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### Food Decisions and Food Access: Evidence Driving the Food Swamp vs. Food Desert Debate

**Dr. Helen Lee** is a Senior Research Associate at MDRC. Her research centers on understanding policies and programs that impact the health and well-being of vulnerable populations, and has been published in a number of peer-reviewed journal and cited in major media outlets including The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Economist, and Science magazine. Before coming to MDRC, she was a Research Fellow at the Public Policy Institute of California, working on a range of health and social policy issues. She holds an M.A. in demography and a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Pennsylvania.



For the past 10 years, **Dr. Allison Karpyn** has served as the Director of Research and Evaluation for The Food Trust. She has led design and implementation of research and evaluation efforts for Trust programs and has overseen the start up and growth of the organization's external consulting initiatives. She has published widely on topics related to school food, supermarket access, healthy corner stores and strategies to develop and maintain farmers markets in low income areas and has presented at numerous conferences. In addition to her position at The Food Trust, Dr. Karpyn teaches program planning and evaluation as well as community assessment courses in the MPH and DPH programs at Drexel University, the University of Pennsylvania and Thomas Jefferson University.



**Dr. Shirki Kumanyika**, Associate Dean for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention and Professor of Biostatistics and Epidemiology at the University of Pennsylvania, will moderate.

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