

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

A.T. Still University 2010-Present, Associate Professor, Health Sciences
Mesa Community College 2009-2010, Adjunct Professor, Health Education
Northcentral University 2009 – 2012 Mentor, Doctoral Dissertation Advisor
Northeastern Illinois University 1979- 2009 Professor & (Emeritus), Department of HPERA
Northeastern Illinois University 2001- 2006 Chair, Department of HPERA
Northeastern Illinois University 1999-2001 Associate Dean, College of Education
Board Member, AzAHPERD 2011-Present
Committee Chair, Best Practices, AzAHPERD 2011-Present
Chair, Illinois Action for Healthy Kids 2006 – 2009
Chair, CLOCC (Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children) School Based Working Group 2006- 2009
Executive committee member – City of Chicago, Mayor's Office, Safe Routes to Schools 2007 - 2009
Executive committee member – City of Chicago Public Schools, Mayor's Office, After School Matters – 2007 - 2009

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, Ph.D., Administration & Policy Studies
City University of New York, NY, NY, M.S., Recreation & Park Administration
Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY, B.S., Health & Physical Education

RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

1. Articles:

- Belden, C., **Leafman, J.**, Nehrenz, G. [adjunct], & Miller, P. (2012). The effects of evidence based practice on workplace empowerment of rural registered nurses. *Journal of Rural Nursing and Health Care*, 12(2), 64-76.
- Leafman, J.S.**, Mathieson, K.M., & Ewing, H. (2012). Student perceptions of social presence and attitudes toward social media: Results of a cross-sectional study. *International Journal of Higher Education*, 2(1), 67-77.
- O'Brien, L., Mathieson, K., **Leafman, J.**, & Rice-Spearman, L. (2012). Level of stress and common coping strategies among physician assistant students. *The Journal of Physician Assistant Education*, 23(4), 25-29.
- O'Dell, R., **Leafman, J.**, Nehrenz, G., & Bustillos, D. (2012). Health care decision making and adults with intellectual disability: A descriptive survey. *AJOB Primary Research*, 3(1), pp. 8-13.
- Clawson, T., **Leafman, J.**, & Nehrenz, G. (2012). Using pictograms for communication. *Military Medicine*, 177 (3), 291-295.
- Diemer, D., **Leafman, J.**, Nehrenz, G.M., & Larsen, H. S. (2012). Factors that influence physician assistant program graduates to choose rural medicine practice. *The Journal of Physician Assistant Education*, 23(1), 28-32.
- Ewing, H., Mathieson, K., Alexander, J.L., & **Leafman, J.** (2012). Enhancing the acquisition of research skills in online doctoral programs: The Ewing Model©. *Journal of Online Learning and Teaching*, 8(1), 34-44.
- Halasy, M., **Leafman, J.**, Mathieson, K., Bowman, R., & Cannon, J. (2012). A descriptive analysis of factors influencing physician assistant specialty selection. *Journal of the American Academy of Physician Assistants*, 25(7), 52–55.
- Royston, P.J., Mathieson, K., **Leafman, J.**, Ojan-Sheehan, O. (2012). Medical student characteristics predictive of intent for rural practice. *Rural and Remote Health*, 12, 2107 (Online).
- Leafman, J.** "Voices of Peace: A Chronology of the Play for Peace Methodology." *International Journal of Humanities & Peace* v. 20 no1 (2004) p. 74-8 Standard No: ISSN: 1042-4032
- Leafman, J.** "Voices of Peace", ERIC # ED478575
- Leafman, J.** "Peace Education and Practice." *Peace Education Newsletter* v.6, no 2 (2003) p.6

2. Books:

Leafman, Joan. The Big Desk Is Yours. Champaign, IL: Stipes Publishers, 2006
Book Reviewer – McGraw-Hill – Health and Wellness Text
Guest Editor – Journal of Health Education & Behavior

3. Presentations:

2013 - O'Dell, R, Leafman, J, Nehrenz, G. & Bustillos, D. (2013, February). Healthcare decision- making and adults with intellectual disability: A descriptive survey. Paper presented at the 5th Annual Medicine and the Social Sciences and Humanities Conference, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas.

- 2012 - Halasy, M., Leafman, J., Mathieson, K., Bowman, R., & Cannon, J. (2012, May). A descriptive analysis of the factors influencing physician assistant specialty selection. Poster session presented at the Mayo Clinic Quality and Systems Engineering Conference, Rochester, MN.
- 2012- Leafman, J., Mathieson, K., Alexander, J., & Ewing, H. (2012, April). Student attitudes toward the addition of a social media tool to increase social presence in an online learning environment. Presented electronically at the 17th Annual Technology, Colleges and Community Online Conference, HI.
- 2012 - Leafman, J., Mathieson, K., Alexander, J., Ewing, H. (2012). Student perceptions of social presence and attitudes toward social media: Results of a cross-sectional survey. Paper presented at the Sloan-C Emerging Technologies for Online Learning 5th Annual International Symposium, Las Vegas, NV
- 2011 - Exploring Social, Behavioral, and Educational Research (with Dr. Kathleen Mathieson) Seminar sponsored by the ATSU-Mesa Interdisciplinary Research Committee, A.T. Still University, Mesa, AZ. December 2011.
- 2011 - Ewing, H., Alexander, J., Mathieson, K., Leafman, J.S. (2011, October). The Ewing Model© for facilitating online student research projects. Poster presented at The Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions Annual Conference, Scottsdale, AZ.
- 2011- Ewing, H., Alexander, J., Mathieson, K., Leafman, J.S. (2011, November). Enhancing learning of research skills in an online environment: Implications for practice. Paper presented at the 17th Annual Sloan Consortium International Conference on Online Learning, Orlando, FL.
- 2009 – US Dept of Human Services, Building a Healthier Community: Eat Well, Live Well
- 2009 – ISBE School Wellness Workshop A-Z – Decatur Illinois Schools Grant Results
- 2008 - ISBE School Wellness Workshop A-Z – Decatur Illinois Schools Mini Grant Results
- 2007 – CLOCC Quarterly Meeting - A School Based Intervention to Develop A Comprehensive List of Refereed Fitness & Nutrition Resources
- 2006 – Keynote Speaker – American Heart Association – Effects of Childhood Obesity
- 2005 - Student Research Symposium - “Participation in High School Fitness & Nutrition Programs and the Effects on Obesity”
- 2003 - ARA Annual Meeting: ID 2710 “Play for Peace, a Chronology of the Methods and Success”

4. Grants:

- 2009 – Entertainment Industry Foundation (EIF) & AFHK – for continued work with Decatur Illinois Schools
- 2008 – Lt. Governor’s Office, Walk Across Illinois and IL-AFHK grant to work with Decatur Illinois Schools
- 2008 – USDA Team Nutrition in partnership with IL-NET – *Move and Crunch* planning and development
- 2007 – 2 grant applications under review by NIH in partnership with Action for Healthy Kids & CLOCC
- 2006 – CLOCC (Consortium to Lower obesity in Chicago Children) - A School Based Intervention to Countermeasure Affects of Childhood Obesity
- 2005 - COR Grant - “Participation in High School “Fitness & Nutrition Programs” and the Effects on Obesity Trends in 16-18 Year Old Females”
- 2005 - Action for Health Kids – Grant Application Evaluator
- 2004 - PE4Life Grant Reviewer
- 2004 - Illinois Children’s Health Foundation Grant – “School Based Health Intervention”
- 2003 - Contact Paper sent to Robert Woods Johnson Foundation (and four others)
Offsetting the Negative Effects of Childhood Obesity through Fitness and Nutrition
- 2002 Application – United States Institute of Peace, Reference # SG-197-02S

5. Other:

- 2008 & 2009 – Host - ISBE School Wellness Workshop A-Z
- 2007 & 2008 - Wellness Advisory Summit Organizer
- 2006- Present – U.S. Department of Education PEP Grant Reviewer

TEACHING

1. Areas of Scholarship

- Interactive Technology and Online Learning
- Teacher Preparation
- Coordinated School Health
- School based initiatives to offset the effects of Childhood Obesity
- Trained NCATE examiner
- Outcomes based assessment

Courses taught – with student evaluations (all with an average rating of 3.8/4) available upon request

SERVICE

President elect, ATSU,ASHS Faculty Assembly
Board Member, AzAHPERD 2011-Present
Committee Chair, Best Practices, AzAHPERD 2011-Present
Chair, Illinois Action for Healthy Kids
Chair, CLOCC (Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children) School Based Working Group
Coordinate Annual Chuck Kane and Gus Ziagos Scholarship Awards (2000 – 2009)
Introduction and Adaptation of LiveText (2004 – 2009)
Wellness Project Council Chair (2005 - 2009)
NCATE Folio Contributor – (2003)
HPERA / CTC Wellness Project Collaboration – Committee Chair (2005)
Financial Affairs Committee (2002-Present)
Student Teacher Mentor's Reception – committee member – (2002-Present)
Shaping Education for the Future Conference – Participant – (2005)
Charles G Kane Scholarships – Chair (2000-2005)
Charles G Kane Golf Outings – Chair (2000-2005)
Charles G Kane Golf Putting Contests – Chair (2002 – 2005)
University Without Walls Academic Advisor (2005)
Wellness Advisory Council – (2002-Present)
Assessment of Office of Campus Recreation Committee Member –(2003)
Partners For Success - Minority Mentor (1985 – Present)
Volunteer - Inspiration Café - restaurant for the homeless and hungry (1996-2009)
Volunteer - Chicago Food Pantry - shop and deliver food to the needy one Sunday a month
Illinois Association of Health Physical Education Recreation & Dance (1979 – present)
2005 ISBE Board of Examiners for State / NCATE accreditation – Conceptual Framework Reviewer
2005 ISBE Board of Examiners for State / NCATE accreditation – team member
2005 Action For Healthy Kids Summit Invited Participant
2005 National School Boards Annual Conference Invited Panelist
2004 ISBE Board of Examiners for State / NCATE accreditation – team member
2003 ISBE Board of Examiners for State / NCATE accreditation – team member
2002 ISBE Board of Examiners for State / NCATE accreditation – team member
2004 ISBE Passing Score Conference Invited Participant
2003 ISBE Physical Education Content Advisory Committee Invited Participant
2003 ISBE Health Education Content Advisory Committee Invited Participant