

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education:

Institution: Georgia State University, Department of Educational Policy Studies
Location: Atlanta, GA.
Duration of Study: 1994 - 1999
Field of Study: Higher Education
Concentration: Curriculum and Instruction
Degree Received: Doctor of Philosophy, August 1999

Institution: Columbia University, Teachers College
Location: New York, NY
Duration of Study: 1989 - 1993
Field of Study: Applied Physiology
Degree received: Master of Arts, June 1993

Institution: New York University
Location: New York, NY
Duration of Study: 1986 - 1988
Field of Study: Physical Therapy
Degree received: Bachelor of Science, October, 1988

Institution: Rutgers University, College of Pharmacy
Location: New Brunswick, NJ.
Duration of Study: 1984 - 1986
Field of Study: Pharmacy
Degree received: Transferred to Physical Therapy Program

Licensure Information/Registration Number:

Licensed in State of Florida, PT 17112

Certifications:

BLS/CPR certified
Board Certified Pediatric Clinical Specialist (PCS)
Certified Exercise Expert for Aging Adults (CEEAA)
Medicaid provider

WORK EXPERIENCE

Academic Positions Held:

Title/Position: Professor (2018-present)
Director of Post Professional Clinical Advancement (2017-present)
Associate Professor (2013-2018)
Assistant Professor (2010-2013)
Institution: Nova Southeastern University
Department of Physical Therapy and Department of Health Sciences
Location: Fort Lauderdale, FL
Duration: January 2010 – Present

Title/Position: Adjunct Professor
Institution: Nova Southeastern University
Department of Physical Therapy and Department of Health Sciences
Location: Fort Lauderdale, FL
Duration: July 2001 – December 2009

Title/Position: Assistant Professor
Institution: Nova Southeastern University, Department of Physical Therapy
Location: Fort Lauderdale, FL
Duration: January 1999 – July 2001

Title/Position: Instructor/Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education
Institution: Georgia State University, Department of Physical Therapy
Location: Atlanta, GA
Duration: September 1994 - September 1998

Title/Position: Part-Time Instructor
Institution: Hunter College, City University of New York, Department of Physical Therapy
Location: New York, NY.
Duration: January 1994 - May 1994

Title/Position: Teaching/Lab Assistant
Institution: New York University, Department of Physical Therapy
Location: New York, NY.
Duration: August 1993 - December 1994
Teaching: Advanced Orthopedic Therapeutic Exercise-Lab

Clinical Positions Held (past 15 years):

Title/Position: Pediatric Physical Therapist
Organization: Nova Southeastern University PT/OT Rehab Clinic (Faculty Practice)
Services: Out-patient and School-based pediatric physical therapy; School Consultation; DPT Student Clinical Education
Duration: January 2010 – Present

Title/Position: Owner/Director
Organization: Fundamentals Physical Therapy, LLC
Services: Pediatric home-based therapy, School Consultation, Parent/Professional Education
Duration: January 2005 – January 2010

Title/Position: Per Diem Physical Therapist
Organization: Various pediatric therapy organizations
Services: Independent contract services providing pediatric early intervention, home-based and school-based therapy
Duration: June 2001 – January 2005

SCHOLARSHIP

Peer Reviewed Publications:

Tovin, MM & Cook, J. "I see what you mean"-- Constructing visuals for enhanced data analysis and interpretation. In Richards et al., *Learner-Centered Qualitative Research Pedagogy: Recognizing Students as Active Participants in their Own Learning-- A Constructivist Qualitative Classroom*. Boston: Brill/Sense Publishers. Invited author. In progress.

Bordenave LM, **Tovin MM**, Blackinton MT. Volunteer Leadership in the American Physical Therapy Association: A Phenomenological Study of Early Career Physical Therapy Professionals. Manuscript Submitted to *Journal of Physical Therapy Education*. September 2020.

Tovin MM, Bloyer M. Autism Spectrum Disorder. In Miles et al., *The Clinical Practice of Pediatric Physical Therapy (CPPPT)*. Invited author. In copy editing.

Bloyer M, & **Tovin MM**, Massad R. Promoting Successful Transition to Adulthood: The Role of Physical Therapy. In Miles et al., *The Clinical Practice of Pediatric Physical Therapy (CPPPT)*. Invited author. In copy editing.

Ferreira, K, **Tovin, MM**, Rone-Adams, S & Rindfleisch A. (2019). Achieving Clinical Instructor Competence: A Phenomenologic Study of Clinical Instructors' Perspectives. *Journal of Physical Therapy Education*. 33(3):224–235

Wormley, ME, **Tovin, MM**, Lusardi, M, Wilson, S. (2018): Students' perspectives of core value development in a modified problem-based learning program, *Physiotherapy Theory and Practice*. May issue. Available at <https://www.Tandfonline.com>.

Sailsman, S, Rutherford, M, **Tovin, MM**, Cianelli, R. (2018). Cultural Integration Online: The lived experience of English as a second language RN-BSN nursing students learning in an online environment. Volume Published ahead of print.

Chard, R & **Tovin M** (2018). The meaning of intraoperative errors: Perioperative nurse perspectives. *Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses AORN Journal*. 107(2): 225-235.

Tovin, MM., Fernandez-Fernandez, A., Smith, K. Pediatric Integrated Clinical Experiences: Enhancing Learning through a Series of Pediatric Exposures (2017). *Journal of Physical Therapy Education*. 31(2): 137-149. Invited manuscript for special series on pediatric education.

Tovin, MM., Fernandez-Fernandez, A. & Guardo F. (2016). The Pediatric and Adolescent Hip. In Cheatham & Kolber, *Orthopedic Management of the Hip and Pelvis*. St. Louis: Elsevier. Invited author.

Tovin, MM. & Chambers, W. (2016). The Dancer's Hip. In Cheatham & Kolber, *Orthopedic Management of the Hip and Pelvis*. St. Louis: Elsevier. Invited author.

Tovin, MM. (2013). Children and Teens with Autism Spectrum Disorder: Considerations and Basic Guidelines for Health and Fitness Professionals. *Strength and Conditioning Journal*. 35(4): 31-37.

Kenyon, L., **Tovin, M.**, Hellman, M. (2012). Clinical Instructors' Perspectives: What Should We Be Teaching in Pediatrics? *Pediatric Physical Therapy*. 24(2), 183-191.

Gletsu, M., & **Tovin, M.** (2010)). African American Women and Physical Activity. *Physical Therapy Reviews*.15(5), 405-409.

Kenyon, L., Sleeper, M., **Tovin, M.** (2010). Physical Fitness Testing and Prescription for an Adolescent with Cerebral Palsy: A Case Report. *Pediatric Physical Therapy*. 22(2), 234-240.

Mellion, LR & **Tovin, MM** (2002). Grounded theory: A qualitative research methodology for physical therapy. *Physiotherapy Theory and Practice*. 18(3), 109-120.

Tovin, M. , Nelms, T.& Taylor, L. (2002) The Nursing Home Experience: A strong indicator of physical therapy students' work intentions. *Journal of Physical Therapy Education*. Spring; 16(1): 11-19.

Taylor, L.F. & **Tovin, M.** (2000). Student physical therapists' attitudes toward working with elderly patients. *Physical and Occupational Therapy in Geriatrics*, 18(2), 21-28.

Tovin B., Tovin T., & **Tovin M.** (1992). Surgical and biomechanical considerations in rehabilitation of patients with intra-articular ACL reconstructions. *The Journal of Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy*. 15(6).

Peer Reviewed Scientific and Professional Presentations:

Title: Qualitative Data Analysis in Physical Therapy Research, Part 1- Accepted
Occasion: Educational Session at APTA Combined Sections Meeting 2021, Orlando, FL
Speakers: Johnny Saldana, **Melissa Tovin**, Michelle Wormley,
Date: February 2021

Title: Qualitative Data Analysis in Physical Therapy Research, Part 2- Accepted
Occasion: Educational Session at APTA Combined Sections Meeting 2021, Orlando, FL
Speakers: Johnny Saldana, **Melissa Tovin**, Michelle Wormley,
Date: February 2021

Title: Supporting Children with Cerebral Palsy and Their Parents: Translating Research into Practice
Occasion: Educational Session at APTA Combined Sections Meeting 2021, Orlando, FL
Speakers: Jason Cook, Lisa Kenyon, **Melissa Tovin**
Date: February 2021

Title: The Lived Experience of Parents Caring for Children with Severe Cerebral Palsy: A Visual Representation
Occasion: 4th Annual Kay Shepard Qualitative Research Symposium, APTA Combined Sections Meeting 2021
Speakers: Jason Cook, **Melissa Tovin**, Lisa Kenyon
Date: February 2021

Title: Is this Good Enough? A Novice Researcher's Interpretive Journey to a Meaningful Visual Representation
Occasion: Platform Presentation at The Qualitative Report's 12th Annual Conference (TQR2020)
Speakers: **Melissa Tovin**, Jason Cook
Date: January 14, 2021

Title: A Blended Learning Model for Faculty Residency Education: Meeting Needs and Preparing for the Future of Educational Leadership- *Accepted*
Occasion: Educational Leadership Conference 2020, Milwaukee,WI
Speakers: **Melissa Tovin**, Kathleen Rockefeller
Date: October 2020

Title: Physical Activity for Adults with Autism: Who's with Me and How Will I Get There? - *Accepted*
Occasion: Poster Presentation at 2020 NEXT Conference & Exposition, Chicago, IL
Speakers: **Melissa Tovin**, Annabel Nunez-Gaunaurd
Date: June 4, 2020 (Cancelled-Covid19)

Title: Adventures in the Evidence Pyramid: Incorporating Rigorous Qualitative Methodologies to Enhance Clinical Research, Part 1
Occasion: Educational Session at APTA Combined Sections Meeting 2020, Denver, CO
Speakers: Ronald Chenail, **Melissa Tovin**, Michelle Wormley,
Date: February 13, 2020

Title: Adventures in the Evidence Pyramid: Incorporating Rigorous Qualitative Methodologies to Enhance Clinical Research, Part 2
Occasion: Educational Session at APTA Combined Sections Meeting 2020, Denver, CO
Speakers: Ronald Chenail, **Melissa Tovin**, Michelle Wormley,
Date: February 13, 2020

Title: From Patients to Participants: Health Professionals Learn Qualitative Interview Skills Through a Collaborative Classroom Activity
Occasion: Platform Presentation at The Qualitative Report's 11th Annual Conference (TQR2020)
Speakers: **Melissa Tovin**, Charlene Desir
Date: January 15, 2020

Title: Perspectives on Working in the NICU: Implications for Physical Therapist Practice
Occasion: Poster Presentation at Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy Annual Conference, Anaheim, CA.
Speakers: Joyce Lammers, **Melissa Tovin**, Alicia Fernandez-Fernandez, Lisa Dutton,
Date: Nov 15-17, 2019

Title: Preparation to Work in Special Care Nurseries and Neonatal Intensive Care Units
Occasion: Poster Presentation at 2019 NEXT Conference & Exposition, Chicago, IL
Speakers: Lammers, Joyce; **Tovin, Melissa** ; Fernandez-Fernandez, Alicia, Dutton,
Date: June 13, 2019

Title: Power of Persistence: Bringing meaningful qualitative findings to publication
Occasion: Educational Session at APTA Combined Sections Meeting, Washington, DC
Speakers: Michelle Wormley, **Melissa Tovin**
Date: January 21, 2019

Title: Improving Interprofessional Competence and Attitudes through Community-Based Wellness for Young Adults with Autism
Occasion: Platform Presentation at APTA Combined Sections Meeting, Washington, DC
Speakers: **Melissa Tovin**, Annabel Nunez-Gaunard, Elise Bloch
Date: January 20, 2019

Title: Creating Evidence-based Practitioners: Perspectives from the Clinic
Occasion: Platform Presentation at APTA Educational Leadership Conference
Speakers: Deanne Fay, **Melissa Tovin**, Heather Hettrick
Date: October 12, 2018

Title: Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder: Fitness Outcomes Following a Community-based Physical Activity Program
Occasion: Platform Presentation at APTA Combined Sections Meeting, New Orleans, LA
Speakers: **Melissa Tovin**, Annabel Nunez-Gaunard, Kara Babineau, Laurianne Dib, Meagan Most, Holly Wohltman
Date: February 23, 2018

Title: The Experience of Evidence-Based Practice: The Clinician's Perspective
Occasion: Poster Presentation at APTA Combined Sections Meeting, New Orleans, LA
Speakers: Deanne Fay, **Melissa Tovin**, Heather Hettrick, Linda Fetters
Date: February 24, 2018

Title: Test of fortitude: The journey toward publishing a phenomenological study
Occasion: Platform Presentation at The Qualitative Report's 9th Annual Conference (TQR2018)
Speakers: Michelle Wormley, **Melissa Tovin**
Date: January 12, 2018

Title: Transforming Data Through the Use of Metaphors: Strategies for experienced and novice researchers
Occasion: Platform Presentation at The Qualitative Report's 9th Annual Conference (TQR2018)
Speakers: **Melissa Tovin**, Lori Bordenave, Deanne Fay
Date: January 12, 2018

Title: Fit for Friends, Fit for Life! Physical and Social Benefits of a Community-based Fitness Program
Occasion: Educational Session at the 49th Annual Autism Society National Conference 2017, Milwaukee, WI
Speakers: **Melissa Tovin**, James Laiso, Kevin Nyugen, Matthew Stearns
Date: July 13, 2017

Title: The Meaning of Intraoperative Errors: Perioperative Nurse Perspectives
Occasion: Platform Presentation at AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo 2017, Boston, MA
Speakers: Robin Chard, **Melissa Tovin**
Date: April 4, 2017

Title: The Meaning of Intraoperative Errors: Perioperative Nurse Perspectives
Occasion: Poster Presentation at the 31st Annual Conference of the Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS), Addison, TX
Speakers: Robin Chard, **Melissa Tovin**
Date: February 22, 2017

Title: Perceived Benefits of Participation on a Special Olympics Running Team for Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder
Occasion: Poster Presentation at APTA Combined Sections Meeting, San Antonio, TX
Speakers: **Melissa Tovin**, Suzana Simoes, Genevieve Lyke, Melissa Morales, Gregory Alban
Date: February 18, 2017

Title: A Place For Me: The Lived Experience Of Special Olympics For Young Adults With ASD
Occasion: 1st Annual Kay Shepard Qualitative Research Symposium, at APTA Combined Sections Meeting, San Antonio, TX
Speakers: **Melissa Tovin**, Suzana Simoes, Anita Vergis
Date: February 17, 2017

Title: Update: The Pediatric and Adolescent Hip. Educational
Occasion: Educational Session at APTA Combined Sections Meeting, San Antonio, TX
Speakers: **Melissa Tovin**, Alicia Fernandez-Fernandez, Fran Guardo
Date: February 17, 2017

Title: Enhancing Learning Through Pediatric Integrated Clinical Experiences
Occasion: Health Professions Educational Research Symposium
Speakers: **Melissa Tovin**, Alicia Fernandez-Fernandez, Kim Smith
Date: January 21, 2017

Title: Physical Therapy Student Experiences Regarding Problem-Based Learning and Development of Professional Core Values
Occasion: Health Professions Educational Research Symposium
Speakers: Michelle Wormley, **Melissa Tovin**, Michelle Lusardi, and Stanley Wilson
Date: January 21, 2017

Title: The Meaning of Intraoperative Errors: Perioperative Nurse Perspectives
Occasion: Platform Presentation at The Qualitative Report's 8th Annual Conference (TQR2017)
Speakers: Robin Chard, **Melissa Tovin**
Date: January 12-14, 2017

Title: Life Transitions: Supporting Individuals with ASD Through Preparation, Education, Interprofessional Collaboration and Advocacy
Occasion: Educational Session at APTA Academy on Pediatrics Annual Conference, Denver, CO
Speakers: **Melissa Tovin**, Nicole Quint
Date: November 13, 2016

Title: Leadership in the American Physical Therapy Association: The Experience of Early Career Physical Therapy Professionals
Occasion: Platform Presentation at APTA Educational Leadership Conference
Speakers: Lori Bordeneve, **Melissa Tovin**, Mary Blackinton, Jennifer Canbek
Date: October 9, 2016

Title: The Effect of Integrated Pediatric Experiential Labs on Perceived Confidence, Knowledge Translation, and Communication
Occasion: Poster Presentation at APTA Combined Sections Meeting, Anaheim, CA
Speakers: Alicia Fernandez-Fernandez, **Melissa Tovin**
Date: February, 2016

Title: Children, Teens, and Young Adults with ASD: Supporting Transitions Through Physical Therapy
Occasion: Educational Session at APTA Section on Pediatrics Annual Conference, Pittsburg, PA
Speakers: **Melissa Tovin**
Date: November 7, 2015

Title: Clinical Integration in Pediatric Curricula: Enhancing Learning through Pediatric Experiential Labs
Occasion: Educational Session at APTA Section on Pediatrics Annual Conference, Pittsburg, PA
Speakers: **Melissa Tovin**, Alicia Fernandez-Fernandez
Date: November 8, 2015

Title: Achieving Competence: Clinical Instructors' Perspectives
Occasion: Poster Presentation at APTA Educational Leadership Conference
Speakers: Kim Ferreira, **Melissa Tovin**, Shari Rone-Adams, Aaron Rindflesch
Date: October 16, 2015

Title: Physical Activity, Obesity Risk, and Physical Therapy for Autism Spectrum Disorder: Parent Perspectives
Occasion: Poster Presentation at APTA Combined Sections Meeting, St. Louis, MO
Speakers: **Melissa Tovin**, Christene Braunius
Date: February, 2015

Title: Physical Activity and the Role of Physical Therapy in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: Parents' Perspective
Occasion: Poster Presentation at APTA Section on Pediatrics Annual Conference
Speakers: **Melissa Tovin**, Christene Braunius
Date: October 24, 2014

Title: Physical Therapy Student Experiences Regarding Problem-Based Learning and Development of Professional Core Values
Occasion: Poster Presentation at APTA Educational Leadership Conference
Speakers: Michelle Wormley, **Melissa Tovin**, Stanley Wilson, Michelle Lusardi
Date: October 10, 2014

Title: Building Relationships: A Pediatric Therapist's Use of Play During Intervention Sessions
Occasion: Poster Presentation at Physical Therapy 2012: APTA's Annual Conference & Exposition
Speakers: Lisa Kenyon, **Melissa Tovin**
Date: June 8, 2012

Title: Clinical Instructors' Perspectives: What should we be teaching in Pediatrics? **Occasion:** Poster Presentation at the American Physical Therapy: Combined Sections Meeting
Speakers: Lisa Kenyon, Madeleine Hellman, **Melissa Tovin**, Rebecca Rosenthal
Date: February 9-12, 2011

Title: Camp Integrations: A Model Summer Therapy Program for Children with Developmental Disabilities
Occasion: Physical Therapy 2010: APTA's Annual Conference & Exposition
Speakers: **Melissa Tovin**, Rebecca Rosenthal
Date: June 17, 2010

Title: A Model Summer Therapy Program For Children With Developmental Disabilities
Occasion: HPD Research Day
Speakers: Rebecca Rosenthal, **Melissa M. Tovin**, Mary Ann Lowe, David Reitman
Date: February 8, 2010

Title: Clinical Instructors' Perspectives on Entry-level Pediatric Curricular Content: A Pilot Study
Occasion: 2009 Educational Leadership Conference, Philadelphia, PA
Speakers: Lisa Kenyon, Madaleine Hellman, **Melissa Tovin**
Date: October 3, 2009

Title: Sensory Integration in Pediatric Physical Therapy
Occasion: Florida Physical Therapy Association Spring Conference
Speakers: **Melissa Tovin**
Date: April 5, 2008

Title: Physical Therapy Students in Geriatric Clinical Settings: A Caring Experience.
Occasion: Platform Presentation at the Annual Conference and Exposition of the APTA

Speakers: Melissa Tovin and Leslie Taylor
Date: June 14-18, 2000

Title: The Caring Professional and Moral Change Agent in Geriatric Healthcare: An Experiential Approach to Education.

Occasion: Platform Presentation at Association for Gerontology in Higher Education 26th Annual Educational Leadership Conference

Speakers: Melissa Tovin and Leslie Taylor
Date: February 24-27, 2000

Title: Change in Student Perceptions Following Exposure to an Interdisciplinary Core Curriculum
Occasion: Primary Care Education for the 21st Century: Lessons from National Initiatives Baltimore, MD.
Speakers: Stephanie Summers, Melissa Tovin, Lorine Spencer
Date: September 24-26, 1998

Title: Development and Implementation of an Interdisciplinary Core Curriculum
Occasion: 19th Interdisciplinary Health Care Team Conference for the US Westminster, London
Speakers: Lorine Spencer, Melissa Tovin, and Stephanie Summers
Date: July 16-19, 1997

Title: A Comprehensive Study of Student Physical Therapists' Attitudes Toward Working With Elderly Clients
Occasion: Platform Presentation at APTA 1997 Scientific Meeting and Exposition
Speakers: Leslie Taylor and Melissa Tovin
Date: May 30 through June 2, 1997

Title: Assessing Affective Behaviors in Physical Therapy Students in the Clinic
Occasion: Physical Therapy Association of Georgia and Tennessee Physical Therapy Association Joint Spring Conference
Speaker: Melissa Tovin
Date: April 12, 1996

External Grants (Funded)

Submitted: 2016 Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses, AORN/Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Research Grant

Title: The Meaning of Intraoperative Errors: Perioperative Nurse Perspectives

Co-investigators: Robin Chard, Melissa Tovin

Funding Received: \$2050.00

Submitted: 2018-2019 Quality of Life Faculty Community-Based Applied Research Grant

Title: REACH: Recreation, Engagement, Access, Community and Health for Younger Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Co-investigators: Melissa M Tovin, Annabel Nunez-Gaunaurd, Carole Zangari

Funding Received: \$14,953.00

External Grants (Submitted)

Submitted: 2021 Advanced Rehabilitation Research Training (ARRT) Program Grant, National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR)
Title: *Patient-centered Interprofessional Research: Advanced Training Experience (PIRATE)*
Co-investigators: Jacqueline Hinckley, Samuel Cheng, **Melissa Tovin**, Elizabeth Swann, Rachel Williams
Funding Requested: \$200,000.00

Submitted: 2020-21 Autism Services Council Grant
Title: FitLink: Stay Fit, Stay Connected
Co-investigators: **Melissa Tovin**
Funding Requested: \$5,000.00

Submitted: 2020-21 Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy Planning Grant
Title: MOST - Moving through Transitions: Optimizing Self-determination through Physical Therapy
Co-investigators: **Melissa Tovin**, Lisa Chiarello, Cynthia Dodds, Regina Harbourne, Carole Tucker
Funding Requested: \$25,000.00 (Not Funded)

Nova Southeastern University Internal Grants (Funded)

Submitted: 2017-18 Health Professions Division Educational Research Grant
Title: Student Outcomes Following Community-Based Interprofessional Education Addressing Health and Wellness for Young Adults With Autism
Co-investigators: **Melissa M Tovin**, Annabel Nunez-Gaunaurd
Funding Received: \$5000.00

Submitted: 2011 Chancellor's Faculty Research and Development Grant
Title: Parent Awareness of Obesity and the Role of Physical Therapy in Children with Autism
Co-investigators: **Melissa Tovin**, Martha Wichert, Nancy Lieberman, Marlene Sotelo, Allison Edwards
Funding Received: \$5501.66

Submitted: 2008 President's Faculty Research and Development Grant
Title: Outcomes of an Interdisciplinary Therapy Program for Children with Disabilities
Co-investigators: Rebecca Rosenthal, **Melissa Tovin**, Mary Ann Lowe, David Reitman, Julia Harper
Funding Received: \$9,999.34

Submitted: 2007 President's Faculty Research and Development Grant
Title: Outcomes of an Interdisciplinary Therapy Program for Children with Disabilities
Co-investigators: Rebecca Rosenthal, **Melissa Tovin**, Mary Ann Lowe, Eric Shamus, Sarah Valley-Gray, Julia Harper
Funding Received: \$9,961.00

Georgia State University Internal Grants (Funded)

Submitted: 1998 Instructional Improvement Grant
Title: Improving Perceptions and Attitudes of Physical Therapy Students Toward Working With Geriatric Clientele Through Curricular and Pedagogical Innovation: Part II
Co-investigators: **Melissa Tovin**, Leslie Taylor, Tommie Nelms
Funding Received: \$1900

Submitted: 1996-7 Scholarship of Teaching Grant
Title: Using Community Partnerships and an Interdisciplinary Curriculum for Improving Teaching and Learning
Co-investigators: Stephanie Summers, **Melissa Tovin**, Lorine Spencer
Funding Received: \$ 3,000

Submitted: 1995-6 Instructional Improvement Grant
Title: Improving Perceptions and Attitudes of Physical Therapy Students Toward Working With Geriatric Clientele Through Curricular Innovation and Pedagogical Innovation
Co-investigators: **Melissa M. Tovin** and Leslie Taylor
Funding Received: \$1900

Other Research Support/Activity

Title: APTA- Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy Research Summit V
Description: Participants are invited through a competitive peer review application process. The aim of this fifth pediatric research summit is to develop a research agenda to move the science of pediatric PT to the next level on the topic of "*Optimizing transitions from infancy to young adulthood in children with neuromotor disabilities: biological & environmental factors to support functional independence.*"
Dates: October 18 to 20, 2019

Title: APTA- Grantsmanship and Mentorship in Education Research (GAMER)
Description: Participants are invited through a competitive peer review application process. GAMER provides participants with the expertise and support to be successful at the national level in obtaining funding for education research.
Dates: September 20-23, 2018

SERVICE

Consultative and Advisory Positions Held:

Position: Consultant
Agency: Broward County Public Schools Program: "It Just Makes Sense: Strategies in Educational Contexts"
Duration: February 2019

Position: Founding Board Member and Treasurer
Agency: Autism Acts of Kindness (AAOK)
Duration: May 2017 - present

Position: Consultant and Task Force Member for Development of Adult Day Training Program
Agency: Schott Communities for the Disabled
Duration: October 2009-December 2012

Community Outreach Programs

Program: *Fit for Friends on ZOOM!*
Objective: To provide weekly online fitness classes to promote physical activity and social engagement during COVID-19 pandemic for adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder
Role: Coordinator and faculty supervisor
Dates: May 2020 to present

Program: *Fit for Friends, Fit for Life!*
Objective: To promote physical activity and social engagement among young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder during weekly fitness sessions at a county park.
Role: Coordinator and faculty team leader
Dates: November-March 2020

Program: *Fit for Friends, Fit for Life!*
Objective: To promote physical activity and social engagement among young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder during weekly fitness sessions at a county park.
Role: Coordinator and faculty team leader
Dates: November-March 2019

Program: REACH: Recreation, Engagement, Access, Community & Health for Younger Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder.
Objective: To provide weekly recreational activity and social support, and provide health and community resources to improve healthy behaviors among individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder who are transitioning to adulthood and independent living.
Role: Program coordinator
Dates: June 2018-December 2019

Program: *Fit for Friends, Fit for Life!*
Objective: To promote physical activity and social engagement among young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder during weekly fitness sessions at a county park.
Role: Coordinator and faculty team leader
Dates: January-March 2018

Program: *Fit for Friends, Fit for Life!*
Objective: To promote physical activity and social engagement among young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder during weekly fitness sessions at a county park.
Role: Coordinator and faculty team leader
Dates: January-March 2017

International Service Learning (ISL)

Spring 2018 **ISL Location:** Republic of Ireland
International Partner: Child Vision, Dublin Ireland
Objective: To provide Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) students with the opportunity for international service and learning in the Republic of Ireland, providing health services to the underserved population of children with visual and developmental disabilities.
Role: Faculty supervisor, coordination and planning

Spring 2016 **ISL Location:** Republic of Ireland
International Partner: Child Vision, Dublin Ireland
Objective: To provide Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) students with the opportunity for international service and learning in the Republic of Ireland, providing health services to the underserved population of children with visual and developmental disabilities.
Role: Faculty supervisor, coordination and planning

Other Community Service:

Organization: Florida Special Olympics
Role: Track Team Coach
Dates: January 2015 to present

Service to the Profession:

Editorial Board Member: *Journal of Physical Therapy*, January 2020 to present

SIG Chair: APTA Academy on Physical Therapy Research, Qualitative Research Special Interest Group, Jan 2019 to present

Manuscript Reviewer: *Journal of Physical Therapy Education* (Content Expert:/ Methodology) July 2017-present

Manuscript Reviewer: *Strength and Conditioning Journal* (Content Expert: Special Populations) 2012-present

Senior Manuscript Reviewer: *Physical Therapy* (Methodology Expert: Qualitative Research) 2011–2020

Manuscript Reviewer: *Physiotherapy Theory and Practice* (Methodology Expert: Qualitative Research) 2005–2011; and 2017 to present

Textbook Reviewer: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins (Content Expert: Exercise Physiology) 2001-2004

Services to the University/College/School

University Committees:

Member: Interdisciplinary Council for the Study of Autism, August 2014 to Present

Member: New Programs Review Committee, August 2011 to Present

Member: Internal Review Committee, September 2017 to September 2018

Member: Inter-Professional Education Committee, April 2014 to January 2017

Reviewer: President's Faculty Research Development Grant 2012-13 Competition

Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences Committees:

- Member: CHCS Faculty Tracks Taskforce, March 2018 to December 2018
- Member: CHCS Inter-Professional Education Committee, November 2015 to October 2017
- Member: Comprehensive Exam Task Force, PhD in Health Sciences Program, 2012

Physical Therapy Department Committees:

- Chair: Post-Professional Admissions, Curriculum and Outcomes Committee, July 2017 to Present
- Chair: Faculty Residency Advisory Board, January 2017 to Present
- Chair: Neurologic and Orthopedic Clinical Residency Advisory Boards, January 2017 to Present
- Member: Strategic Planning Committee, July 2017 to Present
- Member: Search Committee, March 2016 to December 2018
- Member: Task Force on Service Learning, July 2014 to December 2014
- Member: Faculty Peer Review Committee, July 2014 to July 2017
- Member: Physical Therapy Department DPT Curriculum Committee, Sept 2013 to Present
- Chair: Faculty Development Committee, January 2010 to September 2013
- Member: Student Progress Committee, January 2010 to September 2013
- Member: Outcomes Committee, January 2010 to January 2013

University Sponsored Community Service

- Event:** NSU "A Day for Children"
Role: PT faculty representative and DPT student coordinator
Dates: Annually, 2011-present
- Event:** NSU "Walk Now for Autism Speaks"- Broward County
Role: PT faculty representative and student coordinator
Dates: Annually, 2013-2016
- Event:** UM-NSU Center for Autism and Related Disabilities, "Keys to Success" Program (workshop designed to provide education and training to young adults with autism spectrum disorder)
Role: Speaker and activity coordinator for fitness module
Dates: Annually, 2013-2015 (Program discontinued)

Community Presentations/Events:

- Title:** Achieving Independence, Panel Discussion
Occasion: 7th Annual Teens Transition to Life Summit, Children's Services Council

Panel Speaker: Melissa Tovin
Date: September 24, 2016

Title: The Importance of Educating the Whole Child, Including the Sensory Integration Process
Occasion: Pembroke Pines FSU Charter Elementary School: Annual Parent Teacher Conference
Speaker: Melissa Tovin, Shelly Gardner
Date: November 12, 2008

Title: Exercises for Chemotherapy/Radiation Induced Fatigue
Occasion: Holy Cross Cancer Support Group
Speaker: Melissa Tovin
Date: May 2003

TEACHING

Current Teaching Responsibilities in the Professional DPT Program

Fall Semester: Pediatric PT II
Winter Semester: The Healthcare Educator
Introduction to Research (Qualitative Research Module)
Summer Semester: Pediatric PT I
Year Round: Capstone Research

Current Teaching Responsibilities in College of Healthcare Sciences PhD Programs

Summer Semester: Qualitative Research Design
Year Round: Dissertation
Independent Study

Current Teaching Responsibilities in the Residency Programs

Winter Semester: Leadership and Governance in Academia
Year Round: Residency Mentor (Faculty Residency)

Current Teaching Responsibilities in the Bachelor of Health Science Program

Spring Semester: Patient Education in Healthcare

Doctoral Dissertation Committees- Chairperson

Roi Dennis A. C. Smallwood, PT, DPT, PhD© (2019-present)
Dissertation Title: Perceptions of the Future of the Physical Therapy Profession in Luzon, Philippines

Rosa Torres-Panchame, PT, DPT, PhD© (2019-present)
Dissertation Title: The Experience of Under-Represented Faculty in Physical Therapy Education

Laura Hagen, PT, PhD (2016-2019)
Dissertation Title: The Lived Experience of Exemplary Physical Therapist Students in Clinical Education: A Phenomenological Study

Jason Cook, PT, PhD (2016-2019)

Dissertation Title: Caring for Children with Severe Cerebral Palsy: The Lived Experience of Parents

Joyce Lammers, PT, PhD (2012-2018)

Dissertation Title: Physical Therapists Beliefs on Preparation to Work in Special Care Nurseries and Neonatal Intensive Care Units

Deanne Fay, PT, PhD (2013-2016)

Dissertation Title: The Experience of Evidence-based Practice: The Clinician's Perspective

Lori Bordenave, PT, PhD (2013-2015)

Dissertation Title: Leadership in the American Physical Therapy Association: The Experience of Novice Physical Therapy Professionals

Kim Ferreira, PT, PhD (2013-2015)

Dissertation Title: Achieving Competence As A Clinical Instructor: A Phenomenologic Study of Clinical Instructors' Perspectives

Michelle Wormley, PT, PhD (2011-2014)

Dissertation Title: Physical Therapy Student Experiences Regarding Problem-Based Learning and Development of Professional Core Values

Raelyn Covington, PT, PhD (2005-2007)

Dissertation Title: A Grounded Theory Investigation of the Use of the Physical Therapist Clinical Performance Instrument for Self-Assessment

Doctoral Committees- Member

Gary Peterson, OTD, OTR/L, PhD© (2020-present)

Dissertation Title: The Lived Experiences of Individuals With ASD Transitioning to Adulthood.

Titilayo Idowu, MSN, RN, PhD © (2020-present)

Dissertation Title: Confidence In Crises: Perceptions Of School Nurses' Self-Efficacy In Emergency Preparedness To Inform Curriculum And School Safety

Suzanne Wurster, MSN, RN, PhD (2018-2020)

Dissertation Title: Enacting Narrative Pedagogy: The Lived Experience of Pre-licensure Nursing Faculty

Sonique Sailsman, RN, PhD (2014-2016)

Dissertation Title: The Lived Experience of English as a Second Language: RN-BSN Degree Student in an Online Learning Environment

Bonnie Schmidt, RN (2012-2014)

Dissertation Title: Core Professional Nursing Values as Experienced by Male Nursing Students

Lisa Kenyon, PT, PhD (2008-2010)

Dissertation Title: Clinical Instructors' Perspectives on the Inclusion of Pediatric Curricular Content in Entry-level Physical Therapist Education Programs

Linda Resnick, PT, PhD (1999-2002)

Dissertation Title: Clinician and Organizational Factors Associated with Outcomes Effectiveness in the Treatment of Patients with Low Back Pain

Teaching: Continuing Education/Workshops

- Title:** Meeting the Sensory Needs of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD): A Primer for Therapy Professionals
Occasion: Continuing Education Series "Hot Topics in Pediatrics" for *PhysicalTherapy.com*
Speaker: **Melissa Tovin** (Invited Speaker)
Date: November 7, 2018
- Title:** Keys for Success: Strategies for Working with Teens and Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders
Occasion: Continuing Education Seminar for *PhysicalTherapy.com*
Speaker: **Melissa Tovin**
Date: December 12, 2016
- Title:** Sensory Integration for Physical Therapists
Occasion: Nova Southeastern University, Department of Physical Therapy Continuing Education Series
Speaker: **Melissa Tovin**
Date: December 15, 2011
- Title:** Camp Integrations: Theory and Practicum of an Intensive Integrated Program
Occasion: Continuing Education Course for Physical, Occupational, Speech Therapists
Speakers: **Melissa Tovin** (speaker and co-director), Julia Harper, Rebecca Rosenthal, Mary Ann Lowe, Janessa Rick
Date: July 12-18, 2008
- Title:** Camp Integrations: Theory and Practicum of an Intensive Integrated Program
Occasion: Continuing Education Course for Physical, Occupational, Speech Therapists
Speakers: **Melissa Tovin** (speaker and co-director), Julia Harper, Rebecca Rosenthal, Mary Ann Lowe, Janessa Rick
Date: July 28 – August 3, 2007
- Title:** Camp Integrations: Theory and Practicum of an Intensive Integrated Program
Occasion: Continuing Education Course for Physical, Occupational, Speech Therapists
Speakers: **Melissa Tovin** (speaker and co-director), Julia Harper, Janessa Rick
Date: July 30 – August 4, 2006
- Title:** Promoting Desired Affective Behaviors in Clinical Education
Occasion: Invited Honorarium for University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Annual Clinical Instructor Workshop
Speaker: **Melissa Tovin**
Date: October 7 & 8, 1996
- Title:** Ability-based Student Assessment
Occasion: Quarterly meeting of Clinical Educators of Greater Atlanta
Speaker: **Melissa Tovin**
Date: December 14, 1995

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

Tovin, M., Bloch, E. (Fall 2018). International Fitness Program Teaches HPD Students About Autism While Serving the Community. *Perspectives Magazine*, 25th Anniversary Issue. NSU College of Health Care Sciences.

Tovin, M. (December 2016). Fit for Friends, Fit for Life! *The Autism Notebook Magazine*.

Tovin, M., Reese Walter, J. (Fall 2016). Interprofessional Education Activities Promote Team Approach. *Perspectives Magazine*, NSU College of Health Care Sciences.

Tovin, M. (Fall 2015). A Special Team: Faculty Members and Students Help Young Adults with Autism "Go for the Gold." *Perspectives Magazine*, NSU College of Health Care Sciences.

Tovin, M. (Spring 2015). PT Students Teach Young Adults with Autism the Benefits of Exercise. *Perspectives Magazine*, NSU College of Health Care Sciences.

Tovin, M. (Winter 2014). Physical Therapy and the Special Olympics: A Special Experience. *Perspectives Magazine*, NSU College of Health Care Sciences.

Media/News Release:

Title: 12-Week Program Helps Young Autistic Adults Through Life Transitions
Date: April 2019
Occasion: Local 10 News, Miami, FL. Health Series: Autism Awareness Month
Link: <https://www.local10.com/video/news/2019/04/16/12-week-program-helps-young-autistic-adults-through-life-transitions/>

Honors and Awards:

2018 Outstanding Professional of the Year, Broward County, UM-NSU Center for Autism and Related Disabilities
2018 Richard E. Davis Award for Outstanding Service, Nu Sigma Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Eta Society
Nominee for 2017 Richard E. Davis Award for Outstanding Service
NSU External Funding Recognition Award 2016
NSU External Funding Recognition Award 2015
Induction into Nu Sigma Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Eta Society 2014
Chancellor's Faculty Research Development Grant Award 2011
President's Faculty Research Development Grant Award 2008
President's Faculty Research Development Grant Award 2009

Membership in Scientific/Professional Organizations:

American Physical Therapy Association Section on Research- member (2016 to present)
 • **Chair, Qualitative Research Special Interest Group**
American Physical Therapy Association- member (1986 to present)
American Physical Therapy Association Academy on Pediatrics- member (2011 to present)
Georgia Physical Therapy Educators Consortium, treasurer (1994-1998)
Clinical Educators of Greater Atlanta- member (1994-1998)