CURRICULUM VITAE

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Date: November 25, 2025
School: School of Allied Health Professions
Department/Program: Department of Occupational Therapy

Current Title: Assistant Professor of Clinical Occupational Therapy

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Initial Appointment at LSUHSC Date: August, 2020
Current Academic Rank: Assistant Professor of Clinical Occupational Therapy
Date of Appointment to Current Rank: April, 2021

Education:

Undergraduate: Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology:
Concentration in Exercise Science
University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Lafayette, LA
May 2011

Graduate: Master of Occupational Therapy
Louisiana State University Health - Shreveport
Shreveport, LA
August 2015

Doctor of Occupational Therapy
Texas Woman's University
Denton, TX
May 2019

Doctor of Philosophy in Education, Leadership, Organization
Texas Woman's University
Denton, TX
Expected December 2029

Internship Level II – Fieldwork Rotation
Parkland Hospital, Dallas, TX
January 2015 – March 2015

Our Children's House at Baylor, Dallas, TX
March 2015 – May 2015

Certification:

National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy
Certification # 347551, Active: 08/26/2015 – 03/31/2027

Licensure:

Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners
License #322204
03/23/2020 – 07/31/2026

Academic, Professional, and Research Appointments:

Academic Appointments:

Adjunct Professor, School of Occupational Therapy, Texas Woman's University, Dallas, Texas, 01/2020 – 06/2020

Clinical Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy, School of Allied Health Professions, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, 08/2020 – 04/2021

Assistant Professor of Clinical Occupational Therapy, School of Allied Health Professions, Louisiana State University Health, New Orleans, 04/2021 - Present

Professional Appointments:

Staff Occupational Therapist II, 08/2015 – 06/2020
Children's Health
Dallas, Texas

Flex Occupational Therapist, 06/2020 – 09/2021
New Orleans East Hospital
New Orleans, Louisiana

Awards and Honors:

2023 LSU Health Faculty Assembly Outstanding Service to the Institution Award – Nominee, LSU Health – New Orleans

2025 LSU Health Faculty Assembly Outstanding Service to the Institution Award – Recipient, LSU Health – New Orleans

2025 LSU Health Chancellor's Excellence Award – Recipient, LSU – Health New Orleans

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Course/Clerkship/Residency or Fellowship/CME Directorships

Co-Director – OT 5163 Foundations of Occupational Therapy Practice, Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Texas Woman's University, Denton Texas, Teaching Practicum (Spring 2018)

Primary Instructor/Director – OT 5001 Appraising OT Evidence, Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Texas Woman's University, Dallas, Texas (Spring 2020)

Primary Instructor/Director – OCCT 6512 Occupational Performance Across the Life Span, Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans. (Spring 2021, 2022)

Primary Instructor/Director – OCCT 6410 Concepts of Occupation, Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025)

Primary Instructor/Director – OCCT 6720 Occupation-Based Practice: Pediatrics II Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, (Fall 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025)

Primary Instructor/Director – OCCT 6450 Measurement and Evaluation, Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, (Fall 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)

Primary Instructor/Director – OCCT 6432 Assistive Technology, Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans (Spring 2022, 2023, 2024)

Primary Instructor/Director – OCCT 6450 Occupation-Based Practice: Pediatrics I, Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans (Fall 2024, 2025)

UT Southwestern School of Physical Therapy, Invited Lecturer, Fine Motor Skill Development, 5/24/2018, 5/25/2019

LSUHSC, Interprofessional Preparation Program, Invited Lecturer, Child Development: Childhood and Adolescent, 11/9/2022.

LSUHSC, Interprofessional Preparation Program, Invited Lecturer, Child Development: Prenatal and Infant, 11/2/2022.

LSUHSC, School of Dentistry, Invited Lecturer, Treating Patients with Special Healthcare Needs, 3/2023.

LSUHSC, Department of Communication Disorders, Invited Lecturer, Considerations for Seating and Positioning, 6/2023.

LSUHSC, Department of Communication Disorders, Invited Lecturer, Considerations for Seating and Positioning, 6/2024.

Curriculum Development/Implementation

LSU Health New Orleans, Department of Occupational Therapy Pediatric Curriculum

Responsibilities involved in enhancing the pediatric occupational therapy curriculum included conducting a needs assessment to identify gaps, defining goals and specific learning objectives based on the assessment, and gathering necessary resources such as materials, faculty, and funding. This also involved reorganizing courses and lectures to better fit the new objectives, adding hands-on clinical experiences, and creating a dedicated pediatric clinic space for students. Additionally, educational strategies like lectures and hands-on activities were implemented. Continuous assessment of the curriculum's effectiveness was conducted to make necessary adjustments, ensuring alignment with Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education standards to meet the required educational benchmarks.

Undergraduate, Medical, or Graduate Student Research Projects:

Gibbons, B. (2021-2022). Impact of technology-guided mindfulness on mental health in adolescents. Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Class of 2022, Department of Occupational Therapy, LSUHSC, New Orleans. (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities Capstone advisor).

Shepherd, M. (2022-2023). Examination of current program design methods of interdisciplinary feeding clinics. Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Class of 2023, Department of Occupational Therapy, LSUHSC, New Orleans. (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities Capstone advisor).

Anding, H., Bergeron, C., Loetzerich, K., Matherne, S., Hurtado, Y., Smith, J. (2023) Mindful habits: A study protocol. Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Class of 2023, Department of Occupational Therapy, LSUHSC, New Orleans. (Capstone advisor).

Hurley, E., Pham, R., Ruch, O., Spring, S., Wannamaker, R., (2024). Fun with food: A cooking intervention for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Class of 2024, Department of Occupational Therapy, LSUHSC, New Orleans. (Capstone advisor).

Boyd, S., Brown, C., Johnson, I., McCullough, M., Steger, K., Williamson, E. (2024). Effect of a student pediatric telehealth clinic on MOT students' feelings of

competence and confidence. Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Class of 2024, Department of Occupational Therapy, LSUHSC, New Orleans. (Capstone advisor).

Steger, K. (2023-2024). Student perceptions of competence with delivering pediatric telehealth occupational therapy services. Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Class of 2024, Department of Occupational Therapy, LSUHSC, New Orleans. (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities Capstone advisor).

Deichman, N., Montgomery, H., Nash, E., DeLaune, A., Medica, M. (2025). Fun with food: An occupation-based intervention for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Department of Occupational Therapy, LSUHSC, New Orleans. (Capstone advisor).

Alfonso, C., Coleman, K., Wimberly, O., Segalla, B., Titus, E. (2025). Effect of a student pediatric clinic on MOT students' feelings of competence and confidence. Department of Occupational Therapy, LSUHSC, New Orleans. (Capstone advisor).

Bass, C., Landry, A., Fuselier, M., Pierce, M. (2026). Measuring allied health student confidence with pediatric therapy. Department of Occupational Therapy, LSU Health New Orleans. (Capstone advisor)

Formal Mentoring and Advisor:

Kamber LeBlanc – MPH, 2021. Maternal Child Health Nutrition Leadership Trainee, Tulane School of Public Health

Jaleh Kermani– MPH, 2021. Maternal Child Health Nutrition Leadership Trainee, Tulane School of Public Health

Tiwani Oseni– MPH, 2022. Maternal Child Health Nutrition Leadership Trainee, Tulane School of Public Health

Courtney Roberts – MOT, 2024. Direct Advising for Interprofessional Preparation for Related Services Personnel, LSU Health New Orleans

Emma Williamson – MOT, 2024. Direct Advising for Interprofessional Preparation for Related Services Personnel, LSU Health New Orleans

Rebecca Wannamaker – MOT, 2024. Direct Advising for Interprofessional Preparation for Related Services Personnel, LSU Health New Orleans

Drew Tran – MOT, 2024. Direct Advising for Interprofessional Preparation for Related Services Personnel, LSU Health New Orleans

Imani Johnson – MOT, 2023. Direct Advising for Interprofessional Preparation for Related Services Personnel, LSU Health New Orleans

Rachel Pham – MOT, 2023. Direct Advising for Interprofessional Preparation for Related Services Personnel, LSU Health New Orleans

Kirsten Steger– MOT, 2023. Direct Advising for Interprofessional Preparation for Related Services Personnel, LSU Health New Orleans

Thesis, Clinical Doctoral Projects, and/or Dissertation Committees:

Graduate Thesis Committee Member - Freeland, L. (2022). Co-treatment to improve joint attention in young children with autism, Department of Communication Disorders, LSU Health New Orleans

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

Grants and Contracts:

Funded

1. Critical Thinking: A Program Review of Allied Health Students. Guidry, M., Majoue, M, Lopez, L, **Walker, B**., Hoang, T., Yu, Q.
   LSUHSC School of Allied Health Professions Dean's Intramural Grants Program
   $10,000
   Co-Investigator

2. ECHO Space Kids Grant. Early Childhood Opportunity (ECHO) Fund
   $47,360
   Consultant

Major Area of Research Interest:
My research focuses on the effectiveness of student pediatric clinics on occupational therapy students' competence and confidence. Recently, I have developed an interest in faculty development, particularly in mentorship and support programs for educators. I am interested in exploring how strategic planning influences the data-driven outcomes of mentorship programs for both mentors and mentees, highlighting the importance of support and connection in academic settings.

Journal Publications:

Refereed:

1. **Walker, B. J.,** Washington, F., Early, D., Poskey, G. A. (2020). Parents' experiences with implementing therapy home programs for children with down syndrome: A scoping review. *Occupational Therapy in Health Care*, 34(1), 85-98. Impact Factor: 0.91
2. **Walker, B. J.,** Franc, I, Williamson, E., Steger, K., Brown, C., Johnson, I., McCullough, M. (2025). Instructional insights: Design and outcomes of an experiential learning experience to improve student confidence with pediatric telehealth. *Occupational Therapy in Health Care* Impact Factor: 0.91
   Manuscript submitted: November, 2025

Non-refereed

1. Zachry, A. **Walker, B.,** Nunez, F. (2024). AESIS educator mentorship program benefits. *OT Practice*, 29(5), 37-39.

H-Index/indices:

1. Occupational Therapy in Health Care - h-index: 1

Scientific Presentations/Published Abstracts/Oral Sessions and Posters:

Oral Session:

1. Walker, B. (2025). From Clinic to Campus: Transitioning to an Academic Role. LSU Health New Orleans Occupational Therapy Summer Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Poster

National:

1. Walker, B. (2022). Impact of a Mindfulness Intervention of Adolescents with Obesity: A Feasibility Study Protocol. Association of University Centers of Disabilities National Conference, Washington, DC.

Editorial Posts and Activities:

Reviewer:

Journal of Religion and Health, 2023 - Present

SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION

University/Institutional Service:

LSUHSC (campus) committees:

Center of Excellence Steering Committee – Member, 08/2023 - Present

Faculty Appeals Committee – Member, 12/2024 - Present

Faculty Senate – Senator, 08/2024 – Present

HSC Institutional Effectiveness Committee – Member, 01/2025 - Present

School committees:

Community Engagement Committee, LSUHSC, School of Allied Health - Member, 2021-2022

Clinics Committee, LSUHSC, School of Allied Health - Member, 2022-2023

Community Engagement Committee, LSUHSC, School of Allied Health – Co-Chair, 2022-2023

Professional Development Committee, LSUHSC, School of Allied Health - Member, 2023-Present

Strategic Planning Committee, LSUHSC, School of Allied Health - Member, 2023-Present

Faculty Assembly, LSUHSC, School of Allied Health - Vice President, 2023-2024

Strategic Planning Committee, LSUHSC, School of Allied Health - Chair, 2024-Present

Faculty Assembly, LSUHSC, School of Allied Health - President, 2024-2025

Departmental committees

Recruitment Committee, Department of Occupational Therapy – Member, 2021 - 2022

Admissions Committee, Department of Occupational Therapy – Member, 2021 – Present

Curriculum Committee, Department of Occupational Therapy – Member, 2021 – Present

Recruitment Committee, Department of Occupational Therapy – Chair, 2022 - Present

Faculty Search Committee, Department of Occupational Therapy – Chair, 2023 - Present

Special assignments – ad hoc task forces/working groups, projects, etc.

School of Allied Health Professions (SAHP)

Course Evaluation Task Force, LSU Health New Orleans, 2024

Responsible for organizing and scheduling meetings to assess and improve course offerings. This involved coordinating with team members, preparing and organizing necessary materials, and ensuring that all aspects of the evaluation process were efficiently managed.

Duplication of SAHP Course Task Force, LSU Health New Orleans, 2024

Responsibilities included organizing and scheduling meetings, coordinating with administrators in both the School of Allied Health Professions (SAHP) and the School of Public Health (SPH), and effectively communicating information with faculty and administration.

SAHP Faculty Orientation, LSU Health New Orleans, 2024
Responsible for communicating with key administrators to ensure all necessary information was conveyed. Organized presentation and created detailed schedule were created to guide the orientation process. Additionally, event marketing and advertising efforts were coordinated to ensure a smooth and informative orientation, helping SAHP faculty members integrate into the School of Allied Health Professions (SAHP).

SAHP Strategic Planning Retreat, LSU Health New Orleans, 2024
Key responsibilities included organizing and facilitating the retreat to ensure productive discussions and outcomes. Coordinating with key stakeholders (faculty, staff, administration), scheduling meetings, preparing and organizing materials, and ensuring effective communication throughout the planning process. The retreat aimed to develop strategic initiatives and goals for the School of Allied Health Professions (SAHP), fostering collaboration and alignment among faculty, staff, and administration.

SAHP Departmental Orientation Checklist, LSU Health New Orleans, 2024
Collaborated with administrators to develop and disseminate a comprehensive checklist for all SAHP departments to ensure a smooth onboarding process for new faculty.

SAHP Faculty Profile Database Initiative, LSU Health New Orleans, 2025
Led the development of a database to maintain detailed faculty profiles, enhancing internal communication and fostering mentorship opportunities for SAHP faculty.

Occupational Therapy Department

OT Department Recruitment, LSU Health New Orleans
Contributed to recruitment efforts by creating a departmental brochure and organizing mock interviews for prospective OT students to help them prepare for their professional careers.

State/Regional Service:

OTA Advisory Board, Delgado Community College
Member, 2023 - Present

National Service:

Leadership Development Committee, Association of Schools Advancing Health Professions
Member, 2023 - Present

Clinical Service:

Development of LSU Health New Orleans Pediatric Occupational Therapy Clinic
Responsibilities included initiating and planning the pediatric clinic by conducting a needs assessment to identify gaps in pediatric OT services

on campus and collaborating with university administration and stakeholders to secure funding and resources. The clinic setup involved designing and equipping the space with necessary equipment and supplies, ensuring a child-friendly environment, and establishing protocols and procedures for clinic operations. Implemented various service delivery approaches, incorporating direct therapy and family education programs. Additionally, developed and integrated telehealth services to provide remote therapy sessions, ensuring continuity of care for clients unable to attend in person, and trained students on telehealth platforms and best practices.

Membership in Professional Organizations:

American Occupational Therapy Association, 2013 – Present

Texas Occupational Therapy Association, 2015 – 2020

Louisiana Occupational Therapy Association, 2020 - Present

Administrative Responsibilities:

LSUHSC:

Faculty Senate (June 2024 – Present)

As a SAHP Faculty Senator, responsibilities include representing the faculty and communicating their concerns and recommendations to the Chancellor and administration. The role involves participating in the formulation and approval of policies affecting the LSUHSC-NO community. Faculty Senators serve on the Faculty Senate for a three-year term, with eligibility for re-election for one additional term. Attend regular monthly meetings and any special meetings as required.

School:

Faculty Assembly President (June 2024 – July, 2025)

As the President of the Faculty Assembly, responsibilities include leading Assembly activities, preparing agendas, and presiding over meetings. The President appoints committee members and coordinates with the Dean. They ensure effective communication of Assembly decisions and serve as an ex-officio member of the Dean's Executive Committee. Additionally, the President represents the School of Allied Health Professions (SAHP) in the LSUHSC Faculty Senate.

Faculty Assembly Vice-President (2023 – June, 2024)

As the Vice-President (President-Elect) of the Faculty Assembly, responsibilities include supporting the President and assuming their duties in their absence. The Vice-President chairs the Faculty Assembly Constitution and Bylaws Committee and prepares to serve as President in the following academic year. Additionally, the Vice-President serves a three-year term on the Faculty Senate concurrently.

Departmental:

Faculty Search Committee – Chair (2023 – Present)

As the search committee chair, responsibilities include leading the committee, organizing meetings, and ensuring the search process adheres to institutional policies and timelines. This role involves disseminating job posting, and actively engaging in outreach to attract a diverse pool of candidates. The chair oversees the review of applications, ensuring a fair and thorough evaluation of candidates' qualifications and fit for the department. Additionally, the chair coordinates the interview process, including scheduling, reviewing and disseminating interview questions, and facilitating candidate visits. Finally, the chair synthesizes feedback from the search committee and presents final recommendations to the department head for hiring decisions.

Community Service Activities:

SuperFest Event, February 2025

Responsible for setting up and overseeing a calm-down space at Superfest, an inclusive event for children. Providing sensory activities that support visual and auditory regulation—ensuring that children who may feel overstimulated have access to structured sensory supports to help them regulate and fully participate in the event.

Mommyfluent's Play and Learn Event, July 2024

Participated as an occupational therapy expert, providing on-site coaching and advice to families during 45-minute play and coaching blocks. Engaged with families to demonstrate the benefits of exploratory play for child development.

Wash Your Wheels Event - Split Second Foundation, April 2024

Volunteered at the event, assisting in cleaning and maintaining mobility devices for attendees. Provided support and information to individuals regarding the care of their mobility equipment.

MLK Day of Service, January 2024

Volunteered at the event, assisting with distributing handouts and resources to attendees, contributing to the community service activities in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Continuing Education Courses Attended:

Motivations, Inc, Introduction to NDT – Neurodevelopmental Treatment: A Two-Day Course in the Management of Children with Cerebral Palsy, Houston, TX (2015)
Neuro-Developmental Treatment Association, Pediatric Upper Extremity Handling Workshop, Dallas, TX (2016)
Texas Woman's University Vanderkooi Endowed Lectureship, Dallas, TX (2017)
Pediatric Swallowing and Feeding: The Essentials, Plano, TX (2017)
Texas Woman's University Vanderkooi Endowed Lectureship, Dallas, TX (2018)

AOTA Fieldwork Educators Certificate Program Workshop, Dallas, TX (2018)
AOTA Annual Conference & Expo, New Orleans, LA (2019)
First Strokes Multi-Sensory Handwriting Workshop, Richardson, TX (2019)
CANEAT Approach Using Medical, Motor, & Therapy Strategies in Pediatric Feeding, Virtual Attendee (2022)
LSU Faculty Colloquium, Baton Rouge, LA (2023)
AOTA Academic Education Special Interest Section New Educator Mentorship Program (2023)
AOTA Inspire Conference 2023, St. Louis, MO (2023)
Implementing Current Research into Everyday Practice: A Review of LSU Health Sciences Center - New Orleans Capstone Projects, New Orleans, LA (2023)
AOTA Specialty Conference - Children & Youth, New Orleans, LA (2023)
AOTA Leadership 360, Virtual Attendee (2023)
LSU Faculty Colloquium, Baton Rouge, LA (2024)
LSUHSC School of Nursing Leadership Scholars Academy, New Orleans, LA (2024)
American Red Cross Training Services - Basic Life Support (2024)
LSU Faculty Colloquium, Baton Rouge, LA (2025)
AOTA Inspire Conference 2025, Philadelphia, PA (2025)
AOTA Education Summit 2025, Salt Lake City, UT (2025)