CURRICULUM VITAE

1. Personal Information:

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1. Education:

High School A. Phillip Randolph Campus H.S., 1999

University Vanderbilt University, B.S. Psychology, 2003

Graduate Program University of Southern California

 Doctor of Physical Therapy; May 12, 2006

Board Certification Pediatric Clinical Specialist (PCS)

 American Board of Physical Therapy Specialist (ABPTS), June 2015

Continuing Education NDT/Bobath Certificate 8 Week Course in the Management and Treatment of Children with Cerebral Palsy and Other Neuromotor Disorders

 Neuro-Developmental Treatment Association (NDTA), September 2015

 Lois Bly NDT Baby course

 August 22-23, 2013

Lois Bly NDT 1-week Abnormal Development Workshop

 February 2008

 St. Augustine University, Manual Therapy Courses

 Upper Extremity 1, Spine 2, 3 courses 2007

Clinical Education *HEALTHSOUTH* 16 weeks – OP Ortho *Atlanta, GA*

 January 2006 – April 2006

*Therapy West Inc*. 16 weeks – OP Pediatrics *Los Angeles, CA.*

August 2005 – December 2005

*St. Lukes-Roosevelt Hospital* 6 wks– IP Acute Rehab *New York, NY.*

May - July 2005

*St. Vincent Medical Center* 2 weeks – TCU unit *Los Angeles, CA.*

March 2005

*Kaiser Permanente Sunset* 2 weeks – OP Ortho *Los Angeles, CA.*

October 2004

*Quentin Mease County Hosp*. 6 wks– OP Ortho/Neuro *Houston, TX.*

Amputee Clinic, HIV Clinic Experience

July – August 2004

*St. Lukes-Roosevelt Hospital* 2 weeks – OP Ortho *New York, NY.*

February 2004

Honors and Awards Trailblazer Award Leadership Award recipient(Peer selection) African American Graduation Ceremony

Vanderbilt University May 8, 2003

James Lawson Award for Leadership

Magnolia Award, Vanderbilt University April 2003

 Posse Leadership Award, Scholarship Recipient 1999-2003

1. Professional Background:

Work & Related Experience *International Academy of Hope – School*

July 2015 - present

 Director, Physical Therapy Department

*Columbia University: Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program*

Lab Instructor: Pediatric Curriculum

Spring 2015 (NDT), Spring 2016 (NDT, Musculoskeletal, Kids Day(s), Postural Control and Lab Practicum)

*International Academy of Hope – School*

September 2013 – present

 Clinical Physical Therapy Supervisor

 *Purpose Driven Physical Therapy LLC – Independent Contractor*

September 2007 – present

 Founder and President

*Blythedale Children's Hospital -* IP/OP Peds *Valhalla, NY*

 January 2008 – September 2013

 Staff Physical Therapist

 *Student Medical Institute (SMI) Outreach* - *Dominican Republic*

 Christian Medical Association of Alabama (CMMA)

 Clinical Instructor: Daily PT Site Coordinator

 June 15-22, 2008

 *Integrated Physical Therapy* - OP Aquatics Geriatric *Atlanta, GA*

 August 2007 - January 2008

 *Physiotherapy Associates* - OP Ortho *Atlanta, GA*

 August 2006 - August 2007

 *Student Medical Institute (SMI) Outreach - Dominican Republic*

 Christian Medical Association of Alabama (CMMA)

 Clinical Instructor: Daily PT site coordinator

 June 2007 (1 week)

 University of Southern California Biomechanical Assessment Lab

Research Assistant January 2005 – August 2005

Karl Huesner Memorial Hospital *Belize City Belize, Central Amer.*

Mission Trip: Mission to the World Organization November 2004

Orthopedic Hospital *Los Angeles, CA.*

Physical Therapy Aide (Part Time) February 2004 – February 2005

USC Athletic Department *Los Angeles, CA.*

Student Trainer September 2003

Professional Appointments USC Physical Therapy Multicultural Leadership Alliance

Community Outreach Chair (current), Vice President 2004-5

California APTA Chapter Communications Committee 2005-2006

Research Experience “Does Multidisciplinary and Intense Rehabilitation in a post-acute Brain Injury School produce positive outcomes?: A retrospective cohort review” : International Academy of Hope/Sarah Jane Brain Foundation, *New York, NY*. 2015-2016

“A Balance Master ® Intervention providing sequence training to improve a child’s ability to cross a community traffic signal in a safe and timely manner. A Randomized Control Trial” (under review): Blythedale Children’s Hospital Investigation, *Valhalla, NY*. 2008-2014

"A Comparative Study of Laugh Acoustic in Children with and

 without Autism” Dr. William John Hudenko

 Vanderbilt University, *Nashville, TN*

Research Assistant Spring 2003

 Neuroscience Dept. Dr. Jon Kaas Lab, Vanderbilt University

 Lab Technician: Immunoassaying owl monkey cortex

 Independent Study: Differentiating Somatosensory Areas 3a, 3b

 June 2002 – September 2002

 University of Southern California Biomechanical Assessment Lab

Research Assistant January 2005 – August 2005