

David Pelletier

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Biography

Biographical Statement

My interests relate to the formulation, implementation and evaluation of nutrition policy in developed and developing countries. I approach this work from a transdisciplinary, engaged and problem-oriented perspective, in which the key research questions and choice of methods emerges in the course of engaging with policy and program actors at global, national or sub-national levels. This approach is guided by robust theoretical frameworks and ensures that the research is responsive to real-world concerns and more likely to be understood, valued and used by those responsible for policies and programs.

Teaching

Teaching and Advising Statement

There is a saying that "*the world has problems and universities have departments.*" (aka disciplines). When it comes to food, nutrition and health problems we must go beyond disciplinary knowledge, indeed beyond the walls of the university, to find possible solutions. This perspective underlies my approach to knowledge, teaching and advising: problem-oriented, transdisciplinary and contextual. This not only prepares students to be more effective professionals and problem-oriented researchers, it also is a more interesting and engaging way to teach and learn.

Professional

Current Professional Activities

Cornell University Graduate Field Active Membership: Nutrition; Epidemiology; Public Affairs; International Development

Professional Societies:

American Society for Nutrition

Society for the Policy Sciences.

Recent Policy Setting and Outreach:

World Bank Nutrition Section, Development of policy recommendations as part of the Lancet series on undernutrition; Development of a global nutrition strategy for the Gates Foundation; Expert Consultation in UNICEF's Global Nutrition Strategy; Expert Consultation on WHO's Nutrition Landscaping Analysis; Dialogues on the Global Nutrition Architecture; the Innocenti Meeting on Micronutrient Program Assessment; Global Nutrition Partners Meeting and SCN Reform; WHO Partners Committee on Scaling Up; WHO Health Growth Project; NY Academy of Sciences Committee on Delivery Sciences; Bread for the World Technical Advisory Committee. Global Healthy Advocacy and Policy Project.

Research

Current Research Activities

Research Interests: Improved methods for nutrition policy analysis and development; mainstreaming nutrition in Peru, Bolivia, Guatemala, Vietnam and Bangladesh; the Whole Community Project for addressing childhood obesity (Ithaca/Tompkins County); policy commitment for addressing the dual-burden of malnutrition in Nigeria; barriers and innovations in nutrition program implementation in Mozambique and Bolivia; development and testing of a micronutrient program assessment tool; evaluation and strengthening of the World Vision mobile clinic program in Haiti; strengthening strategic capacity and adaptive management in Burkina Faso, Mali, Ethiopia and Uganda.

Extension

Current Extension Activities

My extension/ public engagement goals are to develop, promote and apply improved methods for policy analysis, development and implementation in developing countries and the U.S. This year and beyond i will be prioritizing the development of a new stream of research in the emerging field of implementation sciences. As in previous years, this new emphasis area will represent the seamless integration of my research and outreach activities. See the section on Research Goals for further details.

Education

Education

PhD, 1984 - Pennsylvania State University, Anthropology

MA, 1979 - Pennsylvania State University, Anthropology

BA, 1977 - University of Arizona, Anthropology

BS, 1977 - University of Arizona, Biology

Courses

Courses Taught

NS3500: Epidemiology in Context

Websites

Administration

Publications

Selected Publications

Bryce, J., Coitinho, Denise, Darnton-Hill, I., Pelletier, DL., Pinstруп-Andersen, P.. (2008). Maternal and Child Undernutrition: Effective Action at the National Level. *Lancet* 371(9611):510-526.

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Pelletier, DL. (2014.). Food and nutrition policy: A biological anthropologist's experiences from an academic platform. *American Journal of Human Biology* (DOI: 10.1002/ajhb.22523).

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