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Lola is very passionate about quantitative methods and statistical analysis. Her primary interests focus on the complexity of designs and measurement in program evaluation. She is interested in research on the development of robust measures of the cognitive, affective and behavioral outcomes of nutrition education programs, and the intertwined factors that mediate and moderate program impact. Her previous work and publications have employed advanced statistical methods (e.g., structural equation modeling, multi-level modeling and meta-analysis) to understand the processes and conditions under which education interventions achieve their expected outcomes.

Lola's exposure to Extension began during her doctoral studies and postdoctoral training in Purdue's Department of Youth Development and Ag. Education where she assisted with the evaluation of a 4-H curriculum and Purdue's Summer Science Workshops for 4-H youth. She also collaborated with Purdue Extension faculty and staff on the evaluation of nutrition and consumer science projects.