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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

PhD Policy Analysis
2010-2013

Pardee RAND Graduate School
Santa Monica, CA, USA

MPhil Policy Analysis
2008-2010

Pardee RAND Graduate School
Santa Monica, CA, USA

Master in Public Policy
2005-2006

National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies
Tokyo, Japan

BA Political Science & Public Administration
1998-2002

Peking University, School of Government
Beijing, China

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Obesity epidemiology and population-level interventions on weight-related behaviors and outcomes
- Health disparities in dietary intakes and mental health throughout the life course with specified interests in older adults and people with disabilities

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2013-Present

Assistant Professor, Department of Kinesiology and Community Health,
College of Applied Health Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2015-Present

Assistant Professor, Division of Nutritional Sciences, College of Agricultural,
Consumer and Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign

HONORS & AWARDS

2015

Recipient. Judy K. Black Early Career Research Award. American Academy of
Healthy Behavior.

- 2015 **Recipient.** List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students (top 10%). University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2014 **Nominee.** National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality (NAC).
- 2014 **Recipient.** Glenn A. Gotz Award in Economics Analysis. RAND Corporation and Pardee RAND Graduate School.
- 2014 **Nominee.** Academy Delegate. American Academy of Healthy Behavior.
- 2012 **Finalist.** Judy K. Black Early Career Research Award. American Academy of Healthy Behavior.
- 2011 **Recipient.** RAND Impact Award. RAND Corporation.
- 2009 **Recipient.** RAND Impact Award. RAND Corporation.
- 2006 **Recipient.** Dean’s Award for Distinguished Academic Performance. National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies.
- 2006 **Recipient.** Best Thesis of the Year. National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies.

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2015 Role: Co-PI (PI: Jennifer McCaffrey). Project title: Evaluating a multi-modal community nutrition education model within SNAP-Ed and EFNEP. Amount: \$90,000. Source: USDA North Central Nutrition Education Center of Excellence.
- 2015 Role: PI. Project title: Be the “Champion”! A community-based physical activity promotion program targeting clinical obese children and adolescents from low-income families. Amount: \$9,920. Source: Campus Research Board, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2015 Role: Faculty sponsor. Project title: The “Champion” program: Champaign-Urbana youth physical activity promotion program. Amount: \$500 for faculty and \$1,180 for sponsored student Xiaoling Xiang. Source: Chancellor’s Public Engagement Student Fellow Grant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2015 Role: PI. Project title: Analysis of the national trajectory and contributing factors of racial/ethnic disparities in obesity across the lifespan. Amount: \$29,818. Source: Campus Research Board, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2014 Role: PI. Project title: Hospitalization cost, length of stay, and in-hospital mortality among U.S. adults with immune thrombocytopenic purpura: 2006-2011. Amount: \$15,921. Source: Amgen Foundation.
- 2013 Role: Contractor (PI: Sandra Simmons). Project title: Randomized controlled

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- nutrition intervention in nursing home residents to prevent unintentional weight loss (R01 HS018580-01). Amount: \$15,500. Source: National Institutes of Health.
- 2012 Role: Contractor (PI: Benjamin Sun). Project title: Randomized clinical trial of an emergency department observation syncope protocol versus routine inpatient admission (RC1 AG035664). Amount: \$10,000. Source: National Institutes of Health.
- 2011 Role: PI. Project title: The role of economic incentives on engagement in health promotion practices and utilization of preventive care services. Amount: \$10,000. Source: Anne and James Rothenberg Dissertation Grant.
- 2010 Role: PI. Project title: School and residential neighborhood environment in relation to obesity and alcohol misuse among children and adolescents. Amount: \$25,000. Source: JL Foundation.

REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

50. **An, R.,** & Xiang, X. (2015). Smoking, heavy drinking, and depression among U.S. middle-aged and older adults. *Preventive Medicine*. Accepted.
49. **An, R.** (2015). Nationwide expansion of a financial incentive program on fruit and vegetable purchases among Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program participants: a cost-effectiveness analysis. *Social Science & Medicine*. Accepted.
48. **An, R.** (2015). Diabetes diagnosis and nutrition facts label use among U.S. adults, 2005-2010. *Public Health Nutrition*. Accepted.
47. Derk, G.R., **An, R.,** & Aboulhosn, J. (2015). Endothelin receptor antagonism in single ventricle physiology with fontan palliation: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Clinical Trials and Regulatory Science in Cardiology*. Accepted.
46. **An, R.** (2015). Racial/ethnic disparity in obesity among U.S. youth, 1999-2013. *International Journal of Adolescent Medicine and Health*. Accepted.
45. **An, R.,** & Xiang, X. (2015). Social vulnerability and obesity among U.S. adults. *International Journal of Health Sciences*. Accepted.
44. **An, R.** (2015). Beverage consumption in relation to discretionary food intake and diet quality among U.S. Adults, 2003-2012. *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*. Accepted.
43. **An, R.,** & Xiang, X. (2015). Ambient fine particulate matter air pollution and leisure-time physical inactivity among U.S. adults. *Public Health*. Epub ahead of print. doi:10.1016/j.puhe.2015.07.017
42. **An, R.,** & Xiang, X. (2015). Social vulnerability and leisure-time physical inactivity among U.S. adults. *American Journal of Health Behavior*. Accepted.
41. **An, R.** (2015). Diet quality and physical activity in relation to childhood obesity. *International Journal of Adolescent Medicine and Health*. Accepted.

40. **An, R.**, & Shi, Y. (2015). Body weight status and onset of functional limitations in U.S. middle-aged and older adults: The role of overweight status. *Disability and Health Journal*. Epub ahead of print. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.dhjo.2015.06.008>
39. **An, R.**, & Liu, J. (2015). Fast-food and full-service restaurant consumption in relation to daily energy and nutrient intakes among U.S. adult cancer survivors, 2003-2012. *Nutrition and Health*. Epub ahead of print. pii: 0260106015594098
38. **An, R.** (2015). Educational disparity in obesity among U.S. adults, 1984-2013. *Annals of Epidemiology*. Epub ahead of print. doi:10.1016/j.annepidem.2015.06.004
37. **An, R.** (2015). Fast-Food and full-service restaurant consumption and daily energy and nutrient intakes in U.S. adults. *European Journal of Clinical Nutrition*. Epub ahead of print. doi:10.1038/ejcn.2015.104
36. **An, R.**, Andrade, F., & Chiu, C. (2015). Overweight and obesity among U.S adults with and without disabilities, 1999-2012. *Preventive Medicine Report*, 2:419-422.
35. Simmons, S.F., Keeler, E., **An, R.**, Liu, X., Shotwell, M.S., Kuertz, B., Silver, H.J., & Schnelle J.F. (2015). Cost-effectiveness of nutrition intervention in long term care. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*. Accepted.
34. **An, R.**, & Shi, Y. (2015). Body weight status and onset of functional limitations in U.S. middle-aged and older adults. *Disability and Health Journal*. Epub ahead of print. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.dhjo.2015.02.003>
33. Xiang, X., & **An, R.** (2015). Body weight status and onset of cognitive impairment among U.S. middle-aged and older adults. *Archives of Gerontology and Geriatrics*, 60(3):394-400.
32. Xiang, X., & **An, R.** (2015). The Impact of cognitive impairment and comorbid depression on disability, health care utilization, and costs. *Psychiatric Services*. Epub ahead of print. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1176/appi.ps.201400511>
31. Xiang, X., & **An, R.** (2015). Trends in antidepressant use among cancer survivors in the US: 1999-2012. *Psychiatric Services*. Epub ahead of print. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1176/appi.ps.201500007>
30. Xiang, X., & **An, R.** (2015). Depression and onset of cardiovascular disease in U.S. middle-aged and older adults. *Aging and Mental Health*. Epub ahead of print. doi: 10.1080/13607863.2014.1003281
29. Xiang, X., & **An, R.** (2015). Obesity and onset of depression among U.S. middle-aged and older adults. *Journal of Psychosomatic Research*, 78(3):242-248.
28. **An, R.** (2015). Association of home-delivered meals on daily energy and nutrient intakes: findings from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys. *Journal of Nutrition in Gerontology and Geriatrics*, 34(2):263-272.
27. **An, R.** (2015). Healthcare expenses associated with obesity and smoking among US Adults: 1998-2011. *Public Health*, 129(1):29-36.

26. Zheng, J., & **An, R.** (2015). Satisfaction with Local Exercise Facilities: A Rural-Urban Comparison in China. *Rural and Remote Health*, 15(1):2990.
25. **An, R.**, & Zheng, J. (2014). Proximity to an exercise facility and physical activity in China. *Southeast Asian Journal of Tropical Medicine and Public Health*, 45(6), 1483-1491.
24. **An, R.**, & Chiu, C. (2015). Physical activity patterns among U.S. adults with disability. *Rehabilitation Research, Policy, and Education*. Accepted.
23. **An, R.**, Chiu, C., & Andrade, F. (2015). Nutrient intake and use of dietary supplements among U.S. adults with disabilities. *Disability and Health Journal*, 8(2):240-249.
22. **An, R.**, Chiu, C., Zhang, Z., & Burd, N. (2014). Nutrient intake among U.S. adults with disabilities. *Journal of Human Nutrition and Dietetics*. Epub ahead of print. doi: 10.1111/jhn.12274
21. **An, R.**, & Burd, N. (2015). Change in daily energy intake associated with pairwise compositional change in carbohydrate, fat, and protein intake among U.S. adults, 1999-2010. *Public Health Nutrition*, 18(8):1343-1352.
20. **An, R.**, & Chiu, C. (2015). Dietary intake among U.S. adults with disability. *Rehabilitation Research, Policy, and Education*, 29(1):59-74.
19. Sturm, R., & **An, R.** (2014). Obesity and economic environments. *CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians*, 64(5):337-350.
18. **An, R.**, & Zhu, H. (2014). U.S. out-of-pocket healthcare expenses for mental disorders, 1996-2011. *Psychiatric Services*, 65(5):572.
17. **An, R.** (2014). Prevalence and trends of adult obesity in the U.S., 1999-2012. *ISRN Obesity*. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1155/2014/185132>
16. Zhu, H., & **An, R.** (2014). Impact of home-delivered meal programs on diet and nutrition among older adults: a review. *Nutrition and Health*, 22(2):89-103.
15. Mehrotra, A., **An, R.**, Patel, D., & Sturm, R. (2014). Impact of a patient incentive program on receipt of preventive care. *American Journal of Managed Care*, 20(6):494-501.
14. Sun, B., McCreath, H., Liang, L., Bohan, S., Baugh, C., Ragsdale, L., Henderson, S., Clark, C., Keeler, E., **An, R.**, & Mangione, C. (2013). Randomized clinical trial of an emergency department observation syncope protocol versus routine inpatient admission. *Annals of Emergency Medicine*, 64(2):167-175.
13. Sturm, R., **An, R.**, Maroba, J., & Patel, D. (2013). The effects of obesity, smoking, and excessive alcohol intake on health care expenditure in a comprehensive medical scheme. *South African Medical Journal*, 103(11):840-844.
12. Sturm, R., **An, R.**, Segal, D., & Patel, D. (2013). A cash-back rebate program for healthy food purchases in South Africa results from scanner data. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 44(6):567-572.
11. Adonis, L., **An, R.**, Luiz, J., Mehrotra, A., Patel, D., Basu, D., & Sturm, R. (2013). Provincial screening

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- rates for chronic diseases of lifestyle, cancers and HIV in a health-insured population. *South African Medical Journal*, 103(5):309-312.
10. Hattori, A., **An, R.**, & Sturm, R. (2013). Neighborhood food outlets, diet, and obesity among California adults, 2007 and 2009. *Preventing Chronic Disease*. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.5888/pcd10.120123>
 9. **An, R.** (2013). Effectiveness of subsidies in promoting healthy food purchases and consumption: a review of field experiments. *Public Health Nutrition*, 16(7):1215-1228.
 8. Shi, L., **An, R.**, & Meijgaard, J. (2013). Cigarette smoking and abdominal obesity: a meta-analysis of observational studies. *Journal of Substance Use*, 18(6):440-449.
 7. **An, R.**, Patel, D., Segal, D., & Sturm, R. (2013). Eating better for less: a national discount program for healthy food purchases in South Africa. *American Journal of Health Behavior*, 37(1):56-61.
 6. **An, R.**, & Liu, J. (2012). Local labor market fluctuations and physical activity among adults in the United States, 1990-2009. *ISRN Public Health*. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.5402/2012/318610>
 5. Shier, V., **An, R.**, & Sturm, R. (2012). Is there a robust relationship between neighborhood food environment and childhood obesity in the United States? *Public Health*, 126(9):723-730.
 4. **An, R.**, & Sturm, R. (2012). School and residential neighborhood food environment and diet among California youth. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 42(2):129-135.
 3. **An, R.**, & Sturm, R. (2011). Does the response to alcohol taxes differ across racial/ethnic groups? Some evidence from 1984-2009 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. *Journal of Mental Health Policy and Economics*, 14(1):13-23.
 2. **An, R.**, & Sturm, R. (2010). Self-reported unmet need for mental health care after California's parity legislation. *Psychiatric Services*, 61(9):861.
 1. Truong, K., Fernandes, M., **An, R.**, Shier, V., & Sturm, R. (2010). Measuring the physical food environment and its relationship with obesity: evidence from California. *Public Health*, 124(2):115-118.

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. **An, R.**, Huang, C., & Baghbanian, A. (2015). Chapter 2: health policy analysis. In E. Mpofu (Eds.), *Community-Oriented Health Services: Practices Across Disciplines*. New York, NY: Springer Publishing Company, 2015.

PEER-REVIEWED RESEARCH ABSTRACT

27. **An, R.**, & Xiang, X. (2015). Social vulnerability and leisure-time physical inactivity among U.S. adults. American Public Health Association 143rd Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
26. **An, R.** (2015). Fast-Food and full-service restaurant consumption and daily energy and nutrient intakes in U.S. adults. American Academy of Health Behavior 15th Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.

25. **An, R.** (2015). Healthcare expenses associated with obesity and smoking among US Adults: 1998-2011. American Academy of Health Behavior 15th Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
24. **An, R.**, & Shi, Y. (2015). Body weight status and onset of functional limitations in U.S. middle-aged and older adults. American Academy of Health Behavior 15th Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
23. **An, R.**, Chiu, C., & Andrade, F. (2015). Nutrient intake and use of dietary supplements among us adults with disabilities. American Academy of Health Behavior 15th Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
22. Xiang, X., & **An, R.** (2015). Obesity and onset of depression among U.S. middle-aged and older adults. American Academy of Health Behavior 15th Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
21. **An, R.**, & Burd, N. (2015). Change in daily energy intake associated with pairwise compositional change in carbohydrate, fat, and protein intake among U.S. adults, 1999-2010. American Academy of Health Behavior 15th Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
20. Zheng, J., & **An, R.** (2015). Satisfaction with local exercise facilities: a rural-urban comparison in China. American Academy of Health Behavior 15th Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
19. Zhu, H., & **An, R.** (2015). Impact of home-delivered meal programs on diet and nutrition among older adults: a review. American Academy of Health Behavior 15th Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
18. **An, R.** (2015). Home-delivered meal program and daily nutrient intakes in U.S. older adults. American Academy of Health Behavior 15th Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
17. **An, R.** (2015). Diet quality and physical activity in relation to childhood obesity. American Academy of Health Behavior 15th Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
16. Xiang, X., & **An, R.** (2015). Depression and onset of cardiovascular disease in U.S. middle-aged and older adults. American Academy of Health Behavior 15th Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
15. **An, R.** (2014). Fast-Food and full-service restaurant consumption in relation to daily energy and nutrient intakes among U.S. adult cancer survivors, 2003-2012. Cancer Community at Illinois Fall Mixer & Reception, Urbana, IL.
14. **An, R.**, & Zheng, J. (2014). Proximity to exercise facility and leisure-time physical inactivity in China. American Academy of Health Behavior 14th Annual Conference, Charleston, SC.
13. Sturm, R., **An, R.**, Maroba, J., & Patel, D. (2014). The effects of obesity, smoking, and excessive alcohol intake on health care expenditure in a comprehensive medical scheme. American Academy of Health Behavior 14th Annual Conference, Charleston, SC.
12. **An, R.**, & Zhu, H. (2014). Out-of-pocket healthcare expenditure for mental disorders: U.S. trend from 1996 to 2011. American Academy of Health Behavior 14th Annual Conference, Charleston, SC.
11. **An, R.** (2013). Effectiveness of subsidies in promoting healthy food purchases and consumption: a review of field experiments. American Academy of Health Behavior 13th Annual Conference, Santa Fe, NM.

10. **An, R.,** & Sturm, R. (2013). Evaluation of a national discount program for healthy food purchases in South Africa: an instrumental variable approach. American Academy of Health Behavior 13th Annual Conference, Santa Fe, NM.
9. **An, R.,** & Liu, J. (2013). Local labor market fluctuations and physical activity among adults in the U.S., 1990-2009. American Academy of Health Behavior 13th Annual Conference, Santa Fe, NM.
8. Shi, L., **An, R.,** & van Meijgaard, J. (2013). Cigarette smoking and abdominal obesity: a meta-analysis of observational studies. American Academy of Health Behavior 13th Annual Conference, Santa Fe, NM.
7. Mehrotra, A., **An, R.,** Patel, D., & Sturm, R. (2013). Impact of a patient incentive program on receipt of preventive care. American Academy of Health Behavior 13th Annual Conference, Santa Fe, NM.
6. **An, R.,** Patel, D., Segal, D., & Sturm, R. (2012). Eating better for less: a national discount program for healthy food purchases in South Africa. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management 33rd Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD.
5. Hattori, A., **An, R.,** & Sturm, R. (2012). Association between neighborhood food outlets and diet and obesity among California adults. American Public Health Association 140th Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
4. **An, R.,** & Sturm, R. (2012). Participation in a national healthy food subsidy program and food purchases in South Africa: a longitudinal analysis of supermarket scanner data. American Academy of Health Behavior 12th Annual Conference, Austin, TX.
3. **An, R.,** & Sturm, R. (2012). Eating better for less: a national discount program for healthy food purchases in South Africa. American Academy of Health Behavior 12th Annual Conference, Austin, TX.
2. **An, R.,** & Sturm, R. (2011). Local labor market conditions and obesity in the U.S. All-California Labor Economics Conference, Santa Monica, CA.
1. **An, R.,** & Sturm, R. (2011). Does the response to alcohol taxes differ across racial/ethnic groups? Evidence from 1984 – 2009 BRFSS. Center for Research on Ethnicity, Culture and Health Conference titled “From Disparities Research to Disparities Interventions: Lessons Learned and Opportunities for the Future of Behavioral Health Services”, Arlington, VA.

PRESENTATIONS

30. **An, R.,** & Xiang, X. (2015). Social vulnerability and leisure-time physical inactivity among U.S. adults. American Public Health Association 143rd Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
29. **An, R.** (2015) Data blitz. Division of Nutritional Sciences External Advisory Committee Meeting, Champaign, IL.
28. **An, R.,** & Sturm R (2015). A health plan’s approach to improve diets: evaluation of a rebate program on healthy food purchases in South Africa. ACES International Policy and Development Seminar Series, Champaign, IL.

27. **An, R., & Sturm R** (2015). A health plan's approach to improve diets: evaluation of a rebate program on healthy food purchases in South Africa. Division of Nutritional Sciences Special Seminar Series, Champaign, IL.
26. **An, R.** (2015). Fast-Food and full-service restaurant consumption and daily energy and nutrient intakes in U.S. adults. American Academy of Health Behavior 15th Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
25. **An, R., Chiu, C., & Andrade, F.** (2015). Nutrient intake and use of dietary supplements among us adults with disabilities. American Academy of Health Behavior 15th Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
24. **An, R., & Burd, N.** (2015). Change in daily energy intake associated with pairwise compositional change in carbohydrate, fat, and protein intake among U.S. adults, 1999-2010. American Academy of Health Behavior 15th Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
23. **An, R.** (2014). Environments and obesity: common beliefs and misbeliefs. Consumer Sciences Initiative Group monthly meeting, Champaign, IL.
22. **An, R.** (2014). Fast-Food and full-service restaurant consumption in relation to daily energy and nutrient intakes among U.S. adult cancer survivors, 2003-2012. Cancer Community at Illinois Fall Mixer & Reception, Urbana, IL.
21. **An, R., & Zheng, J.** (2014). Proximity to exercise facility and leisure-time physical inactivity in China. American Academy of Health Behavior 14th Annual Conference, Charleston, SC.
20. Sturm, R., **An, R.,** Maroba, J., & Patel, D. (2014). The effects of obesity, smoking, and excessive alcohol intake on health care expenditure in a comprehensive medical scheme. American Academy of Health Behavior 14th Annual Conference, Charleston, SC.
19. **An, R., & Zhu, H.** (2014). Out-of-pocket healthcare expenditure for mental disorders: U.S. trend from 1996 to 2011. American Academy of Health Behavior 14th Annual Conference, Charleston, SC.
18. **An, R.** (2013). Effectiveness of subsidies in promoting healthy food purchases and consumption: a review of field experiments. American Academy of Health Behavior 13th Annual Conference, Santa Fe, NM.
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16. **An, R., & Liu, J.** (2013). Local labor market fluctuations and physical activity among adults in the U.S., 1990-2009. American Academy of Health Behavior 13th Annual Conference, Santa Fe, NM.
15. Shi, L., **An, R., & van Meijgaard, J.** (2013). Cigarette smoking and abdominal obesity: a meta-analysis of observational studies. American Academy of Health Behavior 13th Annual Conference, Santa Fe, NM.
14. Mehrotra, A., **An, R.,** Patel, D., & Sturm, R. (2013). Impact of a patient incentive program on receipt of preventive care. American Academy of Health Behavior 13th Annual Conference, Santa Fe, NM.

13. **An, R.,** Patel, D., Segal, D., & Sturm, R. (2012). Eating better for less: a national discount program for healthy food purchases in South Africa. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management 33rd Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD.
12. Hattori, A., **An, R.,** & Sturm, R. (2012). Association between neighborhood food outlets and diet and obesity among California adults. American Public Health Association 140th Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
11. **An, R.,** & Sturm, R. (2012). Participation in a national healthy food subsidy program and food purchases in South Africa: a longitudinal analysis of supermarket scanner data. American Academy of Health Behavior 12th Annual Conference, Austin, TX.
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8. **An, R.,** & Sturm, R. (2011). Does the response to alcohol taxes differ across racial/ethnic groups? Evidence from 1984 – 2009 BRFSS. Center for Research on Ethnicity, Culture and Health Conference titled “From Disparities Research to Disparities Interventions: Lessons Learned and Opportunities for the Future of Behavioral Health Services”, Arlington, VA.
7. **An, R.,** & Deuson, R. (2011). Mapping immune thrombocytopenic purpura in the U.S. using OSCER. Amgen Nplate Cross-functional Conference, Thousand Oaks, CA.
6. **An, R.,** & Deuson, R. (2011). Hospitalization cost, length of stay, and mortality among patients with ITP in the U.S.: 2006-2009. Amgen Global Health Economics Conference, Thousand Oaks, CA.
5. **An, R.,** & Gitlin, M. (2011). Geographical and racial disparities in the end-stage renal disease prospective payment system. Amgen Global Government Affairs Conference, Thousand Oaks, CA.
4. **An, R.,** Gitlin, M., & Deuson, R. (2011). How geographic information system (GIS) can be used to answer critical questions? Amgen Summer Intern Conference, Thousand Oaks, CA.
3. **An, R.** (2011). The magic of mapping - an overview of GIS applications on health research with examples. Guest speaker at Outcomes Insights, Thousand Oaks, CA.
2. **An, R.,** & Overton, A. (2010). Mapping diabetes in California 2001-2006: disparity and hotspot. RAND Q-DART meeting, Santa Monica, CA.
1. Vanderbeek, M., Gloss, D., & **An, R.** (2009). Bridging the Pacific: an exploration of transportation policy and planning in the U.S. and China. American Planning Association National Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

JOURNAL EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

Review board member	Journal title	# reviewed
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	American Journal of Public Health	2
	Annals of Epidemiology	1
	Australian Journal of Rehabilitation Counselling	1
	Birth Defects Research Part A: Clinical and Molecular Teratology	1
	BMC Cancer	1
	BMC Research Notes	1
	Disability and Rehabilitation	1
	Drug and Alcohol Review	1
	Economics & Human Biology	2
	Health Affairs	2
	Health & Place	1
	International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity	1
	International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health	1
	Journal of Adolescent Health	2
	Journal of Drug Design, Development and Therapy	1
	Journal of Medical Internet Research	2
	Journal of Physical Activity & Health	1
	Maternal and Child Health Journal	1
	Nutrition Reviews	1
	PLOS ONE	1
	Preventive Medicine	1
	Preventive Medicine Report	1
	Public Health	1
	Public Health Nutrition	2
	Research on Ageing	1
	Social Science & Medicine	2

CONFERENCE REVIEW ACTIVITIES

2014	Meeting Abstract Reviewer. American Academy of Health Behavior 15 th Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
2013	Meeting Abstract Reviewer. American Academy of Health Behavior 14 th Annual Conference, Charleston, SC.
2012	Meeting Abstract Reviewer. American Academy of Health Behavior 13 th Annual Conference, Santa Fe, NM.

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

42.	Yahoo Health	09/14/2015	5 ways diet soda makes you gain weight
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| 41. | Time | 09/14/2015 | Diet soda drinkers more likely to eat unhealthy food, study finds |
| 40. | Forbes | 09/11/2015 | Sorry, guys: people who drink diet sodas are more likely to eat junk food |
| 30. | Chicago Tribune | 09/11/2015 | Think drinking diet soda helps? Think again |
| 38. | CBS | 09/11/2015 | Diet soda drinkers more likely to eat unhealthy foods |
| 37. | ABC | 09/11/2015 | Diet sodas may not help you lose weight |
| 36. | Daily Mail | 09/11/2015 | Why diet coke is bad for you: opting for low-calorie drinks means you're more likely to compensate and eat junk food |
| 35. | UIUC News Bureau | 09/11/2015 | Diet beverage drinkers compensate by eating unhealthy food, study finds |
| 34. | Washington Post | 09/10/2015 | Drinking diet beverages? You're probably making terrible food choices |
| 33. | People | 07/29/2015 | Why fast food isn't necessarily to blame for the obesity epidemic |
| 32. | Guardian | 07/20/2015 | Why restaurant food is unhealthy as fast version, by study |
| 31. | Los Angeles Times | 07/20/2015 | Is fast food better for you than a sit-down restaurant meal? Study suggests yes |
| 30. | TIME | 07/17/2015 | Restaurant food may be healthier than fast food |
| 20. | FOX | 07/16/2015 | Restaurant food not much healthier than fast food |
| 28. | Washington Post | 07/15/2015 | Restaurant meals may be as full of fat, calories, cholesterol and sodium as fast food, study says |
| 27. | Reuters | 07/15/2015 | Restaurant food not much healthier than fast food |
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14.	NBC	05/22/2014	Cheap food blamed for America's obesity crisis
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3.	New York Times	04/17/2012	Studies question the pairing of food deserts and obesity
2.	RAND Press	03/15/2012	Special feature: how does food environment contribute to childhood obesity?
1.	Washington Post	03/07/2012	Don't blame food deserts for obesity

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