

# CURRICULUM VITA

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### PERSONAL DATA

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### EDUCATION

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Degree</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Field</i>
University of New Mexico Albuquerque, New Mexico	B.A.	1979	Communication Disorders
University of New Mexico Albuquerque, New Mexico	M.S	1980	Speech/Language Pathology

### CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Certificate of Clinical Competence as a Certified Speech-Language Pathologist, 1980 to present.

New Mexico Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist, 1980 to present.

Hippotherapy Clinical Specialist, Board Certified by the American Hippotherapy Certification Board, 1999 to present.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<b>Facility</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>
THNM/Skyline Therapy Services Edgewood, New Mexico	President Speech-Language Pathologist/Horse Trainer	1982-Present
American Hippotherapy Association	AHA Faculty Coordinator	1992-present
University of New Mexico Albuquerque, New Mexico	Research Associate	1982-1984
Albuquerque Public Schools Albuquerque, New Mexico	Speech-Language Pathologist	1980-1982
Dismuke Quarter Horses Sandia Park, New Mexico	Horse Trainer/ Riding Instructor	1970-1982

Mailman Center for  
Child Development  
Miami, Florida

Graduate  
Internship

1980

## RESEARCH AWARDS

<b>Grants/Awards</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Research Grant: American Hippotherapy Association - \$20,000.00 “Impact of Hippotherapy As a Treatment Tool On Functional Communication in Children With Autism Spectrum Disorder”	Principle Investigator	2008
Research Grant: American Quarter Horse Association/University of New Mexico-\$80,000.00 “Rehabilitative Riding as an Intervention Tool for Language Disordered Children”	Principal Investigator	1980
Research Grant: American Quarter Horse Association/University of New Mexico - \$8600.00 “Pilot Investigation of Rehabilitative Riding As an Intervention in Speech Therapy “	Principal Investigator	1978

## PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Development of a transdisciplinary model of physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech-language therapy emphasizing hippotherapy as a treatment tool with children and adults with special needs. Regarded as the first full time outpatient clinic specializing in hippotherapy as a treatment tool, established third party reimbursement for incorporation of hippotherapy into outpatient therapy services and provide on site university student affiliations. Nationally recognized as leader in the use of hippotherapy as an intervention tool in physical, occupational, and speech-language therapy.  
1982-Present

Development and administration of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Exceptional Rodeo, a recreational rodeo event held at PRCA approved rodeos throughout the United States and Canada for children with special needs which pairs professional rodeo athletes with young children who have special needs in a specially modified rodeo performance.  
1983-2018

## CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Faculty Coordinator and Education Committee member with the American Hippotherapy Association developing the curriculum for and teaching AHA approved courses in Treatment Principles of incorporating Hippotherapy. Teach multiple courses at Levels I, II and III, as well as courses in related topics in the application of Hippotherapy as a treatment tool for physical, occupational and speech-language therapy annually – approximately 4-6 courses per year throughout the United States and Europe as well as in Mexico. Ongoing curriculum development and updating of standards of practice using Hippotherapy as a treatment tool in outpatient therapy.  
1992-Present

American Quarter Horse Foundation Task Force Member development of the EAAT Horse Professional University Curriculum for universities and colleges offering specialized study for development of required horse expertise to support Equine Assisted Activities. Information disseminated to approximately 46 universities throughout the United States.  
2014

## **PUBLICATIONS/ JURIED PRESENTATIONS**

- Dismuke-Blakely, R. *Effective Implementation of Equine Movement In Treatment of Language Disorders*. **2021 AHA Virtual Conference Presentation** Denver, Colorado
- Dismuke-Blakely, R. *Getting Paid: Reimbursement Issues When Hippotherapy Is Included In The Treatment Plan*. **2019 AHA Conference Presentation** Lexington, Kentucky.
- Dismuke-Blakely, R and Miller, N. *Handling and Training of Hippotherapy Horses- Why Quality Matters*. **2017 AHA Conference Presentation** Fort Collins Co.
- Dismuke-Blakely, R. *Coding Considerations When Using Hippotherapy In Your Treatment Plan*. **American Hippotherapy Association Journal**. Fall/Winter 2017 pp 22-27.
- Dismuke-Blakely, R. *The Need for Cross-Training in Hippotherapy*. **American Hippotherapy Association Journal**. Winter, 2007 pp 7-9.
- Dismuke-Blakely, R. *Documentation When Hippotherapy Is Part of the Treatment Plan*. **American Hippotherapy Association Journal**. Winter, 2005.
- Dismuke-Blakely, R. *Hippotherapy as a Treatment Modality for Speech-Language Therapy*. **Proceedings of the Ninth International Therapeutic Riding Congress** Denver: NARHA, 1997, pp.
- Dismuke-Blakely, R. *Therapeutic Riding and Hippotherapy: An Overview*. **Proceedings of the 1996 Parent-to-Parent Conference**. Arlington: Future Horizons, 1996, pp. 44-48.
- Dismuke-Blakely, R. Hippotherapy as An Intervention Tool in Speech-Language Therapy*. **American Hippotherapy Association Journal**, Spring, 1995.
- Gavin, W.J., Dismuke-Blakely, R., and Jonart, K. *Measuring Language Therapy Gains Across Brief Time Periods*. **American Speech-Language-Hearing Association National Convention**. Seattle, Washington, 1990.
- Dismuke, R. *Rehabilitative Riding for Children With Language Disorders*. **The Pet Connection** (Hart, B.A. and Hart, L.A. editors) University of Minnesota: Minneapolis, 1984.
- Dismuke-Blakely, R. *Speech Therapy in Hippotherapy*. **Handbook of Therapeutic Riding** (Engle, R. Editor) 1990 and second edition, 1997.
- Dismuke, R. *Rehabilitative Riding*. **Quarter Horse Journal**. August 1984, pp. 35-37.
- Dismuke, R. and Gavin, W.J. *Pragmatic Loading of Language Intervention*. **American Speech-Language-Hearing Association National Convention**. Cincinnati, Ohio, 1983.
- Gavin, W.J. and Dismuke, R. *CALARSP: The Computer Assisted LARSP Software Package*. Mini-Seminar presented at the **American Speech and Hearing Association National Convention**. Cincinnati, Ohio, 1983.
- Dismuke, R. and Gavin, W.J. *Pragmatic Loading of Language Intervention*. Presented at the **American Speech and Hearing Association National Convention**, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1983.
- Gavin, W.J. and Dismuke, R. *CALARSP: The Computer Assisted LARSP Software Package*. Presented at the **18<sup>th</sup> Mid-American Linguistics Conference**. Boulder, Colorado, 1983.
- Dismuke, R. *Therapeutic Horsemanship*. Quarter Horse Journal August 1981 pp.34-37.**

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

*2019 Coding and documentation for SLPs* Dee Adams Nikjeh, PhD, CCC-SLP Nancy B. Swigert, MA, CCC-SLP, BCS-S  
January 2019 .20 CEUs

*Do the Hard Things First? Treatment of Morphology and Syntax* Amanda Owen Van Horne, PhD, CCC-SLP December  
2019 .10 CEUs

*The How and Why of Executive Functions: Impacts on Language and Learning.* Lisa Archibald, PhD December 2019  
.20 CEUs

*Children with Autism: Intervention Strategies.* ASHA Professional Development Series. December 2019 .50 CEUs

*2018 ASHA Convention.* Boston MA. November 2018 1.10 CEUs

*Documentation Essentials for Pediatric SLP's.* Shannon Butkus, MS, CCC-SLP ASHA Webinar March 2018 0.05 CEUs

*Growing a Thriving Private Practice: Essential Best Practices.* Heather C. Bupp, Esq. Kari Ann Legg Attorney at Law  
Charlie Cook, CEO, CMO ASHA Webinar 12/2017 0.45 CEUs

*Business Essentials for Busy Private Practitioners* Stuart Trembath, MA, CCC-AASHA Webinar 12/2017 0.75 CEUs

*2017 American Hippotherapy Association Bi-Annual Conference* Fort Collins, CO  
March 2017 14 Contact Hours

*2015 ASHA Convention.* Denver CO November 2015 1.20 CEUs

*2014 ASHA Convention* Orlando FL. November 2014 1.15 CEUs

*Audiology 2013: Central Auditory Processing Disorders* ASHA Online Symposium October 2013 1.55 CEUs

*Childhood Neurology* Robyn Neft, RN, MSN, CPNP PESI Healthcare October 2013 Albuquerque, NM 0.60 CEUS

*The Neuro Connection.* Lori Garone, PT, Nancy McGibbon PT, Bonnie Cunningham PT. Chatsworth CA May 3-4,  
2013 11 Contact Hours

*Best Practices in Documentation: Medical Records Compliance and Audit Defense Systems* Cross Country Albuquerque,  
NM 12/8/2011 0.60 CEUs

*2011 ASHA Annual Convention* San Diego CA November 2011 1.70 CEUs

*2010 ASHA Annual Convention* Philadelphia PA November 2010 1.10 CEUs

*Pediatric Dysphagia – Management of the Whole Child* August 12, 2010 Albuquerque, NM 0.60 CEUs

## PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS

Facility	Capacity	Dates
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Lubbock, Texas	Hippotherapy Clinical Specialist	2014-2017
Bravehearts at Bergmanne Centre Poplar Grove, Illinois	Hippotherapy Clinical Specialist	2011
El Paso Independent School District El Paso, Texas	Hippotherapy Clinical Specialist	1996-2000

University of Wyoming Department of Speech/Hearing Laramie, Wyoming	Child Language	1989-1993
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Hope Arena Galveston, Texas	Rehabilitative Riding Specialist	1985-1987
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Institute of Logopedics Wichita, Kansas	Child Language Specialist	1982-1984
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Central Kentucky Riding For the Handicapped Lexington, Kentucky	Rehabilitative Riding Specialist	1984
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## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

New Mexico Speech-Language-Hearing Association

American Hippotherapy Association Faculty: Curriculum Development/ and Faculty Coordinator for AHA Approved Courses on Hippotherapy – 1992 to present

American Hippotherapy Certification Board: Development and Annual Review of the AHCB -HPCS National Certification Examination – 1999 to 2010

American Hippotherapy Association: Past National Board of Directors and Past 2nd Vice-President

American Quarter Horse Association National Director-New Mexico	2001-present
American Quarter Horse Foundation Council Member	2011-2017
American Quarter Horse Foundation Council Chairwoman	2015-2017

North American Riding for The Handicapped Association – Past Medical Committee Member  
(now PATH, International)

New Mexico Quarter Horse Association- Past President and State Director 1992 - 2014

## **SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

American Hippotherapy Association “Therapist of the Year”	2006
Lifetime Achievement Award – New Mexico Horse Council	2013
American Hippotherapy Association “President’s Award”	2019
American Hippotherapy Association “Volunteer of the Year”	2021

# Resume

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## Professional experience :

### January 2011 to present: Herndon, VA and Lovettsville, VA

- Private physical therapy(PT) and Feldenkrais Method practice for humans and horses in northern VA with a focus on horse riders and children with special needs as well as equine rehabilitation.
- Certified Equine rehabilitation practitioner since 2018
- Independent contractor for Loudoun Therapeutic Riding in Lovettsville, VA, providing PT using the movement of the horse.
- Ergonomics consultant for the World Bank Group, Washington, DC in charge of overseas offices ( 2016-2020).
- PRN physical therapist for Inova Loudoun Hospital NICU (until Nov 2013)

### March 2009 to December 2010 Herndon, VA

- Part time physical therapist for Inova Loudoun hospital outpatient adult and pediatric rehab.
- Private physical therapy and Feldenkrais Method practice owner in Herndon, VA specializing in adults and children with orthopedic and neurological conditions.

### January 2008 to February 2009 Herndon, VA

- Part Time physical therapist and Feldenkrais practitioner at Inova outpatient Neurologic rehab center at Fair Oaks Hospital.
- Independent contractor for at Lift Me Up, Great Falls, VA, providing PT with the movement of the horse until December 2009.
- Private physical therapy and Feldenkrais Method practice owner in Herndon, VA specializing in adults and children with orthopedic and neurological conditions.

### November 1, 2005 to June 2007: Vienna, Austria

Private Physical Therapy and Feldenkrais Method Practice owner in Vienna, Austria. Outpatient orthopedics.

### October 2002 to August 2005: Herndon, VA

- Private practice owner in Herndon, VA, Physical Therapy and Feldenkrais method. Orthopedics, Traumatic Brain Injuries, Cerebral Palsy (pediatrics).
- Independent Physical Therapist in an outpatient orthopedics practice in Washington, DC.

### October 1999 to June 2002 Rangoon, Burma

- Independent Physical Therapist for International SOS, Rangoon, Burma
- Served as acting Chief for the Consular Section of the US Embassy for several months during absences of the consular officer.
- American Embassy's Community Liaison Officer for a year.

### **October 1996 to June 1999: Shenyang, China**

- Private practice in Shenyang, China. As the only western PT, treated all expatriates, mainly orthopedics.
- Worked in the Consular Section of the American Consulate General,

### **May 1995 to June 1996: Taipei, Taiwan**

Volunteered at the community center in Taipei, welcoming western newcomers and setting up cultural and social programs with the Chinese community.

### **May 1993 to May 1995 Washington, DC**

Senior Physical Therapist in George Washington (GW) University's Ambulatory Care Center.

### **February to May 1993: Washington, DC**

Staff Physical Therapist at the Washington clinic. Treated a variety of cases, mainly orthopedics and geriatrics.

### **May 1992 to February 1993: Washington, DC**

Staff PT for Dr Herbert H Joseph. Outpatient orthopedics physician owned practice.

### **December 1989 to October 1991: Vientiane, Laos**

Resident Representative (Director) for Handicap International, a non-governmental Organization dedicated to helping people with disabilities in third world countries.

- Managed the national prosthetic program (seven workshops in 7 provinces).
- Supervised six Laotian employees and two French PT's.

## **Education:**

- B.S in Physical Therapy from the University of Liège in Belgium in 1989
- Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Des Moines University, Des Moines, Iowa (2008)

## **Certifications:**

- USEF CPEDI classifier (para-equestrian dressage and driving classifier)(2019)
- Certified Equine Rehabilitation Practitioner (University of Tennessee) (2016)
- Hippotherapy Clinical Specialist (2014)
- Certified Kinesio Taping Practitioner (2013)
- Anat Baniel Method for children mastery(2010).
- Registered therapeutic riding instructor (2008)
- Ergonomics Assessment Specialist Certification (2003)
- Guild Certified Feldenkrais Practitioner, Brisbane, Australia (2000)
- Community Liaison Officer training, US Department of State Institute (2000)
- Professional Consular Associate course in the U.S. State Department's Foreign Service Institute (1997)
- Myofascial Release (1993)

## **AHA Continuing education:**

- Level I workshop: Treatment Principles, 2007
- Level 2 Treatment Principles: 2012
- Level 2 Equine skills: 2012
- Business Aspects of hippotherapy 2011
- Long lining : 2015
- HCS review 2014

## **Languages:**

French (maternal), English

## **Affiliations:**

- The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)
- Path International
- The American Hippotherapy Association (AHA)
- The Feldenkrais Guild of North America (FGNA)
- Kinesio Taping Association International (KTA)
- US Equestrian Federation (USEF)
- Tristate Riding Club

## **Teaching/public speaking experience:**

### *Designed and taught the following workshops (Approved for PT CEU's by the VPTA):*

- Introduction to the Feldenkrais Method of Somatic Education ( June 2009, November 2009 October 2012 and May 2013, Herndon, VA)
- Introduction to Hippotherapy (2012, Leesburg, VA)
- A different Approach to Stroke Rehabilitation ( Nov 2012 and April 2013 Herndon, VA)

### *Presentations at conferences:*

- Practical Strategies To Facilitate Motor Learning In Therapeutic Riding Lessons (2011 Path Intl Conference, Williamsburg, VA)
- use of the feldenkrais and anat baniel method in a comprehensive treatment plan (2012 presentation at circle of support conference, woodbridge, va)
- Pointers from a PT (region 3 PATH Intl conference March 2012)
- vagal tone and core muscle activity in therapeutic riding sessions ( Path Intl region 2 conference August 2015)
- Use Of Sure Foot Equine Stability Program For Therapy Horses (American Hippotherapy Association conference ( 2015 Fort Worth, TX)
- how to incorporate your rider's vagal tone and core muscle activity assessment to help facilitate learning and function. (Region 3 Path Intl conference 2019)

### *CEU's for therapeutic riding instructors:*

- sure foot equine stability program for therapy horses (TRAV )(2018)
- Basic Strategies And Ideas To Facilitate Your Riders' Learning



### Teaching assistant:

Sure Foot Equine Stability Program practitioner training with Wendy Murdoch, July 2021

### Feldenkrais Workshops (public):

- role of the self image in our choice of motor pattern (2008 advanced workshop for feldenkrais practitioners)
- introduction to the feldenkrais method (Brunswick, MD 2018)
- Ride better with Age workshops ( October 2019 and February 2020, Lovettsville, VA)

### Online courses:

(can be found at <https://catherine-s-school-f6a8.thinkific.com>)

- Weekly Feldenkrais classes
- Feldenkrais for Riders: online awareness Through Movement classes
- Advanced Feldenkrais for riders Awareness Through Movement Classes
- 2 week challenge: 30 minutes a day to recenter yourself.

### Webinars:

can be found at [www.kineticbalance.com/webinars](http://www.kineticbalance.com/webinars)

- Vagal Nerve In Humans And Horses (2020)
- The Feldenkrais Method (2020)
- Introduction au programme Sure Foot en francais (2020)
- How To Set Up Your Home Office For Comfort (2020)
- Weekly Ergonomics webinars for World Bank Overseas offices in English and in French

## **Volunteer work:**

- Hippotherapy demonstrations for OT, OTA and nursing students at Loudoun Therapeutic Riding in Leesburg, VA
- Continuing education courses for staff at Loudoun Therapeutic Riding.
- Vienna, Austria: Vice president of the American Women's Association in charge of fundraising and charity.
- Served as Eastern region representative for the Feldenkrais Guild.
- Treated Burmese and Chinese children living with Cerebral Palsy and other disabilities in orphanages and charity feeding centers.
- Founded an International Women's Group which raised money for local charities and allowed the creation of a model orphanage for Burmese children
- Organized the first International Bazaar in Rangoon, Burma which raised over \$ 40,000 for local charities.
- Taught PT staff of a local Chinese teaching hospital how to use a Cybex isokinetic machine that had been donated to them.
- Treated orphaned babies in local Chinese orphanage.

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**Experience:**

- Mercy Health-Children's Hospital Pediatric Therapy** 1/05- present  
Toledo, Ohio. Manager: Doris Metz  
Duties include: Outpatient physical therapy services, birth to 18 years in settings:  
Pediatric Therapy Clinic, Aquatic Services, Hippotherapy Services, Yoga for special needs
- Developed Mercy Children's Hippotherapy services, includes PT,OT,ST services 2006
  - Consulting with another hospital in Mercy Health to develop therapy services incorporating hippotherapy (equine movement) to their treatment services 7/18-3/20
  - Responsible for medical equipment ordering, orthotic management, standardized testing for pediatric caseload.
  - Clinical affiliate team teaching of physical therapy students
- Mountain Pediatric Physical Therapy** 9/01-3/04  
Pediatric Private Practice  
Independent Contractor with Community Center Board (Colorado)  
Provided early intervention physical therapy/transdisciplinary services: birth-three
- Sewall Child Development Center** 10/96-3/04  
Denver, Colorado. Director: Heidi Hessenbuttel  
Duties included: Preschool and Infant Toddler Services (birth – 5 years)
- Transdisciplinary approach in classroom, home and daycare settings
  - Developing I.F.S.P. and I.E.P., case coordinator
  - Clinical affiliate teaching of physical therapy students
  - Team Leader for infant/toddler program, duties included: staff supervision, enrollment, billing, marketing
- Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children and Women** 10/92-7/96  
Orlando, Florida. Director: Holle Whitaker  
Pediatric Rehabilitation Outpatient Services  
Duties included: Outpatient services for pediatric population, birth- to 18 years, burn and inpatient coverage during weekends.
- Developmental Evaluation Center  
Provided evaluations to infant/ preschool population using a variety of standard evaluation assessments.
  - Wheelchair Clinic  
Team approach: P.T., O.T., Medical Equipment Vender
  - Down's syndrome Clinic  
Screening program with team of M.D., P.T., O.T., S.T., Ophthalmologist.
  - AFO Management-casted, ordered and evaluated fit of Cascade DAFO'S.
  - Team Taught at University of Central Florida Physical Therapy School: Pediatric course  
Lectures included Normal/ Abnormal Development, Traumatic Brain Injury, Brachial Plexus Injury, summer '94
  - Clinical affiliate team teaching of physical therapy students
- Pediatric Intervention** 6/84-7/90  
Pediatric Private Practice. Longmont, CO.  
Partners: Kay Donovan, R.P.T., Becky Brandli, R.P.T.  
Provided P.T. Services to the pediatric population, ages 1-12  
Settings included; clinic, home, public schools, day care facilities:
- Attended Orthopedic/ Neurologic Physician Check- ups
  - Attended Adaptive Seating Clinics at Denver Children's Hospital
  - Attended School Staffing's for, I.F.S.P., I.E.P
  - Attended Orthotic Fittings
  - Fitted/ Constructed foot and ankle orthosis

**Mapleton Center for Rehabilitation**

1/90- 7/90

Division of Boulder Community Hospital, Boulder, CO  
 Director: Virginia C. Bihune, Pediatric Services.  
 Becky Herman, Adult Outpatient Services  
 Outpatient services with pediatric neurologic patients,  
 adult traumatic brain injury patients both orthopedic and neurologic issues

**University Hospitals, Dodd Hall Rehabilitation Hospital**

1/82- 4/84

Columbus, OH. Director: John Starks, L.P. T.  
 Senior Physical Therapist 10/83- 4/84  
 Staff Physical Therapist 1/82- 9/83

- Worked in General Rehabilitation and Traumatic Brain Injury Unit.
- Traumatic Brain Injury Family Group
- Lecture presentation to families on physical therapy goals and treatment approaches with the traumatic brain injury patient.
- Patient presentations to the Ohio State University physical therapy students.
- Clinical affiliate teaching of physical therapy student

**Education/ College Achievements****Ohio State University, B .S. Degree**

1981

Columbus, OH. B.S. in Allied Health Professions. Major: Physical Therapy

**Bowling Green State University**

1976-1977

Bowling Green, OH

**Clinical Internships**

Summer 1981

**Loma Linda University Medical Center, Loma Linda, CA**

Neurological Rehabilitation Section: Adult General Acute.

**Providence Hospital, Pediatric Disability Treatment Center, Everett, WA**

Summer 1981

Pediatric Chronic Care.

**Research**

The Effect of Hippotherapy on Seated Trunk Stability: provided expertise in the research design and treatment to the 6 children involved in the study for Master's degree student -2017  
 Won 2019 AHA Conference Poster Presentation

**Presentations**

OT Ohio State Conference 2016: Co-presented with OT on Pediatrics and Hippotherapy

**Licensure**

Ohio, 1981, 2004-current, Colorado, 1982-current, Florida, 1992-2001, Michigan, 2006-2017, 8-2020- current  
 Ohio Department of Education Professional License, 7-1-2011-6-30-2015

**Certifications**

PATH Intl Certified Instructor, 2004-current  
 PATH Intl Registered Therapist in Hippotherapy, 2006-current  
 Hippotherapy Clinical Specialist - HPCS, 3/2017  
 Tai Chi for Rehabilitation- Board Certified instructor, 2018-2020  
 PATH Intl Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor (CTRI) 2/2021  
 200-RYT (Registered Yoga Teacher) Certification 7/2021

**Professional Organizations**

Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International Center, 2004-current  
 American Hippotherapy Association, 2005-current

## References

**Doris Metz, P.T.**  
Supervisor  
Mercy Health-Sunforest Outpatient Rehabilitation and Therapy  
Therapy  
Mercy Health-Children's Hospital Pediatric Therapy  
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## Complete List of Continuing Education Courses available on Request

### Hippotherapy Continuing Education Courses

- 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial Virtual American Hippotherapy Conference** 3/21  
Sponsor: American Hippotherapy Association, 2 days
- American Hippotherapy International Conference** 3/19  
Sponsor: American Hippotherapy Association, 2 days
- The Neuro Connection: Incorporating Equine Movement into the Treatment of Patients With Neurological Deficits**  
4/18  
Presented by Bonnie Cunningham, MA, PT, HPCS; Lori Garone, MS,PT, HPCS, 2 days
- Horse Handler Clinic Series, Long Lining Part 1** 4/18  
Presented by Bonnie Cunningham, MA, PT, HPCS; Lori Garone, MS,PT, HPCS, 1 day
- HPCS Review Course** 6/16  
Presented by Susie Rehr, PT, HPCS., 1 day
- American Hippotherapy International Conference** 3/13  
Sponsor: American Hippotherapy Association, 2 days
- American Hippotherapy International Conference** 3/11  
Sponsor: American Hippotherapy Association, 2 days
- AHA- Business Aspects of Hippotherapy** 1/10  
Presented by Lori Garone, PT, HPCS, 2 days
- AHA- Long Lining-Maximizing your Horse's Potential** 10/09  
Presented by Lisa Harris, PT, HPCS; Lori Garone, PT, HPCS, 3 days
- American Hippotherapy International Conference** 5/09  
Hippotherapy Association, 2 days  
4/07  
Sponsor: American Hippotherapy Association, 2 days
- Level II American Hippotherapy Association Treatment Principles and Equine Skills** 6/06  
Presented by Bonnie Cunningham, MA, PT, HPCS; Claudia Morin, OTR/L
- Level I American Hippotherapy Association Treatment Principles and Equine Skills** 6/05  
Presented by Bonnie Cunningham, MA, PT, HPCS; Beth Macauly, CCC-SLP, HPCS
- North American Riding For The Handicapped Association Registered Instructor Certification** 12/03  
Presented by Jacqueline Tiley, Head Therapeutic Riding Instructor, CTRC, 2 days
- Intro to Hippotherapy** 3/94  
Presented by Linda Mitchell, M.A., P.T., Pippa Hodge, PT, 3 days.

# SAMANTHA HATFIELD, PT, DPT, HPCS

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A licensed physical therapist that strives to provide excellent care for pediatric patients and families to help them achieve functional life goals and exceptional educational experiences for physical therapy students and others to enhance the standard of physical therapy care in the United States.

**A Doctor of Physical Therapy that has demonstrated creative and caring nature to help all patients improve their quality of life. Extensive experience with collaborative and creative co-treatment sessions with other therapy disciplines. An American Hippotherapy Certification Board certified Hippotherapy Clinical Specialist that has been utilizing equine movement as part of integrated treatment plans for pediatric patients for the past 8 years. A Clinical Instructor for physical therapy students from a variety of Universities around the country inspiring others to achieve a higher standard of practice.**

## CORE SKILLS

- \* Neuromuscular and developmental examinations
- \* Creative collaboration with other therapists
- \* Trained in vestibular rehabilitation
- \* Trained in gentle manual techniques such as myofascial release
- \* Effective and efficient interventions
- \* Fostering professional development
- \* Skilled at reviewing research

## EXPERIENCE

**JUNE 3, 2013 – PRESENT**

### **PHYSICAL THERAPIST, SKYLINE THERAPY SERVICES**

- Diagnoses, evaluates, and develops treatment plans of care for a broad range of pediatric populations
- Functions as a member of the transdisciplinary team to contribute to caring for the patient as a whole
- Adheres to best practice standards
- Supervises physical therapy students

### **Clinical Instructor Experience, Skyline Therapy Services**

American Physical Therapy Association Certified Completion for competency in the Clinical Performance Instrument for Students, February 2014

Clinical Instructor affiliated with Several Universities (years students were supervised)

- Central Michigan University, 2014, 2021
- Texas Tech University 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
- Medical University of South Carolina, 2018
- Creighton University, 2015, 2016, 2017
- University of New Mexico, 2014, 2016

## EDUCATION

**MAY 2013**

### **DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY, CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY**

**Graduated with honors in the top 10% of the class with a GPA of 3.83**

**MAY 2013**

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCES, CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY**

**Graduated magna cum laude with a 3.98 GPA**

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

AHA, Inc. 8th International Conference (Virtual Attendance)	March 2021
AHA, Inc. 8 <sup>th</sup> International Pre-Conference: Breathing and Postural Control by Mary Massery	March 2021
The Combined Sections Meeting of the American Physical Therapy Association (Virtual Attendance)	February -March 2021
Physical Therapy Management of Pediatric Incontinence	November 2020
New Mexico Physical Therapy Conference –Pediatric Vestibular Disorders: Making Vestibular Function FUN!	September 2020
Schroth Method for Treatment of Idiopathic Adolescent Scoliosis	February 2020
New Mexico Physical Therapy Conference training on the Hammersmith Infant Neurological Examination, (Albuquerque, New Mexico)	September 2019
AHA, Inc. 7th International Conference (Lexington, Kentucky)	March 2019
Pediatric Vestibular Rehabilitation (Las Vegas, Nevada)	October 2018
Sensory Processing (Albuquerque, New Mexico)	September 2018
Core Therapy: Balls, Bands, and Balance (Albuquerque, New Mexico)	January 2018
AHA, Inc. 6 <sup>th</sup> International Conference (Fort Collins, Colorado)	March 2017
John F. Barnes' Pediatric Myofascial Release (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma)	March 2016
Beyond the Sternocleidomastoid: Anatomy of the Neck and its Clinical Implications (Albuquerque, New Mexico)	January 2016
The Neuro Connection (Edgewood, New Mexico)	September 2015
The Core Connection (Edgewood, New Mexico)	September 2015
ICF & PT Guide to Practice Evaluation with a Pediatric Twist (Albuquerque, New Mexico)	September 2015
Assistive Technology and Augmentative Communication for Children with Physical Impairments (Albuquerque, New Mexico)	April 2015
AHA, Inc. 5 <sup>th</sup> International Conference (Fort Worth, Texas)	March 2015
Hippotherapy Treatment Principles-Level II (Edgewood, New Mexico)	May 2014
Treatment Principles for Hippotherapy-Level I (Chatsworth, California)	October 2013

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

<b>Presented “It’s All About the Base (2<sup>nd</sup> edition) – Singing on the Potty (or Horse), and other Interventions for Pelvic Floor Control”</b>	
<b>at AHA, Inc. 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference</b>	<b>March 2021</b>
<b>Published a Feature Article in the AHA, Inc Hippotherapy (Official Publication of the American Hippotherapy Association, Inc)</b>	<b>Summer 2020</b>
<b>Presented “It’s All About the Base: Balls, Bands, and Equine Movement Integration Ideas for Pelvic Floor Activation”</b>	
<b>at AHA, Inc. 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference</b>	<b>March 2019</b>
<b>Presented on Dosing for the Round Table Discussions</b>	
<b>at AHA, Inc. 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference</b>	<b>March 2017</b>
<b>Published Musculoskeletal Imaging Article in the Journal of Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy</b>	<b>May 2012</b>

## **ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, ACHIEVEMENTS, & ACTIVITIES**

American Physical Therapy Association	2010 – present
New Mexico Physical Therapy Association	2013 – present
New Mexico Vestibular Special Interest Group	2020 - present
American Physical Therapy Association: Pediatric Section	2013 – present
American Hippotherapy Association	2013 – present
Chair of the Research Subcommittee	2020 – present
Member of the Professional Standards Committee	2020 – present
Serves on the Conference Committee for 2022	2021 – present
Served on the Conference Committee for 2021	2020 –2021
Pony Express Re-ride member	2002 – present
Hippotherapy Clinical Specialist	2018 – present
Volunteer for Exceptional Rodeo, New Mexico State Fair	2014 – 2017



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## Skills

Professional Consultant  
International Educator  
Fieldwork Supervisor  
Private Practice Owner  
Experienced Presenter  
Online education course creator

# Gina Taylor MS OTR/L

## About Me

I am a lifelong learner and passionate about the field of occupational therapy. I believe that the best way to learn is through teaching others. I have practiced this belief as an adjunct faculty at Raritan Valley Community College and a Coordinating Faculty member of the American Hippotherapy Association, a professional consultant and fieldwork educator.

## Teaching Experience

2008-present

### American Hippotherapy Association

Provide educational experiences for therapists specializing in the use of equine movement as a treatment strategy. Courses include lecture, practicum and experiential learning activities. Faculty responsibilities include material preparation and presentation, meeting learner outcomes, maintaining records for CEU and reporting as well as curriculum review and development.

Post-professional courses for OT, OTA, PT, PTA, and SLP  
Lectured internationally  
Online Education Sub-committee Chair

2018-present

### Raritan Valley Community College

Serve as laboratory clinical instructor for pediatrics and psychosocial practice for occupational therapy assistants. Pediatric topics include: typical and atypical development, environmental design and supports, activities of daily living (eating, bathing, dressing, toileting), using play therapeutically. Psychosocial topics include: group leadership and process, family mental health, mental health throughout the lifespan, cognitive development, therapeutic techniques to improve daily function, promoting recovery and leadership.

Pediatrics practice and techniques  
Mental Health and Psychosocial practice

## Education

2003-2005 Philadelphia University

### 1. M.S., Occupational Therapy

*Skill Set:* Interviewing, Assessment and Evaluation, Treatment planning, Client-centered practice, Adaptation, Grading, Task Analysis, Client Education, Development of Home Care Program, Consultation, Occupation-based



interventions, Adaptive Equipment, Modeling, Assistive Technology, Transfer techniques, First Aid and Healthcare Provider CPR.

## 1997-2001 Averett University

### **2. B.S., Equine Studies**

*Skill Set:* Teaching Plans, Riding Instruction Theory, Implementation of Instructional Programs, Stable Management, Development of Equine Nutrition Plans, Lameness and illness care, Training Young Stock.

### **Professional Licensure/Certification**

- State of New Jersey: Occupational Therapy license number 46TR00414900: 2006 – present
- NJ School Certificate: 2013
- SIPT Certified #3121: 2009
- Certificate of Mastery in DIR/Floortime
- AHCB Board Certified Hippotherapy Clinical Specialist (HPCS): 2009-present
- Certified Infant Massage Instructor: 2007
- PATH Certified Advanced Riding Instructor: 2001- present
- PATH Certified Driving Instructor: 2003- present
- PATH Certified Interactive Vaulting Instructor: 2007- present
- PATH Certified Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning: 2016
- PATH Registered Therapist: 2006- present
- American Heart Association CPR/First Aid Certified:  
• 1998- present

### 3. Professional Experience

August 2018 to present      Raritan Valley Community College  
Branchburg, NJ

**Adjunct Professor, Occupational Therapy Assistant Program**

October 2007 to present      Epona Therapy Services, LLC      Flemington, NJ

**Private Practice Practitioner/Business Owner**

April 2015 to September 2017      Mane Stream      Oldwick NJ

**Director of Operations**

September 2010 to February 2012      TheraCare      Clark, NJ

**Early Intervention Occupational Therapist**

April 2006 to September 2017      Mane Stream      Oldwick, NJ

**Director of Therapy Services**

### Continuing Education (2015-2019)

#### **Crumbs as a Tool in Pediatric Feeding Transitions**

Presenter: Marsha Dunn Klein, OTR/L, MEd, FAOTA

CEUs/PDUs Offered: AOTA/0.1 Intermediate, Category 1: Domain Of OT - Areas Of Occupation; Completion Date: 03/26/19

#### **American Hippotherapy Association Conference**

Presenters: Various

CEUs/PDUs Offered: AOTA: Introductory, Category 2: Occupational Therapy Process – Intervention; Completion Date: 03/22-24/19

#### **Advocacy Strategies for the Occupational Therapy Assistant**

Presenter: Sara Loesche, MS, OTR/L, CHT

CEUs/PDUs Offered: AOTA/0.1 Introductory, Category 3: Professional Issues - Contemporary Issues And Trends; Completion Date: 02/05/19

#### **Occupational Therapy, Mental Health Housing, and Recovery**

Presenter: Sean Getty, MS, OTR/L

CEUs/PDUs Offered: AOTA/0.1 Introductory, Category 1: Domain Of OT - Client Factors; Completion Date: 02/05/19

#### **The Relationship Between Adherence and Perceived Self-Efficacy: How To Improve Functional Outcomes By Motivating Your Clients**

Presenter: Caryn Shore-Genack, MS, OTR/L

CEUs/PDUs Offered: AOTA/0.1 Intermediate, Category 3: Professional Issues - Contemporary Issues And Trends; Completion Date: 02/04/19

#### **Tools to Promote Healthy Eating Patterns in OT Clients**

Presenters: Yanet Bravo; Gina Ord, MS, OTR/L

CEUs/PDUs Offered: AOTA/0.1 Introductory, Category 1: Domain Of OT - Context And Environment; Completion Date: 01/30/19

#### **Mental Health of Adolescents**

Presenter: William Lambert, MS, OTR/L

CEUs/PDUs Offered: AOTA/0.1 Introductory, Category 1: Domain Of OT - Client Factors; Completion Date: 01/30/19

### **Hippotherapy: A Tool To Achieve Occupational Therapy Treatment Goals**

Presenter: Barbara Smith, MS, OTR/L

CEUs/PDUs Offered: AOTA/0.2 Introductory, Category 2:Occupational Therapy Process – Intervention; Completion Date: 06/27/18

### **Supporting Fathers in Family-Centered Care**

Presenter: Aaron Bonsall, PhD, OTR/L

CEUs/PDUs Offered: AOTA/0.1 Intermediate, Category 1: Domain Of OT - Context And Environment; Completion Date: 01/10/17

### **Making Sense of Meltdowns: How to Identify and Intervene for Children with Sensory Based Disruptive Behaviors**

Presenter: Nicole Quint, Dr.OT, OTR/L

CEUs/PDUs Offered: AOTA/0.1 Intermediate, Category 1: Domain Of OT - Client Factors; Completion Date: 01/10/17

### **An Overview Of Infant Massage Within A Parenting Enhancement Program**

Presenter: Catherine McDowell, OTR/L, LMFT

CEUs/PDUs Offered: AOTA/0.1 Introductory, Category 2:Occupational Therapy Process – Intervention; Completion Date: 11/11/16

### **An Introduction to John F. Barnes' Myofascial Release Approach**

Presenter: Molly McMillan, OTR/L, B.S.O.T.

CEUs/PDUs Offered: AOTA/0.2 Introductory, Category 2:Occupational Therapy Process – Intervention; Completion Date: 05/15/16

### **Stick It: Kinesiotaping Applications To Augment Neuro-Interventions**

Presenter: Rebecca Martin, OTR/L, OTD, CPAM, CKTP

CEUs/PDUs Offered: AOTA/0.2 Introductory, Category 2:Occupational Therapy Process – Intervention; Completion Date: 05/06/16

### **Opportunities for OT in Breastfeeding Promotion: Environmental & Contextual Interventions**

Presenter: Jennifer Pitonyak, PhD, OTR/L, SCFES, CIMI

CEUs/PDUs Offered: AOTA/0.1 Intermediate, Category 1: Domain Of OT - Context And Environment; Completion Date: 04/08/16

### **Attachment and Mental Health of Infants and Toddlers**

Presenter: Elizabeth Cara, Ph.D., OTR/L, MFC

CEUs/PDUs Offered: AOTA/0.2 Intermediate, Category 1: Domain Of OT - Client Factors; Completion Date: 04/08/16

### **Motor-variation- Using an Evidence-based Motor Program to Support Fine and Visual Motor Development in Kindergarten**

Presenter: Shaunna Kelder, DrOT, OTR/L

CEUs/PDUs Offered: AOTA/0.1 Intermediate, Category 1: Domain Of OT - Client Factors; Completion Date: 04/08/16

## **Presentations**

"The Liability of Language"

- November 2007, NARHA National Conference

"Equine Assisted Therapy as part of the Occupational Therapy Practice"

- October 2007, New Jersey State Occupational Therapy Conference
- April 2008, AOTA National Conference

"Use of the COPM in Equine Assisted Therapy" (co-presenter Robby Devry)

- 2009: NARHA Region 2 Conference

"Power of Words"(co-presenter Sarah Pictor)

- 2009: AHA International Conference

DIR Approach in Equine Assisted Therapy for people with autism”

- 2009: Paper accepted for FRDI International Conference

A Safe Ride(Understanding NARHA Precautions and Contraindications

- 2009: NARHA National Conference

How the Experts Treat”

- 2013: AHA International Conference

## **Committee and Volunteer Work**

- PATH Health and Education Advisory: 2009-2012
- AHA Board of Directors: 2009-2012
- AHA Education Chair: 2010-2012
- AHA Online Education Sub-Committee Chair: 2015- present
- Hike it Baby Ambassador: Hunterdon County: 2017- present

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## **Education**

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**Doctor of Occupational Therapy, May 2019**

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Residency: Split between clinical work at Therapy West and program development at The Children's Ranch

**Master of Occupational Therapy, May 2018**

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Independent Study: Pedagogy in OT Curriculum

**Bachelor of Arts in Science, Technology, and Society, December 2014**

Scripps College, Claremont, CA

Senior Thesis: *Cutting Out Worry: Popularizing Psychosurgery in America*

## **Board Certification and Licensure**

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### **National Licensure**

Registered Occupational Therapist

- National Board Certification in Occupational Therapy #410452, 2018-present

### **State Licensure**

Licensed Occupational Therapist

- California Board of Occupational Therapy #19358, 2018-present
- New Mexico Board of Occupational Therapy #4145, 2019-present

### **Specialty Certificate**

Ayer's Sensory Integration Certificate, University of Southern California, 2018

## **Clinical Expertise**

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**Skyline Therapy Services, 2019- Present**

Edgewood, New Mexico

- Senior Occupational Therapist
- Utilize hippotherapy as one tool in treatment plans for children requiring medically necessary occupational therapy services

**Therapy West Inc., 2018-2019**

Los Angeles, CA

- Director: Erna Blanche PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA
- Utilized Ayres Sensory Integration as key framework for treatment plans for children with sensory processing differences impacting their function

**The Children's Ranch, 2018-2019**

Los Angeles, CA

- Director: Jackie Sloan

- Developed and implemented occupational therapy programming in community setting utilizing animal assisted therapy for children with social, emotional, and developmental challenges

## **Teaching Experiences**

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### **Presentations National**

- Iannaccone, A. (2019, May). *Ranch as Clinic: Diversifying Sensory Integration Treatment Settings*. Presentation at USC OTD Leadership Presentations, Los Angeles, CA.
- Iannaccone, A. (2019). *Getting Involved in Education while a Graduate Student*. Roundtable discussion and mentorship for Master's students, Los Angeles, CA.
- Iannaccone, A., & Rafeedie, S. (2018). *Bridging the Gap Between Simulations in Education and Disability Perspectives*. Presentation at Occupational Therapy Association of California's Annual Conference, Pasadena, CA.
- Iannaccone, A., & Rafeedie, S. (2018). *Bridging the Gap Between Simulation Experiences and Disability Perspectives; What Occupational Therapy Educators Need to Know*. Presentation at American Occupational Therapy Associations' Education Summit, Louisville, KY.

### **International**

- Iannaccone, A. (2019). *Lessons from our Equestrian Colleagues*. Presentation at Animal Assisted Intervention International Conference, Verona, ITALY.

### **Instruction Teaching Assistant**

*Pediatric Practice Immersion*, University of Southern California (2018-2019)

- Prepared problem-based learning materials, supervised check out and maintenance of standardized assessment, proctored exams, and met with students individually

*Theoretical Foundations of Sensory Integration*, University of Southern California (2019)

- Provided supplemental discussion of lecture materials, created graphics for instruction, prepared materials for instruction, and met with students in small groups

*Sensory Integration Evaluation and Clinical Reasoning*, University of Southern California (2019)

- Prepared problem-based learning materials, created graphics for instruction, and met with students in small groups

### **Clinical Instructor**

Fieldwork Students - Level I, 2020-present

- Curated cases for observation, discussed requirements of treatment setting, and supervised administration of standardized assessment

Fieldwork Students - Level II, 2020-present

- Designed weekly learning objects and graded challenges for optimum learning while progressing student towards independence with entry level skills

## **Awards and Honors**

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### **University of Southern California Order of Arête, 2018**

- Distinguished by leadership roles beyond those required for their programs. Demonstrate significant depth and scope of responsibility, and recognized for upholding value and meaning over individual achievement. The award represents the highest honor accorded graduate students upon completion of their academic programs.

*Granted by USC Mrs. T.H. Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy:*

#### **Lisa Marie Bucher Award, 2018**

- Presented for demonstrating loyalty, trustworthiness, creativity, and the ability to make extraordinary accomplishments that further the educational mission of the division.

**Student Leadership Awards for AOTA Annual Conference & Expo, 2017, 2018 -** Application based scholarship to attend AOTA's annual conference

## **Graduate Scholarships 2016-2017, 2018-2019, 2019-2020**

- Merit based scholarship for each semester of Masters and Doctoral program

## **Mellon Foundation Grant, 2014**

- Received total funding for primary research conducted in special archives in Washington, DC - Research was used to write an 88-page senior thesis Cutting Out Worry: Popularizing Psychosurgery in America and create a limited edition, letter pressed artist book examining the same topic

## **Leadership and Community Positions**

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### ***Research Committee Member, American Hippotherapy Association, 2019- present***

- Educate membership, review literature, create resources for evidence based practice and develop student engagement experiences

### ***Social Media and Marketing Committee Member, American Hippotherapy Association, 2020-present***

- Develop and implement strategies to disseminate research involving hippotherapy to our social media audiences

### ***OTD Student Ambassador, University of Southern California, 2018-2019***

- Wrote blogs about the student experiences during doctorate program, interviewed other doctoral candidates and wrote articles, helped with Division website development and social media engagement

### ***Board Member, Woodbury Foundation, 2015-present***

- Prepare and propose philanthropic grants for community organizations

### ***Founder, Pinup Life Magazine, 2016-present***

- Manage and produce magazine for international community (40,000 followers)

### ***President, Phi Theta Epsilon, Alpha Eta Chapter, 2017-2018***

- Organize and lead scholarly events for USC Chan Division students

## **Conferences Attended**

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Animal Assisted Interventions International Biennial Conference	2019
American Hippotherapy Association Biennial Conference	2021, 2019, 2017
Occupational Therapy Association of California Annual Conference	2018, 2019
American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference & Expo	2017, 2018
American Occupational Therapy Association Education Summit	2018

## **Professional Association Memberships**

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American Hippotherapy Association	2016 - present
American Occupational Therapy Association	2016 - present
Occupational Therapy Association of California	2016 - present
New Mexico Occupational Therapy Association	2019 - present

**NAME**  
Tanja M. Hess

**TITLE**  
Associate Professor Co PI

INSTITUTION	DEGREE	YEAR	FIELD OF STUDY
Federal Fluminense University, Brazil	M.V.	1990	Veterinary Medicine
Federal Rural Univ., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	M.Sc.	1997	Equine Clinics
Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA	Ph.D.	2005	Eq. Nutr./Ex. Phys.
Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA	Post-doc	2005	Equine Metabolism

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2008 – pres. Associate Professor, Department of Animal Sciences, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

2006 – 2007 Adjunct Professor, Veterinary Medicine Graduate School, and Animal Sciences Graduate School Federal Rural University, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

2005 – 2007 Clinical Instructor/Veterinarian, Large Animal Hospital, Federal Rural University, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

2005 Post-doctoral Research Associate, Department of Animal and Poultry Sciences, Virginia Tech, Middleburg, VA

1998 – 2000 Clinical Instructor/Veterinarian, Large Animal Hospital, Federal Rural University, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

1996 – 1997 Lecturer/Assistant Professor, Veterinary Clinics, Veterinary Institute, Federal Rural University, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

1994-1995 Resident, Large Animal Hospital, Federal Rural University, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

1990 – 1993 Resident farm veterinarian and equine private practitioner, Brazil

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

Santos, H. F. C., Hess, T. M., Brummer J., Graham, P., Mcintosh, B., & Splan, R. (2021). Circulating microRNAs in insulin resistant horses and ponies. *Brazilian Journal of Veterinary Medicine*, 43, e003620. <https://doi.org/10.29374/2527-2179.bjvm003620>

Hess, T. M., Braun, S., Herkelman, K. (2019). The Effects of Various Levels of Docosahexaenoic Acid on Inflammatory Markers in Conditioned Horses During Lactate Threshold Tests. *Journal of Equine Veterinary Science*. 74:64-71.

Raupp Bezerra de Mello, E. B., Landgraff Botteon, P. T., Hess, T., Spindola, B., Oliveira, G. (2019) Corporal condition influences lipidogram and insulin sensitivity in Mangalarga Marchador mares. *Arq. Bras. Med. Vet. Zootec* 71(4):1187-1192.

Bass, L. D., Swain, E. A., Da Costa Santos, H. F., Hess, T., Black, J. B. (2018). Effects of feeding frequency using a commercial automated feeding device on gastric ulceration in exercised quarter horses. *Journal of Equine Veterinary Science*, 64, 96-100.

da Costa Santos, H. F., Hess, T. M., Splan, R., Bruemmer, J. E. (2018). Possible role of microRNA in equine insulin resistance. *Journal of Equine Veterinary Science*. 63, 74-79 [http://www.j-evs.com/article/S0737-0806\(17\)30500-2/pdf](http://www.j-evs.com/article/S0737-0806(17)30500-2/pdf).

Raupp Bezerra de Mello, E. B., Hess, T. M., Landgraff Botteon, P. T., Ferreira Spindola, B., Lima de Barros, T., Goncalves de Souza, B., Mendes Gomes, G. (2017). Obesity as a risk factor for equine metabolic syndrome. *Revista Brasileira de Medicina Equina*, 12(72), 6-10,

Ross-Jones, T, TM Hess, J Rexford, N Ahrens, T Engle, K Hansen. 2014. Effects of Omega-3 Long Chain Polyunsaturated Fatty Acid Supplementation on Equine Synovial Fluid Fatty Acid Composition and Prostaglandin E2 *Journal of Equine Veterinary Science*. 34:779-83.

Hess, TM, JK Rexford, K Hansen, N Schaueremann, M Harris, T Engle, T Ross, KD Allen and CM Mulligan. 2013. Effects of omega 3 fatty acid supplementation on insulin sensitivity in horses. *Journal of Equine Veterinary Science*. 33:446-453.

Johnson, RJ, C Rivard, MA Lanasp, S Otabachian-Smith, T Ishimoto, PR Cheeke, BR MacIntosh and TM Hess. 2013. Fructokinase, Fructans, Intestinal permeability and metabolic syndrome: An equine connection? *Journal of Equine Veterinary Science*.33:120-6.

Ross, T, J Kisiday, TM Hess and CW McIlwraith. 2012. Evaluation of the inflammatory response in experimentally-induced synovitis in the horse: A comparison study of recombinant equine interleukin 1 beta and lipopolysaccharide. *Osteoarthritis Cartilage*. 20:1583-1590.

Hess, TM, JK Rexford, K Hansen K, N Schaueremann, M Harris, T Engle, T Ross, KD Allen and CM Mulligan. 2012. Effects of different dietary sources of omega-3 highly unsaturated fatty acids on incorporation to the plasma, red blood cell and muscle cell. *Journal of Animal Science*.90:3023–3031.

Turner, SP, TM Hess, KH Treiber, BG Souza, EBFRB Mello and FQ Almeida. 2011. Insulin sensitivity in stabled working horses fed a diet high in soluble carbohydrates. *Journal of*



- Equine Veterinary Science* 31:645-649.
- Treiber, KH, **TM Hess**, DS Kronfeld, RC Boston, RJ Geor and PA Harris. 2007. Insulin resistance and compensation in laminitis-predisposed ponies characterized by the Minimal Model. *Pferdeheilkunde*. 23:237-240.
- Hess, TM**, DS Kronfeld, KE Crandell, JN Waldron, KH Treiber, WB Staniar, MA Lopes, LA Gay and PA Harris. 2007. Fat adaptation affects insulin sensitivity and elimination during an 80 km endurance ride. *Pferdeheilkunde*. 23:241-246.
- Treiber, KH, RJ Geor, DS Kronfeld, RC Boston, **TM Hess**, MS Freire, AMGB Silva and PA Harris. 2006. Dietary energy sources and glucose kinetics in trained Arabian geldings during endurance exercise. *Equine Veterinary Journal*. 36:631-636.
- Treiber, KH, DS Kronfeld, **TM Hess**, BM Byrd, RK Splan and WB Staniar. 2006. Evaluation of genetic and metabolic predispositions and nutritional risk factors for pasture-associated laminitis in ponies. *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*. 15:1538-1545.
- Kronfeld, DS, KH Treiber, **TM Hess**, RK Splan, BM Byrd, WB Staniar and NW White. 2006. Metabolic syndrome in healthy ponies facilitates nutritional countermeasures against pasture laminitis. *Journal of Nutrition*. 136:2090S-2093S.
- Hess, TM**, KH Treiber, DS Kronfeld and MO Furr. 2006. Insulin resistance demonstrated by a specific quantitative method in a hyperlipidemic laminitic pony. *Journal of Equine Veterinary Science*. 26:271-274.
- Treiber, KH, DS Kronfeld, **TM Hess**, BM Byrd and RK Splan. 2005. Pre-laminitic metabolic syndrome in genetically predisposed ponies involves compensated insulin resistance. *Journal of Animal Physiology and Animal Nutrition*. 89:430-431.
- Kronfeld, DS, KH Treiber, **TM Hess** and RC Boston. 2005. Insulin resistance in the horse: definition, detection and dietetics. *Journal of Animal Science* 83:22-31.
- Treiber, KH, DS Kronfeld, **TM Hess**, RC Boston and PA Harris. 2005. Insulin sensitivity and pancreatic  $\beta$ -cell response in the horse: Screening proxies and reference quintiles assessed by the minimal model. *American Journal of Veterinary Research* 66:2114-2121.

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### **RESEARCH AND EXTENSION INTERESTS**

Applied Equine Behavior: Equine Learning and Perception, Mental States, Welfare, and

### **Management EDUCATION**

PhD Candidate, Education Sciences, expected graduation May 2022 – COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

MS in Animal Sciences, May 2014 – COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

BS in Equine Sciences, August 2011 – COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Applied Equine Behavior Instructor, Equine Sciences Program, Colorado State University, 2017 – Current

- Develop/update curriculum and teach Equine Sciences foundation course, Applied Equine Behavior (AN EQ 115) and Safety and Handling Labs, serving approximately 40 – 100 students per semester (offered both fall and spring).
- Provide introduction to case study analysis (Applied Behavioral Analysis), behavior research methods, and applied learning theory, offering field work opportunities with Mustangs and TGEC equine-assisted service horses.
- Guest lecture behavior/learning theory topics in other AN EQ courses (AN EQ 102, Right Horse Program).
- Design research strategies and conduct behavior research in TGEC (currently evaluating and developing best practices for the handling and management of equine-assisted service horses).
- Mentor approximately 2 – 5 undergraduate and graduate students per semester in Applied Behavior research.
- Collaborate with external stakeholders in research and provide behavior presentations for industry stakeholders and scholarly seminars.

Science Teacher, Secondary Science (7-12), Heritage Christian Academy, August 2014 – June 2017

- Developed curriculum for and taught: Earth Science, Physical Science, Health and Speech.
- Designed curriculum for and guided student research projects – engaging students with STEM.
- Student Council Advisor: Advised student leaders in efforts to build community and support initiatives.
- Director of Theater Program: Designed and executed all elements of HS Theater Program, providing 2 major productions per year.

- Track and Field Head Coach: Developed and coached middle school track and field program.

Interim Lab Instructor, Equine Sciences Program, Colorado State University, January 2013 – May 2014

- Interim instructor for Introduction to Equine Science (AN EQ 102) labs: Served as primary interim instructor serving approximately 75 students per semester, then continued as assistant instructor under new faculty hire.
- Course Coordinator, Equine Industry and Issues (AN EQ 440): Designed and managed canvas course, developed rubrics for assignments, managed undergraduate teaching assistants.
- Interim Coordinator for Equine Behavior (AN EQ 315): Developed and implemented hybrid Behavior course to enhance learning and the meeting of course objectives: created and taught various lectures, provided additional learning opportunities, resources, and points of engagement, coordinated various guest lecturers.

## **RESEARCH / FIELD WORK EXPERIENCE**

- EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR IMPROVED HANDLING FOR EAS VOLUNTEERS, Temple Grandin Equine Center, 2022
- ASSESSING MILD TENSION IN EQUINE-ASSISTED SERVICE HORSES, Temple Grandin Equine Center, 2021
- LOW STRESS METHODS FOR GENTLING MUSTANGS, Wild Rose Mustang Advocacy Group, Fort Collins, 2021
- EVALUATING EQUINES' REACTION TO A COMPLEX ROTATED OBJECT, Colorado State University, 2019 - 2020
- VALIDATION OF THE EQUINE BEHAVIOUR ASSESSMENT AND RESEARCH QUESTIONNAIRE (E-BARQ), University of Sydney, 2019 - 2020

## **PUBLICATIONS**

1. Corgan, M. E., Grandin, T., & Matlock, S. (2021). Evaluating the Reaction to a Complex Rotated Object in the American Quarter Horse (*Equus caballus*). *Animals (Basel)*, 11(5), 1383–. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ani11051383>
2. Fenner, K., Matlock, S., Williams, J., Wilson, B., McLean, A., Serpell, J., & McGreevy, P. (2020). Validation of the Equine Behaviour Assessment and Research Questionnaire : A New Survey Instrument for Exploring and Monitoring the Domestic Equine Triad. *Animals (Basel)*, 10(11), 1982–. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ani10111982>

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

1. Equine handling and behavior training for EAS volunteers.
2. Assessing for mild stress in EAS horses to improve welfare.
3. Case study analysis: low stress methods for gentling mustangs.

## **SPECIAL TRAINING/ENDORCEMENTS**

Fear-Free Training Certification, Fear Free Veterinarian Certification Program, In Progress

International Society of Equitation Science Symposium, 2021

Equine Clicker Training Intensive, Terra Nova Training Center featuring Shawna Karrasch, 2019

Advanced Clicker Training Course, The Ranch: Karen Pryor National Training Center, 2019

TAGTeach Symposium, Convergence of Human and Animal Training & Technology, 2019

Resolving Fear Issues in Horses, International Association of Animal Behavioral Consultants, 2018

## **NOTABLE SERVICE AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

Committee Member, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, Department of Animal Science, CSU, 2021 - Ongoing

Applied Behavioral Analysis, Temple Grandin Equine Center, 2021 – Ongoing

Guest Speaker, Hearts and Horses Therapeutic Riding Center, 2021

Guest Speaker, Progressive Equine Training and Behavior Forum, 2020

Guest Speaker, Compassionate Horse Click, 2020 – Ongoing

Research Judge, Multicultural Undergraduate Research Art and Leadership Symposium, 2019

Equine Safety and Handling Clinic, College of Veterinary Medicine 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> year students, Colorado State University, 2018, 2019

## **HONORS**

Spur of Excellence Award, 2014

Cum Laude, 2011

# NEITA ANNE MILLER

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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Certified speech language pathologist with extensive work in pediatric outpatient therapy clinic. Passionate about differential diagnostics with emphasis on dynamic assessment. Highly knowledgeable and experienced in use of equine movement as a treatment tool in speech language therapy. Skilled in alternative augmentative communication (AAC) and working with children with complex developmental disorders. Extensive experience with co-treatment and collaboration with occupational & physical therapist in transdisciplinary setting.

## EDUCATION

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<b>MS</b>	University of North Texas, Speech-Language Pathology	May 2011
<b>BS</b>	University of New Mexico, Speech & Hearing Sciences Double Major in Psychology	May 2009

## CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

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American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Certificate of Clinical Competence as a Certified Speech-Language Pathologist	July 2012
New Mexico Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist	2012 to present
Hippotherapy Clinical Specialist, Board Certified by the American Hippotherapy Certification Board	2015 to present

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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Facility	Title	Dates
THNM, Skyline Therapy Services Edgewood, NM	Speech-Language Pathologist	2011-present
Speech & Occupational Therapy of North Texas, Frisco TX	Graduate Intern	Jan – April 2011

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Experience in providing guidance to graduate students in speech language pathology who are interested in pursuing research with emphasis on incorporating equine movement as a treatment tool in treatment (hippotherapy).

**Research Poster Presentation, ASHA Conference 2010**

Advisors: Rebecca Yates & Fang-Ling Lu

- *Hypertrophic Tonsils/Adenoids Causing Hyponasality and /r/ Articulation Disorder.*

**American Hippotherapy Association**

- Research Committee 2017 – present

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**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Graduate Student Clinical Practicum Supervisor 2014 – present

- Experience serving as practicum supervisor to 7+ graduate students in the field of speech & hearing sciences.

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**PRESENTATIONS AND JURIED PRESENTATIONS**

Lu, F.L., Yates, R., and Blakely, Neita. “*Hypertrophic Tonsils/Adenoids Causing Hyponasality and /r/ Articulation Disorder*”, American Speech Language Hearing Association Conference, Nov 17-20, 2010

Dismuke-Blakely, Ruth and Miller, Neita. “*Handling & Training of the Therapy Horse: Contrasts in Quality and Why It Matters*”, American Hippotherapy Association Bi-Annual Conference, March 2017

Miller, Neita “*Effective Implementation of Equine Movement as a Treatment Strategy in Speech Language Therapy, Part 1*”, American Hippotherapy Association Bi-Annual Conference, March 2019

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**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

**ASHA Convention**

San Diego, CA 2009

**ASHA Convention**

Philadelphia, PA 2010

**ASHA Convention**

Orlando, FL 2011

**ASHA Convention**

Denver, CO 2015

**ASHA Convention**

Boston, MA 2018

**AHA Treatment Principles Part 1, American Hippotherapy Association**

2011

Description: Completed 4-day training course.

<b>AHA Treatment Principles Part 2, American Hippotherapy Association</b>	2012
Description: Completed 4-day training course which included hands-on treatment practicums with clients.	
<b>The Neuro Connection, American Hippotherapy Association</b>	2013
Description: Completed 2-day training course with emphasis on incorporating equine movement as treatment tool when treating clients with neurogenic disorders.	
<b>AHCB Certification, American Hippotherapy Certification Board</b>	2014
Description: Passed written examination with emphasis on basics of incorporating equine movement as a treatment tool in speech language therapy.	
<b>Hippotherapy Clinical Specialist Certification, AHCB</b>	2015
Description: Completed 3 years of experience in incorporating equine movement as a treatment tool in speech language therapy, as well as passed a comprehensive written examination.	
<b>Intro to PROMPT, PROMPT Institute Santa Fe NM</b>	2016
Description: Completed introductory course in use of PROMPT therapy.	
<b>Dysarthria - Back to the Basics: Differential Diagnosis and Assessment</b>	2018
Description: completed 1-hour webinar CEU course on SpeechPathology.com	
<b>20Q: Ethical Issues Associated with the Supervisory Process</b>	2018
Description: completed ½ hour CEU course on SpeechPathology.com	
<b>Pragmatics and Social Communication: Treatment Strategies</b>	2018
Description: completed 1-hour webinar CEU course on SpeechPathology.com	
<b>DIRFloortime®: It's Not Just for Treating Autism - Part 1</b>	2018
Description: completed 1-hour webinar CEU course on SpeechPathology.com	
<b>Part 4: Let's Talk AAC for Childhood Apraxia of Speech</b>	2018
Description: completed 1-hour webinar CEU course on SpeechPathology.com	
<b>Part 2: Rapid Syllable Transition Treatment for Childhood Apraxia of Speech</b>	2018
Description: completed 1-hour webinar CEU course on SpeechPathology.com	
<b>Part 1: Evaluation of Childhood Apraxia of Speech</b>	2018
Description: completed 1-hour webinar CEU course on SpeechPathology.com	
<b>Assess and Improve Your Supervision Skills</b>	2019
Description: completed 2-hour webinar CEU course on SpeechPathology.com	

<b>Telepractice: What You Need to Know for Practical Application in Pediatrics</b>	2020
Description: completed 1.5-hour webinar CEU course on SpeechPathology.com	
<b>Intervening with Selective Mutism: The Nuts and Bolts of Behavioral Treatment</b>	2020
Description: completed 1.5-hour CEU course on SpeechPathology.com	
<b>Difficult Conversations in Stuttering Treatment</b>	2020
Description: completed 1-hour webinar CEU course on SpeechPathology.com	
<b>Stages of Development in AAC Competence</b>	2020
Description: completed 1-hour webinar CEU course on SpeechPathology.com	
<b>2021 AHA, Inc. Biennial Conference – Virtual</b>	2021
Description: completed 25-hour virtual conference through the American Hippotherapy Association.	

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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<b>American Hippotherapy Association</b>	2011 - present
Board member and currently serving on the Research Committee & International Membership Committee	
<b>American Speech Language Hearing Association</b>	2011 - present
Professional Member	
<b>New Mexico Speech-Language Hearing Association</b>	2017 - present

#### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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<b>AHA Conference Presentation Selection Committee</b>	2019
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## KATHLEEN SCOTTI

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### Clinical Experience

Speech and Language Pathologist, Speech and Language Pathology in Motion; Hauppauge, NY — 2017-Present

Perform formal and informal assessment for the purpose of selecting functional goals for new clients and families

Develop and implement individualized treatment plans

Provide speech and language therapy incorporating a variety of tools and strategies to support functional outcomes

Maintain documentation of daily client progress

Advocate for clients and families during meetings with educational teams

Collaborate with other providers and professionals to support generalization of skills across disciplines

Coach and educate parents and caregivers to support progress across multiple environments

Speech and Language Pathologist, ACDS; Plainview, NY — 2018-Present

- Provide speech and language therapy incorporating a variety of tools and strategies to support functional outcomes
- Coach and educate parents and caregivers to support progress across multiple environments
- Maintain documentation of daily client progress
- Develop updated goals based on client progress and response to therapy
- Report on progress biannually
- Support families during biannual progress meetings and transition meetings
- Collaborate with other providers and professionals to support generalization of skills across disciplines

### Education

Adelphi University, Garden City, NY — Master of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders, August 2016

### Continuing Education

- DIR Floortime
  - PROMPT
  - American Hippotherapy Association, Inc. Hippotherapy Treatment Principles Part 1 and Part 2
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## **CHRISTY K. LANDWEHR**

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**Leader – Team Player - Organized - People Skilled - Resourceful – Creative – Innovative – Public Speaker**

- Proficient in computer software programs and social media outlets including Windows, Microsoft Office Suite, Quick Books, Facebook, YouTube, LinkedIn, Twitter and other social media outlets.

### **CURRENT EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS**

**Winter 07/Present Chief Executive Officer, Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA) Lexington, KY**

**Spring 01/Winter 07 Marketing Director, Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA) Lexington, KY**

- Manage all full and part-time staff, contracted staff and collaborate with board of directors and all committee chairs, staff liaisons and members. Responsible for all human resources, payables, monthly and year end reports, and Quick Books accounting for the association. \$500,000 annual budget.
- Eliminated all debt for the association, streamlined staff and increased revenue sources since becoming CEO.
- Project manager for new website integrated with database management software [www.CHA.horse](http://www.CHA.horse)
- Attract partners for CHA and then fulfill contract obligations. Some industry partners include: Active Interest Media, Equisure, American Quarter Horse Association, Arabian Horse Association, American Paint Horse Association, and others.
- Publisher, editor, ad sales and writer for annual membership magazine – *The Instructor*, for monthly e-newsletter and for two CHA websites properties. Increased ad sales by 50% and took publication from a newsletter to a four color magazine.
- Grant writer for CHA – received grants include – Right Horse Initiative and Dew Foundation Equine College and University Outreach Program
- Work with American Quarter Horse Association on the Professional Horsemen’s Council, member of the AQHA Marketing and Membership Committee, and as an Educational Alliance Partner.
- Work with American Paint Horse Association on the Professional Horsemen’s Council.
- Remote guest lecturer for equine program students at Penn State University, West Virginia University, Middle Tennessee State University and others.
- Organizer, co-host and writer of CHA Blog, monthly CHA Podcast and CHA Educational Webinars.
- Helped to write, edit, publish and produce educational horsemanship manuals and DVDs.
- Wrote, produced and/or is talent in 30 CHA Safety Videos on YouTube – [www.youtube.com/chainstructor](http://www.youtube.com/chainstructor)
- Coordinate the annual international conference for the association. Coordinate all speakers, do all publicity, write all scripts, create program, recruit vendors, sell ads for program and organize outings.

- Organize over 50 volunteer regional directors and state/provincial representatives who execute regional conferences each year for CHA and find new certification host sites, etc.
- Facilitate booth coordination at trade shows around U.S. and Canada. Do all marketing such as press releases and social media for entire association.
- Keynote Speaker at major events – such as Equine Affaire Massachusetts and Ohio, APHA Convention, Arabian Horse Association Convention, American Hippotherapy Association Convention, Optimist International Clubs, Horse Expo in Pomona and Sacramento, CA, Rocky Mountain Horse Expo, Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship Association International Convention, Back Country Horsemen's Association Convention, American Camp Association Convention, North American Trail Ride Conference Convention, AQHA Convention, American Youth Horse Council Symposium, Interscholastic Equestrian Association, etc.
- Domestic and International travel as a Certifier for CHA certifying riding instructors and equine facility managers and being a site accreditor of equine facilities.

***1990 – Present CJL Training***

- Self-employed part-time horsemanship and riding instructor
- Facilitator and mediator for companies such as the United States Equestrian Federation and the United States Hunter Jumper Association.
- Strategic planning work with Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship and others.
- Real Colors personality certified trainer and have conducted many training more in person and virtually for companies and their staff, board and members.

***EDUCATION***

1996 Master of Arts, Journalism and Mass Communications, University of Colorado at Boulder, GPA 3.83

1993 Bachelor of Arts, Communications/Public Relations; Minor, Speech Communication, California State University Fullerton (CSUF), GPA 3.80

***AFFILIATIONS, AWARDS AND TITLES***

- Colorado Society of Association Executives Board Member
- Equine Sciences Friend of Colorado State University Award 2020
- Certifier, Site Accreditor, Master Riding Instructor and Equine Facility Manager for Certified Horsemanship Association
- Adjunct Professor at Community College of Aurora teaching Effective Presentations
- Interscholastic Equestrian Association board member and Treasurer
- Colorado State University Equine Advisory Council Member
- American Veterinarian Medical Association Equine Advisory Council Member 2018
- Denver Dumb Friends League Harmony Equine Center Accords Committee Volunteer
- Right Horse Initiative Member
- Colorado Horse Council Past Board Member and Secretary
- American Youth Horse Council Distinguished Service Award Winner 2008

- American Quarter Horse Association Professional Horseman
- American Paint Horse Association Professional Horseman
- Round Robin Superintendent for the Arapahoe County Fair
- IEG Sponsorship Convention attendee
  - American Youth Horse Council Past President – on board of directors for thirteen years
- Founder, competitor and coach for the University of Colorado at Boulder Intercollegiate Equestrian Team
- President, show manager and publicity chairperson for the Aurora Horsemen’s Association & Fullerton Recreational Riders
- Competitor at Intercollegiate Individual Events National Tournaments for CSUF
- Competitor on CSUF Forensics Speech/Debate Team for 4 years and captain of Forensics Team
- Reader for Optimist International Youth Brain Bowls and Oratory Contest Judge
- Competitor at two U.S. National Arabian & Half-Arabian Championship Horse Shows and many local and regional shows.
- Twice Reserve Horsemastership Champion for the California State Horsemen’s Association and 1<sup>st</sup> Princess in Queen Contest. CSHA Board member for many years.
- Traveler of Europe, Summer 1996 & Traveler of Australia, Winter 2003

***COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS***

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|---|------------------------------------|
| • American Youth Horse Council                                    | Colorado Horse Council             |
| • Colorado Society of Association Executives                      | American Quarter Horse Association |
| • Certified Horsemanship Association                              | Aurora Horsemen’s Association      |
| • American Horse Council  | American Horse Publications        |
| • American Paint Horse Association                                | Arabian Horse Association          |
| • Western and English Trade Association (not in business anymore) |                                    |

***PAST EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS***

***Summer 00/Spring 01 Development Director, The Urban Farm, Denver, CO – At-Risk Youth Riding Program***

- Developed relationships within educational, agriculture and equine business communities.
- Coordinated events, such as the annual Denver Fair that attracted over 30 vendors and 500 visitors.
- Created fundraising events and implemented them from start to finish- such as the Cirque de Soleil Cheval Theater Opening Night when it was in Denver at the Pepsi Center.
- Wrote corporate, family foundation and private grants. Received grants from Starbucks, Barnes & Noble, Scientific and Cultural Facilities District, Rose Community Foundation, etc.
- Editor of quarterly newsletter, brochures, press releases, website and other collateral materials as needed.
- Taught riding lessons from beginner to advanced levels and coached 4-H youth for county fair.

***Spring 00/Summer 00 Sales Director, Global Ranch, Denver, CO***

- Responsible for selling web design, banner ads and mall ads on equine website.

***Spring 97/Spring 00 Sponsorship/Youth Development Mgr., International Arabian Horse Assn., (now Arabian Horse Association) Aurora, CO***

- Sole person responsible for developing all corporate contacts and creating proposals, packages and contracts for all corporate sponsors. Some sponsors included Pfizer (now Zoetis), Sundowner Trailers, Arabian Saddle Company, Ariat International and MBNA America.
- Worked with media & business partners and Arabian horse industry to market sponsor products to membership.
- Designed IAHA internet community portal for members and conducted on-line grassroots surveys.
- Supervised staff and handled a \$100,000 annual budget for Youth and Sponsorship Department.
- Recruited sponsors and advertisers, conducted fundraisers, created/implemented all youth programs/how-to manuals.
- Traveled throughout U.S. to events and trade shows to staff booth and coordinate youth events, such as the National Arabian Horse Youth Judging Contest.

***Summer 96/Winter 96 Trainer, SkillPath Seminars, Mission, KS***

- Traveled throughout U.S. conducting seminars and teaching

***Summer 96                      Presenter for Science Adventures at elementary and middle schools around Denver***

***Spring 96                      Announcer for hunter/jumper and intercollegiate horse shows.***

***Spring 96                      Intern for KWGN, Channel 2 News, Denver, CO***

- Reported and wrote stories, edited video teases and conducted interviews.

***Fall 95/Spring 96           Editor/Graphic Designer of Sports Report!, CU***

- Supervised staff of writers, copy editors and graphic designers for university club sports newsletter.

***Summer 95                      Manager of riding school/Pony Club and instructor for the Village Club, Cherry Hills, CO***

***Summer 94/Summer 96           Riding instructor at High Prairie Farms, Parker, CO***

***Summer 95                      Statistician for ESPN and Prime Sports at Grand Prix jumping shows at High Prairie Farms***

***REFERENCES AND CONTACT INFORMATION AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST***

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### EDUCATION

Seton Hall University- School of Health and Medical Sciences 2013  
Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology GPA: 3.52/4

Seton Hall University- College of Education and Human Services 2011  
Bachelor of Science in Education GPA: 3.78/4

### CLINICAL & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mane Stream | Oldwick, NJ 2020- Present  
Director of Therapy Services

- > Deliver high-quality professional services to clients by directing and educating therapists and therapy assistants as needed
- > Hire, train, and conduct performance appraisals of therapists and therapy assistants as needed
- > Manage a team of mental health, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech-language pathology professionals and assistants
- > Act as the HIPPA officer for privacy compliance
- > Ensure conformity to all local, state, and federal accreditation and licensing agencies
- > Identify, build, and strengthen relationships with area funding agencies, service organizations, physicians, referral agencies, and others
- > Review quarterly assessments and forecasts of department's financial performance
- > Compile statistics for various surveys, reports, grants, and proposals
- > Maintain knowledge of research in speech-language pathology and equine movement as a treatment tool
- > Updated client files and plans of care utilizing EMR software

Other positions held at Mane Stream:

- > Coordinator of Therapy Services 2017- 2020
- > Speech-Language Pathologist 2014-2017
- > Adaptive Riding Instructor, Camp Counselor 2013-2017
- > Barn Staff 2011-2015

Our House | Murray Hill, NJ 2018- Present  
Speech-Language Pathologist

- > Develop a speech-language pathology program for adults with developmental disabilities
- > Provide weekly skilled SLP services for a caseload of 8 adults with autism, developmental delays, and multiple disabilities in a day habilitation setting
- > Intervention planning, ISP development, goal setting, daily/progress notes, planning/executing 15 individual sessions weekly
- > Collaborate with other professionals to understand and meet the communicative needs of participants
- > Counsel participants and families on how to cope with communication disorders
- > Develop trainings to educate participants, families, and organization staff on alternative and augmentative communication devices

Middlesex County Vocational and Technical School | E. Brunswick, NJ 2013-2017  
Speech-Language Specialist

> Provided therapy targeting syntax, morphology, semantics, pragmatics, expressive and receptive language and articulation to high school students

CERTIFICATIONS & LICENSURES	The Praxis Series: Speech-Language Pathology Tested March 2013: Score- 670	2013
	New Jersey Department of Education Speech-Language Specialist Certificate	2013
	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Certificate of Clinical Competency	2014
	New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs: Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee License # 41YS00785000	2014- Present
	American Hippotherapy Certification Board Board Certified Hippotherapy Clinical Specialist	2017- Present
	American Heart Association Basic Life Support	2018- Present
	American Heart Association First Aid	2018- Present
	National Council for Behavioral Health Youth Mental Health First Aid Certificate	2020- Present
PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS	Dominko-Richards, M., Taylor, G. (Summer2019) “Why Words Matter: Results of a Terminology Survey”  Published in <u>AHA, Inc. HIPPO THERAPY</u>  Dominko-Richards, M. (Summer 2019) “Marketing Your Practice: Terminology Dos and Don’ts” Published in <u>AHA, Inc. HIPPO THERAPY</u>  Dominko-Richards, M., Gunter, G. Iannaccone, A. (Summer 2021) “Research Critique- Optimal Terminology for Services in the United States that Incorporate Horses to Benefit People: A Consensus Document Published in <u>AHA, Inc. HIPPO THERAPY</u>	
LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER	American Hippotherapy Association, Inc. Executive Committee	Treasurer 2020- Present
EXPERIENCE	American Hippotherapy Association, Inc. Finance Committee	Committee Chair 2020- Present
	American Hippotherapy Association, Inc. Visionary Planning Committee	Member 2019- Present
	American Hippotherapy Association, Inc. HIPPO THERAPY Magazine	Contributing Editor 2019- Present

	American Hippotherapy Association, Inc. Board of Directors	Member at Large	2019- 2020
	American Hippotherapy Association, Inc. Marketing & Social Media Committee Committee	Committee Chair	2018- 2020
HONORS & AWARDS	ASHA ACE Award		August 2020
	Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education		
	Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education Service Stole		
	Sigma Tau Delta, International Collegiate English Honor Society		
	Golden Key Honour Society		
	National Society of Collegiate Scholars		
MEMBERSHIPS	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association		2013- Present
	American Hippotherapy Association, Inc.		2013- Present
	Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International		2012- Present
	Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association		2016- Present
	New Jersey Speech-Language- Hearing Association		2013- 2015
	National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association		2012-2013
	Gamma Rho Chapter of the Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority		2008- 2011

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