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Beth Dixon is an Associate Professor of Public Health Nutrition in the Department of Nutrition, Food Studies and Public Health at New York University. As a nutritional epidemiologist, Dr. Dixon studies the dietary patterns and health of different populations, including children and immigrants. Her research studies involve the use of quantitative methods to assess diet in relation to chronic diseases like cardiovascular disease, cancer, and osteoporosis. She also evaluates health and nutrition policies, especially to improve maternal and child nutrition. Currently, she has two Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grants to evaluate the nutrition and physical activity policies of NYC daycare centers in an effort to reduce obesity and improve the health of young children. In addition, she is working with colleagues to evaluate the NYC calorie labeling policy in fast food restaurants. At NYU, Dr. Dixon directs the MPH-public health nutrition concentration. This year, she serves as chair of the Food and Nutrition Section of the American Public Health Association, and also as chair of the Association of Graduate Programs in Public Health Nutrition.