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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- July 2019 – Present **Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice**
Belmont University College of Pharmacy, Nashville, TN
- July 2018 – July 2019 **Intensive Care Unit Clinical Pharmacy Specialist**
Jackson Hospital and Clinic, Montgomery, AL
- July 2016 – Present **Pharmacist**
Kroger Pharmacy, Huntsville, AL
- August 2012 – July 2016 **Pharmacy Intern**
Kroger Pharmacy, Nashville, TN
- May 2012 – July 2012 **Pharmacy Technician**
Kroger Pharmacy, Nashville, TN

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING

- June 2017 – June 2018 **American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) – Accredited Postgraduate Year 2 (PGY2) Critical Care Pharmacy Residency**
Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville, AL
Residency Program Director: Jeremy Ray, Pharm.D., BCPS
- June 2016 – June 2017 **ASHP– Accredited Postgraduate Year 1 (PGY1) Pharmacy Residency**
Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville, AL
Residency Program Director: David Collette, Pharm.D., FASHP

EDUCATION

- August 2012 – May 2016 **Doctor of Pharmacy**
Belmont University College of Pharmacy, Nashville, TN
- August 2011 – August 2012 **Bachelor of Arts in Management & Human Relations**
Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville, TN
- August 2005 – August 2011 **Associate of Arts in Chemistry**
Associate of Science in Biology
Nashville State Community College, Nashville, TN

LICENSURE

- July 2016 – present **Registered Pharmacist**
Alabama State Board of Pharmacy
License No: 19447

SPECIAL TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

- May 2018 - present **Advanced Antimicrobial Stewardship Program Certificate**
Making a Difference in Infectious Diseases
- November 2017- present **Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist**
Board of Pharmacy Specialties
Certification No: 3155722
- November 2016 – present **Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support Certification**
American Heart Association
- July 2016 – present **Certified Parenteral Pharmacist**
Alabama State Board of Pharmacy
- July 2016 – present **Controlled Substances Certification**

Alabama State Board of Pharmacy

- April 2014 – present **Medication Therapy Management Services Certification**
American Pharmacists Association
- February 2014 – present **HIV Prevention Counseling & Testing Certification**
Nashville Cares
- September 2013 – present **Pharmacy-Based Immunization Certification**
American Pharmacists Association
- August 2012 – present **Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers Certification**
American Heart Association

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

- November 2016 – July 2019 **Affiliate Clinical Instructor of Pharmacy Practice**
Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy, Auburn, AL

PGY2 CLINICAL RESIDENCY EXPERIENCES

- May – June 2018 **Neurological Intensive Care**
Preceptor: Nellie McKee, Pharm.D., BCPS
- March – April 2018 **Cardiovascular Surgical Intensive Care & Coronary Critical Care**
Preceptors: Sara Jones, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCCCP
Sharon Baty, Pharm.D., BCPS
- February 2018 **Surgical/Trauma Intensive Care**
Preceptor: Jerry Robinson, Pharm.D., BCPS
- November 2017/ January 2018 **Emergency Medicine**
Preceptor: Jeremy Ray, Pharm.D., BCPS
- September – October 2017 **Medical Intensive Care**
Preceptor: Mickala Thompson, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCNSP
- August 2017 **Academia**
Preceptors: Haley Phillippe, Pharm.D., BCPS
Brad Wright, Pharm.D., BCPS
- July 2017 **Antimicrobial Stewardship/Infectious Diseases**
Preceptors: Jonathan Edwards, Pharm.D., BCPS-AQ ID, BCGP
Sharon Baty, Pharm.D., BCPS
Adam Sawyer, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCCCP

PGY2 CLINICAL RESIDENCY LONGITUDINAL EXPERIENCES

- June 2017 – June 2018 **Drug Information**
Preceptor: Richard Cramer, Pharm.D., FASHP, BCGP

PGY1 CLINICAL RESIDENCY EXPERIENCES

- June 2016 **Emergency Medicine**
Preceptor: Jeremy Ray, Pharm.D., BCPS
- May 2016 **Medical Intensive Care**
Preceptor: Mickala Thompson, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCNSP
- April 2016 **Oncology**
Preceptor: Amanda Ouzts, Pharm.D., BCPS
- March 2016 **Surgical/Trauma Intensive Care**
Preceptor: Jerry Robinson, Pharm.D., BCPS

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| February 2016 | Academia <i>Preceptors: Haley Phillippe, Pharm.D., BCPS Brad Wright, Pharm.D., BCPS</i> |
| January 2016 | Management & Medication Safety <i>Preceptors: Jack Adams, R.Ph., Aaron Atkins, Pharm.D., BCPS Michele Durda, Pharm.D.</i> |
| November – December 2016 | Cardiovascular Surgical Intensive Care & Coronary Critical Care <i>Preceptors: Sara Jones, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCCCP Sharon Baty, Pharm.D., BCPS</i> |
| October – November 2016 | Antimicrobial Stewardship/Infectious Diseases <i>Preceptors: Jonathan Edwards, Pharm.D., BCPS-AQ ID, BCGP Sharon Baty, Pharm.D., BCPS Adam Sawyer, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCCCP</i> |
| September – October 2016 | Neurological Intensive Care <i>Preceptor: Nellie McKee, Pharm.D., BCPS</i> |
| August – September 2016 | Nutrition Support and Pharmacokinetic Services <i>Preceptor: Nellie McKee, Pharm.D., BCPS</i> |
| June – July 2016 | Unit Based Pharmacy <i>Preceptor: Steve McDonald, Pharm.D.</i> |

PGY1 CLINICAL RESIDENCY LONGITUDINAL EXPERIENCES

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| June 2016 – June 2017 | Drug Information <i>Preceptor: Richard Cramer, Pharm.D., FASHP, BCGP</i> |
| May 2016 – June 2017 | Order Management and Drug Distribution <i>Preceptor: Mary Dang, Pharm.D.</i> |

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

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| August 2017 | ILE 1: Hypertension Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy, Auburn, AL - Facilitated skills lab focused on proper counseling and technique for measuring blood pressure and assessing hypertension |
| August 2017 | PYDI 9420: Contemporary Aspects of Pharmacy Practice V Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy, Auburn, AL - Facilitated skills lab focused on pharmacotherapy and counseling in smoking cessation |
| August 2017 | PYDI 9420: Contemporary Aspects of Pharmacy Practice V Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy, Auburn, AL - Facilitated skills lab focused on pharmacotherapy in the geriatric population |
| February 2016 | PYDI 9120: Contemporary Aspects of Pharmacy Practice II Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy, Auburn, AL - Assisted in updating content and delivering lecture and skills lab on pharmacy law and errors |
| November 2015 | VSCC 1000: College Success Volunteer State Community College, Gallatin, TN - Prepared and delivered lecture on critical thinking, brainstorming, and decision making |
| October 2015 | PHM 6225: Communication and Counseling Belmont University College of Pharmacy, Nashville, TN - Co-delivered lecture on medication adherence |

October 2015

PHM 6220: Managing Personnel

Belmont University College of Pharmacy, Nashville, TN

- Co-delivered lecture on resume and cover letter writing

RESIDENT PROJECTS

February – March 2017

Retrospective evaluation of standard vs. dose capping of telavancin in a large community hospital

Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville, AL

Preceptors: Jonathan Edwards, Pharm.D., BCPS-AQ ID, BCGP

Sharon Baty, Pharm.D., BCPS

Adam Sawyer, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCCCP

October – November 2016

Retrospective evaluation of albumin utilization in non-ICU patients in a large community hospital

Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville, AL

Preceptor: Jonathan Edwards, Pharm.D., BCPS-AQ ID, BCGP

September – November 2016

Retrospective and prospective evaluation of alvimopan administration for the treatment of anastomosis post colorectal surgery

Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville, AL

Preceptor: Jonathan Spry, Pharm.D., BCPS

August – December 2016

Retrospective evaluation of ertapenem utilization in a large community hospital

Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville, AL

Preceptor: Jonathan Edwards, Pharm.D., BCPS-AQ ID, BCGP

ABSTRACTS & POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Daily M, Bailey N, **Diggs F**, Harris T. Evaluating the safety of AUC/MIC targeted vancomycin dosing in a community hospital. 53rd ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition 2018. Anaheim, CA. December 2018.

Diggs F, Jones S. Randomized, prospective, observational, pilot study comparing extended-release liposomal bupivacaine to bupivacaine hydrochloride for postsurgical analgesia in thoracotomy. 52nd ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition 2017. Orlando, FL. December 2017.

Groover, K, **Diggs F**, Edwards J, Robinson J. Evaluation and cost analysis of cefoxitin versus ertapenem for antimicrobial prophylaxis in colorectal surgeries in a large community hospital. 52nd ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition 2017. Orlando, FL. December 2017.

Edwards J, **Diggs F**, Straits S, Baty S, Sawyer, A, Hassoun A. Evaluation of telavancin dose capping in a large community hospital. 20th Annual Making a Difference in Infectious Diseases (MAD-ID) Meeting 2017. Orlando, FL. May 2017.

Diggs F, Spry J. Evaluation and implementation of an automatic nurse-driven protocol for discontinuation of alvimopan in post-operative colorectal surgical patients. 51st ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition 2016. Las Vegas, NV. December 2016.

Roth CG, **Diggs F**, Edwards J. Utilization of ertapenem in a large community hospital. 51st ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition 2016. Las Vegas, NV. December 2016.

PUBLICATIONS & PROFESSIONAL WRITING

Diggs F, Spry J. Entereg® Formulary Evaluation and Order Set. Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville, AL. September, 2016.

Collette D, Cramer R, Sawyer A, **Diggs F**. Formulary & Drug Bulletin Newsletter. Drug Information Center, Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville, AL. September 2017.

Collette D, Cramer R, Sawyer A, **Diggs F**. Formulary & Drug Bulletin Newsletter. Drug Information Center, Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville, AL. February 2017.

PRESENTATIONS

September 2018

High Risk and Critical Care Medications

Jackson Hospital and Clinic, Montgomery, AL

- Presentation to nursing staff
- February 2018 **Ear, Eye, Nose and Throat Medications for the Pharmacy Technician**
Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville, AL
Presentation to pharmacy technician candidates
- October 2017 **End-of-Life Care: Neurological Issues**
Hospice Family Care of Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville, AL
Presentation to nursing and physician staff
Co-presenter: Anya Plotkina, Pharm.D.
- August 2017 **Issues in the Emergency Department: Part I**
Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville, AL
Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) – accredited continuing education presentation to pharmacists, pharmacy residents and pharmacy students
Co-presenter: Wassamon Viriyakitja, Pharm.D.
- May 2017 **Huntsville Hospital Department of Pharmacy**
Huntsville Hospital Medical Venturing Lecture Series, Huntsville, AL
Guest presenter to high school students and parents
Co-presenter: Sharon Baty, Pharm.D., BCPS
- April 2017 **Evaluation of telavancin dose capping at a large community hospital**
48th Southeastern Residency Conference 2017, Athens, GA
Project presentation to pharmacists and pharmacy residents
- April 2017 **Evaluation of telavancin dose capping at a large community hospital**
2017 Alabama Residency Conference (ARC), Birmingham, AL
Project presentation to pharmacists and pharmacy residents
- April 2017 **Canagliflozin/Metformin ER (Invokamet® XR)**
Clonidine (DURACLON) Caudal
H-2 Receptor Blocker Cost Update
Nusinersen (Spinraza®)
Poractant alfa (Curosurf®) Formulary Pilot
Quinolone/Steroid Otic Solution – Otovel® vs Ciprodex®
Theophylline Shortage/Interchange
Tiotropium (Spriva®/Respimat)
Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville Hospital
Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee formulary recommendation and update presentations to pharmacists and physicians
- March 2017 **Warfarin: The Thick and Thin of It**
Huntsville Hospital Heart Center Anticoagulation Clinic, Huntsville, AL
Alabama Board of Nursing (ABN) – accredited continuing education presentation to nursing staff
Co-presenter: Wassamon Viriyakitja, Pharm.D.
- March 2017 **Pharmacy Law for Pharmacy Technicians**
Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville, AL
ACPE – accredited continuing education presentation to pharmacy technicians
Co-presenter: Shea Davis, Pharm.D.
- November 2016 **Sentri7: An Overview**
Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville, AL
ACPE – accredited continuing education presentation to pharmacists, pharmacy residents and pharmacy students

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

- September 2017 – July 2019 **Graduate Awards Committee, Co-Chair**
Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Inc., Richardson, TX

January 2018 – January 2019 **Gulf Coast Province Immediate Past Satrap**
Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Inc., Richardson, TX

August – September 2017 **Chief Resident**
Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville, AL

January 2017 – January 2018 **Gulf Coast Province Satrap**
Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Inc., Richardson, TX

April– May 2017 **Chief Resident**
Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville, AL

January 2016 – January 2017 **Gulf Coast Province Vice Satrap**
Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Inc., Richardson, TX

August 2015 **Gulf Coast Province Grand Council Convention Delegate**
Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Inc., Denver, CO

January 2015 – January 2016 **Gulf Coast Province Historian**
Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Inc., Richardson, TX

February 2014 – May 2015 **Phi Lambda Sigma Vice President/Treasurer**
Belmont University College of Pharmacy, Nashville, TN

February 2014 – February 2015 **Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Inc. Regent – Epsilon Kappa Chapter**
Belmont University College of Pharmacy, Nashville, TN

April 2013 – April 2014 **Student National Pharmaceutical Association President**
Belmont University College of Pharmacy, Nashville, TN

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

October 2016 – present **American Society of Health–System Pharmacists**

August 2016 – present **Alabama Society of Health–System Pharmacists**

May 2016 – present **American Pharmacists Association**

August 2015 – present **College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists**

February 2014 – present **Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Leadership Society**

April 2013 – present **Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Inc.**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

June 2018 **Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Inc. – Gulf Coast Province Winter Assembly, Nashville, TN**

June 2018 **Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Inc. – Gulf Coast Province Summer Assembly, Auburn, AL**

May 2018 **21st Annual (Making a Difference in Infectious Diseases) MAD-ID Meeting, Orlando, FL**

April 2018 **49th Southeastern Residency Conference 2018, Athens, GA**

January 2018 **Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Inc. – Gulf Coast Province Winter Assembly, Birmingham, AL**

December 2017 **52nd ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition 2017, Las Vegas, NV**

August 2017 **58th Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Inc. Grand Council Convention, Naples, FL**

May 2017 **20th Annual (Making a Difference in Infectious Diseases) MAD-ID Meeting, Orlando, FL**

April 2017 **48th Southeastern Residency Conference 2017, Athens, GA**

April 2017 **2017 Alabama Residency Conference (ARC), Birmingham, AL**

January 2017 **Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Inc. – Gulf Coast Province Winter Conclave, New Orleans, LA**

December 2016 **51st ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition 2016, Las Vegas, NV**

HONORS & AWARDS

August 2015 **Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity Foundation Scholarship**
Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Inc., Richardson, TX

April 2015 **Student National Pharmaceutical Association Regional Clinical Skills Competition**
Student National Pharmaceutical Association Regional I & II Meeting, Atlanta, GA

April 2015 **Walgreens Diversity Scholarship**
Belmont University College of Pharmacy, Nashville, TN

December 2014 **Fizz-Ness Award for the Best Mock Pharmacy and Therapeutics Presentation**
Belmont University College of Pharmacy, Nashville, TN

April 2014 **Student National Pharmaceutical Association Leader of the Year Award**
Belmont University College of Pharmacy, Nashville, TN

Fall 2013 – Spring 2016 **Belmont University College of Pharmacy Scholarship**
Belmont University College of Pharmacy, Nashville, TN

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE

September 2018 **Kappa Psi – Delta Gamma Chapter Formal Rush Speaker**
Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Inc. – Delta Gamma Chapter
Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy, Auburn, AL

June 2018 **Reach Out and Read Philanthropy**
Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Inc. – Gulf Coast Province
Gulf Coast Province Summer Assembly, Auburn, AL

January 2018 **Children’s of Alabama Philanthropy**
Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Inc. – Gulf Coast Province
Gulf Coast Province Winter Assembly, Birmingham, AL

August 2017 **St. Matthew’s House Philanthropy**
Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Inc. – Gulf Coast Province
Grand Council Convention, Naples, FL

April 2017 **Smoking Cessation Clinic**
Huntsville Hospital Residency Class of 2016-17
Huntsville Free Clinic, Huntsville, AL

October 2016

April 2017 **Mobile Medical Unit**
Huntsville Hospital Residency Class of 2016-17
Downtown Rescue Mission, Huntsville, AL

February 2017

January 2017 **Ochsner Medical Center Philanthropy**
Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Inc. – Gulf Coast Province

Gulf Coast Province Winter Conclave, New Orleans, LA

October 2016

Cardiac Rehabilitation Medication Teaching
Huntsville Hospital Residency Class of 2016-17
Huntsville Hospital Heart Center, Huntsville, AL

September 2016

Huntsville St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer
Huntsville Hospital Residency Class of 2016-17
Huntsville Affiliate Clinic – St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Huntsville, AL

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