
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NAME Guerrier, Tami Pringnitz	POSITION TITLE Assistant Director, Research		
eRA COMMONS USER NAME (credential, e.g., agency login) Tguerr01			
EDUCATION/TRAINING <i>(Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, include postdoctoral training and residency training if applicable.)</i>			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE <i>(if applicable)</i>	MM/YY	FIELD OF STUDY
University of Iowa	B.S.	08/1980	Therapeutic Recreation

A. Personal Statement

Tami Pringnitz Guerrier, B.S. serves as Assistant Director, Research at Carolinas Rehabilitation. She has over 30 years experience in the fields of rehabilitation and traumatic brain injury. As Assistant Director of Research, Tami has managed Carolinas Rehabilitation's participation in local, state, private, and federal funded research studies. In the last 3 years, Ms. Guerrier has successfully managed the TBI Model Systems project ensuring timely submissions, meeting of established benchmarks, and CR's involvement in local and module studies. Ms. Guerrier is a certified brain injury trainer through Academy for the Certification of Brain Injury Specialists (ACBIS) and nationally certified as a therapeutic recreation specialist through the National Certification of Therapeutic Recreation Specialists. As the primary investigator for the TBI Project STAR funding the focus of her work involved developing curriculum for professionals on TBI sequelae as well as compensatory strategies for community involvement and developing systems for linkage of individuals with TBI to community resources. Also involved in this project was developing community opportunities for individuals and families affected by TBI and ensuring sustainability.

Recently, Ms. Guerrier has been involved with the prestigious and inaugural award of the CHS Center of Excellence grant for the Trauma Research Center of Excellence. Ms. Guerrier coordinates the mTBI studies for this funding. Specifically, she has coordinated the mTBI Registry study which is studying the bio and behavioral markers following mTBI.

The goal of the proposed research is to investigate a non-pharmacological option to treat post traumatic brain injury irritability. This randomized, controlled clinical trial will include a study treatment group which will receive Tai Chi classes for 8 weeks compared to a control group. Ms. Guerrier has a passion for improving quality of life for individuals with TBI as well as increasing community based opportunities.

B. Positions and Honors

Professional Employment

2009-Present	Assistant Director, Research, Carolinas Rehabilitation, Charlotte, NC
2001-2009	Director, TBI Project STAR, Carolinas Rehabilitation, Charlotte, NC
1999-2000	Director, Volunteer Services, Charlotte Institute of Rehabilitation, Charlotte, NC
1997-2001	Therapeutic Recreation Specialist, TBI Project STAR, Charlotte Institute of Rehabilitation Charlotte, NC
1993-1995	Coordinator, Community Skills Program, Counseling & Rehabilitation of New Jersey, Inc., Cherry Hill, NJ
1989-1994	Counselor, Community Skills Program, Counseling & Rehabilitation of New Jersey, Cherry Hill, NJ
1988-1989	Director, Therapeutic Recreation, Marianjoy Rehabilitation Center, Wheaton, IL

1985-1988 Therapeutic Recreation Specialist, Marianjoy Rehabilitation Center, Wheaton, IL
1981-1985 Therapeutic Recreation Specialist, Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Center, Grand Rapids, MI

Awards & Honors

2007 Nominated for Carolinas HealthCare System Pinnacle Award
1980 Scholastic Citation List, University of Iowa

Professional and Public Interest Activities

2012-present Appointed Board Member, North Mecklenburg Free Medical Clinic
2010-present Appointed Board Member, Brain Injury Association of NC
2010-present Education Committee, Brain Injury Association of North Carolina
2007-2009 Advisory Board Member, TBI Voting NIH grant
2007-2009 Board Member, TBI Project Advisory Board, Department of Public Instruction, Chapel Hill, NC
2003-2005 Member, Conference Steering Committee, Brain Injury Association of NC
2002-2004 Member, TBI State Advisory Committee, NC
1991-1995 Education Committee, New Jersey Brain Injury Association
1989-1990 Reviewer, Therapeutic Recreation Journal
1989-1990 Member, Research Committee, Illinois Therapeutic Recreation Section
1987-1989 Chair, Research Committee, Illinois Therapeutic Recreation Section
1985-1987 Chair, Publications Committee, Illinois Therapeutic Recreation Section

C. Selected Peer-reviewed Publications

Pringnitz (Guerrier), T. & MacNeil, R. (1982). The role of therapeutic recreation in stroke rehabilitation. Therapeutic Recreation Journal, Fourth Quarter, Volume XVI, Number 4.

Additional publications of importance to the field (in chronological order)

Guerrier, T., Hammond, F., Lash, M. (2011). Cognition: Compensatory strategies after brain injury. Wake Forest NC: Lash & Associates Publishing/ Training, Inc.

Guerrier, T. & Hammond, F. Eds. (2010) Brain injury it is a journey: A practical guide for families. Wake Forest, NC: Lash & Associates Publishing/Training, Inc.

Guerrier, T. & Hammond, F. Eds. (2006). Brain injury it is a journey: A practical guide for families. Wake Forest, NC: Lash & Associates Publishing/Training, Inc.

Guerrier, T. & Bostic, A. (2001). Bridging the gap: community integration through collaboration between a community college and a rehabilitation program. Cognitive Technology Volume 6, Issue 1.

Guerrier, T. (contributing author). (1997). Group activities for person with head injuries: Handbook IV. Philadelphia: Counseling and Rehabilitation, Inc.

Guerrier, T. (contributing author). (1992). Leisure education II: More activities and resources. Peoria, IL: Central Illinois Center for Independent Living and Easter Seal Leisure Resource Center.

Guerrier, T. (contributing author). (1991). Group activities for persons with head injuries: Handbook III. Philadelphia: Counseling and Rehabilitation, Inc.

Pringnitz (Guerrier), T. (contributing author). (1986). Leisure education: A manual of activities and resources. Peoria, IL.: Central Illinois Center for Independent Living and Easter Seal Leisure Resource Center.

Pringnitz (Guerrier), T., & Dillinger, G. (1983). Leisure counseling with chronic pain patients. Expanding Horizons in Therapeutic Recreation Journal, Fourth Quarter.

D. Research Support

1. Ongoing: Project # H133A070042
Principal Investigator: Hammond
Role: Project Administrator
Dates: 10/01/2007-9/30/2012
Source: National Institute of Disability Rehabilitation & Research (NIDRR)
Title: Carolinas Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitation & Research: Post-TBI Irritability & Aggression: An Evidence-Based Approach to Management
Major Goals:
 - 1) Carbamazepine for the treatment of chronic post-TBI irritability and aggression: A 40-day single site, forced-titration, parallel group, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial—site specific module
 - 2) Sexuality after TBI-multi-site module
 - 3) Insomnia following TBI-multi-site module
 - 4) Environmental influences affecting TBI outcomes-multi-site module
2. Ongoing Project #H133A080035
Principal Investigator: Hammond
Role: Project Administrator
Dates: 10/01/2008-9/30/2013.
Source: NIDRR
Title: AIMS: A Multi-Center, Parallel Group, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trial of Amantadine Hydrochloride in the Treatment of Chronic TBI Irritability and Aggression: A Replication Study
3. Project # H133A080023
Principal Investigator: Hammond
Role: Project Administrator
Dates: 10/01/2008-09/30/2013
Source: NIDRR
Title: Collaborative TBI Practice Based Evidence
4. Project 5R01HD050439
Principal Investigator: Hammond
Role: Project Manager
Dates: 7/1/2007-6/30/2012
Source: NIH
Title: Improving Outcomes in Acute Rehabilitation for TBI
5. Principal Investigator: Shall
Role: Sub-Investigator
Dates: 10/19/2011-10/19/2012
Source: Internal
Title: Preventing Hospital Readmission after Inpatient Rehabilitation
6. Principal Investigator: Hirsch
Role: Sub-Investigator
Dates: 2/1/2012-2/1/2013
Title: Physical Activity and TBI Preliminary Study
Source: Internal
7. Principal Investigator: Grafton
Role: Sub-Investigator
Dates: 1/1/2012-12/31/2017
Title: mTBI Registry
Source: CHS Trauma Research Center of Excellence

8. Principal Investigator: Nguyen
Role: Sub-Investigator
Dates:
Title: Stroke Rehabilitation Outcomes Evaluation
Source: Internal

9. Principal Investigator: Hammond
Role: Project Administrator
Dates: 10/01/2006-09/30/2011
Title: Spinal Cord Injury Outcomes Study
Source: NIDRR

10. Role: Principal Investigator
Dates: 07/01/2001-06/30/2010
Title: TBI Project STAR
Source: NC Department of Health and Human Services
Annual funding renewed
 - 1) Linkage of individuals/families with TBI to community resources
 - 2) Curriculum development and implementation of TBI training for direct care providers and professionals
 - 3) Education of TBI sequelae for individuals and families affected by TBI
 - 4) Development and implementation of community opportunities for individuals/ families with TBI