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SUMMARY

A professional nurse, nurse practitioner, leader, and educator whose passion in caring for others has led to diverse positions in healthcare. The importance of building trust in relationships and within teams has guided her leadership and nursing career. A strong and compassionate clinician that maintains contemporary nursing practice. Seen as a pediatric expert and a seasoned leader whose vast experience informs her approach to excellence in the education of future nurses.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Old Dominion University

Norfolk, Virginia

Capstone: *Differences in Quality and Utilization Outcomes, Parental Knowledge, and Perceived Barriers to Care in Children with Asthma*

Awards: *DNP Outstanding Scholarship Award*

May 2014

MSN- Family Nurse Practitioner

George Mason University

Fairfax, Virginia

September May 2007

Award: *Outstanding Family Nurse Practitioner*

Honors: Summa Cum Laude

Associates Degree in Nursing

Northern Virginia Community College

Annandale, Virginia

September May 1993

Honors: Summa Cum Laude

Family and Child Services

Virginia Tech

Blacksburg, Virginia

Family & Child Services

ND, 1976-1977

LICENSURE

Registered Nurse, Virginia Board of Nursing, 0001134464

Nurse Practitioner, Virginia Board of Nursing, 002167436

DEA, MO5892270

ACADEMIC & EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

George Mason University

June 2023-present

Professor
CPH/SON

Promoted to Professor due to high level of teaching excellence. Over the last 2 years, improved the culture and morale in the School of Nursing among students and faculty. Continue to provide mentorship for the faculty in terms of progression in rank and career. My leadership style has impacted many students, faculty, and staff to reach for the stars and find their true north.

George Mason University

August 2021-July 2023

Associate Professor & Interim Director
Director of Professional Development
CHHS/SON

Assumed interim Director (Chief Nurse Administrator) for the School of Nursing responsibilities with key initiatives including preparation for CCNE re-accreditation in 2024. Ensured a smooth freshman-entry 4-year BSN program admission process by working collaboratively with OSA partners. Provided support and encouragement to faculty, staff, and students to improve morale and generate a culture of kindness and caring. Serve as the interim Chief Nurse Administrator for AACN/CCNE reporting. Provide strategic leadership and maintain fiscal responsibility. Provide expertise and encouragement for faculty professional development. Chair many DNP projects as well as serve on one dissertation committees as subject matter expert as a nurse leader. Oversight for SoN research expenditures. Responsibility for annual reports to Virginia Board of Nursing, AACN, US News & World Report, and CCNE.

George Mason University

June 2020-August 2021

Associate Professor
CHHS/SON

Maintain full teaching load and provide service in the School, College, and University. Active member in University Effective Teaching Committee. Strong focus of teaching in evidence-based practice, theory, leadership, and systems thinking in the DNP program. Maintain current practice with strong focus on the care of vulnerable children. Additionally, provide support to the Medication-Assisted Treatment program run through our Mason and Partners (MAP) clinics. Stepped down from leadership roles within the School to focus on increased practice-based research and scholarship with the goal of submitting dossier for promotion to full Professor in the next 2 years. Continue to mentor and support new or junior faculty. Continue to build the online FNP program using innovative teaching and learning design.

George Mason University

October 2018-June 2020

Assistant Professor & Interim Director
CHHS/SON

Served as the interim Director (Chief Nurse Administrator) for the School of Nursing. Provided strategic leadership and maintained fiscal responsibility. Provided expertise in the development of an online FNP program while maintaining faculty responsibility of teaching. Chaired 6 DNP projects during this time as well as served on 2 dissertation committees as subject matter expert for nurse practitioners and nurse leaders. Oversight for SoN 10.2 million research expenditures. Responsibility for annual reports to Virginia Board of Nursing, AACN, US News & World Report, and CCNE.

George Mason University

July 2017-October 2018

Graduate Program Director

Assistant Professor & Asst. Dean MSN/DNP Programs
CHHS/SON

Provided leadership for the MSN/DNP Programs. Represented School at NONPF meetings and conferences. Collaborated with faculty to ensure a health environment for teaching and learning. Worked with MAP Clinic Co-Directors to provide clinical immersion experiences for our nurse practitioner and leadership students.

George Mason University

August 2014- July 2017

Assistant Professor
CHHS/SON

Primary teaching focus in pediatrics, leadership, and evidence-based practice. Redesigned several courses using a backwards design. Received outstanding course evaluations from students and peers.

Nurse Leadership Institute

April 2014- April 2015

Nurse Curriculum Advisor/Director
Richmond Memorial Health Foundation
RWJF Grant

Facilitated weekend immersion experiences for nurse leader fellows. Responsible for VNA CE documentation and reporting. Developed curriculum for 9-month leadership development program.

Fellowship Instructor

Pediatrics and Emergency Nursing
Inova Health System

FNP Preceptor

Precepted over 30 FNP students from George Mason University, George Washington University, Marymount University, and University of Virginia

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mason and Partners Clinic

May 2014-present

Nurse Practitioner

KidMed Urgent Care

March 2015- January 2019

Nurse Practitioner

Olde Towne Pediatrics

July 2007- January 2014

Nurse Practitioner
Practice Administrator

Inova Children's Hospital/ Inova Fairfax Medical Center

August 2009- January 2012

Director
Pediatric Emergency Department &
Adult Emergency Department
Pediatric Oncology

Inova Pediatric Center

August 2008-August 2009

Nurse Practitioner

**Greater Prince William
Community Health Center**
Nurse Practitioner/ Clinical Director

July 2006-July 2008

Prince William Hospital
Staff RN- Pediatrics, Nursery, NICU, ERjr, OB, ED
(Director 2001-2006)

October 1993-June 2006

OTHER EXPERIENCES AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member, American Nurses Association
Member, Region 3 representative, American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)
Treasurer, Sigma Theta Tau International (past President)
Member, National Association of Nurse Practitioner Faculty (NONPF)
Member, Virginia Council of Nurse Practitioners (VCNP)
Journal Reviewer, Journal of Nurse Practitioners
Journal Reviewer, American Nurse Today
Member, American Association of Colleges of Nursing
Treasurer, Virginia Association of Colleges of Nursing

HONORS

2007 Outstanding Family Nurse Practitioner Award, George Mason University
2011 Visionary in Leadership Award, Inova Fairfax Medical Center
2014 DNP Scholarship Award, Old Dominion University
2016 Unsung Hero Award; School of Nursing Faculty Award
2017 CFTE Master Teaching Award Nomination, George Mason University
2018 CFTE Master Teaching Award Nomination, George Mason University
2020 CFTE Master Teaching Award Nomination, George Mason University
2021 Innovation in Teaching Nomination, CHHS, George Mason University
2022 Evelyn Cohalen Leadership Award, CHHS, School of Nursing, George Mason University

TEACHING

Undergraduate Courses

Nursing 319: Pathophysiological Basis for Nursing Care of Individuals and Small Groups (Pediatrics)
Nursing 334: Nursing as a Health Profession and Discipline
Nursing 336: Concepts in Professional Nursing as a Discipline
Nursing 349: Pediatric Pathophysiology and Nursing Care
Nursing 436: Leadership and Management of Health Care
Nursing 465: Examination and Integration of Issues in Nursing and Healthcare

Graduate Courses

Nursing 665: Theoretical and Ethical Foundations Related to Nursing
Nursing 739: Family Primary Care II
Nursing 742: Family Primary Care I Practicum

Nursing 744: Family Primary Care II Practicum
 Nursing 749: Family Primary Care III Practicum
 Nursing 757: Research & Biostatistics I
 Nursing 758: Research & Biostatistics II
 Nursing 761: Pharmacotherapeutics
 Nursing 883: Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing and Healthcare
 Nursing 921: DNP Clinical Practicum I
 Nursing 922: DNP Clinical Practicum II
 Nursing 980: Practice Inquiry I
 Nursing 981: Practice Inquiry II

Course Evaluations/ Comments

Consistently received student ratings above the mean as well as positive student comments.

Courses Redesigned

Nursing 319/349: Pediatric Nursing
 Nursing 665: Theoretical and Ethical Foundations Related to Nursing
 Nursing 739: Family Nurse Practitioner II (Pediatrics)
 Nursing 757: Research & Biostatistics (EBP)
 Nursing 761: Pharmacotherapeutics
 Nursing 769: Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice (MOL program)
 Nursing 883: Evidence-Based Practice in Health Care
 Nursing 921: DNP Practicum
 Nursing 922: DNP Practicum
 Nursing 980: Practice Inquiry I (DNP Projects)
 Nursing 981: Practice Inquiry II (DNP Projects)

ACADEMIC MENTORING

Sherri Taylor, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC
 Zachary Wotherspoon, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC
 Shanti Chang Lloyd, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC
 Melanie Yousefi, DNP, APRN, PMHNP-BC
 Nancy Littlefield, DNP, RN
 Pierre Eklou, DNP, PMHNP-BC
 Pamela Fine, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC
 Ruth Foreman, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC
 Susan Schriefer, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC
 Natalie Brooks, DNP, APRN, PMHNP-BC

DNP PROJECT CHAIR

2015-2016:

Chang, Shanti
 Harrison-Swartz, Julie
 Kiser, Tara
 Lang, Christie
 Mai, Nina

Van Hilst, Christie

2016-2017:

Richards, Stephanie

2017-2018

Andoh, Emelia

Brandt, Hillary

Crowder, Pamela

Leonard, Regina

Nabie, Mohammed

Taylor, Sherri

Thapa, Grace

2018-2019

Brooks, Natalie

Dunn, Jessica

Elba, Adomale

Kearns-Todd, Patricia

Smolsky, Alison

Wagner, Emily

2019-2020

Endres, Katherine

Helem, Tanshanicka

LeFande, Susan

Maas, Katherine

Patel, Vaibhavi

Rogers, Joseph

2020-2021

Kristen Ahearn

Jennifer Breseman

Janice Kim

Kenya Jenkins

Tesfa Mekonnen

Soledad Soto

Karen Webb

Joseph Rogers

2021-2022

Najeeba Brown

Amber Dise

Regina Harrison

Brandy Killion

Lisa Poirier

Caroline Stowe

Katherine Suh

Ashley Wiest

2022-2023

Ashley Frese

Kenneth Frese

Shana Gliem

Stephanie Hull

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

2018-2022: Jones, Tammie; 3rd Reader, consultant

2018-present: Hawksworth, Lisa; 3rd Reader, consultant

GRANTS

HRSA ANEW Grant: Advanced Nursing Workforce

Award: \$1,374,880 (20%); June 2018-June 30, 2020

Faculty Champion: Responsible for collaborating with PI to integrate public and population health concepts into the nurse practitioner curriculum.

HRSA UNITE Grant: Nurse Education and Retention

Award: \$1,334,916. (10%): continuation funding awarded July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

Project Director (PD/PI): Responsible for overall supervision, execution, quality assurance, and evaluation of the project.

SAMHSA: Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Training Grant

Award: \$449,726 (10%); September 2018- March 2022

Principal Investigator: Responsible for overall supervision, execution, quality assurance, and evaluation of the project in 2021. Previously served as faculty champion and curriculum expert for integrating MAT in the nurse practitioner program. Developed faculty teaching guide that has been implemented into the NP curriculum. Provided immersion experiences through a fellowship that supported our MAP MAT clinic. Received a thank you note of appreciation from the SAMHSA Project Director for sharing of the faculty teaching guide.

HRSA: Mason Health and Public Workforce Resiliency Program

Award: \$2 million (5%): 3 years/ cooperative agreement

Nursing Lead Responsible for collaborating with the team to represent nursing workforce and resiliency. Provided insight into the simulations and attended ANA Resiliency Training for Nurses to inform current project.

GoVirginia: Mason's Nurses COVID-19 Study

Award: \$100,000 (10%)

Co-Investigator: Recruitment of nurses and other frontline health care workers into Covid self-testing study. Assist with collection of tests and data via survey.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Award: \$200,000 (10%)

Nursing Lead: Interprofessional bioengineering, health administration and nursing student clinical immersion and project development.

KEY PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Polypharmacy Across the Lifespan (2021); Virginia Council of Nurse Practitioners, Zoom Platform.

The Ups & Downs & Everything In Between of Academia (2019); American Association of Nurse Practitioners National Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Student Excel! Program: Tracking Competency of Essentials in Doctor of Nursing Practice Program. Virginia DNP Annual Conference, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Differences in Quality and Utilization Outcomes, Parental Knowledge, and Perceived Barriers to Care in Children with Asthma (2014), Old Dominion University Research Day, Norfolk, Virginia.

Care of the Child with Diabetes in the Emergency Department (2013); Novant Prince William Medical Center, Maternal Child Health Symposium, Manassas, Virginia.

Pediatric Disaster Tabletop Exercise (2011), Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children, Fairfax, Virginia.

Care of the Children with Diabetes; Management of DKA in the Emergency Department (2012); Inova Children's Hospital, Fairfax, Virginia.

LEAN Door-to-Bed Initiatives (2009): Inova Children's Hospital, Fairfax, Virginia.

Patient Satisfaction in the Emergency Department (2009); Inova Fairfax Medical Center, Fairfax, Virginia.

Door to Balloon: IAMS award (2011); Inova Fairfax Medical Center, Fairfax, Virginia.

Pain Management in Children (2004); Prince William Hospital, Maternal Child Health Symposium, Manassas, Virginia.

PUBLICATIONS

Soylu, T.G.*, Roess, A., Boolani, A., Wilson, A.N., Huddleston, K.C., Lawrence, G.N., **Oetjen, C.A.** (2023). Depression, anxiety, energy, and fatigue among nurses who cared for patients during the COVID-19 pandemic: A cross-sectional study. *Journal of Holistic Nursing*.

Oh, K.M., **Oetjen, C.A.**, Beran, K., Harvey, M. S.*, Zamilus-Osabu, M. *(2023). Medication-assisted treatment 24-hour waiver training for opioid use disorder: Lessons learned. *Journal of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners*.

Thapa, G.*, Nair, S., **Oetjen, C.A.** (2019). Implementing an evidence-based, asthma decision support tool for children younger than 5 years old. *Journal of Pediatric Health Care*.

Narayan, M*, Zare, M., Lasway, A., Kitsantas, P., Wojtusiak, J., **Oetjen, C.A.** (2018) Influence of adverse childhood experiences on anxiety and depression in children 6-11 years old. *Pediatric Nursing*.

Brewster, R., **Oetjen, C.A.** (2017). Student Excel! Program: Applying Structure and Vision to Clinical Learning Excellence. *Journal of Healthcare Communications*.

Hurt, T., Lee, T., **Oetjen, C.** & Shaw, J. (2010) Confronting challenges, seeking solutions. *Children's Hospitals Today*.

PEER REVIEWER

Journal of Nurse Practitioners; provided detailed revisions, then published
American Nurse Today; provided detailed revisions, then published

ABSTRACT REVIEWER

American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN); abstract review for podium presentations at AACN conferences (2019-2023)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)
 American Association of Nurse Leaders (VONL)
 American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP): Region 3 Leader
 American Nurses Association/ Virginia Nurses Association (ANA/VNA)
 National League of Nursing (NLN)
 National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculty (NONPF): Curricular SIG
 Sigma Theta Tau International (Sigma)/ Epsilon Zeta Chapter Former President/ Current Treasurer/
 Serve on International By-Laws Committee
 Virginia Association of Colleges of Nursing (VACN); Treasurer

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

School of Nursing Leadership: FNP Coordinator, MSN/DNP Asst. Dean, Interim Director
 School of Nursing Governance: Curriculum Committee, Program Evaluation
 CHHS: Strategic Planning Committee, Administrative Council, MAP Clinic Advisory Board, Faculty Evaluation Committee (lead, 2020-2021)
 University: Effective Teaching Committee
 Community: NOVA Advisory Board, Deans/Directors Meetings at Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center
 Research Council at Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center
 Research and EBP Council at Inova Health System

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Head Start Health Advisory Council
 Remote Area Medical/ RAM

MAP Clinic Advisory Board
Virginia AAP Committee: Care of Immigrant Children

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Family Nurse Practitioner
Certified Pediatric Nurse
Certified Pediatric Emergency Nurse
Basic Life Support
Advanced Cardiac Life Support
Pediatric Advanced Life Support
Trauma Nurse Core Curriculum
Advanced Burn Life Support
Neonatal Resuscitation Program
Disaster Management and Emergency Preparedness
ELNEC Provider-Pediatrics
Telehealth Provider