

## Curriculum vitae

### ANGELA SENGER-MERSICH, MS

#### ADDRESS

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#### EDUCATION

M.S. Clinical Psychology, Heidelberg University (Ruprecht-Karls-Universität),  
Heidelberg, Germany, 1998  
B.A. Psychology, SUNY Purchase, Purchase, NY, 1993

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Associate/Program Manager, NJ SNAP-Ed, Rutgers University (October 2014 to present)

Professional/Research/Manager, Dept. of Human Ecology, Rutgers University (September 2012 to September 2014)

Unit Administrator/Specialist Seasonal, Food Policy Institute, Rutgers University (August 2011 to September 2012)

Research Project Coordinator, Dept. of Psychology, Heidelberg University (January 1999 to May 2000)

Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Psychology, Heidelberg University (September 1996 to May 1997)

#### RESEARCH GRANTS

Co-Investigator, NJ SNAP-Ed 2016-2018. New Jersey FY 2016-2018 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Education (SNAP-Ed) State Plan. Policy, Systems, and Environmental Change. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), NJ Department of Agriculture (September 2016 - August 2018).

Co-Investigator, NJ SNAP-Ed 2015. New Jersey FY 2015 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Education (SNAP-Ed) State Plan. Policy, Systems, and Environmental Change.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), NJ Department of Agriculture; \$7,2 mio (September 2014 - August 2015).

Co-Investigator, Identifying Food Safety Risk Factors and Educational Strategies for Consumers Purchasing Seafood and Meat Products Online. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) through a subcontract from Tennessee State University, 1890 Institution Teaching, Research and Extension Capacity Building Grants Program; \$455,506 (June 2012 - September 2014).

Co-Investigator, Improving the Safety and Nutritional Adequacy of the Home Food Supply of Elderly Recipients of Home Delivered Meals. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA), National Integrated Food Safety Initiative; \$600,000 (September 2010 - September 2014).

Experimental Evidence for Best Practices in Food Crisis Communication. National Center for Food Protection and Defense, A Homeland Security Center of Excellence; \$330,922 (September 2011 - September 2012).

#### **MANUSCRIPT IN PROGRESS**

**Senger-Mersich, A.**, Hallman, W.K., Cuite, C. & McWilliams, R. (2017). Weathering Hurricane Irene: Emergency Preparedness among Homebound Seniors.

#### **PEER-REVIEWED PAPER**

McWilliams, R. M., Cuite, C. L., Hallman, W. K., **Senger-Mersich, A.**, Sastri, N., Netterville, L. N., & Byrd-Bredbenner, C. B. (forthcoming). Food safety practices of homebound seniors receiving home-delivered meals. *Topics in Clinical Nutrition*.

Hallman, W. K., **Senger-Mersich, A.**, & Godwin, S. (2015). Online Purveyors of Raw Meat, Poultry, and Seafood Products: Delivery Policies and Available Consumer Food Safety Information. *Food Protection Trends*, 35(2), 80-88.

#### **PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS**

Byrd-Bredbenner, C., McWilliams, R., **Senger-Mersich, A.**, Cuite, C., & Hallman, W. (2015). In-home Food Supply among Elderly Home-Delivered Meal Recipients with High Blood Pressure or Diabetes. *FASEB Journal*, 29(1 Supplement) 589.2. Available at: [http://www.fasebj.org.proxy.libraries.rutgers.edu/content/29/1\\_Supplement/589.2.abstract?sid=7c97d9f4-989d-435f-82a6-0a3137f4a39d](http://www.fasebj.org.proxy.libraries.rutgers.edu/content/29/1_Supplement/589.2.abstract?sid=7c97d9f4-989d-435f-82a6-0a3137f4a39d) [Paper presented at Experimental Biology 2015, Boston, Massachusetts.]

Godwin, S., Stone, R., Hallman, W., & **Senger-Mersich, A.** (2014). Identifying Gaps in Food Safety Information Provided by Online Companies and Consumers' Expectations. *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*, 114 (9), Supplement, p. A75. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jand.2014.06.246>. [Paper presented at the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Food and Nutrition Conference & Expo (FNCE). Atlanta, GA.]

## PRESENTATIONS

**Senger-Mersich, A.** (June 10, 2016). Invited speaker at the Horizon NJ Health Hispanic Health Advisory Committee. NJ SNAP-Ed programs and PSE initiatives. West New York, NJ.

Hallman, W. K., **Senger-Mersich, A.**, Godwin S., & Schaffner, D. (November 17, 2015). Raw Meat, Poultry, Game and Seafood Products Purchased Online – Assessment of Packaging and Delivery. Paper presented at the 2015 Food Safety Consortium Conference + Expo, Schaumburg, Illinois.

Hallman, W.K., **Senger-Mersich, A.**, & Getty, T. (September 10, 2015). Emergency Preparedness for Homebound Seniors – Be Prepared, Be Informed, Be Safe! Webinar presented through the National Resource Center on Nutrition & Aging, Alexandria, Virginia.

Godwin, S., Stone, R., **Senger-Mersich, A.**, & Hallman, W. K. (July 26, 2015). Consumer Awareness of and Response to Safety Issues upon Delivery of Meat, Fish and/or Seafood Purchased Online. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Association for Food Protection, Portland Oregon.

**Senger-Mersich, A.** (June 24, 2015). Policy, Systems, and Environmental Change. Invited Presentation at the NJ SNAP-Ed Southern Social Support Network Meeting in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Hallman, W. K., **Senger-Mersich, A.**, & Godwin, S. (May 29, 2015). Food Safety Risks Associated with Online Sales of Raw Meat, Poultry, Game, and Seafood. Invited presentation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Senger-Mersich, A.** (May 13, 2015). Policy, Systems, and Environmental Change. Invited presentation at the NJ SNAP-Ed Northwest Social Support Network Meeting in Belvidere, New Jersey.

Hallman, W. K., **Senger-Mersich, A.**, & Godwin, S. (March 1, 2015). Food Safety Risks Associated with Online Sales of Raw Meat, Poultry, Game, and Seafood. Invited presentation, New Jersey Environmental Health Association 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Conference 2015, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Hallman, W. K., **Senger-Mersich, A.**, Godwin S., & Berman, H. (December 9, 2014). Online Purveyors of Raw Meat, Poultry, and Seafood Products: Delivery Policies and Available Consumer Food Safety Information. Paper presented at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Risk Analysis, Denver, Colorado.

Hallman, W. K., Godwin, S., & **Senger-Mersich, A.** (December 5, 2014). Ordering raw meat, poultry, and seafood online: Identifying food safety risk factors. Breakout session presented at the Consumer Food Safety Education Conference in Arlington, Virginia.

McWilliams, R. M., Cuite C. L., **Senger-Mersich, A.**, Byrd-Bredbenner C., & Hallman, W. K. (November 19, 2014). Food supply among elderly home-delivered meal recipients with high blood pressure. Poster presented at the 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Hallman, W. K., **Senger-Mersich, A.**, Godwin, S., Stone, R., Chen, F., & Schaffner, D. (August 6, 2014). Perishable meat and seafood products ordered from online vendors in the United States – Analysis of shipping methods, packaging materials, and product temperatures. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Association for Food Protection, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Godwin, S., Stone, R., **Senger-Mersich, A.**, & Hallman, W. K. (August 5, 2014). Food safety information recalled by consumers who purchased and/or received raw meat, poultry, or seafood products from online purveyors. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Association for Food Protection, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Agarwal, M., Hallman, W. K., **Senger-Mersich, A.**, Chen, F., Godwin, S., & Schaffner, D. (August 5, 2014). Prevalence of pathogens and indicators in foods ordered from online vendors in the United States. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Association for Food Protection, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Hallman, W. K., Byrd-Bredbenner, C., Cuite, C. L., Netteville, L., McWilliams, R. M., **Senger-Mersich, A.**, & Sastri, N. (May 8, 2014). Improving the safety and nutritional adequacy of the home food supply of elderly recipients of home delivered meals. Poster presented at the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), National Integrated Food Safety Initiative (NIFSI) Project Directors Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Hallman, W. K., Cuite, C. L., McWilliams, R. M., & **Senger-Mersich, A.** (December 9, 2013). Scald and food safety risks posed by unsafe water, refrigerator, and freezer temperatures in residences of Meals on Wheels recipients in 4 US states. Poster presented at the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Risk Analysis, Baltimore, Maryland.

Hallman, W. K., Godwin, S., **Senger-Mersich, A.**, & Berman, H. (July 29, 2013). Online purveyors of raw meat, poultry, and seafood Products: Delivery policies and available consumer food safety information. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Association for Food Protection, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Cuite, C. L., **Senger-Mersich, A.**, McWilliams, R. M., & Hallman, W. K. (December 10, 2012). Public perceptions of the deadly 2011 outbreak of *Listeria monocytogenes* in cantaloupe. Poster presented at the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Risk Analysis, San Francisco, California.

Hallman, W. K., McWilliams, R. M., **Senger-Mersich, A.**, Johnson, B. B., & Cuite, C. L. (December 10, 2012). Effects of acknowledging uncertainty over time: The case of intentional food contamination. Poster presented at the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Risk Analysis, San Francisco, California.

**Senger-Mersich, A.** (1998). Cognitive characteristics of patients with Borderline Personality disorder. Poster presented at the Symposium of Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy, Göttingen, Germany.

**Senger-Mersich, A.** (1993). Personality characteristics and depression in subgroups of eating disordered patients. Thesis presented at the Annual Natural Science Student Symposium at SUNY, Purchase, New York.

### **ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES**

Enrolled in Rutgers Supervisor Essentials Certificate Program (SECP)

Member, The Association of SNAP-Ed Nutrition Networks and Other Implementing Agencies (ASNNA) Evaluation Committee (March 2016 - present)

Full Guide Reviewer, The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) Evaluation Framework: Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity Prevention Indicators. Interpretive Guide to the SNAP-Ed Evaluation Framework (June 2016)

Co-Mentor of Aresty Research Assistant (2014 - 2015)

Member/Evaluator, Honors Programs Review Committee at the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences (2011 - 2013)

Conducted Q-sorts for research project on Qualified Health Claims (2012)

### **HONORS & AWARDS**

Commencement Speaker, Department of Psychology, Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Germany (2000)

Award for Exemplary Performance in Psychology, SUNY Purchase, Purchase, NY (1993)