Curriculum Vitae

**BIOGRAPHICAL**

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**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**UNDERGRADUATE**

9/87- 12/91 University of California, Santa Barbara B.A. (1991) Psychology/Sociology

Santa Barbara, CA

**GRADUATE**

1/94-12/98 San Francisco State University M.A. (1998)

Psychological Research

San Francisco, CA

9/01-12/05 University of Colorado Denver Ph.D. (2005)

Health and Behavioral Sciences

Denver, CO adviser: Dr. Mary Coussons-Read

**POSTGRADUATE**

10/05-9/07 Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic

Pittsburgh, PA, Post-Doctoral Scholar

Clinical Research Fellowship (MH16804), Director: Dr. Charles Reynolds III,

Research Mentor: Dr. Martica Hall

10/07-5/09 Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, Pittsburgh, PA, Post Doctoral Associate

K99R00 (NR010813), Research Mentors: Drs. Martica Hall, Anna Marsland, James Roberts

**Specialized Training**

9/92-9/93 Hypnosis Motivation Institute (HMI)

Tarzana, CA, Training in Hypnotherapy

04/15- The Insomnia Clinic, Colorado Springs, CO, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia

**APPOINTMENTS AND POSITIONS**

**ACADEMIC:**

July 1998-2001 Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Study Coordinator

Stanford University

October 2001-2005 College of Nursing Study Coordinator

University of Colorado Denver, College of Nursing

June 2009- 2013 Department of Psychiatry Assistant Professor

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

July 2009-13 Pittsburgh Mind Body Center Faculty Member

November 2009-13 Magee-Women’s Research Institute Instructor

July 2011-2013 Department of Psychology (Univ of Pitt) Secondary Appointment

July 2013-Dec 2013 School of Nursing-Health Promotion and Development Assistant Professor

Feb 2014-Dec 2019 BioFrontiers Center

University of Colorado at Colorado Springs Senior Research Associate

Feb. - Nov 2014 Institute for Brain Potential Instructor/Speaker

January 2015- Department of Psychology (UCCS) Lecturer

January 2016- The Insomnia Clinic Director of Sleep Education

February 2015 Trauma, Health, and Hazards Center (UCCS) Professor Adjoint

January 2015-2017 Colorado Sleep Society President

December 2016-17 The Helen and Arthur E. Johnson

Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences Adjunct Instructor

January 2017-2019 Department of Psychology Adjunct Instructor

Community College of Aurora

January 2019-2021 BioFrontiers Center Research Asst. Professor

University of Colorado Colorado Springs

April 2021- BioFrontiers Center Research Associate

University of Colorado Colorado Springs Professor

**MEMBERSHIPS in PROFESSIONAL and SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES**

American Psychological Association (APAGS), Student Membership 1994 -1999

Psychoneuroimmunological Research Society 1998 -

Sleep Research Society 1998 -

American Psychosomatic Society 2005 -

American Academy of Sleep Medicine 2007 - 2013

American Psychological Association (Division 38) 2016-

Sleep Research Society Scientific Review Committee 2018-

**HONORS, CERTIFICATIONS, and AWARDS**

**Title of Award Year**

CSU Student Research Competition (Runner-Up) 1998

PNIRS Trainee Scholars Award 2001-2005, 2008

APSS Trainee Travel Award 2002-2007

APS Scholar Award 2006

Amy Roberts Health Promotion Award 2007

Selected Young Investigator at Inaugural AASM Young Investigator Research Forum 2009

UCCS Online Teaching Certification 2018

Teaching Online Program: Online Course Design Badge 2020

Teaching Online Program: Design with Accessibility in Mind 2020

# PUBLICATIONS

***I. Refereed articles***

1. Nishino S, Ripley B, Overeem S, Nevsimalova S, Lammers GJ, Vankova J, **Okun M**, Rogers W, Brooks S, and Mignot E. (2001). Low cerebrospinal fluid hypocretin (Orexin) and altered energy homeostasis in human narcolepsy. *Ann Neurol*. 2001 Sep;50(3):381-8.

2. Hungs M, Lin L, **Okun M**, Mignot E. (2001). Polymorphisms in the vicinity of the hypocretin/orexin are not associated with human narcolepsy. *Neurology*. Nov 27;57(10):1893-1895.

3. Mignot E, Lin L, Rogers W, Honda Y, Qiu X, Lin X, **Okun M**, Hohjoh H, Miki T, Hsu SH, Leffell MS, Grumet F, Fernandez-Vina M, Honda M, Risch N. (2001). Complex HLA-DR and -DQ Interactions Confer Risk of Narcolepsy-Cataplexy in Three Ethnic Groups. *Am J Hum Gene*. Mar; 68(3):686-699. PMID: 11179016.

4. **Okun ML**, Lin L, Pelin Z, Hong S and Mignot E. (2002). Clinical and genetic aspects of narcolepsy and cataplexy across ethnic groups. *SLEEP*. Feb 1;25(1):27-35. PMID: 11833858.

5. Mignot E, Lammers GJ, Ripley B, **Okun M**, Nevsimalova S, Overeem S, Vankova J, Black J, Harsh J, Bassetti C, Schrader H, Nishino S. (2002). The role of cerebrospinal fluid hypocretin measurement in the diagnosis of narcolepsy and other hypersomnias. *Arch Neurol*. Oct; 59(10):1553-62. PMID: 12374492.

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7. Dauvilliers Y, Carlander B, Molinari N, Desautels A, **Okun M**, Tafti M, Montplaisir J, Mignot E, Billiard M. (2003). Month of birth as a risk for narcolepsy. *SLEEP*. Sep15; 26(6):663-5. PMID: 14572117.

8. Shumway M, Sentell T, Chouljian T, Tellier J, Rozewicz F, **Okun M**. (2003). Assessing preferences for schizophrenia outcomes: Comprehension and decision strategies in three assessment methods, *Mental Health Services Research*. 5(3): 121-135.

9. Coussons-Read, M, **Okun, M,** Simms, S. (2003). The psychoneuroimmunology of pregnancy. *Journal of Reproductive & Infant Psychology*, Vol 21(2). 103-112.

10.**Okun ML**, Giese S, Lin L, Einen M, Mignot E, Coussons-Read ME. (2004). Exploring the cytokine and endocrine involvement in narcolepsy. *Brain, Behavior and Immunity*. 18(4): 326-332.

11. Coussons-Read ME, **Okun ML**, Schmitt MP, Giese S. (2005). Prenatal stress alters cytokine levels in a manner that may endanger human pregnancy. *Psychosom Med*, 67(4): 625-31. PMID: 16046378.

12. Ohayon MM and **Okun ML**. (2006). Occurrence of sleep disorders in the families of narcoleptic patients. *Neurology*. 22;67(4):703-5. PMID: 16924030.

13. **Okun ML** and Coussons-Read ME (2007). Sleep Disruption during Pregnancy: How Does it Influence Serum Cytokines? *Journal of Reproductive Immunology* 73(2):158-65 PMID: 17074396.

14. Coussons-Read ME, **Okun ML** & Nettles C (2007). Psychosocial Stress Increases Inflammatory Markers and Alters Cytokine Production across Pregnancy. *Brain, Behavior & Immunity* 21:343-350 PMID: 17029703.

15. **Okun ML**, Hall M & Coussons-Read ME (2007). Sleep Disturbances Increase IL-6 Production during Pregnancy: Implications for Pregnancy Complications. *Reproductive Sciences* 14 (6):560-567. PMID: 17959884.

16. **Okun ML**, Hanusa BH, Hall M & Wisner KL (2009). Sleep Complaints in Late Pregnancy and the Recurrence of Postpartum Depression. *Beh Sleep Medicine* 7(2):106-17. PMID: 19330583.

17. **Okun ML**, Kravitz HM, Sowers MF, Moul DE, Buysse DJ & Hall M. (2009). Psychometric Evaluation of the Insomnia Symptom Questionnaire: a Self-report Measure to Identify Chronic Insomnia. *Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine* 15:5(1):41-51. PMID: 19317380.

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20. **Okun ML**, Krafty RT, Buysse DJ, Monk TH, Reynolds, CF, Begley A & Hall M. (2010). What constitutes too long of a delay? Determining the cortisol awakening response (CAR) using self-report and PSG-assessed wake time. *Psychoneuroendocrinology* 35(3): 460-468. PMID: 19762158.

21. Reynolds CF, Serody L, **Okun ML**, Hall M, Houck PR, Patrick S, Maurer J, Bensasi S, Mazumdar S, Bell B, Nebes RD, Miller MD, Dew MA, and Nofzinger EA. (2010).  Protecting sleep, promoting health in later life: A randomized clinical trial.  *Psychosomatic Medicine*, 72(2):178-186. PMID: 19995884.

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23. **Okun ML**, Reynolds CF, Buysse DJ, Monk TH, Mazumdar S, Begley A, Hall M. (2011). Sleep Variability, Health-Related Practices and Inflammatory Markers in a Community Dwelling Sample of Older Adults. *Psychosomatic Medicine*, 73(2): 142-50. PMID: 21097658.

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44. Baker, JS. Rothenberger, SD. Kline, CE. **Okun ML**. (2016). Exercise during Early Pregnancy is Associated with Greater Sleep Continuity. *Behavioral Sleep Medicine.* 14:1-14

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***II. Reviews, invited papers, monographs, and book chapters***

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Narcolepsy, In D.P, Cardinali, and S.R. Pandi-Perumal (Eds.), Neuroendocrine Correlates of

Sleep/Wakefulness, 513-528.

2. 2007 **Okun ML** and Coussons-Read ME. Neuroimmunology of Pregnancy-Related Sleep

Disturbances. In D.P, Cardinali, and S.R. Pandi-Perumal (Eds.), Neuroimmunology of Sleep, 207-

220

3. 2007 Hall M, **Okun ML**, Atwood CW, and Strollo PJ. In L.J. Leucken and L.C. Gallo (Eds),

Measurement of Sleep by Polysomnography, 341-367.

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2. 2013 **Okun ML**. Sleep in Pregnancy and the Postpartum. In C.A. Kushida (ed.), *The Encyclopedia of Sleep (v*ol. 2, pp. 674-679). Waltham, MA: Academic Press.
3. **Okun ML**: Postpartum depression. In: Encyclopedia of Behavioral Medicine, Gellman MD and Turner JR (Eds), Springer, New York City pp. 1518-1519, 2013a.
4. **Okun ML**: Pregnancy outcomes: Psychosocial aspect. In: Encyclopedia of Behavioral Medicine, Gellman MD and Turner JR (Eds), Springer Science+Business Media, New York pp. 1528-1529, 2013b.
5. Haney A, and **Okun ML**: Brain wave. In: Encyclopedia of Behavioral Medicine, Gellman MD and Turner JR (Eds), Springer, New York 2013.
6. Okun ML. Sleep in Pregnancy and the Postpartum. In: Reference Module in Neuroscience and Biobehavioral Psychology. Elsevier, UK 2016.
7. Feliciano L, Walden A and **Okun ML**. Insomnia, Sleep Disorders, and Healthy Aging. In: *Encyclopedia of Gerontology and Population Aging*. D. Gu, M. E. Dupre (eds.), Springer Nature, Switzlerland 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-69892-2_622-1>
8. **Okun ML**. (2019). Sleep Disturbances and Modulations in Inflammation: Implication for Pregnancy Health. *Social and Personality Psychol Compass*. 13:e12451. <https://doi.org/10.1111/spc3.12451>.

Wiley.

***III. Published abstracts***

1. **Okun M**, Lin L, and Mignot E, (2000) Clinical and Genetic Aspects of Narcolepsy and Cataplexy Across Ethnic Groups. Sleep, 23. 298
2. **Okun ML**, Ohayon MM, and Mignot E. (2001). The Comparability of the Stanford Sleep Inventory and the Sleep- EVAL System in Narcolepsy Diagnosis. Sleep, 24
3. Black J, Ohayon M, **Okun M**, Guilleminault C, Mignot E, and Zarcone V. (2001). The Narcolepsy Diagnosis: Comparison Between the Sleep-EVAL System and Clinicians. Sleep, 24
4. Bassetti CL, Mathis J, Gugger M, Sturzenegger C, **Okun M**, Mignot E, Radaniv B. (2001) Idiopathic Hypersomnia and Narcolepsy without Cataplexy: A Multimodal Diagnostic Approach in 21 Patients including Cerebrospinal Fluid Hypocretin Levels. Sleep, 24
5. Nishino S, Ripley B, Overeem S, Nevsimalova S, Lammers GJ, Vankova J, **Okun M**, Rogers W, Brooks S, and Mignot E. (2001). Diagnostic Value of Low CSF Hypocretin/Orexin Levels in Human Narcolepsy. Sleep, 24
6. **Okun ML**, Giese S, Lin L, Mignot E, and Coussons-Read ME (2002). Cytokine Involvement in Narcolepsy: A Look at TNF-α and IL-6. *Brain, Behavior & Immunity*,
7. **Okun ML**, Colrain I, Lopez, A, Ginney C, Brooks S, Mignot E and Black J (2002). Stimulant Medication Usage and Satisfaction in a Large Cohort of Narcoleptic Subjects. Sleep, 25
8. Yoshida Y, **Okun M**, Mignot E, and Nishino S (2002). CSF Dynorphin A (1-8) Levels are not Altered in Hypocretin Deficient Human Narcoleptics. Sleep, 25
9. **Okun ML**, Giese S, Lin L, Mignot E, and Coussons-Read ME (2003). Cytokine and Endocrine Involvement in Narcolepsy: A Look at TNF-α, IL-6 and GH. Sleep, Abstract Supplement
10. **Okun ML** & Coussons-Read ME (2004). Neuro-Immunological Consequences of Stress During Pregnancy. Brain, Behavior & Immunity
11. **Okun ML** & Coussons-Read ME (2004). Immunological Consequences of Disturbed Sleep During Pregnancy. Brain, Behavior & Immunity
12. **Okun ML** & Coussons-Read ME (2004). Defining Sleep During Pregnancy. Sleep
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14. Coussons-Read, ME and **Okun ML**. (2005) Neural-immune consequences of stress during pregnancy. American Psychosomatic Medicine Meeting, Vancouver, BC
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16. **Okun ML** and Coussons-Read, ME (2005). The Influence of Sleep Disruption on Immune Parameters During Pregnancy. Sleep, Abstract Supplement
17. **Okun ML** and Coussons-Read, ME (2006) Disturbed Sleep during Pregnancy is Associated with Changes in in Vitro Cytokine Production. American Psychosomatic Meeting, Denver CO and APSS Salt Lake City
18. **Okun ML**, Robles, TF, Hall M (2006). Sleep Disturbance and Natural Killer Cell Activity in Caregivers. American Psychosomatic Meeting, Denver CO (Citation Poster) and APSS Salt Lake City
19. Hall M and **Okun ML**. (2006) Disturbed sleep is associated with increases in circulating IL-6 levels in dementia caregivers. International Congress of Behavioral Medicine, Bangkok, Thailand
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21. **Okun ML** and Hall M (2007). Sleep during Late-Life: Influence of Vulnerability and Co-morbidity American Psychosomatic Society, Budapest, Hungary
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23. **Okun ML**, Coussons-Read M and Hall M (2007). Sleep Complaints in Healthy Women are Associated with Increases in C-Reactive Protein. SLEEP, Minneapolis, MN
24. **Okun ML**, Reynolds CF, and Hall M (2008). Moderate Use of Caffeine and Alcohol is Associated with Reduced Inflammation in the Healthy Old. American Psychosomatic Society, Baltimore, MD
25. **Okun ML**, Reynolds CF, Monk T, and Hall M (2008) Variability in Cortisol among the Aging: Relationships to Chronic Stress and Good Sleep. American Psychosomatic Society, Baltimore, MD, PNIRS, Madison, WI, and APSS, Baltimore, MD. PMCID: 2791527
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29. **Okun ML**, Luther J, Prather AA, Perel JM, Wisniewski S and Wisner KL. (2010) Changes in Sleep Quality, but not Hormones Predict Time to Postpartum Depression Recurrence. APS, Portland OR and PNIRS, Dublin Ireland
30. **Okun ML**, Levine MD, Houck PR, Perkins KA and Marcus MD Subjective (2010) Sleep Disturbance during a Smoking Cessation Program: Associations with Relapse. APS, Portland OR.
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37. **Okun ML**. (2012). Self-report and Behaviorally Assessed Sleep In Early Gestation: Association with Patient Reported Outcomes. APS, Athens, Greece
38. **Okun ML**. (2013). Low Socioeconomic Status and Stress Negatively Impact Sleep in Pregnant Women. SLEEP, Baltimore MD
39. O’Brien LM, **Okun ML**. (2013). Correlates of Insomnia in Pregnant Women. SLEEP, Baltimore, MD
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41. Baker J. Rothenberger R. Kline C. **Okun ML.** (2014) The Effect of Exercise on Sleep During Pregnancy. APSS, Minneapolis, MN
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45. **Okun ML**. Edwards KM. (2015). Exploration of Macrophage Migratory Inhibitory Factor (MIF) profile with sleep and pregnancy outcomes. PNIRS. Seattle, WA.
46. **Okun ML**, O’Brien LM. (2017). Co-Morbid Insomnia and Habitual Snoring is Associated with Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes. SLEEP. Boston, MA.
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51. Johanson K. A., Feliciano L. and **Okun ML**. (2019). Stimulus Control Therapy versus Sleep Hygiene Education in Older Adults with Insomnia. SLEEP, San Antonio, TX.
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53. **Okun ML** Karp H (2020). SNOO: A Wellness Device to Improve Infant Sleep. SLEEP, Philadelphia, PA (VIRTUAL).
54. **Okun, M.**, Feliciano, L., Robertson, A. C., Johanson, K. A., & Prue-Owens, K. (2021, April). Sleep disorders and cardiometabolic risk in post-menopausal women. Presentation selected for a Research Spotlight at the Society of Behavioral Medicine's 2021 Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions.
55. Walden, A., **Okun, M. L**., Robertson, A. C., Oltz, K., Ingram, R. E., & Feliciano, L. (2021, August). Effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the mental and physical health of university students. Poster submitted to the 129th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, virtual conference.
56. Walden, A., Feliciano, L., Johanson, K. A., & **Okun, M. L**. (2021, August). An investigation of the impact of Coronavirus Pandemic restrictions on the physical and mental health of US adults. Poster submitted to the 129th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, virtual conference.
57. **Okun, M. L**., Feliciano, L., Robertson, A. C., Johanson, K. A., & Prue-Owens, K. (2021). Annuals of Behavioral Medicine, 55, S416.
58. **Okun, M. L.,** \*Walden, A., \*Robertson, A. C., \*Oltz, K., \*Ingram, R. E., Feliciano, L. (2021, June). Sleep and Mental Health in College Students Before and During the Initial COVID-19 Lockdown. Presentation submitted to SLEEP 2021, the 35th Annual meeting of the Associated Professional Sleep Societies, LLC (APSS)

***IV. Other publications***

1. 2009 **Okun, ML** and Hall M. Sleep in the Pregnant Woman. Written for the Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine, Department of Obstetrics, University of Rochester. Peri-FACTS chapter for CE of obstetric nurses and doctors.

***V. Seminars and invited lectureships related to research***

1. Invited lecture University of Birmingham, England March 26th 2009. “Sleep disturbances and cytokines in early gestation” given to the Department of Sport and Exercise Medicine

2. Invited lecture Forbes Family Practice, Monroeville, PA September 17th, 2009. “Sleep deprivation in medical residents” given to Family Medicine Residents.

3. Work in Progress (WIP) seminar Pittsburgh PA September 22nd, 2009. “What’s sleep got to do with it?: Exploring sleep disturbances as a risk factor for adverse pregnancy outcomes”, given to faculty and staff at Magee-Womens’ Research Institute

4. West Virginia Sleep Society Meeting, Snowshoe WV October 10th, 2009 “What’s sleep got to do with it?: Exploring sleep disturbances as a risk factor for adverse pregnancy outcomes”.

5. Invited lecture Stanford University, Palo Alto CA October 16th, 2009. “What’s sleep got to do with it?: Exploring sleep disturbances as a risk factor for adverse pregnancy outcomes” given to Stanford Sleep Disorders Research Center, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.

6. Invited lecture UCLA, Los Angeles CA, October 21st, 2009. “What’s sleep got to do with it?: Exploring sleep disturbances as a risk factor for adverse pregnancy outcomes” given to the Psychology Department.

7. Invited lecture North Dakota State University, Fargo ND, November 5th 2010. “Fighting for sleep: Perinatal sleep disturbances are a risk factor for adverse pregnancy outcomes” given to the Department of Psychology.

8. Invited speaker Brown University, Providence, RI June 14, 2012. “Early Gestational Sleep:  
Relevance to Pathophysiology During Pregnancy” given at the Brown Perinatal Sleep Conference.

9. Invited lecture Penn State University, State College, October 8th, 2012 “Yearning for Sleep:  
Perinatal sleep disturbances and their association with adverse pregnancy outcomes” given to the Department of Biobehavioral Health.

10. Invited lecture West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV November 12, 2012. “To Dream, Perchance to Sleep\*”:Perinatal sleep disturbances and adverse pregnancy outcomes” given to the Department of Psychology.

11. Invited lecture. University of Colorado Denver, Denver, CO March 30, 2015. “Is it bad that I cannot sleep?”. Sleep and Health in Pregnancy and the Postpartum given to the Department of Psychology

12. Invited lecture. Denver, CO March 21, 2017. “It’s last call…now what?” Sleep, shift work and health presented to Gentleman’s Jack Bartender Wellness Workshop.

13. Invited lecture. Colorado Springs, CO June 3rd 2017. “Sleep Issues in Parkinson’s Disease”. Presented to Jeanne Taylor Parkinson’s Support Group Annual Symposium

14. Invited lecture. Colorado Springs, CO April 13th 2018. “Under Pressure? Take the Lid Off”. Presented to Curiosity Unlimited.

15. Invited lecture. Colorado Springs, CO Nov 7 2018, “Sleep in Later Life and Aging Gracefully”. Presented to Pillar.

16. Invited lecture. Colorado Springs, CO Nov 12 2018 “Identifying sleep problems in primary care”. Presented to GPE colloquium.

17. Invited talk. Colorado Springs, CO June 16th 2019 “Sweet Dreams. All you wanted to know about sleep in 30 minutes”. Lost Friend Brewing STEM-talks.

18. Invited lecture. Colorado Springs, CO September 23, 2019 “Identifying sleep problems in an integrated health care system”. Presented to GPE colloquium.

19. Invited lecture. Colorado Springs, CO January 14th 2020. Aging Mastery Program: Sleep. Sponsored by the National Council on Aging. Presented to YMCA Aging Mastery Program students.

20. Invited lecture. American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine Annual Conference. “Gender and Sleep”. Recorded for virtual meeting August 24th, 2020.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

**TEACHING:**

1. Intro Psychology University of Pittsburgh, Substitute for Dr. Natasha Tokowicz Nov 12th, 2009; Nov 11th, 2010. Topic Stress and Health
2. 2010 UPMC Videoconference Series CME eligible. Topic “Women and Depression” January 13th, 2010
3. Intro Psychology University of Pittsburgh, Substitute for Dr. Allan Zuckoff Oct 8th 2010. Topic: Basics of Sleep
4. Abnormal Psychology University of Pittsburgh, Substitute for Dr. Kathryn Roecklein Nov 15th 2010. Topic: Sleep Disorders
5. Research Methods University of Pittsburgh, Lab Instructor Spring 2011
6. Seminars in Health Psych 1057 Professor Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013.Topic: Sleep and Health
7. “Calming an Overactive Brain”, Institute for Brain Potential. Speaker, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014
8. Special Topics: Psychology UCCS Professor Spring 2015.Topic: Sleep and Health
9. Biochemistry of Human Health and Development: Sleep: Chem 4890/5890 Guest Lecturer Spring 2015. Topic Sleep, Immunity and Endocrine Markers
10. Professions in Psychology. Psych 1100. Guest Lecture Spring 2016. Topic: Being a Health Psychology Research Faculty
11. Introduction to Psychology. Psych 101. Community College of Aurora. Spring 2017, Summer 2019
12. Special Topics: Psychology UCCS Professor Spring Weekend University 2018.Topic: Sleep and Health.
13. Seminars in Biopsychology. PSY 4720 UCCS, Fall 2018
14. Introduction to Psychology. Psych 102. CCA, Spring 2019; Fall 2019.
15. Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies. WST 200. CCA. Summer 2019
16. Health Psychology. PSY 3060 UCCS. Summer 2019, Spring 2020 (ONLINE)
17. Introduction to Biopsychology, PSY 3760 UCCS, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021 (ONLINE)

**MENTORING:**

Undergraduate Students

1. Deanna Matthews Honors Thesis 2012 (PITT)
2. Rebecca Ebert, Directed Studies 2012-2013 (PITT)
3. Joshua Baker, Directed Studies 2012-2013 (PITT)

Graduate Students

1. Paige Whitney, Thesis Committee 2016 (UCCS)
2. Katie Ventura, Thesis Chair, 2016 (UCCS)
3. Stephanie Patton, Research Project 2016 (UCCS)
4. Katie Johanson, Thesis Committee 2016 (UCCS)
5. Lauren Languido Ph.D. Committee 2014- (UCD)
6. Katie Oltz, Thesis committee 2020- (UCCS)
7. Amy Hudson, Dissertation Committee (2020 – (University of Denver)
8. Anna Robertson, Thesis committee 2021 – (UCCS)

Medical Students

1. Alyssa Haney
2. Vanessa Hux

High School students recruited through the Magee Women’s Research Institute (MWRI) High School program

1. Madeline Tolge
2. Monica Menon

**RESEARCH ACTIVITY**

ACTIVE

1. R15 HD102904 (Okun, PI) 3/6/2021 – 2/28/2024 $300,000

**“Insomnia phenotypes and their impact on maternal and infant health”**

Role: PI

Completed (Funded) Grants

1. K99NR010813 PI 2007 – 2009 $148,345

**(100% effort)**

**“**Pregnancy-Related Sleep Disturbances May Increase Pregnancy Complications”

1. The Anthony Marchionne Foundation PI 2008-2010 $57,493

“Pregnancy-Related Sleep Disturbances May Increase Pregnancy Complications”

3. R00NR010813 PI 2009-2012 $249,000/yr

“Pregnancy-Related Sleep Disturbances May Increase Pregnancy Complications”

1. R01 HD073491 Coussons-Read and Dunkel Schetter (PIs) 2013-2017

National Institute of Child Health and Development

“Mechanisms and Effects of Prenatal Maternal Affect on Pregnancy and Infant Development”

Role: Co-I

1. Faculty Assembly Women’s Committee (FAWC) 2017 $500

“Exploring the Role of Obstructive Sleep Apnea and Type 2 Diabetes on CVD Risk Among Menopausal Women”

Role: Co-PI (Feliciano, **M. Okun**, and K. Prue-Owens)

1. BioFrontiers Seed Grant 2018 $2000

“Sleep Disordered Breathing and Biomarkers in Obese Pregnant Women”

Role: PI (Okun)

1. Committee on Research and Creative Works (CRCW) 2019 $7500

“Improving sleep, improving cognition: A pilot study”

Role: Co-PI (Feliciano and Okun)

Research Projects/Pilot Studies

1. Protocol Title: Multifrequency Bioelectrical Impedance Analysis and Evaluation of Hydration Status and Body Composition in Community-Dwelling Older Adults. 2016 - PI: M Benton, Ph.D.

ROLE: Co-I

1. Protocol Title: Idiopathic Hypersomnia: Is Stress an Accomplice? 2016-2017. Student PI. Stephanie Patton

ROLE: Graduate Advisor/Co-I

1. Protocol Title: Assessing Workplace Wellness. 2016-2017. Student PI. Katie Ventura.

ROLE: Thesis advisor/Co-I

1. Protocol Title: Sleep Intensive Retraining (CBT-I) for Pregnant Women. 2017-2019

ROLE: PI

1. Protocol Title: Assessing Presenteeism in People With and Without Insomnia. 2017-

ROLE: Co-PI

1. Protocol: Exploring the Role of SDB, Insomnia and Type 2 Diabetes on CVD Risk Among Menopausal Women 2017-

ROLE: MPI

1. Protocol: Sleep Disordered Breathing and Biomarkers in Obese Pregnant Women 2019

ROLE: PI

1. Protocol: Effectiveness of a Brief Single Contact Educational Class for Insomnia Symptoms in Menopausal Women, 2019
2. ROLE: MPI

Protocol: Effectiveness of a Brief Single Contact Educational Class for Insomnia Symptoms, 2019-2020

1. ROLE: MPI

Protocol: Actigraphy Data Collection in Older Adults: A Feasibility Study Actigraphy Data Collection in Older Adults: A Feasibility Study, 2019-

**RESEARCH: Submitted/Pending**

1. R01 (Okun and Feliciano, MPIs)

**Longitudinal Investigation of the impact of CBTI on Cardiometabolic Health Indices in Post-menopausal Women**

Submitted Resubmission March 2021

1. R01 (Okun, PI)

**A novel bassinet to improve infant and maternal sleep and reduce maternal depression**

Submitted February 2021

**RESEARCH: NIH Submitted (not funded)**

R01HL150267 9/1/19- 8/31/25 (PROJECT PERIOD)

Pathophysiology of sleep disordered breathing in pregnancy”. OKUN, MICHELE L (MPD)

R21HD099429 7/1/2019-6/30-2021 (Project Period) OKUN, MICHELE L (PD/PD)

Sleep Disturbance and the Vaginal Microbiome During Pregnancy

R15HL143543 7/1/2018-6/30/2021 (Project Period) OKUN, MICHELE L (MPI)

R01NR016682 1 12/01/2016 - 11/30/2021 (Project Period) OKUN, MICHELE L (PD/PI)

Perinatal Obesity and Sleep Disturbance: Effects on Maternal and Infant Outcomes (Title)

R21HD088994 2 04/01/2017 - 03/31/2019 (Project Period) OKUN, MICHELE L (PD/PI)

Perinatal Obesity: Effects on sleep disordered breathing, vascular function, and pregnancy outcomes

R01NR016682 12/1/2016- 11/30/2021 (Project Period) OKUN, MICHELE L (PD/PI) Perinatal Obesity and Sleep Disturbance: Effects on Maternal and Infant Outcomes

R03HD091669 1 12/01/2016 - 11/30/2018 (Project Period) OKUN, MICHELE L (PD/PI)

Exploring the Impact of Prenatal Obesity and Obstructive Sleep Apnea on Maternal Vascular Function

R01NR014469 1 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2018 (Project Period) OKUN, MICHELE L (PD/PI)

Sleep Disturbance and Influenza in Pregnancy: Impact on Immunity and Outcomes

R01HL114656 2 04/01/2013 - 03/31/2018 (Project Period) OKUN, MICHELE L (PD/PI)

Sleep disordered breathing during pregnancy: Vascular and placental impact

R01AI100984 1 07/01/2012 - 06/30/2017 (Project Period) OKUN, MICHELE L (PD/PI)

Influenza during Pregnancy: Implications for Maternal and Fetal Health

R21HD085001 1 06/01/2015 - 05/31/2017 (Project Period) OKUN, MICHELE L (PD/PI)

Antenatal Sleep Disturbance and Biological Correlates of Adverse Maternal Outcomes

R01HD068419 2 12/01/2011 - 11/30/2016 (Project Period) OKUN, MICHELE L (PD/PI)

Prenatal Sleep and Depression Status: Risk Factors for Preterm Birth

R03HD073414 1 07/01/2012 - 06/30/2014 (Project Period) OKUN, MICHELE L (PD/PI)

Risk for Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes: Exploration of a Novel Biological Risk Profile

R21MH093681 2 12/01/2011 - 11/30/2013 (Project Period) OKUN, MICHELE L (PD/PI) Prenatal/Postpartum Sleep and Biological Correlates of Postpartum Depression

R00NR010813 3 06/01/2009 - 05/31/2013 (Project Period) OKUN, MICHELE L (PD/PI)

Pregnancy-Related Sleep Disturbances May Increase Pregnancy Complications

K99NR010802 1 04/01/2008 - 03/31/2013 (Project Period) OKUN, MICHELE L (PD/PI)

Pregnancy-Related Sleep Disturbances May Increase Pregnancy Complications

R21MH091465 1 07/01/2010 - 06/30/2012 (Project Period) OKUN, MICHELE L (PD/PI)

Antenatal Sleep Disturbances and Exaggerated Inflammatory Responses

K99NR010813 2 09/01/2007 - 05/31/2009 (Project Period) OKUN, MICHELE L (PD/PI)

Pregnancy-Related Sleep Disturbances May Increase Pregnancy Complications

**Served as peer-reviewer for (not exhaustive):**

*Brain, Behavior and Immunity*

*Health Psychology*

*International Journal of Behavioral Medicine*

*Journal of Psychosomatic Research*

*Journal of the American Geriatric Society*

*Psychoneuroendocrinology*

*Psychosomatic Medicine*

*SLEEP*

*Sleep Medicine*

*Obesity*

*Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine*

*Journal of Women’s Health*

*Biopsychology*

*Behavioral Sleep Medicine*

*Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine*

*Birth*

*Journal of Psychosomatic Obstetrics and Gynecology*

*Annals of Behavioral Medicine*

*PLoS one*

*Scientific Reports*

*Sleep Health*

**Other Service Activities**

**Ad-hoc reviewer**: NIH study section (MESH) June 2014

**Reviewer**: Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program (PRMRP) for the Department of Defense Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP) 2015, 2017

Abstract Reviewer for APS and SLEEP annual meetings

**CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

1. Examination of pregnancy-related sleep disturbances and systemic inflammation and cortisol as a risk factor for pregnancy complications.
2. Examination of antenatal sleep disturbances, changes in inflammatory markers and risk for postpartum depression.
3. Examination of CBT-I intervention to improve sleep and reduce risk of adverse outcomes (i.e. depression).
4. Examination of the immunological implications of naturalistic influenza infection during pregnancy and how sleep modifies the relationship.
5. Examination of sleep disordered breathing (SDB) in pregnancy and its effects on maternal vasculature, pregnancy outcomes, and CVD risk.
6. Examination of interventions (behavioral and device use) to improve perinatal sleep and reduce postpartum depression

**SERVICE:**

1. **University and Medical School**
   * 1. Reviewer for N-CTRC
     2. IRB Reviewer (UCCS: 2014-2018)
2. **Other Community Activities**

2009 – 2011 6th grade mentoring program, The Pittsburgh Public Schools Promise Program

1. **Professional Societies**

2009 – 2012 Program Committee Member – American Psychosomatic Society

2011 –2015 Sleep Research Network Resources Committee

2015 - 2017 President, Colorado Sleep Society

2015 - 2017 PNIRS, Membership Committee

2018 - SRS, Scientific Review Committee