Curriculum Vitae

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**EDUCATION**

2018 Doctorate of Occupational Therapy

Texas Woman’s University

Denton, TX

2015 Masters in Clinical Practice Management

Texas Tech University

Lubbock, TX

Alpha Eta Honor Society

1986 Bachelor of Science, Occupational Therapy

Texas Woman’s University

Denton and Dallas, TX

Graduated Cum Laude

1983 Weatherford College

Weatherford, TX

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Abilene Christian University**

Abilene, TX

08/2015 – present

Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy and Assistant Chair – areas of teaching include hand and upper extremity therapy, occupational therapy for the adult population, capstone mentoring, and research mentoring.

**Hendrick Center for Rehabilitation**

Abilene, TX

06/2007 – 07/2015 (continued PRN)

Senior Occupational Therapist – provided direct therapy services in out-patient hand therapy clinic; perform management duties as assigned; fieldwork site coordinator for Level I and Level II OT students

**Abilene Christian University**

Abilene, TX

Fall 2014 and Spring 2015

Adjunct faculty

**Work and Rehab**

Abilene, TX

09/2003 – 05/2007

Occupational Therapist – provided direct hand therapy services; assisted with injury management and employment screenings; FCE’s; served on Program Evaluation and Outcome Committee; completed assigned management duties

**Hendrick Center for Rehabilitation**

Abilene, TX

07/1999 – 09/2003

Senior Occupational Therapist – provided direct hand therapy services; performed assigned management duties; served on the Rehab Education Committee

**HealthSouth – Work Assessment Center**

Abilene, TX

03/1996 – 07/1999

Staff Occupational Therapist – provided direct hand therapy, work conditioning/hardening, job site evaluations, FCE’s, impairment rating measurements, employment screening; Site Coordinator for CARF survey and accreditation

**Rehability Center**

Abilene and Lubbock, TX

11/1990 – 03/1996

Occupational Therapist – positions included staff OT, Team Leader, and Supervisor of Hand Rehab – provided direct care in hand therapy clinic, nursing homes and home health

**Methodist Hospital**

Lubbock, TX

04/1987 – 11/1990

Staff Occupational Therapist – provided direct hand therapy, acute rehab, NICU, and pediatrics

**St. Mary of the Plains Hospital and Rehab Center**

Lubbock, TX

07/1986 – 04/1987

Staff Occupational Therapist – direct care for in-patient rehabilitation

**PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS**

**Walls, D**., Fletcher, T., & Brown, D. (2019). Occupational Therapy Students’ Perceived Value of Simulated Learning Experiences. *Journal of Allied Health, 48*(1): e21-e25.

Martin, H., Santana, N., & **Walls, D**. (2016). Prosthetic Handiwork on View: Using 3-D Printers. OT Practice, 21(8), 15-17.

**PROFESSIONAL POSTERS**

**Walls, D**., Dunagan, T., Hanna, C., Quintanilla, A., Hernandez, V., Hill, K., Quick, K., Mira, G., and Weins, B. (2020). Poster: Use of Occupation-Based Approach in Hand Therapy, TOTA Conference 2020, Virtual Platform (accepted and scheduled for 11/13/20).

**Walls, D**., & Fletcher, T. (2019, April). Occupational Therapy Students' Perceived Value of Simulated Learning Experiences, *AOTA Conference 2019*. Poster presented at AOTA Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Clark, C., Jones, A., Wilson, L., Bane, A., Edwards, L., Jumper, J., **Walls, D**., Teel, S., & Smallwood, M (2019). Improvements in Markers of Fragility and Motor Function after 8-weeks of Resistance Training with Instability and/or Cadence Walking in Persons with Mild to Moderate Parkinson’s Disease, *2019 Texas Chapter of American College Sports Medicine Annual Meeting*. Poster presented, Fort Worth, TX.

Martin, C., Haley, J., Wilson, L., Bane, A., Teel, S., Jumper, J., **Walls, D**., Edwards, L, & Smallwood, M (2019) Improvements in Disease Rating Scale after 8 Weeks of Resistance Training with Instability and/or Cadence Walking in Persons with Mild to Moderate Parkinson’s Disease, *2019 Texas Chapter of American College Sports Medicine Annual Meeting*. Poster presented, Fort Worth, TX.

**Walls, D**., & Fletcher, T. (2018, November) Occupational Therapy Students' Perceived Value of Simulated Learning Experiences, *Mountain Central Conference 2018*. Poster presented at AOTA Conference, Sugarland, TX.

Guest, H., Kalb, A., Duebner, A., Winckler, D., Stegall, G., **Walls, D**., . . . Paris, D. (2017). Poster: Interprofessional simulation (IPS) as an educational tool to address underserved representation and cultural competence among future rural health professionals, *Rural Health at the Crossroads Conference*. Poster presented, Amarillo, TX.

**PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Walls, D.,** & Saksa, M. (2022, April) Peripheral Nerve Injury: Moving from Injury to Function. AOTA Inspire 2022. Presented in San Antonio

**Walls, D**., & Saksa, M. (2021, November) Peripheral Nerve Injury: Moving from Injury to Function. *TOTA Conference 2021*. Presented in Houston, TX.

**Walls, D.** (2019, September). Splinting the Thumb. *1st Annual Bubba Klostermann CEU Symposium.* Talk presented at 2019 Great Plains West District Meeting, Abilene, TX.

**Walls, D.** (2019, September). What is it Like to be an OT? Guest Lecture for undergraduate class at Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, TX.

Taylor, M., & **Walls, D.** (2018, November). Incorporating Simulation and Standardized Patients in Occupational Therapy Curricula. *TOTA Mountain Central Conference 2018.* Talk presented at the TOTA Conference, Sugarland, TX.

**Walls, D.** (2018, October). In the Zone: Review of Flexor and Extensor Tendon Zones and Current Treatment Protocols. *HSU PT School Lunch and Learn Series.* Talk presented at Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, TX.

**Walls, D.** (2014, March). Dancing with the Scars. *TOTA Great Plains West District Meeting.* Talk presented at TOTA Great Plains West Meeting, Abilene, TX.

**Walls, D.** (2014, February). Orthotic Fabrication in the Acute Care Setting. 6-hour staff training for therapists of Hendrick Medical Center. Abilene, TX.

**Walls, D.** & Underwood, M. (2011, November). Don’t get all puffed up! Is it Edema or Lymphedema? *TOTA Great Plains West District Meeting*. Abilene, TX.

**Walls, D.** (2006, October). RSD/CRPS – “Oh the Pain!” *Hendrick Medical Center Rehab Week*. Talk presented at Rehab Week 2006, Abilene, TX.

**Walls, D.** (2005, October). Carpal Instability. *HSU PT School Lunch and Learn Series*. Talk presented at Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, TX

**Bailey, E., & Walls, D.** (2002, August). *Extensor Tendon Splinting*. Therapist training for Hendrick Medical Center, Abilene, TX.

**Walls, D.** & Lambert, A.P. (1995, October). 10/26/1995 - Cumulative Trauma Disorders. TOTA Mountain Central Conference 1995. Talk presented at TOTA Conference, TX.

**Walls, D.** & Blair, L. (1995, October). Dynamic and Static Progressive Splinting of the Hand. *Rehability Corporate Meeting.* Talk presented. NC.

**Walls, D.** (1995, April). Hand Evaluation and Treatment. Guest lecturer at Texas Tech University HSC – OT School. Talk presented at TTUHSC, Lubbock, TX.

**HONORS**

Outstanding Teaching Award by the College of Education and Human Services of Abilene Christian University (Aug. 2020)

**PROFESSIONIAL AFFILIATIONS AND LICENSURE**

American Occupational Therapy Association

American Society of Hand Therapy

Texas Occupational Therapy Association

Texas Society of Hand Therapy

Certified Hand Therapist – initial certification 1992

Licensed Occupational Therapist, Texas – initial license 1986

National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy - initial certification 1986