERITAGE Family Study. Poster Presentation at SEACSM virtual meeting Feb 2021 and American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, June 2021.

Sparks JR, Davis JM, Grandjean PW, **Sarzynski MA**, Wang X. Alterations In Glycemic Variability, Vascular Health, And Oxidative Stress Following A 12-Week Aerobic Exercise Intervention. Poster presentation at American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, June 2021

Grammer E, McGee J, Brown T, Clunan M, Huff A, Osborne B, Matarese L, Pories W, Houmard J, Carels R, **Sarzynski MA**, Swift D. Effects of weight loss and aerobic exercise training on lipoprotein-insulin resistance (Ipir) score. Poster Presentation at SEACSM virtual meeting Feb 2021 and American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, June 2021

Calderon II FA, Andrews CM, Vellers HL, Verhein KC, Burkholder AB, Lightfoot JT, **Sarzynski MA**, Bouchard C, Kleeberger SR. Characterization Of Mitochondrial Genome Indels In Individuals Classified By High And Low Vo_{2max} Trainability. Poster presentation at American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, June 2021

Barber JL, Cai G, Robbins JS, Rao P, Gerszten RE, Bouchard C, **Sarzynski MA**. Proteomic Predictors of High-Density Lipoprotein Cholesterol Response to Regular Exercise. Poster Presentation at the American Heart Association Epi/Lifestyle Scientific Sessions, May 2021

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Flynn RA, Ruiz-Ramie JJ, Johannsen NM, Church TS, **Sarzynski MA**. Effects of Exercise Training on Circulating Branched-Chain Amino Acid and Ketone Levels in Diabetics. *Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise* 2020 52(7S):103

Ruiz-Ramie JJ, Lane-Cordova AD, Wilkins JT, Bouchard C, **Sarzynski MA**. Discordance between LDL Cholesterol versus Particle Concentration and the Cardiovascular Risk Factor Profile. Poster presentation at the Southeast Regional American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting 2020. *Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise* 2020 52(7S):421-422

Barber JL, Johannsen NM, Kraus WE, Church TS, **Sarzynski MA**. Effects of Aerobic and Resistance Training on the Lipoprotein Subclass Profile in Type 2 Diabetics. Poster Presentation at the Southeast American College of Sports Medicine annual meeting, Jacksonville, FL, Feb 14, 2020.

Barber JL, Smoker BA, Bouchard C, Olivier M, **Sarzynski MA** (presenter). Comparison of HDL and whole plasma proteomes. Poster presentation at HDL International Workshop, Valencia, Spain Sept. 26, 2019.

Ruiz-Ramie JJ, Bouchard C, **Sarzynski MA** (presenter). Association of Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factors with Discordance of HDL Cholesterol Versus Particle Concentration in the HERITAGE Family Study. Poster presentation at HDL International Workshop, Valencia, Spain Sept. 26, 2019.

Sparks JR, Durstine JL, Youngstedt SD, Porter RR, **Sarzynski MA**, Wang X. Sleep Restriction during 8-Week Calorie Restriction on Physical Activity and Lipoprotein Particle Concentrations and Sizes. Poster presentation at the 2019 ACSM Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL

Sarzynski MA, Ruiz-Ramie JJ, Barber JL, Robbins JM, Clish CB, Gerszten RE, Barupal DK, Showalter MR, Fiehn O, Bouchard C. Exercise Alters the Plasma Lipidomic Profile. Poster presentation at AHA's Vascular Discovery: From Genes to Medicine 2019

Barber JL, Ruiz-Ramie JJ, Clarkson WA, Olivier M, Bouchard C, Rohatgi A, **Sarzynski MA**. Association of Exercise-Induced Changes in Cholesterol Efflux Capacity with Changes in the HDL Proteome. AHA's Vascular Discovery: From Genes to Medicine 2019, Boston, MA

Pope BS, Ruiz-Ramie JJ, Barber JL, Lane-Cordova AD, Lloyd-Jones DM, Carnethon M, Lewis CE, Schreiner PJ, Bancks MP, Sidney S, **Sarzynski MA**. Association of Cardiovascular Health Trajectories and Cardiorespiratory Fitness: The CARDIA Study. Poster presentation at the American College of Sports Medicine National Meeting 2019.

Ghosh S, **Sarzynski MA**, Bouchard C. Genetics of Intrinsic Cardiorespiratory Fitness, A Regulator Of Obesity-Related Cardiovascular Risk. The Obesity Society Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN 2018.

Barber JL, Zellers KN, Barringhaus KG, Bouchard C, Spinale FG, **Sarzynski MA**. The Effects of Exercise Training on Cardiovascular-related Circulating MicroRNAs. Poster presentation at Integrative Biology of Exercise Conference, San Diego, 2018.

Baird JF, Gaughan ME, Saffer HM, **Sarzynski MA**, Herter TM, Fritz SL, Den Ouden DB, Stewart JC. The Effect of Exercise Intensity on the Kinematics of Reach Performance and Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor. Poster presentation at the American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, 2018.

Sarzynski MA, Barupal DK, Showalter MR, Barber JL, Ruiz-Ramie JJ, Bouchard C, Fiehn O. Changes in the HDL Lipidome With Regular Exercise: a Pilot Study. Poster presentation at AHA ATVB 2018 Scientific Sessions.

Ruiz-Ramie JJ, Barber JL, Lloyd-Jones DM, Lane-Cordova AD, Gross M, Rana JS, Sidney S, Jacobs DR, **Sarzynski MA**. Cardiovascular Health is Associated with Incidence of Elevated C-Reactive Protein over 18 Years of Follow-up: The Coronary Artery Risk Development in Young Adults Study. Poster presentation at AHA Epi Lifestyle 2018 Scientific Sessions

Swift DL, **Sarzynski MA**, McGee JE, Barefoot SG, Brophy P, Nevels TR, Lutes LD, Houmard JA. Effects of Exercise Training and Increasing Non-Exercise Physical Activity on Lipoprotein Subclass and Size: Results from the I-CAN Study. Poster presentation at the AHA Cardiovascular Disease, Epidemiology and Prevention / Lifestyle and Cardiometabolic Health 2018 Scientific Sessions in New Orleans, LA

Baird JF, Gaughan ME, Saffer HM, **Sarzynski MA**, Herter TM, Fritz SL, Den Ouden DB, Stewart JC. The effect of energy-matched exercise intensity on brain-derived neurotrophic factor and motor learning. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., November 2017.

Barber JL, Ross LM, Sui X, Blair SN, **Sarzynski MA**. Change in Cardiorespiratory Fitness and Ideal Cardiovascular Health in the Aerobics Center Longitudinal Study. Poster presentation at the American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, Denver, CO. June 1, 2017.

Grieve GL, Clennin M, McLain AC, Hauret KG, Jones BH, **Sarzynski MA**, Bornstein DB. Distribution Of Cardiorespiratory Fitness Levels Of US Army Recruits From 2010-2013 By State. Poster presentation at the American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, Denver, CO. May 31, 2017.

Grieve GL, McFaddin TJ, Dopp AJ, Netto AL, Ritchie JS, **Sarzynski MA**, Drenowatz C. The effects of exercise mode and intensity on exercise energy expenditure and EPOC. Poster presentation at the 2017 SEACSM Scientific Sessions in Greenville, SC.

Miller KE, Martz DC, Stoner C, Jowers A, Taheri ML, **Sarzynski MA**, Wilkinson LW, Plaisance EP. Efficacy of an individualized telephone-based medical nutrition program on blood lipid and lipoprotein metabolism: results from Our Healthy Heart. Poster presentation at the Southeast Chapter of ACSM Annual Meeting 2017.

Sarzynski MA, Slentz CA, Apolzan JW, McGarrah RW, Harris M, Church TS, Martin CK, Kraus WE, Rohatgi A. High-amount and High-intensity Exercise Training Improves HDL Cholesterol Efflux Capacity. Poster presentation at the AHA Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology 2016 Scientific Sessions in Nashville, TN.

Sarzynski MA, Drenowatz, Demello M, Hand GA, Blair SN. Differences in Peak METs Calculated Using Standard METs or RMR in Normal and Overweight/Obese Adults. Poster presentation at the ACSM Annual Meeting 2016 in Boston, MA.

Sarzynski MA, Church TS, Hagberg JM, Landers-Ramos R, Leon AS, Rao DC, Seip RL, Skinner JS, Thompson PD, Wilund KR, Bouchard C. Effects of Regular Endurance Exercise on GlycA: Results Across Four Exercise Training Studies. Moderated poster presentation at AHA Cardiovascular Disease, Epidemiology and Prevention / Lifestyle and Cardiometabolic Health 2016 Scientific Sessions in Phoenix, AZ.

Sarzynski MA, Rankinen T, Burton J, Mikus CR, Blair SN, Church TS, Després JP, Hagberg JM, Kraus WE, Leon AS, Rao DC, Seip RL, Skinner JS, Slentz CA, Thompson PD, Wilund KR, Bouchard C. Regular exercise improves the lipoprotein subclass profile determined by nuclear magnetic resonance: meta-analysis of 10 exercise training intervention groups. Poster presentation at AHA Cardiovascular Disease, Epidemiology and Prevention / Lifestyle and Cardiometabolic Health 2015 Scientific Sessions in Baltimore, MD.

Media coverage of research (selected)

- Men's Health article: "Which Workout Helps Cholesterol More: Weights or Cardio?", published Jan. 9, 2026
 - <https://www.menshealth.com/health/a69949492/which-workout-helps-cholesterol-more-weights-or-cardio/>

- New York Times article about our 2021 Nature Metabolism paper by Gretchen Reynolds titled “The Best Type of Exercise? A Blood Test Holds Clue”, Posted June 9, 2021
 - <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/09/well/move/exercise-blood-test.html>
- CARDIA Polygenic risk paper: What Matters More for Obesity Risk, Genes or Lifestyle?
 - <https://www.webmd.com/diet/obesity/news/20200108/what-matters-more-for-obesity-risk-genes-or-lifestyle#1>
- Nature Medicine liquid biopsy paper, numerous articles posted December 2019
 - <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-7747113/Scientists-come-liquid-health-check-predict-range-diseases.html>
 - <https://medium.com/technicity/what-does-the-new-liquid-health-check-offer-8514857fcf2c>
- USA Today article titled “Physically fit recruits for Army are hard to find. Especially in these states”. Posted online January 10, 2018
 - <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2018/01/10/physically-fit-recruits-army-hard-find-especially-these-states/1016030001/>
- American Heart Association News report titled “Study: Unfit U.S. Army recruits may pose threat to military readiness”. Posted online January 10, 2018
 - <https://news.heart.org/unfit-u-s-army-recruits-may-pose-threat-to-military-readiness/>
- New York Times piece on Adverse Response to Exercise paper by Gina Kolata titled “For Some, Exercise May Increase Heart Risk”. Posted May 30, 2012
 - <https://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/05/30/can-exercise-be-bad-for-you/>

SERVICE

Professional Service

Grant Reviewer

- Standing member of NIH Cardiovascular and Respiratory Diseases study section, 2022 – 2026
- Ad hoc reviewer for NIH Cancer, Heart, and Sleep Epidemiology Panel A (CHSA) study section: Feb 25-26, 2021; June 28-29, 2021; June 27-28, 2022
- Grant reviewer for Texas A&M Huffines Institute for Sports Medicine and Human Performance Faculty Research Seed Grant Program, July 2021
- Grant reviewer for KU Leuven, Belgium (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven), March 2021

External Reviewer for Tenure and Promotion

- 2026 – University of Florida
- 2024 – University of Vermont College of Medicine
- 2024 – Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
- 2021 – University of Massachusetts at Boston, Harvard Medical School

Manuscript Reviewing Activities

- Peer Reviewer for Professional Journals: *American Journal of Epidemiology*; *Applied Physiology, Nutrition, and Metabolism*; *Cardiovascular Diabetology*; *Circulation*; *Circulation: Cardiovascular Genetics*; *Diabetologia*; *European Journal of Applied Physiology*; *European Journal of Sport Science*; *Experimental Gerontology*; *Experimental Physiology*; *Journal of American Heart Association*; *Journal of Applied Physiology*; *Journal of Clinical Lipidology*; *Journal of Human Hypertension*; *Journal of Lipid Research*; *Journal of Sport and Health Science*; *Life Sciences*; *Lipids*; *Lipids in Health and Disease*; *Medicine and Science in Sports*

and Exercise; Nature Metabolism; New England Journal of Medicine; Nutrition, Metabolism & Cardiovascular Diseases; Obesity; Pediatric Exercise Science; Physiological Genomics; Sports Medicine; Scandinavian Journal of Medicine & Science in Sports; The Physician and Sports Medicine

- Chief reviewer for CARDIA manuscripts: 2017-2019, 2021, 2024

Professional Society Activities

- Physical Activity Committee of the American Heart Association Council on Lifestyle and Cardiometabolic Health, 2025 –
- Membership & Communications Committee of the American Heart Association Lifestyle and Cardiometabolic Health Council. 2014 – 2020
- ACSM's Fit Society Page® Newsletter Editorial Board Committee, 2017 – 2018
- Served on early career panel titled “Transitioning from Fellow to Faculty: Navigating the Job Search, Interviews, Negotiations, and More” at the American Heart Association’s Epidemiology and Prevention, Lifestyle and Cardiometabolic Health (Epi/Lifestyle) 2016 Scientific Sessions. March 3, 2016
- Abstract Reviewer for Genetics, American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, 2015 – present
- Abstract Reviewer, Southeast Chapter of American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting 2016, 2015
- Session Chair, Genetics Slide (E-19), ACSM Annual Meeting 2014
- Abstract Reviewer, American Heart Association: Epi Lifestyle Scientific Sessions 2013 – present

University Service

- Reviewer for Aging Funding Applications, ASPH Office for the Study of Aging, 2025
- Member, Search Committee for ASPH Assoc Dean of Research, 2025
- Member, NIH T-32 Behavioral-Biomedical Interface Program (BBIP) Executive Committee, Fall 2024 –
- Faculty Senator, representing Dept. of Exercise Science, Fall 2024
- Mentor for USC PROPEL Research Mentorship Program for accelerating NIH awards (mentor faculty across 9 months to submit R-level NIH grants)
 - 2021 – 2022 (4 mentees)
 - 2023 – 2024 (3 mentees)
 - 2024 – 2025 (4 mentees)
- Member, Data Safety and Monitoring Board (DMSB) for The Social Pounds Off Digitally (Social POD) NIH R01 clinical trial (1R01DK129302, Turner-McGrievy), 2021 - 2026
- Magellan Scholar grant reviewer, 2020, 2023
- Judge for poster competition for CAM/COBRE EAC meeting, 2019
- Reviewer for USC ASPIRE grant program
 - ASPIRE I, 2018
 - ASPPIRE II, 2019, 2020
 - ASPIRE III, 2022
- Reviewer for USC SPARC Graduate Research Grant program, 2016 – 2018
- Discover USC Graduate Student Poster Reviewer, 2017

Department of Exercise Science Committee Memberships:

- Chair, EXSC Faculty Open Rank Biomechanics Search Committee, Univ. of South Carolina, 2026
- Member, EXSC Faculty Open Rank Search Committee, Univ. of South Carolina, 2024 – 2025
- Member, EXSC Faculty Open Rank Search Committee, Univ. of South Carolina, 2023 – 2024
- Chair, EXSC Search Committee, Univ. of South Carolina, 2019 – 2020
- Member, EXSC Chair Search Committee, Univ. of South Carolina, 2018 – 2019
- Judge for EXSC quiz bowl, 2018 – 2019
- PhD Graduate Director and PhD Admissions & Curriculum Committee Chair, 2017 – 2021
- Executive Committee, Univ. of South Carolina, 2016 – 2017
- Arnold Childhood Obesity Initiative, 2016 – present
- Masters Program Task Force, Univ. of South Carolina, 2016 – 2017
- Faculty Asst/Assoc. Professor Search Committee, Univ. of South Carolina, 2016 – 2017
 - Committee responsible for three tenure-track hires

Outreach Activities

- Speaker, USC Dept. of Exercise Science Seminar Series, “Career Pathways in Academia”, October 31, 2025
- Speaker, USC First-Gen Graduate Student event, Feb 14, 2025
- Speaker, Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University, Ukraine, “Cardiorespiratory Fitness: From Public Health to Personalized Medicine”. February 13, 2024
- Speaker, USC Dept. of Exercise Science Seminar Series, “Manuscript Revisions”. March 15, 2024
- Speaker at USC Propel NIH Workshops
 - Approach section of R01 grants, October 2022 and 2023
- Host of NIH T32 Behavioral-Biomedical Interface Program topic session titled “Challenges to Journal Article Publishing, University of South Carolina Jan. 26, 2021.
- Interview with Today’s Dietitian February 21, 2019
 - <https://www.todaysdietitian.com/newarchives/0519p36.shtml>
- Science Fair Judge
 - SC Regional II Science Fair, 2019
 - Baton Rouge Magnet High School, Baton Rouge, LA, 2012 & 2013
 - Kenilworth Science & Technology Charter School, Baton Rouge, LA, 2012
 - Glasgow Middle School, Baton Rouge, LA, 2011
- Interview with BYU Radio “Can DNA Really Give You a Personalized Diet and Exercise Plan?”, November 6, 2018.
 - <https://www.byuradio.org/episode/1e199427-ea55-4350-b7cf-2bca7ca49591?playhead=5228&autoplay=true>
- Interview with Spartanburg Herald-Journal on benefits/effectiveness of hot yoga. June 9, 2017
<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20170611/feel-heat>
- University of South Carolina Dean’s Student Advisory Council. Panel member – Public Health CV panel discussion. March 15, 2017.
- Interview with Outside Magazine, June 26, 2016. Published as online article on June 27, 2016, “The Problem with Genetics-Based Training.”
<https://www.outsideonline.com/2094271/problem-genetics-based-training>

- University of South Carolina postdoctoral association. Invited speaker for panel on “Research statements.” March 22, 2016.
- Invited speaker, LA CaTS Community Research Advisory Board, Baton Rouge, LA, October 21, 2014
- Mentor (i.e., Big Brother), Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeast Louisiana, 2010
- Faculty advisor, Michigan State University Women’s Club Volleyball, 2008
- Invited lecture, Grandparents University. *"Exercise and Your Heart: What happens and how it works!"* June 2007. Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
- Cardiorespiratory fitness and body composition testing
 - East Lansing school district: Assessed cardiorespiratory fitness, body composition, flexibility, blood pressure, and strength in elementary and junior high school students pre and post intervention using Fitnessgram®, 2005-2008
 - Division I college athletes: Men's and women's basketball, ice hockey, football, men's and women's cross-country, and women's crew, 2004-2008

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University Courses taught

University of South Carolina (All within Department of Exercise Science)

- Physiology of Exercise, EXSC 780, 3 credits (Fall 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025)
 - Taught course online Fall 2020
- Genetics in Health Sciences, EXSC 723, 3 credits (Spring 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025)
 - **Taught online course for HBKU Master’s program based in Qatar, Spring 2021**
- How to Bust an Exercise Myth: Evidence-Based Practice in Exercise Science, EXSC 555, 3 credits (Spring 2017, 2018)
- Undergraduate Exercise Science Practicum, EXSC 444 (under my supervision: worked in my laboratory or assisted with clinical trial)
 - Fall 2016: Andrew Dopp (3 credits, 10 hrs/week)
 - Spring 2016: Jacob Barber (9 credits, 30 hours/week), Lois Buist and Caitlin Cramer (3 credits, 10 hours/week each)
 - Summer 2017: Rama Hassouneh (6 credits, 20 hrs/week each)
 - Fall 2017: William (Alex) Clarkson, (6 credits, 20 hrs/week each)
 - Spring 2017: Haley Trapuzzano (6 credits, 20 hrs/week each)
- Independent Study, EXSC 499
 - “Energy Expenditure Variability by Exercise Type”
 - Fall 2016: Taylor McFaddin, Alexandria Netto (3 credits each)
 - Spring 2017: Jackson Ritchey (3 credits)
 - “HDL Function and Exercise”
 - Summer 2017: Kaitlyn Muscarella (3 credits)
 - Fall 2017: Rama Hassouneh (3 credits)
 - “Epigenetics of Body Weight”
 - Spring 2020: Andrew Hendrix (3 credits)
- Independent Study, EXSC 790
 - Fall 2019: Ryan Flynn, “Type 2 Diabetes: Clinical Trials and Risk Factors”

- Fall 2017: George Grieve, “Quantile regression of fitness and injuries in Army recruits” (1 credit)
- Spring 2017: Jonathan Ruiz-Ramie, “HDL Function and Exercise” (3 credits)
- Summer 2017: Anthony Bixler (1 credit) and George Grieve (3 credits), “Energy Expenditure Variability by Exercise Type”
- Beyond the Classroom- Honors Undergraduate Research, SCHC 497
 - Fall 2021: Riley Reasons (3 credits)
 - Fall 2018: Brice Smoker (3 credits)
 - Fall 2017: Milaan Shah (3 credits)
- Honors Senior Thesis, SCHC 499
 - Fall 2019 (4 credits) & Spring 2020 (5 credits): Brice Smoker
 - Fall 2022 (4 credits) & Spring 2023 (5 credits): Riley Reasons

Michigan State University (2004-2007: All within the Department of Kinesiology)

Lead Instructor:

- Exercise Physiology, KIN 310
- Laboratory Experiences in Exercise Physiology, KIN 411
- Applied Human Anatomy Laboratory (cadaver based), KIN 217
- The Healthy Lifestyle, KIN 121
- Various Activity Classes: Racquetball, Volleyball, Weight Lifting, General Conditioning

Teaching Assistant:

- Applied Human Anatomy, KIN 216

Invited Lectures

- Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology, EPID 744/844 (graduate class). “Lipoprotein Disease Epidemiology: Does Genetic Epidemiology add to the story?”. Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
 - April 9, 2019
 - March 31, 2021
 - April 12, 2023
 - April 3, 2024
- Genetic Epidemiology, EPID 777, “Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Testing”. Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
 - April 19, 2023
 - April 15, 2024
- “Using omics to better understand exercise trainability”. Invited lecture and journal club at Dept. of Health & Exercise Science, Colorado State University, March 12, 2021.
- Physical Activity and Health: Epidemiology, Research and Practice; EXSC 700/882 (graduate class). Department of Exercise Science, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
 - “Physical Activity Measurement in Epidemiologic Research”. February 11, 2016.
 - “Sedentary behavior and health”. February 16, 2016.
 - “Lipids, Lipoproteins, and Physical Activity”. February 25, 2016
- Applied Exercise Physiology, PE 755 (graduate class). “*Latest research in exercise genomics.*” July 16, 2015. South Dakota State University (remotely via video conference).

- Fundamentals of Clinical Trials in Exercise Science. “Dose-Response to Exercise in Women (DREW) trial results & discussion”. EXSC 555, November 3, 2015. University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- Lifecourse in Exercise Physiology (Graduate class). “*Genetics of Pediatric Exercise Science*.” KIN 814, November 17, 2008. Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

MENTORING/ADVISING

Postdoctoral Fellows

Past (training dates, present position)

- Eric Leszczynski, PhD, July 2023 – July 2025, Cell-free measures of HDL function across the cardiometabolic health spectrum: effects of exercise training and molecular underpinnings. Current tenure-track Assistant Professor at Department of Kinesiology, Michigan State University.

Graduate Students

Ph.D.:

Current (training start date)

- Kiani Jacobs, August 2024

Past (graduation date, dissertation title, present position)

- Prasun Dev, May 2025, Investigation of the HDL molecular architecture before and after exercise training, Current postdoctoral fellow at Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia
- Jacob Barber, May 2022, Molecular Architecture of Cardiometabolic Responses to Regular Exercise, Current Scientist at Genomics Ltd, Oxford, UK
- Jonathan Ruiz-Ramie, May 2020, Lipoprotein discordance: Associations with diabetes, metabolic syndrome, and response to exercise, Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Department of Kinesiology, Augusta University
- George Grieve, May 2018, The effects of exercise mode and intensity on energy expenditure during and after exercise in resistance trained males, Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Department of Exercise and Sports Science, University of South Carolina Aiken
- Leanna Ross, October 2017, The association of changes in cardiorespiratory fitness with changes in cardiometabolic risk factors, Current Instructor of Medicine at Duke Molecular Physiology Institute, Duke University School of Medicine

Master's:

Past (graduation date, thesis title)

- William (Alex) Clarkson, 2023, The Effects of Different Modes of Exercise Training on the HDL Lipidome: STRRIDE AT/RT
- Joshua Hawkins, May 2022, The effects of exercise training on cholesterol efflux capacity in the HERITAGE Family Study
- Emanuel Ayala, December 2021, Modifiable Clinical Predictors of VO₂max Response to Endurance Training: HERITAGE Family Study
- Ryan Flynn, August 2020, The Effects of Exercise Training Modality on Circulating Branched-Chain Amino Acid and Ketone Levels in Diabetics

- Jacob Barber August 2018, The Effects of Exercise Training on Cardiovascular-related Circulating MicroRNAs

Medical Students:

- Margaret “Katie” McBride, Summer 2025, as part of Student Opportunities for Academic Achievement through Research (SOAR) program for medical students between their first and second year. Project title “Molecular characterization of ANGPTL 3-4-8”
- William Hoffman, Summer 2022, as part of Student Opportunities for Academic Achievement through Research (SOAR) program for medical students between their first and second year. Project title “ANGPTL3/8 and ANGPTL4/8 complexes: Changes with exercise training and associations with cardiometabolic traits”

Post-Bac Students:

- Sebastian Miranda, Summer 2022-Spring 2023, as part of NIH-funded Post-Baccalaureate Education Program (PREP) that offers under-represented scholars a chance to build the requirements necessary to gain acceptance into a biomedical PhD program. Currently in PhD program at LSU

Postdoctoral and Graduate Student Fellowships & Awards

- Southeast American College of Sports Medicine (SEACSM) Leadership Development Training Program – Kiani Jacobs (\$599), 2026
- Southeast American College of Sports Medicine (SEACSM) Doctoral Student Research Award Finalist (3rd place), 2026 – Kiani Jacobs
- Graduate Student Scholar in Aging award (\$1000) from ASPH’s Office for the Study of Aging – Kiani Jacobs, 2025
- University of South Carolina Presidential Fellowship (\$10,000 per year for 4 years) – Kiani Jacobs, 2024-2028
- NIH T32 Predoctoral Training Fellowship, Behavioral-Biomedical Interface Program (5T32GM081740) – Kiani Jacobs, 2024 - 2028
- Scott Grundy Fellowship Award for Excellence in Metabolism Research, American Heart Association Council on Lifestyle and Cardiometabolic Health – Eric Leszczynski, 2024
- Southeast American College of Sports Medicine (SEACSM) Doctoral Student Poster Award Finalist, 2022 – Jacob Barber
- Graduate Scholar in Aging Research Award (\$1,000), UofSC Arnold School of Public Health Office for the Study of Aging – Prasun Dev, 2021-2022
- NIH/NIGMS SC INBRE Student Initiated Research Project award (\$3,000) – Jacob Barber, 2021-2022
- Department of Exercise Science Outstanding Master’s Student Award – Emanuel Ayala, 2021
- Honorable mention, American Kinesiology Association’s National Masters Scholar Award 2021 – Emanuel Ayala
- AHA Predoctoral Fellowship award (\$63,040) – Jacob Barber, 2021-2022
- SPARC Graduate Research Grant (\$5,000) – Jacob Barber, 2021
- Southeast American College of Sports Medicine (SEACSM) Doctoral Student Poster Award Finalist, 2021 – Alexis Jones

- Southeast American College of Sports Medicine (SEACSM) Master's Student Poster Award Finalist, 2021 – Emanuel Ayala
- USC Graduate Breakthrough Scholar Award – Jacob Barber, 2021
- NIH Diversity Supplement – Emanuel Ayala (\$123,032), 2020 - 2022
- USC Dept. of Exercise Science MS Research Scholarship (\$1,000) – Ryan Flynn, 2020
- American College of Sports Medicine Leadership and Diversity Training Program – Jonathan Ruiz-Ramie, 2018
- NIH T32 Pre-doctoral Training Fellowship, Behavioral-Biomedical Interface Program (5T32GM081740) – Jacob Barber, 2018 - 2022
- Discover USC 1st place poster session – Jonathan Ruiz-Ramie, 2018
- Department of Exercise Science Outstanding Doctoral Student Award – George Grieve, 2018
- Department of Exercise Science Outstanding Master's Student Award – Jacob Barber, 2018
- Department of Exercise Science Outstanding Doctoral Student Award – Leanna Ross, 2017
- Norman J. Arnold Doctoral Fellowship Award (\$10,000) – George Grieve, 2017
- Honorable mention, American Kinesiology Association's National Doctoral Scholar Award 2017 – Leanna Ross
- American College of Sports Medicine Michael Pollack Student Award, 2017 – Jacob Barber
- Southeast American College of Sports Medicine (SEACSM) Master's Student Poster Award Finalist, 2017 – Jacob Barber for submission titled "Change in cardiorespiratory fitness and ideal cardiovascular health in the Aerobics Center Longitudinal Study".
- Norman J. Arnold Doctoral Fellowship Award (\$10,000) – Jonathan Ruiz-Ramie, 2016

Doctoral Dissertation Committee Membership (by graduation date):

- 2016 – Jessica Baird, Rehabilitation Sciences
- 2017 – Barbara Szendrei, *International*-Technical University of Madrid
- 2018 – Ryan Porter, Applied Physiology
- 2019 – Brandon VanderVeen, Dennis Fix, Applied Physiology
- 2020 – Chelsea Larsen, Health Aspects of Physical Activity; Joshua Sparks, Applied Physiology
- 2021 – Allison Smith, Athletic Training
- 2025 – Alex Brooks (EXSC), Zichun 'Liela' Meng (BIOS)

Doctoral Program of Study Committee Membership:

- 2020 – Thomas Cardaci
- 2021 – Morgan Jones, Marnie McLean
- 2022 – Alex Brooks, Marnie McLean

NIH T-32 Behavioral-Biomedical Interface Program doctoral student laboratory rotations

- 2021 – Alexis Jones (EXSC)
- 2021 – Brittany Crawford (EPI)
- 2024 – Kaitlyn Ramey (EXSC)

Honors Thesis Chair

- 2020 – Brice Smoker, "Association of Body Mass Index Genetic Risk Markers with Body Composition During Adolescence"

2023 – Riley Reasons, “Association between the HDL-sized and circulating plasma proteomes”

Undergraduate Research Assistants: Current and Previous

Spring 2016 – Jacob Barber, Lois Buist, Caitlin Cramer
 Fall 2016 – Andrew Dopp
 Spring 2017 – Emanuel Ayala
 Summer 2017 – Emanuel Ayala, William Clarkson, Kaitlyn Muscarella
 Fall 2017 – William Clarkson, Rama Hassouneh, Milaan Shah
 Spring 2018 – Emanuel Ayala, William Clarkson, Milaan Shah, Brice Smoker
 Fall 2018 – Brice Smoker, Kathleen (Bailey) Radenbaugh
 Spring 2019 – Brice Smoker
 Fall 2019 – Andrew Hendrix, Brice Smoker
 Spring 2020 – Andrew Hendrix, Brice Smoker
 Summer 2020 – Riley Reasons
 Fall 2020 – Andrew Hendrix, Katherine Kerwin, Julianna Tyndall
 Spring 2021 – Andrew Hendrix, Katherine Kerwin, Julianna Tyndall, Riley Reasons
 Fall 2021 – Katherine Kerwin, Riley Reasons
 2022 – Riley Reasons
 2023 – Alexis Daugird, Matthew Valakos
 2024 – Michael Pitre, Matthew Valakos
 2025 – Michael Pitre, Shivangi Nayak
 2026 – Michael Pitre, Shivangi Nayak

Undergraduate Awards & Grants

- Acceptance into NIH OxfordCambridge Scholars program (MD/PhD) – Michael Pitre, 2026
- Marshall Scholarship (Finalist) – Michael Pitre, 2025 – 2026
- Barry Goldwater Scholarship – Michael Pitre, 2025 – 2026
- Magellan Mini-Grant, “Effects of Amount, Intensity, and Type of Exercise Training on ASCVD Risk”, USC Office of Undergraduate Research, \$1000 – Michael Pitre, January 2025 – May 2025
- Magellan Voyager Grant, USC Office of Undergraduate Research, \$200 – Matthew Valakos, Spring 2025
- Southeast American College of Sports Medicine (SEACSM) Undergraduate Student Poster Award Finalist, 2025 – Matthew Valakos
- National finalist for Goldwater Scholarship, Michael Pitre, 2024-2025
- Honors College Research Grant, \$3000, Matthew Valakos, Fall 2024 – Spring 2025
- Science Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) Program, SC Honors College, \$2000 – Matthew Valakos, May 2023 – August 2024
- Magellan Journey for Early Researchers, “Creation of Biobank of Specimens from Exercise Clinical Trials” USC Office of Undergraduate Research, \$1000 - Matthew Valakos, January 2023 – May 2023
- Discover Day Undergraduate Poster Session 1st place, Riley Reasons, April 2023
- Magellan Scholar Research Award, “Association between the HDL-sized and circulating plasma proteomes”, USC Office of Undergraduate Research, \$2750 – Riley Reasons, May 2022 – May 2023
- Science Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) Program, SC Honors College, \$2000 –

Riley Reasons, May 2021 – August 2022

- Magellan Apprentice Award, “The Effects of One vs. Three Sessions of Exercise on Cholesterol Efflux”, USC Office of Undergraduate Research, \$1000 – Katherine Kerwin, Spring 2021 – Spring 2022
- Magellan Apprentice Award, “Does global methylation relate to body composition changes in children”, USC Office of Undergraduate Research, \$1000 – Andrew Hendrix, Spring 2020 – Spring 2021
- Discover Day Undergraduate Poster Session 1st place, Brice Smoker, April 26, 2019
- Magellan Scholar Research Award, “Time Course of Anti-Inflammatory Function of HDL Following Acute HIIT Exercise”, USC Office of Undergraduate Research, \$3000 – Brice Smoker, Fall 2019 – Spring 2020
- Science Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) Program, SC Honors College, \$1500 – Brice Smoker, July 2019 – August 2019.
- EXSC Undergraduate Student of the Year 2019, Emanuel Ayala
- Science Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) Program, SC Honors College, \$3000 – Brice Smoker, Fall 2018 – Spring 2019
- EXSC Undergraduate Student of the Year 2018, William Clarkson
- Magellan Scholar Research Award, “HDL Anti-Inflammatory and Anti-Oxidative Responses to Endurance Exercise Training”, USC Office of Undergraduate Research, \$3000 – Emanuel Ayala and William Clarkson, 2018

Visiting scholars

- Barbara Szendrei (PhD student), Laboratory of Exercise Physiology, Physical Activity and Sport Sciences (INEF) Technical University of Madrid Calle Martín, Madrid, Spain, March-May 2014
- Ghazala Raja, PhD, Department of Biochemistry, PMAS Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi, June-December 2012