

# **Penny Gordon-Larsen, Ph.D.**

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## **Description**

Penny Gordon-Larsen is a professor of nutrition at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Gordon-Larsen's NIH-funded research portfolio focuses on individual-, household-, and community-level susceptibility to obesity and its cardiometabolic consequences, and her work ranges from genetic to societal-level factors. Much of her research focuses on issues related to ethnicity, disparities and development of obesity over the lifecycle, with attention to pathways linking environment and behavior to cardiometabolic risk.

Gordon-Larsen's published research has appeared in JAMA, Archives of Internal Medicine, Obesity, Obesity Reviews, Pediatric Obesity, Lancet and Pediatrics, among others. She has served as associate editor or as editorial board member of Obesity, Pediatric Obesity, Annals of Behavioral Medicine, Nutrition and Diabetes, and Health & Place and Annals of Human Biology.

Gordon-Larsen received the Eli Lilly Scientific Achievement Award from The Obesity Society in 2010. She is president-elect of The Obesity Society and will become president of the society in November 2015.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Health Care - Services, Research, Education/Learning

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## **Topics**

Public Health, Population Health, Obesity, Epidemiology, Statistics, Program Evaluation, Molecular Biology, Biostatistics, Data Analysis, Clinical Research, Health Education, Qualitative Research, Global Health

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## **Affiliations**

The Obesity Society : President, American Heart Association, American Society for Nutrition, Population Association of America

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## **Past Talks**

**Linking Environment, Biology, Behavior in Obesity & Cardiometabolic Disease in the US and China**

Framingham Heart Study Research Conference

**Pathways to obesity, considering environmental and behavioral factors in the US and China**

University of Minnesota Epidemiology & Community Health Seminar

## **Overweight dynamics in Chinese children and adults**

IUNS 20th International Congress of Nutrition

## **Neighborhood environment and obesity**

Pennâ€™s Netter Center for Community Partnerships 20th Anniversary Conference

## **Linkages between biology, behavior, and environment in the development of obesity**

Harvard School of Public Health Monday Nutrition Seminar

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## **Education**

### **University of Pennsylvania**

Ph.D. Human Biology

### **Tulane University**

B.A. Anthropology/Psychology

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## **Accomplishments**

### **Editor's Choice Reviewer Award**

Chosen by the journal Obesity.

### **Eli Lilly Scientific Achievement Award**

Awarded by The Obesity Society.

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