

Curriculum Vitae

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Place of Birth: Washington, DC

Board Certification: American Board of Professional Psychology
Clinical Neuropsychology and Pediatric Neuropsychology

Licensure: Massachusetts
New Hampshire
Connecticut

Education:

1991 B.A. Psychology, Summa Cum Laude
University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, California

1996 Ph.D. Clinical Psychology
The Wright Institute, Berkeley, California

Postgraduate Training

1995-7 Fellowship in Neuropsychology
Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina

1994-5 Internship in Clinical Psychology, Center for Students with Learning Disabilities
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts

Academic Appointments:

2011- present Clinical Instructor in Psychology, Part Time, Department of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School

Clinical Appointments

2011- present Allied professional Staff, Cambridge Health Alliance

2001-present Lifespan private practice - Neuropsychology Consultants

1997-2001 Director of the Learning Diagnostic Center and Staff Clinical Neuropsychologist, New England Neurological Associates, P.C.

1997-2001 Co-Founder of the Memory Disorders Clinic and Staff Clinical Neuropsychologist, Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital

Other Activities

2016- present President, American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology
2013- 2016 President-elect, American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology
2012- 2013 President, Massachusetts Neuropsychological Society
2012- 2013 Chair, Committee of State Leaders, American Psychological Association
2011- Present Board Member, American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology
Chair of Practice Advisory Committee, American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology
2012- Present Founding Chair, Inter-Organizational Practice Committee
2013- 2014 Council of Representatives American Psychological Association

- 2011-Present State Implementation of Healthcare Reform Advisory Panel Member, American Psychological Association
- 2011- Present Psychology participant, NHIC Medicare Clinical Advisory Committee
- 2008-2010 President, Massachusetts Psychological Association
- 2004-2008 Board Member, Massachusetts Psychological Association

Editorial Activities

- October, 2010- present Ad hoc reviewer, *the Clinical Neuropsychologist*
- June, 2013-Present Ad hoc reviewer, *Neuropsychology Review*
- October, 2015- present Ad Hoc reviewer, *Child Neuropsychology*
- December 2015- present Scientific Board, *International Journal of Psychology and Neuroscience*

Society and Organizational Memberships

- American Psychological Association
- Massachusetts Psychological Association
- Massachusetts Neuropsychological Society
- American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology
- National Academy of Neuropsychology

Awards

- 2016 Kenneth D. Herman, Ph.D., J.D. Career Contribution Award, Massachusetts Psychological Association
- 2013 APA Presidential Heiser Award for Advocacy
- 2013 Massachusetts Psychological Association, Presidential Citation for Advocacy

Book

- Postal, KS & Armstrong K (2013). *Feedback That Sticks: The Art of Communicating Neuropsychological Assessment Results*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Book Chapter

- Postal KS (2004). "Mirror sign delusional misidentification symptom." In T Feinberg & JP Keenan (Eds.) *The Lost Self: Pathologies of the Brain and Identity*. San Francisco: Oxford University Press.

Peer Reviewed Journal Publications

- Postal, K**, WynKoop, T., Caillouet, B., Most, R., Roebuck-Spencer, T., Westerveld, M., Puente, A., Pliskin, N. (2014). 360 Degree Advocacy: A Model for High Impact Advocacy In a Rapidly Changing Healthcare Marketplace." *The Clinical Neuropsychologist* (28)2 167-80.
- Braun, M, Tupper, D., Kaufman, P., McCrea, M., **Postal, K.**, Westerveld, M., Wills, K., and Derr, T. (2011) Neuropsychological assessment: A valuable tool in the diagnosis and management of neurologic, neurodevelopmental, medical, and psychiatric disorders. *Journal of Cognitive and Behavioral Neurology* 24(3) 107-114.
- Bachman DL, Wagner MT, DePalma M, **Spangenberg KB**, & Hendrix SA (2000). Caregiver attitudes about patients being told they have Alzheimer's disease: Before and after truth disclosure. *Journal of Clinical Geropsychology*, 6 (4) 309-313.
- Spangenberg KB**, Wagner MT, Hendrix SA, & Bauchman DL (1999). Firearm presence in households of patients with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Association*, 47 (10) 1183-1186.
- Spangenberg KB**, Wagner MT, & Bachman DL (1998). Neuropsychological analysis of a case of abrupt onset mirror sign following a hypotensive crisis in a patient with vascular dementia.

Neurocase, 4 (2) 32-38.

Spangenberg KB, Henderson S, & Wagner MT (1997). Validity of a recall and recognition condition to assess visual memory in the CERAD battery. *Applied Neuropsychology* 4 (3) 154-159.

Wagner MT, **Spangenberg KB**, Bachman DL, & O'Connell P (1997). Unawareness of cognitive deficit in Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. *Alzheimer's Disease and Associated Disorders*, 11 (3) 125-131.

Book Reviews:

Postal, K. (2014). Think better. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 28(2) 347-349.

Postal, K. (2013) Towards a neuropsychology of healthy aging. *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society* 19 (8) 950-951

Postal, K. (2010) Remembering the Future of Neuropsychology. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist* 24 (6) 1088-1090.

Peer Reviewed Abstract Publications

Spangenberg KB, Wagner MT, Vincent D, & Horton JA (1997). Neuropsychological improvement following embolization of arteriovenous malformations. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist* 11 (3) 298.

Spangenberg KB, Henderson S, & Wagner MT (1996). A new measure of visual memory in the consortium to establish a registry for Alzheimer's disease (CERAD) battery. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist* 10 (3) 323.

Spangenberg KB, Wagner MT, Hendrix S, & Bachman DL (1997). Delusional misidentification symptoms: A case of mirror sign in a non-Alzheimer elderly patient. *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology* 2, 2008.

Wagner MT, **Spangenberg KB**, Herlong, Vincent D, & Horton JA (1997). New directions: Neuropsychological methodology during interventional neuroradiology. *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*, 3 (1) 67.

Selected Presentations

June, 2017, "Moving Neuropsychology Forward through Inter-Organizational Partnership: The Hispanic Neuropsychological Society (HNS) & AACN 2050 Initiative Collaboration"

June, 2017 "Feedback That Sticks: Communicating Assessment Results." American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology Annual Conference

June, 2016 "Thrive! Creating successful practice in the context of healthcare reform." American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology annual conference.

June 2016 "AACN's Relevance 2050 initiative: what it is, why our profession is at risk." American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology annual conference.

June 2016 "Identifying opportunities for service within neuropsychology professional organizations." Panel discussion. American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology annual conference.

May 2016 “Where did I leave those \$#!% keys? Brain health, normal aging, and early Alzheimer disease. Massachusetts Nurses Association.

September 2015 “Feedback That Sticks: The Art of Communicating Complex Assessment Results.” Quebec Neuropsychological Society Annual Conference. Montreal, Canada.

November 2014 “High Impact, 360 Degree Advocacy in the Era of the Inter Organizational Practice Committee.” National Academy of Neuropsychology annual conference.

June, 2014 “High Impact Advocacy in the Era of Healthcare Reform.” American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology annual conference.

October 2013 “Successful Practice in the context of Healthcare Reform” Rhode Island Psychological Association Annual Conference.

October 2013 “Practice in the context of Healthcare Reform.” Keynote, Arizona Psychological Association Annual Conference.

August 2013 “Feedback That Sticks: Communicating Complex Assessment Results” Annual Conference, American Psychological Association

August 2013 “360 Degree Advocacy: Inter Organizational Practice Committee’s Model for effective advocacy.” Annual Conference, American Psychological Association

June 2013 “Successful practice in the context of healthcare reform” American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology Annual Conference

January 2013 “Are you a cost increaser or cost decreaser?” Healthcare reform and clinical practice. Annual conference, Connecticut Psychological Association.

November 2012 “Healthcare reform and clinical practice.” National Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, Annual Conference

June 2012 “Feedback that Sticks: The art of Communicating Neuropsychological Assessment Results.” American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, Annual Conference

June 2012 “Health Care Reform and Neuropsychology: Are we at the Table?” American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology Annual Conference

January 2011 “The neuroscience of Academic Success” British School of Boston

December 2010 “A+ study Strategies” St. Sebastian School

April 2009 “Executive function and the neuroscience of academic success” Parent information Network (A consortium of Massachusetts Private schools)

September 2008 “Executive function and successful study strategies” Manchester Essex regional school district. Two hour training for teachers; 1 hour parent talk.

June 2008 “Concussion outcomes in Student Athletes” Medical Staff presentation, Phillips Academy, Andover

“Executive function and learning strategies” Groton Dunstable Regional School District, 7/2007.

March 2004 “Alzheimer's Disease: Early Diagnosis,” Lowell General Hospital Medical Grand Rounds

October 2001 "Vascular Dementia Following Stroke: Is Alzheimer's Disease on Board as Well?" Annual New Hampshire Stroke Rehabilitation Conference, 10/2001.

September 2000 "Alzheimer's Disease," American College of Healthcare Administrators Annual State Convention.

May 2000 "Memory Deficits and Traumatic Brain Injury," Annual Convention, New Hampshire Brain Injury Association

April 1999 "Cognitive Disorders Following Mild Traumatic Brain Injury," New Hampshire Speech/Language Pathologist Annual State Convention.

July 1999 "Post concussion Syndrome," Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital Community Lecture,

November 1998 "Memory Disorders in Elderly Populations," New Hampshire Speech/Language Pathologist Annual State convention

October 1998 "Learning Disabilities and Attention Deficit Disorder," Massachusetts Nurse Practitioner Society Meeting

January 1998 "Where Did I Leave Those Keys? Early Alzheimer's Disease Versus Age-Associated Memory Impairment," First Tuesday, Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital

March 1997 "Alzheimer's Disease State of the Art: ApoE Genotyping, Neuropathology, and New Drugs in the Pipeline," Neuropsychology Grand Rounds, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina

January 1997 "New Directions: Interoperative Neuropsychological Assessment in Interventional Neuroradiology," Neuropsychology Grand Rounds, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina.

October 1996 "Delusional Misidentification Syndromes: Neurobehavioral Signs and Symptoms," Neuropsychology Grand Rounds, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina

November 1995 "Neuroradiologic and Neuropsychologic Findings in a Case of Fahr's Disease," Neuropsychology Grand Rounds, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina.