

Faculty Research Interest

Izzie Brown, MS, RDN, CSCS, NUFSPKG Minor Advisor and Senior Lecturer.

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Research interests: sports nutrition, eating disorders/disordered eating, body image and energy availability, REDs.

Clinical areas of expertise: cardiovascular, diabetes, physical rehab and psychiatric.

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Research Interests: 1) To develop and maintain sustainable food systems via community engagement and empowerment, 2) to reduce community food insecurity in the Bay Area, and 3) to prepare collegiate students with skills to address food systems and food insecurity.

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Xi (Alex) Feng, PhD, Associate Professor, SAGE Program Coordinator. Iowa State University, IA

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Research interests: 1) Sensory evaluation, with emphasis on application of virtual reality to assess food quality (sugar/salt reduction); 2) Food chemistry, including functional food, food flavors, food processing technologies and preservation, to investigate the development of healthier, more palatable, and sustainable food products.

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John Gieng, PhD, Associate Professor, General Education Program Coordinator. Pennsylvania State University, PA

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Research interests: 1) Nutritional quality, sustainability, and health implications of plant-based, fermented, and emerging foods; 2) Diet, glycemic response, attention, cognition, and postprandial performance; 3) Relationships among nutrition, metabolism, body composition, chronic disease risk, and health behavior.

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Research interests: Quantifying cooking skills/knowledge level, integration of cooking programs into nutrition education, use of targeted cultural menus in managing malnutrition.

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Research interests: Clinical nutrition, medical nutrition therapy, health technology (telehealth, artificial intelligence, trackers / wearable devices), nutrition assessment tools (body anthropometry, body composition, indirect calorimetry, dietary intake, etc.), weight-inclusive patient care and non-dieting approaches to health. Webpage link: <https://sites.google.com/sjsu.edu/mauldin-rsca>

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Research interests: Determinants of healthy eating with emphasis on dietary assessment, food access, nutrition and health literacy, ultra-processed foods, intuitive eating, bone health, cardiovascular disease, and health disparities.

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Research interests: Edmund also works full time at Westpak, Inc., an industry leading product and packaging testing facility. He regularly presents research at the ISTA meetings on Distribution and Transportation stress analysis.

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Research interests: Foodservice management, food habits and practices of South Asian Indians.

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Research interests: Head and neck cancer, dysphagia/swallowing disorders, dietitians effectiveness in oncology care, dietary assessment methods and hospital foodservice management.

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Current Research: My research focuses on obesity and cardiometabolic health, particularly how food environments, health communication, and behavioral factors shape dietary behaviors and health disparities. My work has increasingly focused on improving obesity assessment and cardiometabolic risk prevention in diverse populations.

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