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EMPLOYMENT

2011 Senior Behavioral Scientist, RAND Corporation, Washington, DC

2015 Adjunct Faculty, Advanced Academic Programs, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

2007-2010 Behavioral Scientist, RAND Corporation, Washington, DC

2005-2007 Associate Behavioral Scientist, RAND Corporation, Pittsburgh, PA

2003- 2005 Post-doctoral Fellow, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA & Integrated Substance Abuse Program, University of California, Los Angeles, CA.

HONORS

Lead author on three of RAND's top 10 performing reports, 2018

Testimony to the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, 2018

RAND Board Briefing, Spring 2018

RAND Gold Merit Award, 2011

Early Career Investigator Award, College on Problems of Drug Dependence, 2003

Predocctoral Fellow, Neuroscience Training in Drug Abuse (T32-DA07310), National Research Service Award, 2000/2001

Young Investigator Award, American Sleep Disorders Association, 1997

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