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Education

McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University , Chicago, IL Emergency medicine resident physician	2021-2025
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine (UMMSM) , Miami ,FL Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)	2017-2021
University of Miami , Miami, FL Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Cellular and Molecular Pharmacology Dissertation: "Mechanisms of Allogeneic Mesenchymal Stem Cell Improvement of Endothelial Function in Patients with Heart Failure and Frailty" Dissertation Advisor: Joshua M. Hare, M.D.	2013-2016
University of Wisconsin-Madison , Madison, WI Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Biology with a Focus in Neuroscience Honors Biology Program (Biocore)	2006-2010

Fellowships, Honors, Awards

Physician-Scientist Training Program (PSTP) , Chicago, IL	2022-2025
Richard Furlong, M.D. Memorial/ Society of Academic Emergency Medicine's (SAEM) Medical Student Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award , Miami, FL	2021
John G. Beach Research Scholarship , Miami, FL	2020
Best Quality in Clinical Research , Department of Medicine Research Day, Miami, FL	2019
Certificate of Teaching Excellence to the Frontiers in Aging and Regeneration Research , Atlanta, GA	2017
BCVS Young Investigator Travel Award , Portland, OR	2017
AAAS/Science Program for Excellence in Science nominee , Miami, FL	2016
American Heart Association Pre-Doctoral Fellowship , Miami, FL	2015-2017
2nd Place Poster Forum Winner , World Stem Cell Summit, West Palm Beach, FL	2012
Biocore Biology Honors Program , Madison, WI	2008-2010
National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) , Madison, WI	2007-2010
Sigma Alpha Lambda (National Leadership and Honors Organization) , Madison, WI	2007-2010

Patents

Materials and Method for Treating Endothelial Dysfunction	2017
US Patent Application: PCT/US2015/060624; U.S. Publication No. 2017/0360837 A1	
International Patents Issued: European Patent (EP 3221697 B1), Brazilian Patent (BR 112017010313 B1), South Korean Patent (KR 102626288 B1)	

Professional Memberships and Certifications

Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS)	2025-present
Pediatric Advanced Life support	2025-present
Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS), Provider	2019-present
Basic Life Support (BLS), Provider	2019-present
American Academy of Emergency Medicine (AAEM), Member	2019-present
American Heart Association (AHA), Member	2014-present

Residency Activities

Research College	2023-present
<i>Leader</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I work with faculty research college mentors to help shape and deliver research curriculum for large group didactic sessions and small group breakout sessions during Wednesday Conference throughout the year. 	
Clinical Practice Committee (CPC), AAEM	2022-present
<i>Member</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a member of the CPC, I attend meetings and help co-author and review guidelines published on behalf of the committee. 	
American Medical Women's Association (AMWA)	2022-present
<i>Mentor</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am the mentor of a Northwestern medical student where I specifically meet with her in person 4 times per year and continuously provide advice on meeting residency and career goals. 	
Northwestern Emergency Medicine Redbook	2022-present
<i>Senior Editor</i>	
<i>Co-author</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I co-authored our department's rotation guide which explains in depth each residency rotation as well as provides survival tips. As a rising 4th year, I served as the senior editor. 	
Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2022, 2023
<i>Medical Volunteer</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I was a medical volunteer at the medical tent, aiding with all event related injuries and illnesses. 	
Intern Survival Guide	2022
<i>Co-author</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I co-authored our intern survival guide, a guide that orients interns into the department and aids them with each rotation of intern year. 	
Physician-Scientist Training Program (PSTP)	2021-present
<i>Scholar</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am part of the PSTP where my research revolves around women's health. I am specifically evaluating medication safety for breastfeeding patients, as well as working towards creating better access to emergency contraception in the emergency department. 	
NUEM Blog	2021-present
<i>Social Media Director</i>	
<i>Blog team member</i>	

- As a member of the blog team and director of social media, I help update our blog website, edit posts, publish biographies about residents, and help manage our Instagram and twitter account.

Medical School Activities

Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Hotline

2020-2021

Supervisor

- I managed over 100 volunteers at 1 of only 3 statewide call centers for the Florida Department of Health Covid-19 24-hour hotline serving the medical care community and the general residents of every individual county in the state.
- I held daily staff briefings updating frequent statewide guideline changes as well as individual county guideline changes.
- I coordinated health care providers logistic inquiries including closest facility with an open bed, acquisition of PPE supplies, and protocols in a specific county for patient care.
- I coached staff on how to handle calls about signs for positive Covid-19 symptoms, where to go, inability to quarantine or lack of transportation, and addressing overwhelming despair and lack of resources.

Emergency Medical Student Association (EMSA)

2018-2021

Secretary

- I was responsible for coordinating events such as intubation/suturing workshops, conferences, and guest speakers.
- I was a mentor for underclassmen going into EM.

Student Government

2018-2021

MS2 Executive Committee

MS3 Class Council Secretary

MS4 Class Council Events Coordinator

- I advocated on behalf of the student body, specifically meeting with medical school leadership team including Dean on numerous occasions advocating for student rights and showcasing perceived deficiencies with specific suggestions for improvement.
- During COVID, I participated in a unique role of ensuring our quality of education was not compromised by successfully advocating for our students to remain in clinical sites during high positivity disease rates.

Beats Per Minute

2017-2021

Member

- I was a hip-hop performer at our annual cabaret fundraiser.

Work Experience

Assistant Professor, University of South Florida

2025- Present

- I am an assistant professor and attending in the Department of Emergency Medicine.

Postdoctoral Associate, University of Miami, Miami, FL

2017

- I was a postdoctoral associate in Dr. Joshua Hare's lab responsible for writing grants, creating my own clinical studies, and managing medical students and volunteers working under me.
- I led clinical studies on endothelial dysfunction in heart failure.

Research Associate, University of Miami, Miami, FL

2010-2013

- I was a research associate in Dr. Joshua Hare's lab.
- I expanded my laboratory skills repertoire including PCR, western blots, ELISA assays, flow cytometry, immunohistochemistry, and cell culture.
- I was involved in numerous projects involving mesenchymal stem cells, c-kit cells, and pre-clinical stem cell therapy models.

Biocore Outreach Ambassador (BOA), Madison, WI

2008-2010

- I was a weekly science teacher in rural lower and middle schools helping teachers implement an inquiry-based method of teaching and promoting hands-on scientific investigation and exploration.

Undergraduate Research Fellow, Madison, WI

2008-2010

- I was admitted to UW-Madison's selective research program that revolved around learning hard and fast research skills and acquiring an interdisciplinary perspective on research, developing critical thinking, and growing as an informed citizen.
- I was an instructor for an undergraduate research class, URS-250, which revolved around URS's mission above, both teaching and mentoring freshman and sophomore students.

Server, Bartender, Marketing Director, Opa, Madison, WI

2009-2010

- I was a server and bartender at a local high-end restaurant.
- I was responsible for marketing operations to ensure a successful new restaurant.

Server, The Nitty Gritty, Madison, WI

2008-2009

- I was a server at a high volume, chaotic college restaurant.

Camp Counselor and Volleyball Coach, Lake Bryn Mawr, Honesdale, PA

2008

- I was a full-time camp counselor to a group of 16 twelve-year-old girls at an overnight summer camp.
- I taught volleyball to all age groups.

Research**McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University**, Chicago, IL

2021-present

Medication safety in breastfeeding patients, PI: Courtney Premer-Barragan, M.D., Ph.D.*Physician-Scientist Training Program (PSTP)*, Advisor: Alexander Lo, M.D., Ph.D.

- I developed and am currently working on my project surrounding breastfeeding management in the emergency department as part of the PSTP.
- I presented this work at the national 2024 ACEP conference and 2024 SAEM conference.
- I published this work as both the first-author and senior author in the American Journal of Emergency Medicine.
- I published multiple blog posts on medication safety in breastfeeding patients.

Interdisciplinary Stem Cell Institute, Miami, FL

2010-2021

Clinical Cardiology Stem Cell Research, PI: Joshua Hare, M.D.

- I was a research associate in Dr. Hare's lab from 2010-2012 as described above.
- I was a PhD graduate student in Cellular and Molecular Pharmacology from 2013-2016 during which I defended my work on the mechanisms of allogeneic mesenchymal stem cell improvement of endothelial function in patients with ischemic and non-ischemic heart failure and frailty.

- I was a Postdoctoral Fellow in 2016 during which I created a sub-study of endothelial function which is now part of all our lab's clinical trials.
- Throughout medical school, I expanded on my endothelial function studies and clinical trials and was featured in the Medical Ibis Magazine, a student-run magazine featuring medical students and their research as well as awarded the John G. Beach Research Scholarship.
- During my time in Dr. Hare's lab, I co-authored 21 manuscripts, significantly contributed to over 5 funded R01 grants, and co-authored a pending patent.

University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

2006-2010

Angiotensin II Receptor Subtype Function and Localization, PI: Mark Brownfield, Ph.D.

- I helped identify the distribution of Angiotensin II receptor subtypes (AT1a, AT1b, and AT2) in the rat brain utilizing electron microscopy, immunohistochemistry, and immunocytochemistry to aid patients affected by Angiotensin-linked diseases such as hypertension and kidney disease.
- I was the first author of this work published in the International Journal of Hypertension.

Cancer Chemoprevention and Selenium, PI: Terry Oberley, M.D

- I assisted in analyzing redox effects of selenium in prostate cancer chemoprevention by sectioning and immunogold labeling liver tissue and analyzing the distribution of gold beads in tissue treated with selenium.

Publications

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