

**Candidate Bio:** Dr. Kelsey DANCAUSE is a professor in the Department of Exercise Science/Kinesiology at the University of Quebec in Montreal, Canada. She became a member of the HBA during her Master's in Biological Anthropology in 2006 and has been active in the organization ever since. Dr. Dancause studies health transition and the developmental origins of health and disease. Specifically, she analyzes interactions between stress, diet, and physical activity during pregnancy, their relationships with infant and child development outcomes, and their role in persistent health disparities. Her studies are conducted in Vanuatu, a lower-middle income country in the South Pacific, and among immigrant and socially disadvantaged families in Canada.

**Platform Statement:** I am honored to be nominated for a position on the Publications Committee. As a student, I appreciated presenting my work at HBA meetings and gaining valuable feedback from senior scholars. This was an important part of my career development, and I would be delighted to support today's student members of the HBA by participating in evaluating papers and posters as part of the Publications Committee.

I work with multidisciplinary research teams and would be interested in collaborating with members of the Publications Committee to expand the visibility of publications from the HBA and its members. For example, the interests of faculty in my department (Kinesiology) align perfectly with the HBA, yet many of my colleagues are not familiar with the association or its publications. I would be eager to identify similar disciplines whose students and faculty might benefit from incorporating the HBA textbook into their programs, who might be interested in submitting papers and posters for HBA meetings, and who could contribute to the impact and visibility of HBA publications. I am deeply indebted to the HBA for the research support network it has provided for me, and would be happy to serve with other committee members dedicated to its continued growth.