



# DR. FATEMEH MALEKIAN

## **Dr. Fatemeh Malekian Professor of Food Science & Director of Southern University Institute for Food, Nutrition and Wellness**

Dr. Fatemeh Malekian is a Professor of Food Science, Director of Southern University Institute for Food, Nutrition and Wellness and project Director for Center of Excellence for Nutrition, Health, Wellness and Quality of Life at Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center (SUAREC) in Baton Rouge Louisiana. Dr. Malekian received her Ph.D. and M.S. in Food Science/Food Chemistry and Processing from Louisiana State University (LSU). Dr. Malekian has been director and co-director of a number of projects funded by USDA, FDA and other agencies. Her research focuses on food, nutrition and physical activities, obesity and obesity related diseases, non-traditional meats (rabbit, Goats etc.), product development (Hibiscus, Whey Protein and Resistant Starch), chemical analysis of foods, stability, processing, packaging, and food safety. Dr. Fatemeh provides training and leadership support for extension professionals and paraprofessionals and other individuals throughout Louisiana. Fatemeh's influence and leadership is not confined to Louisiana alone. She has been an invited participant internationally in nutrition and food safety programs in Armenia, Kenya, Malawi (Africa), Iran and China. In addition to educating people about nutrition and health, Fatemeh Malekian has directed number of research and extension projects. The results of these projects have made a great impact on people's lives and well-being.

She has taught undergraduate and graduate courses such as Human Nutrition, Biology, Food Composition and Analysis to name a few. She is also a food safety instructor and lead trainer teaching ServSafe, Seafood HACCP, Better Processing School, Juice and Retail HACCP and most recently Produce Safety. Dr. Malekian is a member of a number of professional and service organizations such as Institute of Food Technologists (IFT), Gamma Sigma Delta, and Kiwanis International. She has been moderator and co-moderator for hot topic symposium on Obesity at the IFT annual meetings, been presenting at different conferences and meetings and has been serving on the local, national and international committees. Prior to joining SUAREC faculty and staff, Dr. Malekian worked at Pennington Biomedical Research Center as Food Analysis Laboratory Director for 12 years. She has received a number of awards such as IFT Fellow, SUAREC Outstanding Researcher (twice), Outstanding LSU Alumni, and Community Activist to name a few, for her professional and service accomplishments. She has been peer-reviewer for a number of scientific journals and has published a number of scientific articles, fact sheets, newspaper articles, etc. She has mentored undergraduate and graduate students both at Southern University and Louisiana State University.

