A word about the ATTP Faculty

NPF has assembled a unique blend of seasoned professionals, selected nationally for excellence in their respective fields. The ATTP faculty represent the core specialties: a movement disorders physicians, nurse, occupational, physical and music therapy, social work and speech-language pathology and interdisciplinary team development.

ATTP is not simply a course in Parkinson's disease. The ATTP is an intensive integrated curriculum, developed jointly by the faculty team and taught in a collaborative way. Faculty are committed to its mission of person-centered interprofessional care in Parkinson's disease and actually serve as a faculty team modeling effective integrated care planning in the training itself. Whether addressing cognition, mobility, communication or emotional issues, ATTP faculty values the contribution of each discipline to assessment and care of the person with Parkinson's disease and their caregiver.
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ATTP Miami Host COE Site:

National Parkinson Foundation Center of Excellence (COE)
Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorders
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COE Medical Director and Coordinator bios:

Carlos Singer, MD
Dr. Carlos Singer is Professor of Neurology and Director of the Division of Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders of the University of Miami, designated as a National Parkinson Foundation Center of Excellence. He received his medical degree from the Central University of Venezuela in 1972. This was followed by training in Internal Medicine at the University of Pittsburg and in Neurology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine Affiliated Hospitals. Dr. Singer received additional training in Electromyography and in Movement Disorders at the University of Miami. Dr. Singer is board certified in both Internal Medicine and Neurology. He has been a member of the faculty of the Department of Neurology of the Miller School of Medicine/University of Miami since 1989. He chaired the working group on "Non-Motor Manifestations of Parkinson Disease" of the Parkinson Study Group from 2006 to 2010.

He is a member of the American Academy of Neurology, the American Neurological Association, International Association of Parkinsonism and Related Disorders, the Movement Disorders Society, the Parkinson Study Group, the Huntington Study Group and the Dystonia Study Group. He established the first Botulinum Toxin Treatment Program for Neurological Disorders in Florida in 1990 and has been director of the Huntington Disease Clinic at the Miller School of Medicine since 2000. In 2011 Dr. Singer was honored with the Faculty Hero Award by the University of Miami Medical Group for his patient-centered service. He currently serves in the editorial board of the Journal of Neurological Sciences and the Journal of Clinical Movement Disorders. Dr. Singer's current focus is on sleep-related complications and gait and balance disorders in Parkinson disease. Dr. Singer has published more than 150 articles in the field of Movement disorders.

Angela Parish Russell PHD, ARNP-BC, FNP-c, ANP-c, COHN-c
Dr. Russell is an Advance Practice Director, Nurse Practitioner and Center(s) Coordinator at the University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine. She is licensed separately as a Family, Adult and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner in Florida. She is also nationally certified as an Occupational Nurse Specialist and carries concurrent licensure status in New York State.
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Dr. Russell has worked at the University of Miami for the past 14 years in Neurology, Movement Disorders Division and is involved in all aspects of Center of excellence operations (COE) including Parkinson's research, education, care, and community outreach. She was part of the initial team with Dr. Singer who planned and created the CORE infrastructure for operations and executed the plans for the Center of Excellence Initiative which was successful as University became a Center of Excellence in 2007; she continues to have general responsibility and oversight for the COE operations including Social Services and Community Outreach.

The clinical approach at the Movement Disorders Division follows a multidisciplinary framework and Dr. Russell created an internal provider list; she then conducted fieldwork for selected providers in the South Florida area to review and ensure quality services for the patient population. Due to patient demand for clinical care, Dr. Russell’s role has now evolved into more of a focus as a clinician with the movement disorders physicians as the need is very high; she conducts certain procedures such as deep brain stimulation programming, Apokyn and Duopa titration along with managing daily clinical care and medication prescription management services.

She is involved in clinical research as a Research Coordinator and is a Sub PI for the NPF Q11 Patient Outcome Research conducted by the Movement Disorders Division. Dr. Russell's recent organizing work included creating the plan and operations for Huntington Disease which resulted in a second designation as a Center of Excellence with the Huntington’s Disease Society of America in January 2016.

Dr Russell’s past experiences have included working with BellSouth, AT&T and Nortel Networks which are national and international companies so her authorship have included creating international standards and protocols for national and international workers in occupational big business settings and Corporations. She has a long history of teaching experiences having worked as an Associate Professor at Florida A&M, Florida International University and the University of Phoenix for graduate and undergraduate nursing students; she has additionally taught national certification preparation for Family and Adult Nurse Practitioners with APR Health Services Inc. Her past experience has also included owning and operating a Home Health Service and concierge patient health services.

Dr. Russell’s passion continues to be working with the elderly population especially the underserve with needs for accessibility; she is very interested in helping patients and people to stay mentally well and makes counseling and educating on health needs part of her regular clinical visits and work.

Her current part-time activity/hobby/interest include growing agricultural medicinal plants and assisting with her only daughter/child and two grandchildren. She may be contacted at arussell@med.miami.edu.
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Celia Bassich Ph.D., CCC-SLP
Dr. Celia Bassich earned her Ph.D. at the University of Maryland, College Park, in Speech Language Pathology. Her doctoral dissertation investigated voice disorders in Young-onset Parkinson Disease. Currently, she is a Clinical Associate Professor at Towson University Department of Audiology, Speech Language Pathology and Deaf Studies. Dr. Bassich is also Director of the Voice Center at the Towson University Institute for Well-Being. Previously, she worked for 10 years at the National Institutes of Health, where her research focused on Parkinson disease. She is currently a consultant and member of the Allied Team Training for PD, sponsored by the National Parkinson Foundation (NPF) and a consultant for Cure PSP. Her most recent publication is entitled *Interprofessional education increases knowledge, promotes team building, and changes practice in the care of Parkinson’s disease* in which she coauthored with her Allied Team Training for Parkinson, NPF. The manuscript was published in Parkinsonism and Related Disorders, 2016.

Elaine Book, MSW
Elaine Book has worked in the field of Social Work for over 25 years in a variety of community and hospital settings with an interest in the geriatric population. She has worked with individuals, families and as a leader of support groups. She is the Center Coordinator and Clinic Social Worker for the NPF Center of Excellence, the Pacific Parkinson's Research Centre, at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada.

She has become a leader in the PD community, serving as a speaker at support groups, a presenter at neurology meetings and a faculty member of the Allied Team Training Program of the National Parkinson Foundation. Ms. Book also coordinates a blog designed for neurological social workers and has a special interest in raising awareness and developing resources for PWP and their children/teens.

Ms. Book earned her B.S.W. from the University of Manitoba and her M.S.W. from the University of British Columbia, with her thesis focusing on caregiver stress. She has continued to expand her training throughout her career, for example in cognitive behavioral therapy, advance care planning and social work instruction.

Julie H. Carter, RN, MN, ANP
Julie Carter is a nurse practitioner and Professor of Neurology at Oregon Health and Science University. She received her BSN and MS from OHSU. She joined the department of neurology in 1979 and was one of the original founders of the Parkinson Center of Oregon (PCO).

Ms. Carter has dedicated her career to improving the lives of people with Parkinson’s disease and their families. She approaches Parkinson’s disease as a family centered disease and brings a family centered emphasis to her practice as a nurse practitioner and to innovative program development at the PCO. She has been instrumental in the creation of the annual patient and
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family symposium, family caregiver series, young person with PD symposium, newly diagnosed workshop, the Strive to Thrive (self-management) program for PD, and most recently the PD palliative care program.

Ms. Carter has a special research interest in family caregiving and Parkinson’s disease. She has been an investigator in multiple clinical trials and is an original member of the Parkinson Study Group. She has authored numerous articles and is a popular speaker to both lay and professional audiences. She was recently awarded the WPC 2016 award for distinguished contribution to the PD community.

Heather Cianci, PT, MS, GCS
Heather Cianci is a Geriatric Clinical Specialist and founding therapist at the Dan Aaron Parkinson’s Rehabilitation Center (Penn Therapy & Fitness) at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, PA – part of the University of Penn Health System. Heather received her Bachelor’s in Physical Therapy from the University of Scranton in Scranton, PA and her Master’s in Gerontology from Saint Joseph’s University in Philadelphia. She has been a physical therapist since 1994, with the majority of those years dedicated to working with patients with Parkinson’s disease (PD) and Atypical Parkinsonisms, Heather is a LSVT® BIG certified clinician, LSVT® BIG Faculty Instructor for LSVT Global, Inc., and a PWR! clinician. She also is a graduate of the National Parkinson Foundation’s (NPF) Allied Team Training Program and Rock Steady Boxing program for PD. Heather has authored book chapters on rehabilitative strategies for PD, and Frontotemporal Degeneration. She also is the author of two educational manuals on fitness and ADLs for the NPF. Heather has also lectured for various state Physical Therapy Associations, the Parkinson Disease Foundation, national continuing education companies, and Philadelphia-area conferences and support groups. Her research includes movement strategies for bed mobility, falls, freezing of gait, and functional movement disorders. She teaches about rehabilitation and PD at Thomas Jefferson university’s (Philadelphia, PA) and Neumann University’s (Aston, PA) departments of PT. Heather is a former Board member of CurePSP® and founding team member of the COPE program (Comprehensive Outpatient Atypical Parkinsonism Evaluation) at Pennsylvania Hospital’s Parkinson’s Disease & Movement Disorder Center.

Susan Rebecca Dunlop (Becky), RN, MS
Becky Dunlop R.N., M.S. has been the Associate Director of the Johns Hopkins Parkinson’s Disease Center and an Instructor in Neurology at the Johns Hopkins Parkinson’s Disease and Movement Disorders Center, a National Parkinson Foundation Center of Excellence. Becky has 33 years of experience as a registered nurse during which she has spent the majority of her career working with individuals with chronic illness. Nineteen of those years have been at the Johns Hopkins University where she devoted herself to the care of individuals with Parkinson’s and movement disorders. The provision of care to a chronically ill population continues to be one of the major challenges in health care within the United States. Through nursing and medical research, professional medical care, dissemination of information, proper chronic disease management, educational programs, and psychosocial support, individuals and families are provided with the resources they need to meet this challenge.
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As a member of the movement disorder team, Becky strived to provide individuals and their families with the knowledge and tools necessary to successfully manage these illnesses and improve quality of life. She has led the organization and development of educational and supportive programs for patients and their families, and identified appropriate community resources for individuals and their families, which has evolved into a regional referral network. The development of the Johns Hopkins Community Outreach and Education Center has effectively resulted in community engagement and collaboration which has enhanced the services available to individuals and families living with movement disorders, and has augmented the tripartite mission of the Center. Becky is a founding board member of the Maryland Association for Parkinson’s Support. Additionally, Becky has assisted the Movement Disorders faculty with all aspects of the Center's robust clinical research activity from regulatory management, to recruitment, and implementation of a variety of protocols.

Teaching, be it patient education or nursing education has always been a passion of Becky's. Becky is a clinical instructor at Towson University and has been the lead instructor for the Edmond J. Safra Visiting Nurse Faculty training at Johns Hopkins University, a novel program which has trained over 70 nursing faculty on Parkinson’s Disease. Along with colleagues in the United States, Becky has collaborated in numerous initiatives to improve professional knowledge of this chronic neurodegenerative illness and others. Currently, Becky is working as a member of the Baltimore County Maryland Public Health nursing team.

Darla Freeman-LeVay, M.A., CCC-SLP

Darla Freeman-LeVay is a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist, certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. She is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, and received her Master's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology from The Ohio State University. While in the master's program, she developed a special interest in voice disorders and their management, and she was selected for a clinical internship in the Department of Otolaryngology at The Ohio State University. During the internship, she gained valuable experience and advanced training in the evaluation, diagnosis, and management of a wide variety of laryngeal disorders in a multidisciplinary center.

Since leaving The Ohio State University, she has worked in a number of clinical settings, from public schools to rehabilitation facilities with a focus in adult voice and speech disorders and Neurogenics. From 200-2016 Ms. Freeman-LeVay served as a Clinical Instructor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of South Florida (USF) where she taught master level students. Currently she works as a speech-language pathologist with Florida E.N.T. & Allergy where she specializes in the evaluation and treatment of voice and swallowing disorders. She regularly attends continuing education courses to further her knowledge of current voice therapy techniques and as well presents at local and state levels. Ms. Freeman-LeVay is Lee Silverman Voice Therapy (LSVT) certified, trained in use of the Speechvive device and trained in the Speak Out program for Parkinson’s. Darla has been recognized by the National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association and the Mid-Florida Multiple Sclerosis Society (Milestone Award, 2011) for her excellence in community education and
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services. Darla has been nominated by her peers to serve on the board of directors for Speech-Language Pathology Practice with the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (2018-2021 term.) She is a 2-term (2016-2017) grant recipient through the National Parkinson Foundation and has started Tampa’s first Tremble Clefs choir.

Ms. Freeman-LeVay is a member of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), serves on the executive board for the Tampa Bay Medical Speech Pathology Association and is the founder (2003) and one of the medical advisors for the National Spasmodic Dysphonia Support Group of Tampa. She is also a participant in the ASHA Special Interest Division for Voice and Voice Disorders.

Jennifer G. Goldman, MD, MS

Dr. Jennifer Goldman is an Associate Professor in the Department of Neurological Sciences, Section of Parkinson’s Disease and Movement Disorders at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. Dr. Goldman is a fellowship trained movement disorder neurologist with specialty training and board certification in behavioral neurology and neuropsychiatry. Her clinical and research work focuses on understanding and improving treatments for cognitive and behavioral features of Parkinson’s disease, parkinsonian disorders, dementia with Lewy bodies, and other movement disorders using advanced neuroimaging, genetics, and other biomarkers. Dr. Goldman graduated from Princeton University and received her MD from Northwestern University Medical School. She completed her neurology residency training at Washington University in St. Louis, followed by a movement disorder fellowship and a Master of Science degree in clinical research at Rush University in Chicago. She is board certified by the American Board of Neurology and Psychiatry.

As a movement disorder specialist, Goldman treats patients with Parkinson’s disease, atypical parkinsonian disorders, dementia with Lewy bodies, dystonia, and other movement-related conditions in the clinic. She directs the Cognitive-Behavioral program within the Section of Movement Disorders. Her research has been funded by NIH, Michael J. Fox Foundation, Rush University, Parkinson’s Disease Foundation, National Parkinson Foundation, among others. She has published multiple research articles and book chapters on Parkinson’s disease, cognition, behavior, and other movement disorders. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Neurology and American Neurological Association. Goldman has chaired or served on working groups for biomarkers, cognition/psychiatry and Parkinson’s disease mild cognitive impairment for the Parkinson’s Study Group and the Movement Disorders Society (MDS). She also serves on the Lewy Body Dementia Association Scientific Advisory Committee and the Dystonia Foundation’s Medical Advisory Committee for Musicians with Dystonia. Goldman also is active in education and mentorship at Rush and in the neurological societies.

She was the 2013 recipient of the Rush University Faculty Award for Excellence in Education and has lectured nationally and internationally. She serves on the AAN Education Committee, MDS Leadership Task Force, and as chair of the MDS Pan-American Section Education Committee.
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Ruth Hagestuen, R.N., M.A

Ruth Hagestuen is Director of NPF’s Allied Team Training for Parkinson and NPF consultant to the Edmond J Safra National Parkinson’s Wellness Initiative. She also works with the Struthers Parkinson’s Center, Minneapolis, MN in development of the Struthers Parkinson’s Care Network. Her work with Parkinson’s disease began in 1987 with the Methodist Hospital Parkinson’s Center’s Interdisciplinary Clinic and regional center as nurse coordinator and program director. In 2000, she joined NPF as Vice President and Program Director where she worked with affiliates nationally and internationally in development of strategies to better meet needs of the Parkinson’s community through research, education, care, and outreach.

From 2009-2011 she served as Director of the NYU Parkinson’s and Movement Disorders Center in development of their interdisciplinary team and collaborative relationships designed to build informed, accessible care and wellness programs for people with Parkinson’s disease and related movement disorders.

She is active in the International Parkinson’s and Movement Disorders Society (MDS) and currently serves on the Pan-American Section Education Committee of the MDS.

Ruth’s passion continues to be building capacity for to provide accessible, informed, interprofessional care, support and educational programs for people with Parkinson’s and their families. Ruth may be contacted at: rh@parkinson.org.

Denise Kornegay, M.S.W.

Denise Kornegay holds faculty appointments as an Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the Medical College of Georgia Augusta University and in the Department of Community Science at the Mercer University School of Medicine. In her dual role appointments, she serves as the Associate Dean /Executive Program Director for the Georgia Statewide Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Network. In this capacity, Ms. Kornegay works to create an appropriately trained, diversified, and geographically distributed health workforce in the state.

Her areas of expertise include: rural health and rural outreach, grant writing and resource acquisition, community based coalition building, legislative advocacy, health workforce development (including recruitment and retention initiatives), and family and social roles in personal health. In addition to her roles in these areas, Ms. Kornegay has developed several training seminars that she conducts with various non-profits and grass roots organizations. These seminars include: Board Development and Training, How to be an Effective Advocate, Family Relationships and Health, Team Building and Leadership, Personality Styles and Assessments, Communication Styles, Cultural Diversity, and Nurse Mentor Training programs.

Ms. Kornegay serves on the Boards of Directors for each of the six AHEC Centers, as well as numerous state tasks forces and work groups. She provides lectures to health professions students in the Schools of Dentistry, Allied Health, Medicine, and Nursing at Augusta University and other institutions within the state. Denise may be contacted at: dkornega@augusta.edu.
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Irene Litvan, M.D., FAAN, FANA
Dr. Irene Litvan is the Tasch Endowed Chair of Parkinson Disease Research at the University of California San Diego (UCSD), Professor of Neurosciences and Director of the UCSD National Parkinson Foundation Movement Disorder Center of Excellence. She is a fellow of the American Neurological Association and American Academy of Neurology (AAN), is the Chair of the AAN Movement Disorder Section and serves or has served on many boards and committees of the International Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorder Society, American Academy of Neurology, World Federation of Neurology, World Parkinson Congress and medical scientific boards. She was the local chair and co-chair of the 19th International Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorder Society Congress.

Dr. Litvan is a movement disorder specialist, behavioral neurologist and neuroepidemiologist with more than 25 years of experience conducting clinical trials and leading multidisciplinary and multiple-site clinical studies. Dr. Litvan received the National Institutes of Health merit award for leading international multiple-center studies to evaluate and improve the clinical diagnostic criteria of parkinsonian neurodegenerative disorders. She has published more than 250 peer-reviewed articles and chapters, and is senior editor of 4 books. Her major research goals are to (1) identify symptomatic therapies that can improve the quality of life of patients with proteinopathies presenting with parkinsonism and/or dementia and to (2) identify biological therapies that can slow or stop their disease progression. She vested on (3) improving the neuropathological and clinical diagnostic criteria of these disorders in order to identify (4) robust biomarkers to early and accurately diagnose them and (5) markers that could be used to measure outcome. She has led or participated in several multicenter studies or international Task Forces to develop clinical and neuropathological diagnostic criteria for parkinsonian and/or dementia neurodegenerative disorders (PSP, CBD, MSA, DLB, PD, PD-MCI and PDD). She participated in several multicenter studies to identify robust diagnostic and biomarkers and has participated in symptomatic and therapeutic trials for these disorders. She developed two Movement Disorder Centers, one at the University of Louisville and the other at UCSD that have received a National Parkinson Foundation Center of Excellence designation. Dr. Litvan is committed to mentoring students, residents, fellows and junior faculty to become clinical translational scientists.

Irene A. Malaty, M.D.
Dr. Irene Malaty is a movement disorder specialist at the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL. She completed medical school at Indiana University School of Medicine before completing neurology residency and movement disorders fellowship at University of Florida and joining the faculty thereafter. She specializes in the care of individuals with Parkinson disease (PD) and directs the National Parkinson Foundation at UF. Dr. Malaty also specializes in Tourette syndrome (TS) in patients of all ages and is director of the Tourette Association of America Southeast Regional Center of Excellence. Additionally, she has an active botulinum toxin injection practice treating diverse neurological disorders.
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Dr. Malaty is President-elect of the Florida Society of Neurology and serves on the Movement Disorder working committee of the American Academy of Neurology. She also serves on the Tourette Syndrome Association Medical Advisory Board. In these roles, she has a focus on educational programs for healthcare practitioners, trainees, and lay people regarding movement disorders. Further, Dr. Malaty is Director of Industry-sponsored Trials at UF and is site-principal investigator and sub-investigator in a number of trials in PD, TS, Huntington disease, and dystonia.

Dr. Malaty is committed to providing quality, state-of-the-art care for all movement disorders, but has specific interests in the non-motor aspects of Parkinson’s disease, and in compulsivity and comorbid conditions in PD, Tourette’s syndrome and other movement disorders. She is currently working on improving palliative care options for patients with parkinsonism at UF. She has many peer reviewed articles and enjoys teaching and participating in clinical research.

John Morgan, M.D., Ph.D.

Dr. John Morgan has been in practice as a movement disorders specialist for approximately 14 years and is a Professor and Director of the NPF Center of Excellence at Augusta University. He has served on the faculty of ATTP for over 10 years. He earned his MD-PhD from the Medical College of Georgia and did a medicine internship and neurology residency at the University of Virginia. He is fellowship trained in movement disorders and routinely cares for many patients with PD and other disorders. He has extensive experience in clinical trials for PD, RLS, Alzheimer’s Disease and other disorders. He has published numerous peer-reviewed publications and book chapters and served on the NIH NET-PD FS-ZONE Steering Committee. He is currently a co-investigator on a VA Merit Review Grant studying the effects of niacin in PD.

On a personal note, he grew-up in Jacksonville, Florida and his wife is a dysphagia-expert speech pathologist and his ex-wife is a physical therapist. He has four children ages 17, 14, 7, and 6. He really enjoys tennis, hiking, playing the stock market, movies and family.

Sheila Silver, MA, DHS, ACS

Dr. Sheila Silver is a board certified clinical sexologist in private practice in Portland, Oregon. She sees individuals and couples for a range of sexological issues including desire discrepancies, orgasm difficulties, pain with intercourse, alternative relationships, and maintaining intimacy in the face of chronic illness, with a specific expertise in Parkinson’s disease. She is a trained sex counselor, group facilitator, sex educator, and has worked as a psychotherapist since 1988. In addition to her private practice, Dr. Silver acts a consultant to mental health professionals, medical doctors, physical therapists, and clergy on their cases relating to sexuality. She has a Masters degree in Marriage, Family and Child Therapy, and a Doctoral degree in Human Sexuality.

Peter Schmidt, PhD

Peter Schmidt is Senior Vice President and Chief Mission Officer at the National Parkinson Foundation and oversees NPF’s research, education, and outreach initiatives. Dr. Schmidt
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leads NPF's Parkinson’s Outcomes Project, the largest clinical study ever conducted in Parkinson's disease and is active in research on diverse clinical areas in Parkinson's disease.

Schmidt serves as an advisor to several government, industry, and foundation initiatives. His focus has been setting clinical standards and is involved in several national-scale quality initiatives including with the US National Quality Forum and the Fresco Network in Italy. Dr. Schmidt is bringing to Parkinson's ideas from across healthcare and is on advisory committees for projects in wearable sensors, Huntington’s disease, Glut1 deficiency syndrome, cystic fibrosis, inpatient rehabilitation, and telemedicine. His work has been covered widely in the press and he has contributed to AHRQ and Commonwealth Fund publications and has been an invited speaker for NIH, and internationally at patient and professional conferences.

Schmidt joined NPF from Cronus Partners, an investment bank, where he focused on healthcare innovation. Previously, Schmidt created chronic disease management systems and served as Chief Operating Officer of a joint venture of Oxford, Stanford, and Yale delivering online education. Educated at Harvard and Cornell, he had a fellowship at New York's Hospital for Special Surgery.

Dr. Schmidt earned his bachelor's degree at Harvard University and was awarded an M.S. and Ph.D. from Cornell University, Sibley School of Mechanical Engineering where he studied gait and balance and total joint replacement. He completed a fellowship at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York. Dr. Schmidt can be contacted at pschmidt@parkinson.org

**Concetta M. Tomaino, DA, LCAT, MT-BC**

Dr. Concetta Tomaino is the Executive Director and co-founder of the Institute for Music and Neurologic Function and was Senior Vice President for Music Therapy at CenterLight Health System (formerly Beth Abraham Family of Health Services), where she worked from 1980 to 2016.

Dr. Tomaino is internationally known for her research in the clinical applications of music and neurologic rehabilitation. She lectures on music therapy throughout the world. Her work has been featured in national programs including 48 Hours and 60 Minutes; in international programs including the BBC; and in books on health and healing. Dr. Sacks book *Musicophilia* is dedicated to her.

Dr. Tomaino is Past-President of the American Association for Music Therapy and Vice President and founding board member for the International Association for Music and Medicine. She received the Award of Accomplishment from Music Therapists for Peace at the United Nations. In 2014, she received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Association for Music Therapy. In 2011 she received in inaugural Burton Grebin Innovator of the Year Award from the NY Continuing Care Leadership Coalition (CCLC). She was honored with the 2010 Professional Practice Award from the American Association for Music Therapy and also as one of “Three Wise Women” by the National Organization of Italian American Women. In 2004 she received the Music has Power Award from the IMNF and the Zella Bronfman Butler Award.
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which is given by the UJA-Federation of New York in partnership with the J.E. and Z.B. Butler Foundation to professionals in the UJA-Federation agency network for their outstanding work on behalf of individuals with physical, developmental, or learning disabilities. In 1999 she received a Touchstone Award from “Women in Music” for her visionary spirit. She is on the faculty of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and Lehman College, CUNY.

**Julia Marie Wood, MOT, OTR/L**

Julia Wood received her Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science and Wellness from Ball State University and Masters in Occupational Therapy from the University of Minnesota. She completed a clinical internship in inpatient neurological rehabilitation at Mayo Clinic Hospital, St. Mary’s Campus in Rochester, Minnesota. As an outpatient occupational therapist, Julia specializes in treating neurological movement disorders and neurodegenerative diseases at the Dan Aaron Parkinson’s Rehabilitation Center at Pennsylvania Hospital. Julia also serves as the occupational therapist in specialty interdisciplinary clinics for University of Pennsylvania’s Parkinson’s disease and Movement Disorders Center including COPE Clinic for patients with Atypical Parkinsonism, Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) Clinic for patients with movement disorders considering surgical intervention, Huntington’s disease (HD) interdisciplinary clinic, and the ALS Clinic at Pennsylvania Hospital. Julia serves as occupational therapy faculty for the National Parkinson’s Foundation’s Allied Team Training for Parkinson’s program. She is certified practitioner of LSVT BIG, Parkinson’s Wellness & Recovery (PWR!), Pilates, GYROTONIC & GYROKINESIS. She acts as an assistant state director for the Michael J. Fox Foundation advocating for the legislative interests of the Parkinson’s community. She is dedicated to educating occupational therapy students in Parkinson’s disease and movement disorders and serves as a Prema Fieldwork Site educator for Thomas Jefferson University, collaborating with faculty to educate students in data driven decision making practice applications for neurodegenerative diseases.