

**Core Faculty CV: Halvaksz**

**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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The George Washington University  
Program in Physical Therapy

**Education:**

**University of Southern California**

Los Angeles, California  
2004-2006

Capstone Projects:

Development of lecture/learning modules for instruction of  
Intervention in the client with hip dysfunction  
Development of interactive CD-ROM for assessment and  
treatment of Cervical Spine dysfunction targeting practicing  
clinicians

Doctor of Physical Therapy

**Duquesne University**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
1995-1997

Thesis:

“The effect of strength, tone and balance on gait velocity in the  
adult TBI population”

Master of Physical Therapy

**Duquesne University**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
1992-1996  
Bachelor of Health Sciences

**Licensure Information/Registration Number:**

Virginia-Physical Therapist: 2305205359  
District of Columbia-Physical Therapist: PT870829  
California-Physical Therapist: 22983  
Previous licensure held in Ohio

**Certifications (eg. ABPTS):**

Orthopedic Clinical Specialist (2005)

Master Teacher and Leadership Development Program (anticipated completion June

2009)

**Employment and Positions Held:**

Assistant Professor  
Director of Clinical Education  
The George Washington University  
Program in Physical Therapy  
Washington, DC  
Non-Tenure Track Position  
2007-present

Staff Physical Therapist  
Body Dynamics, Inc  
Arlington, VA  
2008- Present

Instructor of Clinical Physical Therapy  
University of Southern California  
Division of Biokinesiology/Physical Therapy  
Los Angeles, California  
Non-Tenure Track Position  
2003-2007

Staff Physical Therapist  
Peak Performance Physical Therapy  
Santa Monica, CA  
2005-2007

Physical Therapist II Inpatient/Outpatient Physical Therapy  
University of Southern California University Hospital  
Los Angeles, CA  
2002-2004

Staff Physical Therapist  
Summit Physical Therapy  
Cincinnati, OH  
2001-2002

Staff Physical Therapist  
The Jewish Hospital  
Cincinnati, OH  
1998-2001

Staff Physical Therapist  
Columbia San Clemente Hospital  
San Clemente, CA  
1997-1998

### **Peer Reviewed Presentations:**

Greenberg L, Plack MM, Chadha N, Rahman MY, Birrell C, **Halvaksz J**. "Is there a reason feedback isn't working? A systematic review of the literature."  
Poster Presentation at PAS 2008.

Plack MM, Embrack T, Vovides Y, Gandolf T, **Halvaksz J**. "Student Generated ePortfolios: Animating the Mission of the DPT Program".  
Poster Presentation at the Inauguration Week Research Day, The George Washington University, Washington DC, November 2007.

Maring J, Embrack T, **Halvaksz J**, "Relationship between Clinical Instructor's Experience and Student Ratings".  
Poster Presentation at the Inauguration Week Research Day, The George Washington University, Washington DC, November 2007.

Costello E, Embrack T, **Halvaksz J**, Harris-Love M, Livingston S, Maring J, **Plack MM**, Rogers G "Research Initiatives in the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program" Presentation at the Inauguration Research Day for the George Washington University, Washington, DC, November 14, 2007

### **Non-Peer Reviewed Presentations:**

Halvaksz JE  
*Acetabular Labrum Pathology: Clinical Evaluation and Current Management Strategies*  
California Athletic Trainers Association  
June 2006

Halvaksz JE, Acklie-Martens, JC  
*Vestibular Rehabilitation*  
Southwest Ohio Physical Therapy Chapter Meeting  
October 1999

### **Continuing Education Workshops Conducted/Organized:**

Landel RF, Halvaksz JE  
*Advanced Management of the Cervical Spine*  
Continuing Education Course  
University of Southern California, Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy  
March 2007

Sebelski CS, Halvaksz JE  
*Evaluation and Treatment of the Shoulder*  
Continuing Education  
North American Seminars  
October, 2006

### **Membership in Scientific/Professional Organizations:**

Member: American Physical Therapy Association

Section Member: Orthopedics, Education

Member: American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists (AAOMPT)

**Community Service:**

Little Workers of the Sacred Heart Pro Bono Physical Therapy Clinic  
2007-present  
Provides skilled PT services to under insured clients

University of Southern California Fit Families Program, 2005-2007  
Pro Bono weekly program providing education in fitness and nutrition for East Los Angeles families identified to be at risk/recently diagnosed with Diabetes, Coronary Artery Disease, obesity

Mentoring USC DPT students in organization and interaction with community members

University of Southern California Playground Pals, 2006-2007  
USC DPT program to increase physical activity in city school based after- school programs

Mentoring DPT students in interactions with children and after school program leaders for activity implementation

University of Southern California Community Health Fair, 2004-2006  
Annual health fair held in East Los Angeles to provide community assessments of work ergonomics, back pack fit, balance screening and increasing awareness of Physical Therapy

Volunteer Literacy Instructor, Adult Basic Literacy Program, 1999-2003  
Instructor to adult learners seeking improved literacy skills in small group teaching format and one on one learning format  
Instructor/tutor adults seeking to pass the High School Equivalency exam

**Honors and Awards:**

Order of the Golden Cane

University of Southern California,  
Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy  
Highest Award given by division to graduating student for academic excellence and Leadership  
May 2006

Outstanding Teacher Award

University of Southern California Division of  
Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy  
May 2007

### **Continuing Education Recently Attended:**

- *The “Empowervated” Clinical Instructor-* Jody Gandy, PT, PhD, Janet Bezner, PT, PhD, Virginia/DC Clinical Consortium Annual Workshop 2008
- *APTA Combined Sections Meetings-*Nashville, TN 2008
- *APTA Educational Leadership Conference-*Minneapolis, MN 2007
- *Faculty Development Fellowship*, University Of Southern California, Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy 2006-2007
- *Advanced Upper/Lower Quarter Evaluation/Treatment* – Shirley Sahrman, PT, PhD 2007
- *Advanced Management of the Extremity* –USC PT Faculty, Fall 2005
- *Advanced Management of the Spine* – USC PT Faculty, Spring 2006
- *Grade V Mobilization of the Spine* 2005-2007- Peter Gibbons, Philip Tehan
- *Patellofemoral Pain Syndrome: Current Research considerations* – Christopher Powers, PhD, PT 2006
- *Medical Screening for the Physical Therapist* – W. Boissonnault, DSc, PT, OCS 2005/2006
- *Year long Orthopedic Manual Skills Course* 2002-2003– Michael Miller, PT, OCS (Kaiser)
- *Management of the Cervical Patient* – Timothy Flynn, PT, PhD, OCS, FAAOMPT 2003
- *The Pelvic Girdle* - Richard Jackson, PT, OCS 2003

### **Current Teaching Responsibilities in the Entry-Level Program:**

Dimensions of Professional Practice  
Fall Semester  
DPT year I

Management of Musculoskeletal Dysfunction II  
Spring Semester  
DPT year II

Director of Clinical Education  
Ongoing throughout DPT curriculum