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BIOGRAPHICAL

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EDUCATION and TRAINING

UNDERGRADUATE

1995-1999 Geneva College Beaver Falls, PA BS/Biology

GRADUATE

1999-2001 Saint Francis University Loretto, PA Masters of Physician Assistant
Science

APPOINTMENTS and POSITIONS

ACADEMIC

2018-2021 University of Pittsburgh Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
Dept of Physician Assistant Studies Program
Pittsburgh, PA

2021-present University of Pittsburgh Assistant Professor
School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
Dept of Physician Assistant Studies/ Hybrid Program
Pittsburgh, PA

2021-present University of Pittsburgh Director of Admissions
Dept of Physician Assistant Studies/Hybrid Program
Pittsburgh, PA

NON-ACADEMIC

2001-2002	Tri-State Medical Group Beaver, PA	Internal Medicine Physician Assistant
2001-2015	Heritage Valley Health System Beaver, PA	Emergency Medicine Physician Assistant
2017-2019	US Acute Care Solutions/AHN Canonsburg, PA	Emergency Medicine Physician Assistant
2015-present	MedExpress Coraopolis, PA	Urgent Care Physician Assistant

CERTIFICATION and LICENSURE

SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION:

National Commission on the Certification Physician Assistants	2001-present
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MEDICAL or OTHER PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE:

State Board of Medicine, Pennsylvania	2001-present
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MEMBERSHIP in PROFESSIONAL and SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

American Academy of Physician Assistants	2018-present
Pennsylvania Society of Physician Assistants	2021-present

CERTIFICATION and HONORS

Outstanding Adjunct Faculty University of Pittsburgh/Physician Assistant Program	2020
Inductee to Phi Alpha National Honor Society for Physician Assistants	2022

PUBLICATIONS

“Scapholunate Dissociation,” Advanced Emergency Nursing Journal. Co-author Denise Ramponi. Jan/Mar 2016

“Tibial Plateau Fractures,” Advanced Emergency Nursing Journal. Co-author Denise Ramponi. Jul/Sept 2018

“A Rapid Review of the Red Eye,” Journal of the American Academy of Physician Assistants. Co-author David Beck, Deborah Farkas. July 2022

“What She Heard,” Journal of the American Academy of Physician Assistants. November 2022

“Changing the Face of Medicine: Promoting Minority Scholars’ Pursuit of the Physician Assistant Profession” publication with Kathryn Reed, *The Advisor*, December 2023

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2010-2015	Preceptor/educator of Physician Assistant and Nurse Practitioner students, and Family Medicine residents Heritage Valley Health System Emergency Department, Beaver, PA
2015-2019	Biannual lecturer, “Practitioner Education Associates” national skills conference Ear-Nose-Throat lecture/skill demonstrations Pittsburgh, PA
2015-2019	Guest lecturer/Robert Morris University/Doctorate Nurse Practitioner Program Ear-Nose-Throat procedures lecture/lab annually Coraopolis, PA
2017	Presenter, Slit lamp skills workshop, “Practitioner Education Associates” Pittsburgh, PA
2017-2019	Preceptor Physician Assistant students, Allegheny Health Network/ Canonsburg, PA
2018-2020	Clinical Medicine guest lecturer, Hematology Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures, lecture and lab, lead and assistant Grader of OSCEs, Head-to-toe skills examination University of Pittsburgh School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
2019-2021	Clinical Medicine/critical thinking lab, adjunct faculty facilitator University of Pittsburgh School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
2020-2022	Diagnostic and Therapeutic procedures, “Healthcare Associated Infections,” “Infection Control” lectures; creator of series of suture demonstration videos; co-taught procedure labs, including wound management, suturing, ortho splinting, venipuncture University of Pittsburgh School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
2020-present	New practitioner/physician onboarding trainer MedExpress Urgent Care Coraopolis, PA
2023 – present	Guest lecturer for Introduction to Clinical Medicine and Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures in Medicine with Lab

INVITED SEMINARS and LECTURESHIPS

NATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

May 2018	AAPA National Conference/New Orleans, LA “Foresight: Five Ocular Emergencies Not to Miss”
May 2019	AAPA National Conference/Denver, CO “Evaluation and Treatment of the Red Eye” Ocular procedures workshop/assistant
May 2020	AAPA National Conference/online “Brace Yourself: Orthopedic Splinting Workshop”/lead “Evaluation and Treatment of the Red Eye” “Foresight: Five Ocular Emergencies Not to Miss”
May 2021	AAPA National Conference/online “Blink! A Rapid Review of Ophthalmology (PANCE/PANRE Ocular Blueprint)” “Evaluation and Treatment of the Red Eye” “Foresight: Five Ocular Emergencies Not to Miss” with invitation to discuss/promote in conjunction with Consultant360 online webinar
May 2022	AAPA National Conference/Indianapolis, IN “Brace Yourself: Orthopedic Splinting Workshop”/co-lead
October 2022	PAEA Education Forum/San Diego, CA “Teaching with Style,” virtual focused discussion/co-presenter
May 2023	AAPA National Conference/Nashville, TN “Foresight: Five Ocular Emergencies NOT to Miss” “What She Heard: The Art of Rapid Rapport” “Brace Yourself: A Splinting Workshop”/co-lead
October 2023	PAEA Education Forum/New Orleans, LA

“Education Strategies to Enhance Clinical Outcomes Associated with Patient Perceptions”/VIRTUAL platform

REGIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- February 2022 Poster Presentation: “Could technology help with curricular cohesion?”. Presented with Christina Davis, MBA, MPAS, PA-C; Tara McSwigan, MPAS, PA-C; and Christine Rodgers, MPAS, PA-C, MPH. University of Pittsburgh, Assessment and Teaching Conference 2022, Pittsburgh, PA
- November 2022 PSPA Annual Conference/Pittsburgh, PA
“All Eyes on Me: Five Ocular Emergencies NOT to Miss”
“Brace Yourself: A Splinting Workshop”/co-lead
- January 2023 Poster Presentation, “Teaching Medical Procedures in a Hybrid Curriculum,”
Presented with C Davis
University of Pittsburgh, Assessment and Teaching Conference, Pittsburgh, PA
- February 2023 Allegheny Association of School Counselors quarterly meeting/Pittsburgh, PA
“Promoting the Physician Assistant Profession to ALL Students”
- June 2023 North East Association of Advisors to the Healthcare Professions (NEAAHP) regional conference /Niagara Falls, NY
“Changing the Face of Medicine: Promoting Minority Scholars’ Pursuit of the Physician Assistant Profession”
- November 2023 PSPA Annual Conference/Hershey, PA “Rapid Review of the Red Eye”
“Cultural Influences on Pain: A Pittsburgh Clinician’s Considerations,” PSPA poster presentation with E. Kruczek, PA-S

SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL

University of Pittsburgh Physician Assistant Studies: Hybrid formation committee	2020
Reviewer, Proposals, Physician Assistant Education Association Education Forum	2022
Reviewer, Proposals, American Academy of Physician Assistants conference	2022
Co-facilitator, PA/PT IPE event	July 2022
Venipuncture skills lab/Pitt researchers on campus	Sept 2022
Nasogastric tube placement/collaboration with dietetics program	Oct 2022
Co-facilitator, Interprofessional forum virtual event	Oct 2022
Host/facilitator, Physician assistant information session to Pitt undergraduates, Tiwanda Taylor advisees	Nov 2022
Co-facilitator (with K Reed), Temple Univeristy AED guest speakers, PA Profession overview and Q&A, virtual	Nov 2022
Co-Campaign Ambassador fot United Way for the PAS Department, annual Pitt United Way campaign	2022-2023
Co-facilitator (with C Davis), University of Pittsburgh Johnstown, PA Profession overview and Q&A	Jan 2023
Reviewer, Proposals, Physician Assistant Education Association Education Forum	2023
Reviewer, Proposals, American Academy of Physician Assistants conference	2023

COMMUNITY

First annual organizer, “TOGL trees” (Tell Of God’s Love), providing Christmas trees, gifts and meals to families in need Saint Margaret Mary Parish, Moon Twp, PA	2020
Annual organizer of caroling and “presents for patients” West Hills Nursing & Rehabilitation, Moon Twp PA	2010-present
“TAG” parent (Traveling Art Gallery) Presenting/creating art for and with students Bon Meade Elementary School, Moon Twp, PA	2015-present
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish/evangelization steering committee	Oct 2023

