

## Professional Summary

Compassionate and adaptable professional with over 20 years of experience in program development, science translation, science policy, and mentorship. Leveraging my extensive background in science, health, and psychology to promote interest in psychology, behavioral science, and neuroscience. Committed to creating positive educational environments where students thrive as they prepare for their futures.

### *Key Strengths:*

Behavioral Health and Psychology | Program Development and Coordination | Mentorship and Leadership Development | Multidisciplinary Team Collaboration | Communication

## Professional Experience

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### **University of Maryland, Baltimore County**

*Visiting Assistant Professor/Lecturer | 8/2025 – 7/2026 [one year appointment]*

University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) is a top-ranked national university.

Undergraduate courses include:

- Neuropsychopharmacology
- Neuroanatomy
- Physiological Psychology
- Introduction to Psychology

### **U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

*Deputy Director for Research Translation, CDC Office of Smoking and Health | 7/2023-6/2025*

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is at the forefront of the nation's efforts to reduce deaths and prevent chronic diseases that result from tobacco use. I served as a principal advisor to the Director and led the Research Translation Unit. Some key activities included:

- Led the development and implementation of tobacco prevention information and programs
- Provided strategic direction on science and programmatic activities relevant to behavioral health and tobacco control
- Supervised and mentored team members to effectively translate complex health research into accessible materials
- Develop collaborative partnerships to promote science-based deliverables

### **U.S. Food and Drug Administration**

*Senior Health Science Advisor, FDA Office of the Commissioner, Office of Clinical Policy and Programs, Office of Clinical Policy | 9/2017- 7/2023*

The Office of Clinical Policy 1) develops good clinical practice and human subject protection policies, regulation, and guidance; 2) addresses key clinical policy issues across the FDA's medical product centers; 3) supports guidance and policy development across medical product programs. Some key activities included:

- Led cross-agency committees focused on health activities and other initiatives
- Responded to public inquiries regarding good clinical practice and promoting policies to protect human subjects in clinical trials.
- Coordinated scientific content development for websites and patient advocacy programs

### *Associate Director of Science Coordination and Communication, Office of Science, FDA Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) | 6/2014 – 9/2017*

CTP oversees the implementation of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (2009). The Office of Science develops, evaluates, and applies the science that informs and supports the regulatory and other public health goals and objectives. Some key activities include:

- Development of science content associated with educational campaigns
- Led the development, review, and clearance of science communications-related products
- Led multidisciplinary groups developing options papers

### *Branch Chief | 9/2013 – 5/2014; Team Lead, Office of Science, FDA Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) | 8/2011 – 9/2013*

The Addiction team was established in 2011 and developed into a branch in 2013. From its inception, this group was envisioned as a multidisciplinary team of biologists, pharmacologists, and behavioral scientists that work collaboratively to develop regulatory policy, provide timely and comprehensive application reviews, and promote regulatory research to inform its policy and review work. Some key activities include:

- Managed multidisciplinary team of scientists and behavioral specialists
- Oversaw scientific content of educational campaigns designed for youth audiences
- Supervised 7 direct reports, providing mentorship and professional development
- Identified knowledge gaps and coordinated development of research and regulatory processes and materials

### **National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health**

*Program Officer, Translational Research Branch and Behavioral Sciences Branch, National Institute on Drug Abuse | 8/2002 – 5/2010*

The National Institute on Drug Abuse's (NIDA's) mission is to advance science on the causes and consequences of drug use and addiction and to apply that knowledge to improve individual and public health. Some key activities include:

- Developed grant portfolios for research and training programs
- Led institute groups and external collaborations focused on behavioral health
- Represented agency in government and other partnerships

### **Teaching Experience**

General psychology, sensation and perception, and biological psychology

- Westmont College (1995-1997)
- Baltimore County Community College (1999-2000)
- Towson University (2000-2002)

### **Education**

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- Ph.D. in Psychology (Neuroscience and Behavior) – University of California, Santa Barbara, CA
- M.A. in Psychology (Neuroscience and Behavior) - University of California, Santa Barbara, CA
- B.A. in Psychology – Emory University, Atlanta, GA

### **Certificates**

- Executive Education Certificate in “Artificial Intelligence and Career Empowerment” (University of Maryland, Robert H. Smith School of Business)

**Publications Available Upon Request or via PubMed at**

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/myncbi/1R7t8cKBkzektY/bibliography/public/>

## **References**

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