

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, The George Washington University

### **Education:**

University of Miami  
Coral Gables, Florida  
August, 1995 - June, 2003  
Physical Therapy with an emphasis in clinical neuroscience  
Doctor of Philosophy, 2003

Kean University/University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey  
Newark, New Jersey  
September, 1988 – May, 1990  
Physical Therapy  
Bachelor of Science, 1990

### **Licensure Information/Registration Number:**

2008-Present Physical Therapy License, District of Columbia  
License# PT 870926  
2004-2009 Physical Therapy License, Pennsylvania  
License# PT 017141  
2000-2004 Physical Therapy License, Alabama  
License# PTH 3601  
1990-2000 Physical Therapy License, Florida  
License# PT 6953

### **Certifications:**

2000 - 2010 American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties, Neurologic Clinical Specialist  
March, 1997 Vestibular Competency Certification, Susan Herdman, PT, PhD – Course  
Coordinator; Miami, Florida.

### **Employment and Positions Held:**

Assistant Professor  
Doctor of Physical Therapy Program  
The George Washington University  
July 2008 – Present

Assistant Professor  
Department of Physical Therapy  
Lebanon Valley College  
August 2004 – August 2008

Adjunct Assistant Professor  
Department of Neurosurgery  
Penn State College of Medicine  
December 2004 – 2007

Assistant Professor  
Department of Physical Therapy  
University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama  
August 2000 – August 2004

Graduate Teaching / Research Assistant  
Department of Physical Therapy  
University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida.  
September 1995 - July 2000

**Non-Academic**

Contract Physical Therapist  
George Washington University Hospital  
October 2008 - Present

Contract Physical Therapist  
Lancaster General Health System, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.  
February 2005 – Present

Contract Physical Therapist  
Physical Therapy Institute, Delray Beach, Florida.  
June 1997 – July 2000

Independent Utilization Reviewer  
Medical Review Institute, Salt Lake City, Utah  
May 1998 – January 1999

Independent Utilization Reviewer  
Physical Therapy Provider Network of Florida, Delray Beach, Florida.  
April 1993 – January 1998

Director of Rehabilitative Services  
Manor Care Nursing Center of Boca Raton, Boca Raton, Florida.  
April 1994 - May 1995

Clinic Coordinator of Clinical Education

Rehabilitation Center for Children and Adults, Palm Beach, Florida.  
December 1992 - April 1994

Staff Physical Therapist  
Physical Therapy Institute, Delray Beach, Florida.  
August 1991 - December 1992

Staff Physical Therapist  
New Medico Neurologic Rehabilitation Center, West Palm Beach, Florida.  
June 1990 - August 1991

### **Peer Reviewed Publications:**

Book Chapters and Monographs:

Herdman S J, **Blatt P J**, Schubert M C. Vestibular Rehabilitation of Patients with Vestibular Hypofunction or with Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo. *In: Current Opinion in Neurology*. Brandt T (ed.) Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, London, UK. 2000; 13(1):39-43.

### **Juried or Refereed Journal Articles:**

Marchetti G F, Whitney, S L, **Blatt P J**, Morris L O, Vance J M. Temporal and Spatial Gait Parameters underlying Physical Therapists scoring of the 4-item Dynamic Gait Index in Persons with and without Vestibular Disorders. *Arch. PM & R*. (In Review).

Oriel K N, George C L, **Blatt P J**. The Impact of an Exercise Program on Fitness, Self-Concept and Social Skills in Children with Disabilities - A Pilot Study. *The Journal Physical Disabilities: Education and Related Services*. (In Press, Fall 2008).

**Blatt P J**, Schubert M C, Roach K E, Tusa R J. Reliability of the Vestibular Autorotation Test (VAT) in Patients with Dizziness. *Journal of Neurologic Physical Therapy*. 2008;32(2): 70-79.

Marchetti G F, Whitney, S L, **Blatt P J**, Morris L O, Vance J M. Temporal and Spatial Characteristics of Gait While Performing the Dynamic Gait Index in Persons with and Without Balance and Vestibular Disorders. *Physical Therapy*. 2008;88: 640-651.

Denton B, Adams C C, **Blatt P J**, Lorish C D. Does the Introduction of Problem-Based Learning Change Graduate Performance Outcomes in a Graduate Program? *Journal on Excellence in College Teaching*. 2000; 11(2&3):147-162.

**Blatt P J**, Herdman S J, Georgakakis G, Tusa R J, Clendaniel R A: Resolution of Postural Instability in Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo Following Treatment. *American Journal of Otology*. 2000;21(3):356-63.

Herdman S J, **Blatt P J**, Schubert M C, Tusa R J: Falls in Patients with Vestibular Deficits. *American Journal of Otology*. 2000;21(6):847-51.

**Blatt PJ**: Acoustic Neuroma: Review and Case Studies. *Neurology Report*. 1996;20(3):30-40.

**Peer Reviewed Scientific and Professional Presentations:**

Oriel K, George C, Marchessi T, **Blatt P**. The Efficacy of a Community-Based Fitness Program for Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults with Disabilities. **APTA Combined Sections Meeting**, February, 2009. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Gazsi C, Carlson L, DiCristofaro L, Hillkert K, **Blatt P**. The Reliability of a Computer-Based Version of The Student-Life Stress Inventory in Graduate Entry-Level Physical Therapy Students. **APTA Combined Sections Meeting**, February, 2009. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Oriel K, George C, Marchessi T, **Blatt P**. Promoting Fitness in Children with Disabilities: Strategies for Success. **APTA Combined Sections Meeting**, February, 2008. Nashville, Tennessee.

Oriel K, **Blatt P**, Shen D, Rodic B. Reliability and Validity of the 6-Minute Walk Test in Children with Disabilities. **APTA Combined Sections Meeting**, February, 2008. Nashville, Tennessee.

Oriel K, George C, **Blatt P**. The Impact of a structured Group Exercise Program on Fitness, Self-Concept, and Social Skills in Children with Disabilities. **Hawaii International Conference on Education**, January, 2008. Honolulu, Hawaii.

Whitney S, Marchetti G, **Blatt P**, Morris L, Vance, J. Temporospacial gait parameters underlying physiotherapists scoring of the 4-item dynamic gait index in persons with and without vestibular disorders. **World Congress of Physical Therapy, June, 2007**. Vancouver, Canada.

Oriel K, George C, **Blatt P**. The Impact of an Exercise Program for Children with Disabilities on Fitness, Self-Concept, and Social Skills. **APTA Combined Sections Meeting**, February, 2007. Boston Massachusetts.

Whitney S, Marchetti G, **Blatt P**, Morris L, Vance J. Temporal and spatial characteristics of gait while performing the Dynamic Gait Index in persons with and without balance and vestibular disorders. **APTA Combined Sections Meeting**, February 2007, Boston, Massachusetts.

**Blatt P**, Herdman S J, Roach K E, Tusa R J. Reliability of the Vestibular Autorotation Test in patients with complaints of dizziness. **APTA Combined Sections Meeting**. February, 2004. Nashville, Tennessee.

Schubert M C, Herdman S J, **Blatt P J**, Tusa R J: Vertical Dynamic Acuity in Patients with Unilateral and Bilateral Vestibular Hypofunction. *Association for Research in Otolaryngology*. February 19-24, 2000. St. Petersburg, Florida.

**Blatt P J**, Herdman S J, Tusa R J: A Retrospective Study of The Sensitivity and Specificity of The Vestibular Autorotation Test. *APTA Scientific Meeting & Exposition*. June 4-7, 1999.

**Blatt P J**, Herdman S J, Tusa R J. Sensitivity and Specificity of the Vestibular Autorotation Test. *51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Neurology*. April 17-24, 1999.

Herdman S J, Schubert M C, **Blatt P J**, Erb D E, Venuto P J, Tusa, R J: Dynamic Visual Acuity (DVA) During Vertical Head Movements in Patients with Vestibular Deficits: Sensitivity and Specificity. *Association for Research in Otolaryngology*. February 14- 18, 1999. St. Petersburg, Florida.

Schubert M C, Herdman S J, **Blatt P J**, Erb D E , Venuto P J, Tusa R J: Test-Retest Reliability of the Quantified Vertical Dynamic Visual Acuity Test in Normals and Its' Validity as a Measure of Vertical VOR Function. *APTA Combined Sections Meeting*. February, 1999. Seattle, Washington.

Schubert M C, Herdman S J, **Blatt P J**, Erb D E , Venuto P J, Tusa R J: Comparison of Dynamic Visual Acuity Using Horizontal and Vertical Head Movements in Subjects With Vestibular Pathology. *APTA Combined Sections Meeting*. February, 1999. Seattle, Washington.

Herdman S J, **Blatt P J**, Venuto P J, Tusa R J: Effect of Time and Treatment on Visual Acuity During Head Movements in Patients with Vestibular Loss. *APTA Scientific Meeting & Exposition*. June 5 – 8, 1998. Orlando, Florida.

Herdman S J, **Blatt P J**, Venuto P J, Tusa R J: Quantitative Dynamic Visual Acuity (DVA): Clinical Utility in Diagnosis. *APTA Scientific Meeting & Exposition*. June 5 – 9 1998. Orlando, Florida.

Erb D E, Herdman S J, Venuto P J, Yang S S, **Blatt P J**, Pennell P, Tusa R J: Detection of Vestibular Deficits in Renal Dialysis Patients Who Have Received Gentamicin. *APTA Scientific Meeting & Exposition*. June 5 – 9 1998. Orlando, Florida.

Venuto PJ, Herdman S J, Tusa R J, Erb D E, Yang S S, **Blatt P J**: Interrater Reliability of The Clinical Dynamic Visual Acuity Test. *APTA Scientific Meeting & Exposition*. June 5 – 9 1998. Orlando, Florida.

**Blatt P J**, Georgakakis G, Tusa R J, Clendaniel R A, Herdman S J: Postural Instability in Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo – Does it Resolve with Canalith Repositioning? *APTA Combined Sections Meeting*. February 11-15, 1998. Boston, Massachusetts.

Herdman S J, **Blatt P J**, Venuto P J, Tusa R J: Standardized Measure of the Vestibulo-ocular Reflex Using Dynamic Visual Acuity (DVA) in Normal Subjects and Patients with Vestibular Loss. *APTA Combined Sections Meeting*. February 11-15, 1998. Boston, Massachusetts.

Herdman S J, Tusa R J, **Blatt P J**: Changes in Dynamic Visual Acuity During Head Oscillations Before and After Vestibular Rehabilitation. *Association for Research in Otolaryngology*. February 2-6, 1997. St. Petersburg, Florida.

Tusa R J, Herdman S J, **Blatt P J**: Standardized Measure of The Vestibulo-Ocular Reflex Using Dynamic Visual Acuity. *International Symposium for Therapy of Ocular Motility and Related Visual Disturbances*. November 15 & 16, 1996. Cleveland, Ohio.

Juried or Refereed Exhibitions:

**Blatt P J**, Herdman S J, Tusa R J. Testing the Patient with Dizziness Using Active Head Movements. *University of Miami Graduate Student Research Forum*. University of Miami, November 19, 1998. Miami, Florida.

**Blatt P J**, Georgakakis G, Tusa R J, Clendaniel R A, Herdman S J: Postural Instability in Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo. *University of Miami Graduate Student Research Forum*. University of Miami, November 19, 1997. Miami, Florida.

**Blatt P J**: Test Re-Test Reliability of a Computerized Test of Dynamic Visual Acuity. *Chandler Society Resident and Fellow Scientific Forum*. University of Miami, June 21, 1996. Miami, Florida.

Abstracts:

Oriel, K.N., George, C.L., & **Blatt, P J**. (2008) The Impact of a Structured Group Exercise Program on Fitness, Self-Concept, and Social Skills in Children with Disabilities. *Conference Proceedings 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hawaii International Conference on Education*.

Oriel, K.N., George, C.L., & **Blatt, P**. (2007). The impact of an exercise program for children with disabilities on fitness, self-concept, and social skills. *Pediatric Physical Therapy*, 19(1), 82-83.

Non-Peer-reviewed Publications:

None

Non-Peer Reviewed Presentations:

**Blatt P**. Problem-based learning and neurologic physical therapy. Invited presentation, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Lebanon Valley College, March 22, 2007.

**Blatt P.** Reliability and validity of the Vestibular Autorotation Test (VAT) in patients with reports of dizziness. Invited presentation, Johns Hopkins University, Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, March 10, 2006.

**Blatt P.** Appearance-based perceptions of functional abilities of disabled individuals. Lebanon Valley College Faculty Colloquium, November 17, 2004.

**Blatt P.** Assessment and physical therapy management of patient's with vestibulopathy. University of Alabama-Birmingham Invited Grand Rounds, Department of Surgery, Division of Otolaryngology, Head, and Neck Surgery, March 2, 2004.

**Blatt P.** Clinical Examination of the dizzy patient. Resident lecture series, University of Alabama-Birmingham, Department of Surgery, Division of Otolaryngology, Head, and Neck Surgery, November 13, 2003.

**Blatt P.** Assessment and treatment of dizziness in the older adult. University of Alabama, Center for Aging Lecture Series, October 22, 2002.

**Blatt P.** Management of balance disorders and falling in the older adult. University of Alabama, Center for Aging Lecture Series, November 6, 2001.

Grant Activity:

Lunsford B, **Blatt P**, Kopac C, et. al. (December 2008) Geriatric Education Utilizing A Palliative Care Framework. *Health Services Resource Administration*, \$450,000 (15% effort).  
In-Review

Oriel K, George C, **Blatt P**, Marchessi T. (December, 2007) Service learning to promote engagement, health and well-being, and civic development in physical therapy and special education students. *AACU, Bringing Theory to Practice Grants Program*, \$10,000.00 (20% effort)  
Not Funded

**Blatt P.**(August 2000) Internal equipment funding through Lebanon Valley College, \$15,000.00.  
Funded

**Blatt P.** (June 1999) Foundation For Physical Therapy Promotion of Doctoral Opportunities for Clinicians and Scholars PODS II Scholarship, 1999. \$7500.00.  
Funded

Other Scholarly Products:

None

Continuing Education Workshops Conducted:

Examination and Treatment of Patients with Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo  
Lancaster General Health System, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, October 10, 2007.

Advanced Vestibular Training Course, Lancaster General Health System, Lancaster,  
Pennsylvania, December 6, 2006, February 21 & March 21, 2007.

Examination and Treatment of Patients with Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo  
Lancaster General Health System, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, November 1, 2006.

Mindful Evidence-based Practice, Lancaster General Health System, Lancaster, Pennsylvania,  
October 11, 2006.

Examination and Treatment of Patients with Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo  
Pennsylvania Physical Therapy Association, Central District Meeting, March 21, 2006.

Vestibular Rehabilitation  
Lancaster General Health System, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, January 15 & 29, 2005

Vestibular Rehabilitation  
Baptist Health System, Birmingham, Alabama, January 22, 2004

Examination and Treatment of Patients with Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo  
APTA National Student Conclave, Birmingham, Alabama, 2003

Membership in Scientific/Professional Organizations:

Member American Physical Therapy Association; 1988 – Present

Neurology Section, Vestibular Special Interest Group Nominating Committee, 1996-1998

Member Pennsylvania Physical Therapy Association, 2004 - Present

Member, Society for Values in Higher Education, 2004 – Present

Peer-Review:

<i>The Annals of Otology, Rhinology &amp; Laryngology</i>	<i>2008 - Present</i>
<i>Archives of Physical Medicine &amp; Rehabilitation</i>	<i>2006 - Present</i>
<i>Journal of Neurologic Physical Therapy</i>	<i>1998 - Present</i>
<i>Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development</i>	<i>2008 - Present</i>
<i>Physical Therapy</i>	<i>2006 - Present</i>

Consultative and Advisory Positions Held:

Advanced Item Writer  
Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy  
January 2006

Item Writer  
Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Item Writer and Review Committee  
(March – June 2005)

Community Service:

None

Services to the College on Committees/Councils/Commissions:

The George Washington University

Department of Physical Therapy

Academic Standing Committee

Curriculum Committee

Outcomes Committee

Lebanon Valley College

Faculty Standards and Policies Committee, 2007 – 2008

Faculty Advisory Group-Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, 2007- 2008

Judicial Appeals Board, 2006 – 2008

Masters of Science Education Advisory Board, 2006 - 2008

Dean's Task Force on Service and Service-Learning, 2005 & 2006

Faculty Candidate Search Committee, Department of Psychology, 2007

Physical Therapy Assessment Committee, Chair 2007 – 2008

Physical Therapy Curriculum Committee, 2007 – 2008

Physical Therapy Student Affairs Committee, 2007 – 2008

Advisor Lebanon Valley Educational Partnership, 2004 – 2008

Faculty Liaison, Physical Therapy Classes of 2006 & 2009

Advisor Physical Therapy Club, 2004 – 2007

University of Alabama Birmingham, School of Health Related Professions  
Faculty Affairs Committee, 2001-2004

University of Alabama Birmingham, Division of Physical Therapy  
Admissions Committee, 2000 – 2004

University of Miami, Division of Physical Therapy  
Ombudsman to Program Faculty for Doctoral Program, 1996 – 1998

Kean University / University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Division of Physical  
Therapy; Vice-President Physical Therapy Class of 1990

**Honors and Awards:**

Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, 2003.

Graduate Student of The Year, Division of Physical Therapy, University of Miami, 1999.

First Prize, Life Sciences, Graduate Student Research Forum. University of Miami, 1997.

Graduate Student Award, Chandler Society, University of Miami, 1996.

Nominee, Mary McMillan Post-Professional Scholarship, 1996.

Elizabeth C. Lane Scholarship, University of Miami, 1995.

Alpha Lambda Honor Society, Kean College, 1990.

Graduated Magna Cum Laude, Kean College, 1990.

**Continuing Education Attended (Last 5 Years):**

Guide to Physical Therapy Practice, September, 2002

The Process of Differential Diagnosis, Alabama Physical Therapy Association Annual Meeting,  
Montgomery Alabama, September 2003

Diagnosis by Physical Therapists: Screening for Medical Referral, University of Alabama Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama, William Boissonnault, PT, DHSc, FAAOMPT, November 2003

ERRIS 2nd Annual Intensive Workshop on Grant Writing, Preparation, and Submission in Rehabilitation Research, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, Multiple Presenters, February, 2004

American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee, Multiple Presenters, February, 2004

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Item Writer's Workshop, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Multiple Presenters, September, 2004

The Influence of Adaptation on Motor Function, New Orleans, Louisiana, Multiple Presenters, February, 2005

American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, Multiple Presenters, February, 2005

III STEP Conference: Linking Movement Science and Intervention, Salt Lake City, Utah, Multiple Presenters, July, 2005.

Evaluation and Treatment of Visual Perceptual Dysfunction in Adult Brain Injury, Part I, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Mary Warren, OTR/L, SCLV, FAOTA, October, 2006.

American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, Multiple Presenters, February, 2007.

Gaining Functional Results for the Adult with Hemiplegia Utilizing the Neuro-Developmental Treatment Approach. Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Beth Tarduno, OTR/L, March 2007.

Teaching Responsibilities in the Entry-Level Physical Therapy Program:

Fall – 2008

PT – 418 Management of Neuromotor Dysfunction. Primary Instructor

PT – 412 Foundations of Intervention. Liaison for computerized testing.

Spring – 2009

PT – 462 Clinical Conference II. Primary Instructor

PT – 465 Clinical Conference V. Co-Instructor

Summer – 2009

PT – 405 Functional Neuroanatomy & Electrodiagnosis. Course Coordinator & Instructor.