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## RESEARCH NOTES

### Shifting Parental Perceptions of Children's Weight

Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health

Three faculty members in the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health were featured in "Pediatrics," the journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics for a collaborative study that studied parents' perceptions of their children's weight. Andrew Hansen, Dr.P.H., Yelena Tarasenko, Dr.P.H., and Jian Zhang, M.D., Dr.P.H., examined height and weight data of about 3,000 children, ages six to 11, between 1988 and 1994, and a similar cohort from 2005 to 2010. In the 2005-10 survey, 78 percent of parents perceived their overweight daughter as "about the right weight" and 83 percent of parents said the same about their overweight boys. Earlier, in the 1988-94 survey, 61 percent of parents perceived their overweight girl to be "about the right weight," while 78 percent of parents said the same for their overweight boys. The surveys' results signal a generational shift of parental perceptions about children's weight. The researchers noted that parents' failure to recognize their child as overweight might account for the poor results of pediatric obesity prevention and control.

### Biology Professor Presents at United Nations Meeting

College of Science and Mathematics

Department of Biology Professor Subhrajit Saha presented his agroecological research before an international symposium hosted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in September. He was among more than 50 experts from around the globe who made presentations at the forum in Rome, Italy. With the threat of global warming, agroecology is being recognized more and more as a climate-smart method of producing high quality food. Saha's participation in the symposium also exposed Georgia Southern's research initiatives to a global community of researchers, policymakers and international agencies and organizations.

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## Biology Professor Invited to United Nations Meeting in Rome

September 24, 2014

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nation (UN) hosted the International Symposium on Agroecology for Food Security and Nutrition last week (September 18 – 19) at its headquarter in Rome, Italy. At this meeting, over 50 experts including academic professors, government officials, private sector, researcher and leaders of civil-society organizations made presentations from different corners of the globe. Dr. Subhrajit Saha of the Biology Department was invited to this meeting to present his agroecological research at the global platform of FAO. The high-level round-table discussion panel of this meeting included the agricultural ministers of France, Japan, Senegal, Algeria, Costa Rica, and the Director-General of FAO. With the threat of global warming, agroecology is being recognized more and more as a climate-smart way of agriculture and is also being highlighted at the UN Climate Summit this week in New York. Dr. Saha's agroecology research is focused on climate change mitigation through carbon sequestration, agroforestry, organic farming and bioenergy production and apart from Georgia; he has research projects in Germany, Mexico and India. Dr. Saha's participation at this meeting has not only represented his research at a United Nations platform, but, also exposed Georgia Southern's agricultural research initiatives to a global community of researchers, officials, policymakers and international agencies & organizations.



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