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Research Interests and Accomplishments

Dr. Ruopeng An is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Kinesiology and Community Health, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign since 2013. Before that, he worked as an Assistant Policy Analyst at the RAND Corporation since 2008 and obtained his PhD in Policy Analysis from the RAND Graduate School in 2013. In 2014, Dr. An received the Glenn A. Gotz Award in Economics Analysis from the RAND Corporation, and was twice the recipient of the RAND Impact Award in 2009 and 2011. Trained as a health policy analyst, Dr. An has strong quantitative analysis skills in the field of applied microeconomics, statistics, econometrics, and spatial analysis.

Nearly all Dr. An's peer-reviewed publications involved quantitative analysis using data from randomized controlled trials, large cross-sectional/longitudinal surveys, administration data, insurance data, electronic medical records, etc. His research examines population-level policies on obesity prevention, and health disparities in dietary intakes and physical activities throughout the life-course with specified interests in people with disabilities. His work has been published in peer-reviewed journals such as American Journal of Preventive Medicine, American Journal of Health Behavior, Preventing Chronic Disease, Public Health Nutrition, Journal of Human Nutrition and Dietetics, Disability and Health Journal, Psychiatric Services, Journal of Psychosomatic Research, etc., and featured by numerous media outlets such as New York Times, Los Angeles Times, CNN, NBC, CBS, NPR, Fox News, The Atlantic, USA Today, Washington Post, Boston Globe, and California Senate Republican Caucus Briefing Report. Dr. An serve in the Review Board of the American Journal of Health Behavior since 2012, and he is a reviewer for 21 journals in the field of public health, medicine and health economics.

Quote from Dr. An

"I was truly honored to receive the Judy K. Black Early Career Award. It is such a prestigious recognition of my research and fills me with confidence to move forward and do even better."