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1. **EDUCATION:**

2021-present **Ph.D. (in progress), Developmental Science.**
Florida International University, Miami, FL.

2015 **M.S., Occupational Therapy.**
Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA.

2013 **B.A., Psychology.**
Specialty Track: Honors Research
Houghton College, Houghton, NY.

2. **PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE:**

- 1.1. Licensed Occupational Therapist in the State of Florida (2021-present).
- 1.2 Licensed Occupational Therapist in the State of Maryland (2016-2022).
- 1.3 Registered Occupational Therapist:
National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (2016-present).

3. **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS:**

Down Syndrome	Occupational Therapy
Disability Equity	Functional Rehabilitation
Fine Motor Skill	Lifespan Development

4. WORKS IN PROGRESS:

- “Becoming Independent: Parental Perceptions of the Lived Experiences of Adolescents and Emerging Adults with Down Syndrome,” with Eliza L. Nelson, Dionne P. Stephens, Tana Carson, & Katie Hart. Data collection and analysis in progress.
- “Fine Motor Skill Development and Independent Living for Adolescents and Emerging Adults with Down Syndrome,” with Eliza L. Nelson, Dionne P. Stephens, Tana Carson, & Katie Hart. Data collection and analysis in progress.

5. POSTER PRESENTATIONS:

Castillo-Perez, J. S., Stephens, D., **Long, K.**, & Spiker, R. (2022, June 24). Hispanic College Men’s Perceptions of Sexual Health Terminology: Examining the Saliency of Cultural Influences on Meaning Construction. [Poster presentation]. Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Williams Gary, K., Eze, S., Hernandez, A., **Luger, K.**, & Rowe, J. (2015, October 16). Productive Living in the Community for African Americans with Traumatic Brain Injury: Developing a Qualitative Study Protocol. [Poster presentation]. Virginia Occupational Therapy Association Fall Conference, Manassas, VA.

Luger, K. (2014, October 25). Clinician Boundaries and PTSD: Focus on Promoting Spirituality and Self-forgiveness. [Poster presentation]. Virginia Occupational Therapy Association Fall Conference, Roanoke, VA.

Luger, K. (2013). Trauma, Faith, and Coping: The Role of Meaning. [Poster presentation]. Houghton College Senior Seminar, Houghton, NY.

6. OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCES:

2016 **Research Assistant/Epidemiology Assistant II**

University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD.

Responsibilities: In a neuropsychology research lab, assisted with conducting longitudinal research, administering standardized psychological assessments, and coding data related to gambling behavior and neurological sequelae following major oil spills. Part-time position. Supervisor: Lynn Grattan, Ph.D.

2012-2013 **Psychology Honors Thesis**

“Trauma, Faith, and Coping: The Role of Meaning”, Supervisor: Paul Young, Ph.D. Houghton College, Houghton, NY.

2012 **Oral Presentation**

Penn-York Undergraduate Research Conference, November 3, 2012.

“Trauma, Religious Coping, and Self Forgiveness: An Experimental Exploration”,
Supervisor: Paul Young, Ph.D.

7. SPECIAL AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND OTHER HONORS

- 2022 Department of Psychology \$2000 SEED Grant Award, Florida International University, Miami, FL.
- 2020 Annual Eagle High Flyer Award, St. Elizabeth School, Baltimore, MD.
- 2014 VCU Institute for Women’s Health Haiti Service Scholarship, Richmond, VA.
- 2013 Outstanding Senior in Psychology Award, Houghton College, Houghton, NY.
- 2009-2013 Chamberlain Presidential Scholarship, Houghton College, Houghton, NY.
- 2009-2011 Dean’s List, Houghton College, Houghton, NY.
- 2011 President’s List, Houghton College, Houghton, NY.
- 2010-2011 East Meets West Honors First Year Honors Program and Study Abroad, Houghton College, Houghton, NY.

8. TRAININGS/WORKSHOPS ATTENDED:

FIU Center for the Advancement of Teaching Summer 2022 Inclusive Teaching Workshop

Johns Hopkins University Equal Access in Science and Medicine Spring Lecture: “Writing as Advocacy: Personal Reflections on Disability in Medicine”. Diana Cejas, MD.

FIU-RCMI Short Course in Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

9. PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

2021-present **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

DEP 4164 Children’s Learning, Fall 2021.

PSY 3211 Research Methods & Data Analysis I, Spring 2022.

PSYB 3002 Introductory Biopsychology, Summer 2022.

Florida International University, Miami, FL.

2016-2021 **Pediatric Occupational Therapist/COTA Supervisor**

St. Elizabeth School, Baltimore, MD.

Responsibilities: In a nonpublic school for children ages 6-21, performed sensory, fine motor, visuomotor, and self-care evaluations, conducted groups, and treated individual

students with multiple disabilities. Supervised one occupational therapy assistant and offered treatment suggestions. Collaborated with the school-based team of speech therapists, behavior specialists, teachers, social workers, parents, transition specialists, and case managers to promote optimal school-based performance for each child. Full-time position. Supervisor: Rachel Cox, BS, OTR/L.

2016-2018 **Mental Health Occupational Therapist**

University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center, Towson, MD.

Responsibilities: In an adult inpatient/outpatient psychiatric setting, performed functional evaluations, ran psychosocial groups, and conducted individual treatment sessions. Documented interventions using EPIC. Part-time/per diem position. Supervisor: Denise Thatcher, OTR/L.

2015 **Occupational Therapy Intern**

Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, Baltimore, MD.

Responsibilities: Conducted OT groups and individual sessions for children ages 2-12 behavioral concerns and developmental delays. Documented interventions using Medilinks, reviewed charts using EPIC, and collaborated with interdisciplinary team members. Fieldwork II Supervisor: Karla Comberiate, OTR/L.

2015 **Occupational Therapy Intern**

Sheltering Arms: St. Mary's Hospital, Richmond, VA.

Responsibilities: Conducted ADL evaluations, designed and implemented treatment sessions, and documented in an acute care hospital. Completed rotations on the neurology floor for 8 weeks and orthopedic floors for 4 weeks. Fieldwork II Supervisor: Suzanne Pegram, OTR/L.

2015 **Neuroscience Tutor**

VCU Department of Occupational Therapy

Responsibilities: Explained neuroscience principles to graduate occupational therapy students and facilitated optimal learning and utilization of efficient study strategies. Volunteer position. Supervisor: Shelly Lane, Ph.D.

2012-2013 **Psychological Assessment Intern**

Center for Academic Success and Advising, Houghton College, Houghton, NY.

Responsibilities: Administered tests such as the Woodcock-Johnson III Cognitive and Achievement tests as well as other tests to college students with possible learning disabilities. Interpreted test data. Supervisor: Mark Hunter, Ph.D.

2011-2016 **Direct Support Professional/Resident Counselor**

Heritage Christian Services, Rochester, NY.

Responsibilities: In a group home, supported 7 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities with daily living skills that include personal care, household tasks, and implemented individual services plans including behavioral plans. Supervisor: Kari Ripperger.

2012-2013 **Psychology Teaching Assistant**

Houghton College, Houghton, NY.

Responsibilities: Graded papers, edited teaching materials, and substitute taught for Intro to Psychology, Psychology of Religion, and Abnormal Psychology classes. Supervisor: Richard Stegen, Ph.D.

2012 **Intro to Psychology Tutor**

Houghton College, Houghton, NY.

Responsibilities: Explained basic principles of psychology to students with disabilities and assisted them with developing efficient study skills. Supervisor: Eileen Lewis

2011 **Statistics Tutor**

Houghton College, Houghton, NY.

Responsibilities: Explained key concepts to students and equipped them with study tools to prepare for exams and complete homework. Supervisor: Eileen Lewis.

9. **MEMBERSHIPS IN SCIENTIFIC, HONORARY, AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

2022-present Member, APA Division 22: Rehabilitation Psychology

2011-present Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology

2013-2015, 2019-2021 American Occupational Therapy Association

2013-2015, 2019-2021 World Federation of Occupational Therapists

10. **COMMUNITY SERVICE INVOLVEMENT AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

2021-present Special Olympics Doral Stand Up Paddleboarding Volunteer.

2021 Editor, Application Statement Feedback Program.

2021-present Intersivity Member.

2019-2021 Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Committee, St. Elizabeth School.

2018-present St. Elizabeth School Drama Corps Member.

2017 Asylum Seekers Housing Network Volunteer, Baltimore, MD.

2013-2015	Christian Medical and Dental Association Student Member, Richmond, VA.
2014	Midwives for Haiti Volunteer, Hinche, Haiti.
2012	CP Rochester Volunteer, Rochester, NY.
2012	Heritage Christian Services Volunteer, Rochester, NY.
2012	Rochester General Hospital Volunteer, Rochester, NY.
2011-2012	Residence Hall Leadership Council, Houghton College.
2011-2013	Psi Chi (President 2012; Vice President 2012-2013; Member 2011-2013)
2009-2013	Global Christian Fellowship (Cabinet Member 2011-2012; Member 2009-2013)
2009-2013	Psychology Club, Houghton College (Member)
2011-2012	Student Conduct Committee (Committee Chair 2011-2012)
2010	Intramural Volleyball, Houghton College
2009-2010	Gospel Choir, Houghton College (Member)

11. **OTHER RELEVANT CERTIFICATIONS**

- 1.1 Certificate in Applied Social and Cultural Psychology (in progress)
- 1.2 Certificate in University Teaching and Learning (in progress)
- 1.3 Center for Leadership in Sensory Integration Certificate (In progress).
- 1.4 Basic Life Support Provider (CPR and AED), American Heart Association.