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"Geospatial profiles of a residential urban food environment and diet outcomes among adults in Brooklyn, NY."

TALK ABSTRACT:

Neighborhood (or residential) food environments are vital contexts influencing diet-related behaviors and outcomes. Broadly, there are many challenges that persist in conceptualizing and operationalizing the food environment. This talk focuses on our recent study examining clustering properties of a residential urban food environment and associations with diet outcomes among adults in Brooklyn, NY. I underscore the importance of utilizing person-centered approaches to denote heterogeneity of the residential urban food environment, which could offer insights for prospective programming and policymaking.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Roger Figueroa, PhD, MPH, MSc is an Assistant Professor of Social and Behavioral Science in Nutrition in the Division of Nutritional Sciences at Cornell University. Dr. Figueroa's research combines concepts and methods across disciplinary boundaries to examine interconnections between the social and behavioral determinants of health, with a particular focus on children's energy-balance behaviors in the context of family systems, social services and policy. To date, Dr. Figueroa has developed a comprehensive skill foundation in research methods, including training in a broad range of quantitative (i.e., advanced linear modeling, structural equation modeling, psychometrics), qualitative methods (i.e., grounded theory, ethnography, qualitative GIS), evidence synthesis, implementation science, and mixed-methods. Dr. Figueroa has received training and research funding support from the USDA, NIH, and from other institutional-level grant programs.