

Erin Kathleen O'Connell

Curriculum Vitae

Address: 9340 Fontainebleau Boulevard, Apartment 510
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Education: **Master of Public Health**, June 2006
Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand
GPA: 3.7/4.0
Major: Reproductive Health
Thesis: Factors Associated with Nutritional Status Among Tuberculosis Patients in Bangkok, Thailand

Bachelor of Science in Psychology with Honors, December 2002
University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida
GPA: 3.7/4.0
Minor: Education

Awards/Honors:
2002 Most Outstanding Female Undergraduate Leader
Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities
Florida Bright Future Scholarship
J. Wayne Reitz Undergraduate Scholarship
President's Honor Roll
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's List
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Gerson Scholarship

Work Experience:

Florida Epidemic Intelligence Service **Spring 2006- present**
Miami-Dade County Health Department, Miami, Florida

- Serves in a two year fellowship program in which the primary duties are to perform descriptive and analytic epidemiologic investigations, research and public health surveillance
- Assist with the development, implementation, reporting and publication of epidemiological studies and the dissemination of public health information to the media and public

US Peace Corps Volunteer **Fall 2003-Spring 2004**
Manyandeni, Swaziland

- Taught life skills and HIV education in schools and in the community
- Assisted local NGO's and government agencies in HIV/AIDS activities, including the establishment of income generating projects, youth group formation and neighborhood care points for orphans and vulnerable children

Laboratory Assistant **Fall 2002-Spring 2003**
Department of Nephrology, Shands Hospital, Gainesville, Florida

- Typed patient demographics and diagnoses for daily clinic chart for physicians
- Organized computer database files in Excel on patient information

Campus Tour Guide**Summer 2002-Fall 2002**

Office of Admissions, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

- Conducted daily tours of the campus for prospective students and families
- Gave information on admissions statistics, university departments, and resources

Library Assistant**Summer 2001**

George Smathers Library, Gainesville, Florida

- Worked on the reshelving project to arrange all books in historical collections
- Organized returned books and checked for missing materials for patrons

Student Assistant**Fall 2000-Spring 2001**

University of Florida Career Resource Center, Gainesville, Florida

- Helped students with finding appropriate library materials on careers and internships
- Assisted with questions about GatorTrak, the university online job search system

Camp Counselor**Summer 2000**

Camp Cayuga, Honesdale, Pennsylvania

- Directed recreational activities and provided supervision to children at a sleepaway camp
- Participated in a comprehensive orientation program and facilitated team-building exercises

Research Experience:**Research Assistant****Spring 2002-present**

Department of Sociology/Institute on Aging, Gainesville, Florida

With Professor Terry Mills, analyzed data from the 1998 National Health Interview Survey and prepared a poster for a conference presentation

- Utilized Anderson and Newman's (1975) Behavioral Model of Health Utilization and tested OLS regression model for the frequency of physician visits among an elderly adult population
- Compiled data and researched literature to create a poster for presentation at the Gerontological Society of America's Annual Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts

Research Assistant**Fall 2001-Spring 2002**

Department of Clinical and Health Psychology, Shands Hospital, Gainesville, Florida

With Dr. Shelley Heaton, worked as a member of the Pediatric Neuropsychology Laboratory

- Trained to administer tests on children with behavior disorders and traumatic brain injuries
- Conducted neurological evaluations on patients, especially for an ongoing study on children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Tests administered were:

Test of Everyday Attention for Children (TEA-Ch),
Children's Memory Scale (CMS)
Conners Parent Inventory (CPT)

Research Assistant**Spring 2001**

Department of Clinical and Health Psychology, University of Florida

With Professor Garret Evans, edited articles for “Teening-Up,” a counseling program in conjunction with the Department of Family, Youth, and Community Sciences

- Prepared designs for a handbook for teens and parents
- Used PSYCLIT and SPSS to search psychological literature and enter information into an Excel database

Research Assistant**Fall 2000-Spring 2001**

Department of Criminology and Law, University of Florida

With Professor Jennifer Woolard, conducted research on understanding of justice system

- Interviewed offenders at juvenile detention centers, inmates at county jails, as well as individuals in the community
- Trained in administering tests about the legal system. Tests administered were:

MacArthur Competence Assessment Tool - Criminal Adjudication (MacCAT-CA)

Steinberg Nonlegal Peer Influence Measures

Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children (WISC)

Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument-second version (MAYSI-2)

**Volunteer
Experience:****HIV/AIDS Educator****Summer 2002**

Volunteers for Peace International Camp, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

- Worked in helping renovate classrooms for a new school site
- Taught children in a Friends of Don Bosco school

Instructor for Tennis on Wheels**Spring 2001-Fall 2002**

- Taught physically and mentally handicapped children how to play tennis
- Traveled to local elementary schools in Gainesville, Florida

Teacher's Assistant**Fall 2000**

J.J. Finley Elementary School, Gainesville, Florida

- Supervised groups of first grade students in class
- Tutored a student in reading and math

Leadership Activities:**Director of Student Government Health Cabinet****Fall 2002-Spring 2003**

- Implemented health-related activities on campus, such as the annual Health Fair
- Created programs that informed students on topics such as: sexually transmitted diseases, alcohol and drug abuse, nutrition, exercise, and mental health

Member of Campus HIV/AIDS Committee**Fall 2002-Spring 2003**

- Helped to plan World AIDS day events
- Developed, recommended, and evaluated HIV institutional policies for students and staff

Presidential Personal Host

Spring 2002-2003

- Selected, with 19 other students, as an assistant to President of the University of Florida
- Hosted alumni events at the President's House, Stadium Skybox, and Alumni Hall

First Year Florida Undergraduate Peer Leader

Spring 2002-2003

- Served as an instructor for freshman along with faculty member from Academic Affairs
- Assisted with creating a curriculum and planned activities on campus resources

J. Wayne Reitz Undergraduate Scholar

Spring 2002-2003

- Named as a "Reitz Scholar" by the Vice President of Student Affairs
- Paired with a Faculty member to supervise scholarly service to the university for one year

Member of University of Florida POE Ethics Bowl Team

Fall 2001-2002

Student Representative for 8th Annual Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl in Cincinnati, Ohio

- Competed in an ethics debate tournament based on pre-selected topics
- Convened with team members weekly to discuss ethical issues

IDEAL (Informing and Developing Emerging and Active Leaders)

Fall 2001-2002

- Provided leadership and other educational workshops for over 500 student organizations
- Served as a resource and referral service as ambassador to the Office of Student Activities

Member of Florida Cicerones, Official Student Ambassadors

Spring 2001-2003

- Honored with the Most Valuable Cicerone of the Year for 2001, the Top Tour Guide, and the Cicerones All-Star Award for the most Alumni Association events
- Represented UF as a tour guide for over 100 tours to prospective students and families

Executive Member of College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Council

Fall 2001-Spring 2002

- Selected as one of seven members of the Executive Committee for CLASSC
- Handled affairs for over 12,000 students in the college and the 30 umbrella organizations

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Petitions Committee

Fall 2001-Spring 2002

- Assembled weekly with Academic Advising as the only student on the committee
- Voted on petitions for student issues, such as withdrawal and transfer credit

Assistant Director for Student Government Career Cabinet

Fall 2001-Spring 2002

- Worked with the Career Resource Center for organizing the Career Expo
- Provided monthly workshops for students on topics such as resumes and interviews

Director of Special Projects for ACCENT, UF Speaker's Bureau

Fall 2001-Spring 2002

- Arranged publicity events when bringing prominent speakers to campus
- Coordinated activities during the week of a speech

Camp Florida Counselor

Summer 2001, 2002

- Selected with 11 other students to facilitate weekend activities for incoming freshman
- Traveled to a camp site to provide new students with an opportunity to meet their peers

Small Group Leader for Emerging Leaders Conference

Spring 2001, 2002

- Served as staff for a conference ran by college students for high school leaders
- Conducted workshops and seminars that build leadership and communication skills

Florida Blue Key Homecoming Assistant Director for Gator Gallop

Fall 2001

- Helped plan the 3-mile race in the city of Gainesville for the Homecoming Parade
- Organized the recruitment and registration of runners, awards, refreshments, and t-shirts

Member-at-Large of SAVANT UF Leadership Honorary

Spring 2001

- Promoted community awareness as an Ambassador for Chamber of Commerce
- Elected as Executive Board member responsible for tapping, recruitment, and events

Assistant Director of Hosts for Career Showcase

Fall 2000

- Recruited hosts for the annual career fair that brings 500 companies to campus
- Trained student volunteers to assist employers with requests and manage questions by the 10,000 attending students

Affiliations:

Society for Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology, Division 53
Student Affiliate for the American Psychological Association
National Society of Collegiate Scholars
Golden Key International Honor Society
Mortar Board Senior National Honor Society
University of Florida Student Alumni Association

Presentations/Posters:

Poster: Using Epidemiological Knowledge to Create Syndromic Surveillance Reports, Miami-Dade County, 12th Annual Statewide Epidemiology Seminar, Daytona Beach, FL, May 22-24, 2007

Poster: A Norovirus Outbreak in an Assisted Living Facility in Miami-Dade County, 2007, 12th Annual Statewide Epidemiology Seminar, Daytona Beach, FL, May 22-24, 2007

Poster: Using School Absenteeism Data to Enhance Syndromic Surveillance in Miami-Dade County, 2007, 12th Annual Statewide Epidemiology Seminar, Daytona Beach, FL, May 22-24, 2007

Poster: Birth Outcomes Among Mothers on Medicaid in the Women, Infants and Children and Healthy Start Programs, Miami-Dade County, 2005-2006, 12th Annual Statewide Epidemiology Seminar, Daytona Beach, FL, May 22-24, 2007

Poster: Enhanced Public Health Surveillance Activities in Miami-Dade County for Super Bowl XLI, 12th Annual Statewide Epidemiology Seminar, Daytona Beach, FL, May 22-24, 2007

Poster: Influenza-like Illness Reported From Emergency Departments in Miami-Dade County, 2005-2007, 12th Annual Statewide Epidemiology Seminar, Daytona Beach, FL, May 22-24, 2007

Oral Presentation: Suicide Among Teens in Miami-Dade County, 2002-2006, 12th Annual Statewide Epidemiology Seminar, Daytona Beach, FL, May 22-24, 2007

Poster: Identification of Space-Time Clusters of Salmonellosis in Miami-Dade County, 2003-2005, 11th Annual Statewide Epidemiology Seminar, Tampa, FL, October 31 – November 1, 2006

Oral Presentation: Outbreak of Cutaneous Larva Migrans at a Children's Aquatic Camp in Miami-Dade County, 11th Annual Statewide Epidemiology Seminar, Tampa, FL, October 31 – November 1, 2006

Poster: Comparison of ICD-9 Coded Chief Complaints and Diagnoses for Identifying Gastrointestinal Syndrome Using ESSENCE, 5th Annual Syndromic Surveillance Conference, Baltimore, MD, October 18 – 20, 2006

Poster: Blake, S.M; Mills, T.L; O'Connell, E.K. "Sources of Variance in the Frequency of Physician Visits Among an Ethnically Diverse Older Adult Population." 55th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, Massachusetts, November 22-26, 2002