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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) – Exercise Physiology	2006-2011
Collateral area: Epidemiology	
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA	
Department of Health & Physical Activity	
Dissertation: "Association of Lipoprotein-Associated Phospholipase A2 and	
C-Reactive Protein with Moderate-to-Vigorous Physical Activity in	
Middle-Aged Women"	
Advisors: Dr. Deborah Aaron, Dr. Robert J. Robertson	
Master of Science (MS) – Exercise Science	2000-2004
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA	
Department of Exercise Science	
Thesis: "Detecting Physical Activity Change in a Free-Living Environment"	
Advisor: Dr. Patty Freedson	
Bachelor of Science (BS) – Exercise Science	1998-2000
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA	2330 2000
Department of Exercise Science	
Cum Laude	
Associate of Arts (AA) – Arts & Science	1995-1997
Holyoke Community College, Holyoke, MA	
High Honors	
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	
	2022 D
Teaching Assistant Professor	2023-Present
School of Sport Sciences	
College of Applied Human Sciences	
West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV	
Assistant Professor & Lecturer	2016-2023
Exercise Science Program	
School of Nursing and Health Sciences	
Florida Southern College, Lakeland, FL	
Lecturer	2020-2023
Departments of Kinesiology and Health Sciences	2020-2023
College of Health Professions and Sciences	
University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL	
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Assistant Professor 2011-2016

Department of Exercise and Sports Science School of Health and Natural Sciences Fitchburg State University, Fitchburg, MA

Lecturer 2004-2005

Department of Kinesiology School of Public Health University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Courses Taught

University of Central Florida:

- PET 6366: Exercise, Nutrition, and Weight Control
- PET 6372: Physical Activity and Nutritional Epidemiology
- PET 6388: Cardiovascular Physiology

Undergraduate Courses Taught

West Virginia University:

- PET 124: Human Body: Structure & Function
- PET 125: Principles of Human Movement
- ACE 307: Applied Sports Physiology
- ACE 427: Biomechanics

University of Central Florida:

• HSC 3110: Medical Self-Assessment

Florida Southern College:

- EXS 1105: Introduction to Exercise Science and Health Promotion
- EXS 2760: Sports Nutrition and Supplementation
- EXS 2770: Exercise Physiology
- EXS 3735: Exercise and Sport Psychology
- EXS 3740: Exercise Testing and Prescription
- EXS 3745: Exercise Management of Chronic Disease
- EXS 4725: Research Methods in Exercise Science
- EXS 4960/4961: Applied Experiences in Exercise Science

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Fitchburg State University:

- PHS 2110: Fundamentals of Epidemiology
- EXSS 1000: Health & Fitness
- EXSS 1011: Introduction to Exercise Science
- EXSS 2060: Exercise, Nutrition, and Heart Disease
- EXSS 2071: Exercise Physiology I
- EXSS 2072: Exercise Physiology II
- EXSS 4950: Internship in Exercise Science

University of Massachusetts, Amherst:

- Nursing 301: Pathophysiology
- EXCSCI 100: Introduction to Exercise Science
- EXCSCI 205: Human Physiology
- EXCSCI 300: Writing for Exercise Science
- EXCSCI 340: Exercise Testing and Programming

normal weight adolescents: a mixed methods analysis.

https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0890117118771313

American Journal of Health Promotion.

RECENT PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Maldari M, Garcia JM, & Rice DJ . University experiences in a mandatory health and wellness course: a qualitative investigation. <i>Journal of American College Health</i> .	Under Review
Garcia JM, Hahs-Vaughn D, Murray ML, Perry C, Brazendale K, Rice DJ , & Fukuda DH. The physical and psychosocial benefits of a family judo program for parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: A pilot study. <i>Disability and Health Journal</i> . https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dhjo.2024.101631	2024
Garcia JM, Murray ML, Brazendale K, Rice DJ , & Fukuda DH. Effects of a family judo program on sleep quality in youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder. <i>Sleep Medicine</i> . https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sleep.2023.11.031	2024
Maldari M, Garcia JM, Rice DJ . The impact of health education on physical activity correlates in college students. <i>Journal of American College Health</i> . https://doi.org/10.1080/07448481.2021.1879812	2021
Garcia JM, Baker K, Diaz M, Tucker J, Kelchner V, Rice DJ . Implementation fidelity of a mindfulness-based yoga program for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families: a pilot study. <i>Advances in Neurodevelopmental Disorders</i> . https://doi.org/10.1007/s41252-018-0091-3	2019
Garcia JM, Baker K, Sirard JR, Whaley D, Deutsch NJ, Rice DJ , Weltman A. The influence of friends and psychosocial factors on physical activity and screen time in overweight and	2019

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Baker K, Rice DJ , Healy S, Garcia JM. Association of individual and parental weight loss behaviors with physical activity in overweight and normal weight adolescents. <i>Journal of Physical Activity and Health</i> . https://doi.org/10.1123/jpah.2017-0279	2018
Garcia JM, Agaronov A, Sirard J, Whaley D, Rice DJ , Weltman A. Psychosocial and friend influences on objective sedentary behavior and screen time: a mixed methods analysis. <i>Journal of Physical Activity and Health</i> . http://dx.doi.org/10.1123/jpah.2016-0035	2017
Garcia JM, Cox DJ, Rice DJ . Associations of physiological and psychological health outcomes with physical activity and sedentary behavior in adults with type 2 diabetes. <i>British Medical Journal Open Diabetes Research & Care</i> . http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/bmjdrc-2016-000306	2017
Garcia JM, Healy S, Rice DJ . Individual, social, and environmental factors associated with physical activity and screen time in Irish children: Growing Up in Ireland Study. <i>Journal of Physical Activity and Health</i> . http://dx.doi.org/10.1123/jpah.2015-0659	2016
CONFERENCE ORAL PRESENTATIONS	
*Presenting author	
Rice DJ* , Garcia JM, Robertson R, Nagle E, and Aaron DJ. <i>Differences in psychosocial factors according to physical activity levels in males and females</i> . Mid-Atlantic American College of Sports Medicine Conference, Harrisburg, PA.	2008
Conege of Sports Medicine Conference, Harrisburg, 171.	
CONFERENCE POSTER PRESENTATIONS	
	2019
CONFERENCE POSTER PRESENTATIONS Maldari M*, Scribner-Maclean M, Rice DJ. Student experiences in a mandatory health and wellness course: a qualitative investigation. American College of Sports Medicine Conference,	2019
CONFERENCE POSTER PRESENTATIONS Maldari M*, Scribner-Maclean M, Rice DJ. Student experiences in a mandatory health and wellness course: a qualitative investigation. American College of Sports Medicine Conference, Orlando, FL. Maldari M*, Scribner-Maclean M, Rice DJ. An analysis of physical activity knowledge, motivators, and self-efficacy in an undergraduate wellness course. American College of Sports	

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Flaherty J*, Rotti H, & Rice DJ. The effects of 5-hour energy on run performance, blood pressure and mood state. Massachusetts Undergraduate Honors Research Conference, Amherst, MA.	e, 2016
Rice DJ* , Garcia JM, Cox DJ. <i>The association of physical activity and sedentary behavior with psychological outcomes in patients with type 2 diabetes.</i> American College of Sports Medicine Conference, Boston, MA.	2016
Tran A*, Garcia JM, Sirard JR, Whaley D, Deutsch N, Rice DJ , Weltman A. <i>Motivation for sport participation among high school and middle school students: a mixed-methods analysis</i> . America College of Sports Medicine Conference, Boston, MA	
Agarnov A*, Sirard JR, Whaley D, Deutsch N, Rice DJ , Weltman A, Garcia JM. <i>Psychological and friend influences on screen time and objective sedentary behavior: a mixed-methods analysis</i> . American College of Sports Medicine Conference, Boston, MA.	2016
Rice DJ* , Garcia JM, Sirard JR, Weltman A. <i>The association of school friends on objectively measured physical activity, sedentary behavior, and reported screen time</i> . American College of Sports Medicine Conference, San Diego, CA.	2015
Rice DJ* , Garcia JM, Robertson, R, Nagle E, Aaron DJ. <i>Differences in psychosocial factors according to physical activity levels in males and females</i> . American College of Sports Medicine Conference, Seattle, WA.	2009
Garcia JM*, Rice DJ , Aaron DJ, Nagle EF, Robertson RJ. <i>Association of physical activity and body dissatisfaction in young adults</i> . American College of Sports Medicine Conference, Indianapolis, IN.	2008
Rice DJ* , Aaron DJ, Garcia JM, Robertson RJ, Nagle EF. <i>Correlates of walking for exercise in a young adult population</i> . American College of Sports Medicine Conference, New Orleans, LA.	2007
Rice DJ* , Pober DM, Freedson PS. <i>Measuring physical activity in a free-living environment</i> . American College of Sports Medicine Conference, Indianapolis, IN.	2004
STUDENT MENTORING	
Florida Southern College • Served as an academic advisor to an average of 30-40 students per semester, assisted students in the development of an academic plan and the selection of courses each semester. Held frequent one-on-one meetings with students during the academic year to discuss academic progress.	2016-2020
 Faculty advisor to Exercise Science student team for the Southeast Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine (SEACSM) student quiz bowl competition. 	2018-2020
 Faculty advisor for student honors research project examining the association between injury rates and proprioceptive abilities in college athletes. 	2018-2019
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2016-2020

• Wrote an average of 5-10 recommendation letters per year for students applying to

graduate programs in the health sciences.

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Fitchburg State University	
Served as an academic advisor to an average of 20-30 students per semester, assisted students in the development of an academic plan and the selection of courses each semester. Held frequent one-on-one meetings with students during the academic year to	2011-2016
discuss academic progress.	
Faculty advisor to Exercise and Sports Science student team for the Northeast Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine (NEACSM) student quiz bowl competition.	2012-2010
Faculty advisor for student honors research project examining the psychological and physiological effects on college students of ingestion of a commercial energy drink prior to exercise.	2014-2015
Wrote an average of 5-10 recommendation letters per year for students applying to graduate programs in the health sciences.	2011-201
Iniversity of Massachusetts-Lowell	
Served as a committee member on a doctoral dissertation committee. Title of dissertation: "An Analysis of Physical Activity Knowledge, Motivators, and Self-Efficacy in an Undergraduate Wellness Course"	2014-2016
SERVICE	
Torida Southern College, Lakeland, FL	
Honors Committee	2019-2020
School of Nursing and Health Sciences Faculty Affairs Committee	2018-2020
Chair of General Education Sub-Committee on Wellness	2017-2019
General Education Committee	2016-2019
Fitchburg State University, Fitchburg, MA	
All University Curriculum Committee 2011-	-2012, 2015-2010
Chair of EXS Student Affairs Committee	2013-2016
EXS Curriculum Committee	2012-2016
Executive Planning Committee	2014-2015
Ruth Butler Scholarship Committee	2014-201
Campus Safety Committee	2013-2014
Undergraduate Research Conference Committee	2012-2013
Institutional Review Board-Human Subjects	2011-2013
Chair of EXS Faculty Hiring Committees	2011-201
ervice to the Profession	
Judge at the academic quiz bowl competitions at the Southeast Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine (SEACSM) conference	2018-2020
Chair of a symposium session titled "The Past, Present, and Future of Exercise Oncology: What We Know and Where to Next" at the SEACSM conference in Jacksonville, FL	2020
Abstract submission reviewer for the SEACSM conference in Jacksonville,	202
Abstract submission reviewer for the SEACSM conference in Greenville, SC.	201

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•	Abstract submission reviewer for the SEACSM conference in Chattanooga, TN.	2018
•	Chair of a tutorial session on physical activity monitoring at the SEACSM conference	2018
	in Chattanooga, TN.	
•	Abstract submission reviewer and judge for student research presentations at the 2015	2015
	New England chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine (NEACSM)	
	conference in Providence, RI.	
•	Judge at the academic quiz bowl competitions at the NEACSM conference in	2013-2015
	Providence, RI.	
•	Session moderator at the NEACSM conference in Providence, RI.	2015

Manuscript Reviewer

- Journal of Physical Activity and Health
- Sustainability
- International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health
- Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research

RESEARCH FUNDING

Title of Project: Effects of a Commercial Energy Drink on Endurance and Mood State.

Role: PI Dates: 2015

Funder: Fitchburg State University

Award: \$9,000 Status: Complete

Title of Project: Association of Lipoprotein-Associated Phospholipase A₂ and C-Reactive

Protein with Moderate-to-Vigorous Physical Activity in Middle-Aged Women.

Role: PI Dates: 2008

Funder: DiaDexus company

Award: \$6800 Status: Complete

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

• American College of Sports Medicine