

Dear Fellow Members of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons,

I am writing to express my sincere interest in the position of either Vice President or Secretary/Treasurer for the Pacific Region of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons. Throughout my career, I have been deeply committed to advancing our profession through mentorship, education/research, and service to the College. I believe my leadership experience and continued commitment to ACFAS have prepared me to contribute to the growth and success of the Pacific Region.

Over the course of my professional career, my involvement in ACFAS has allowed me to develop a keen understanding of the College's educational mission and professional priorities. Over the past 3 years, I have served on the Membership Committee, where our team works to strengthen engagement and opportunities for members within the College. As Chief Editor for the Systematic Literature Review Committee, I collaborated with an excellent team of co-editors across the country to bring evidence-based educational resources to our members. I also actively serve as a peer reviewer for the Journal of Foot and Ankle Surgery and am honored to be a member of the 2026-2027 Leadership Development Program cohort. Each of these experiences has strengthened my ability to collaborate and thoughtfully address opportunities and challenges facing our profession.

The American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons has played a significant role in my professional development, and I welcome the opportunity to give back to all of you through leadership. It would be an honor to serve the members of the Pacific Region and help advance the College's mission for the benefit of the profession, and, most importantly, the patients we serve daily.

Thank you for your consideration.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

08/2023 – Present. **Attending Physician, Department of Foot and Ankle Surgery**

Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara Medical Center, Santa Clara, California

Special interests: sports medicine, reconstructive hindfoot surgery, total ankle replacement

EDUCATION

08/2022 – 08/2023. **Palo Alto Medical Foundation**, Mountain View, California

Silicon Valley Reconstructive Foot and Ankle Surgical Fellowship

07/2019 – 06/2022. **JFK Medical Center**, Atlantis, FL.

Podiatric Medical and Surgical Residency

Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery

08/2015 – 05/2019. **New York College of Podiatric Medicine**, New York, NY.

Doctor of Podiatric Medicine with honors

magna cum laude

08/2011 – 05/2015. **Eastern Nazarene College**, Boston, MA.

Bachelor of Science with honors, Biochemistry

magna cum laude

CURRENT LICENSURE AND SPECIALIZED CERTIFICATION

American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery Certification, Foot and RRA – March 2024

National Board of Podiatric Medical Examination – Boards Part I, July 2016; Part II, December 2018; and Part III, June 2019

American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons Member – 2015 – present

ACLS/BLS Certification, American Heart Association – July 2021 – present

Arthroscopy of the Foot and Ankle Surgical Skills Course – August 2021

AAFAO Advanced Internal Fixation Course – April 2021

Certification in Infinity and Prophecy Infinity Total Ankle Arthroplasty – July 2022

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Teaching Faculty, AO basic course 10/2025 to Current

- Serve as teaching faculty of the DPM chapter of AO where I teach courses of fracture management and mastering internal fixation through evidence-based lectures and hands-on training.

Teaching Faculty, Kaiser Permanente South Bay Consortium Residency 08/2023 to Current

- Serve as teaching faculty of the Kaiser Permanente South Bay Consortium Residency Program where I teach academics and hands-on skills in the classroom, clinic, and the operating room

Faculty, Research Committee of Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara 08/2023 to Current

- Serve as a faculty member of the local Research Committee at Kaiser Santa Clara where monthly meetings are hosted to discuss and vote on new research projects proposed by fellow staff and residents

Faculty, Academic Committee of Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara

12/2023 to Current

- Serve as a faculty member of the Academic Committee Kaiser Santa Clara Residency where monthly meetings are hosted to review Resident physicians academic progress and create lectures to help them achieve academic goals.

Leadership Development Program, ACFAS

12/2025 to Current

- Develop and refine leadership skills and network with fellow young attendings during an intensive one year course with ACFAS under mentor Dr. Brett Sachs.

Lecturer, Podiatry Institute

11/2024 to Current

- Serve as faculty member and speaker at scientific meetings in continuing medical education

Faculty, International Foot and Ankle Foundation

02/2023 to Current

- Serve as a faculty member and speaker in scientific meetings and conferences in continuing medical education

Membership Committee, American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons

01/2023 to Current

- Serve to recruit, retain, and ensure member conformity to the ACFAS Bylaws. Participate as a moderator and guest speaker on the ACFAS podcast.

Classic Article Refresh Committee Lead, American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons 01/2023 to Current

- Spearheaded the project to revamp and refresh the Classic Articles List on ACFAS website. Project will be launched in Fall 2025.

Peer Reviewer, Journal of Foot and Ankle Surgery

01/2023 to Current

- Review and edit medical manuscripts to improve the quality and uphold standards for the Journal of Foot and Ankle Surgery

Scientific Literature Review Committee Chief Editor - American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons

01/2023 to Current

- Review and edit medical abstracts for the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeon's Resident Scientific Monthly Abstract series.

Arthroscopy Skills Teacher – Evolution Surgical Lab/Arthrex

02/2023 to Current

- Teach academic and hands-on arthroscopy skills to local Bay Area residents at the evolution surgical skills lab with Arthrex.

JFK MEDICAL CENTER**Resident Lecture Series**

07/2019 to Current

Conduct biweekly CME accredited academic lectures based on current literature topics and case presentations.

NEW YORK COLLEGE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE**Senior Teaching Assistant, General Anatomy**

01/2018 to 06/2018

- Provided active demonstrations and instructions during cadaveric dissection lab, including preparation of prosections and demonstration of proper dissection techniques pertinent to the current lab material.

- Held small group and individual tutoring sessions on lecture and lab material prior to exams.

Anatomical Dissection Team

12/2016 to 06/2018

- Created prosections to give students in General Anatomy an alternate perspective of dissection and enrich understanding of human anatomy.

Peer Tutor

08/2016 to 06/2018

- Held academic review sessions in individual and small group settings, including: Biochemistry, General Anatomy, Lower Extremity Anatomy, Physiology, Immunology, Infectious Disease, Pathology I/II, Pathophysiology, Podiatric Surgery

Teaching Assistant, General Anatomy

01/2016 to 05/2016

- Assisted in cadaveric dissection and answered student questions during lab.
- Held a two hour review session which included a comprehensive powerpoint of high yield material for exam two.

Peer Reviewer

06/2017 to 07/2018

- Review and edit medical manuscripts to improve the quality and uphold standards for NYCPM's Podiatric Medical Review.

Senior Editor

07/2018 to 05/2019

- Review and edit medical manuscripts weekly for the online journal, Hallux Magazine.

Honors Council Member

07/2015 to 05/2019

- Uphold moral standard of NYCPM with six other council members.
- Meet when needed to examine ethical violations and discuss fair resolutions based on findings.

NYCPM Student Legislative Committee

11/2017 to 05/2019

- Work alongside NYSPMA to reach out to legislators and community members to help propel various Podiatric bills through government.

Education Committee Liaison

01/2016 to 04/2017

- Served as the source of communication between course director and students for all learning materials in General Anatomy and Neurology.
- Reviewed six exams over a span of two semesters with the course director to relay concerns of students.

ACADEMIC HONORS

Honorable mention for GLP-1 RA and bone healing research, Kaiser Permanente SCOPE Synposium, March 2026

First place, Resident Case Presentation Competition, Florida Podiatric Medical Association, January 2022

American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery Qualification, October 2021

Research Achievement Award, JFK Medical Center, June 2021

Third place, Resident Case Presentation Competition, Florida Podiatric Medical Association, January 2021

Scholastic Achievement Award, JFK Medical Center, June 2020

Member of Gamma Chapter of the Pi Delta National Honor Society, NYCPM, 2017-present

Dr. Emil Rose Senior Scholar Award, NYCPM, May 2019

Second Place, Surgical Capstone Exam, NYCPM, May 2019

NYSPMA Foundation for Podiatric Medicine Scholarship Award, NYCPM, May 2019

Pi Mu Delta National Podiatry Service Society, NYCPM, 2017-2019
Dean's List, NYCPM, 2015-2019
Academic Excellence Scholarship, NYCPM, November 2017, October 2018
Educational Foundation Scholarship, APMA, September 2018
Author Recognition Award, NYCPM, August 2017
NYCPM Merit-Based Scholarship, 2015-2019
Outstanding Student in Biochemistry, American Institute of Chemists, 2015
Outstanding Senior in Biochemistry, Eastern Nazarene College, 2015
Phi Delta Lambda Honor Society, College of International Church of the Nazarene, 2015
Dean's List, Eastern Nazarene College, 2015-2019
NCAA Academic All-Conference, NCAA, 2011-2015

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Publications

Samantha Williams, Islam Abassi, Sitong Chen, Joseph Coppola, Peter Barbosa, Ph.D. Clinical Manifestation of HIV in the Lower Extremity: Pre- vs. Post-ART Era. *Podiatric Medical Review*. 2018;26.

Samantha Williams, James Clancy, Daniel Williamson. Intraneural Ganglion Cyst of the Common Peroneal Nerve: The Effects of Extraneural Pressure Gradients on Cyst Propagation. *Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association*. 2022; 112,2. <https://doi.org/10.7547/20-252>.

Samantha Williams, Shirley Chen, Nicholas Todd. Compartment syndrome in the foot and leg. *Clinics in Podiatric Medicine and Surgery*. 2023;40(1):1-21. doi:10.1016/j.cpm.2022.07.002

Samantha Williams, Chandler Ligas, Megan Ishibashi, Shirley Chen, Matthew Doyle, Nicholas Todd. Early Weightbearing After Dynamic Stabilization of the Ankle Syndesmosis: A Retrospective Case Series. *Foot and Ankle Surgery: Techniques, Reports, & Cases*. 2022, Dec 17. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.fastrc.2022.100260>.

Samantha Williams, Chandler Ligas, Lawrence Oloff, Teri Klein. The Role of Epigenomics in Mapping Potential Precursors for Foot and Ankle Tendinopathy: A Systematic Review. *Foot & Ankle Specialist*. 2023;16(4):446-454. doi:10.1177/19386400231170967.

Chandler Ligas, **Samantha Williams**, Meagan Jennings. State of practice on flexible progressive collapsing foot deformity of practicing foot and ankle surgeons in 2023. *J Int Foot Ankle*. 2023 May 1. Available from: <https://internationalfootankle.org/journal/index.php/JIFAF/article/view/57>.

Samantha Williams, Elizabeth Connolly, John Levin. Use of Antibiotic Spacer with Syndesmotic “Fin” for Treatment of Septic Ankle Joint: 2-Stage Approach or Definitive Management? *Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association*. 2025; 115,1. <https://doi.org/10.7547/22-120>

Submitted for Publication:

Samantha Williams, Chandler Ligas, Matthew Doyle, Jesse Yurgelon. Impact of Pre-operative ADTA and LDTA on the Progression of Peritalar Arthritis Following Total Ankle Arthroplasty. Submitted February 2025.

Abdulla Ismail, Lindsey Klassen, **Samantha Williams**. Impact of Perioperative Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 Receptor Agonist (GLP-1Ras) on Bone Healing in Foot and Ankle Surgery. Obtained IRB Approval March 2026, in data collection phase.

Conference Presentations

Samantha Williams, Robert Clements, Elizabeth Connolly, James Clancy. Does Preoperative Antibiotics Affect the Yield of Intraoperative Cultures in Diabetic Foot Infections? Poster presented at: ACFAS Annual Scientific Conference; 2024, March.

Chandler Ligas, **Samantha Williams**, Meagan Jennings. Peri-operative Pain Management with Locally Injected Dexamethasone Phosphate in Foot and Ankle Surgery. Poster presented at: ACFAS Annual Scientific Conference; 2024, March.

Chandler Ligas, **Samantha Williams**, Matthew Doyle, Jesse Yurgelon. Effect of Distal Metatarsal Osteotomies versus Lapidus Arthrodesis on the Hindfoot Alignment: A Retrospective Radiographic Study. Manuscript presented at: ACFAS Annual Scientific Conference; 2024, March.

Samantha Williams, Chandler Ligas, Matthew Doyle, Jesse Yurgelon. Impact of Pre-operative ADTA and LDTA on the Progression of Peritalar Arthritis Following Total Ankle Arthroplasty. Manuscript presented at: ACFAS Annual Scientific Conference; 2024, March.

Samantha Williams, Chandler Ligas, Shirley Chen, Megan Ishibashi, Tenaya West, Jesse Yurgelon. Three-dimensional printing: Applications in Foot and Ankle Trauma and Reconstruction, A Case Series of Five Patients. Poster presented at: ACFAS Annual Scientific Conference; 2023, Feb 10th, Los Angeles, California.

Samantha Williams, Caitlan Clancy, Ryan Apt, James Clancy, Donald Hume, Matthew Anderie.

Assessment of Correction of Hallux Valgus Deformity following Lapidus Bunionectomy Using Weight-Bearing CT Scans and Automatic Segmentation and Measurement Software. Poster presented at: ACFAS Annual Scientific Conference; 2023, Feb 10th, Los Angeles, California.

Samantha Williams, Robert Clements, Elizabeth Connolly, James Clancy. Does Preoperative Antibiotics Affect the Yield of Intraoperative Cultures in Diabetic Foot Infections? Poster presented at: JFK Scholarship Day; 2022 June 2nd; Atlantis, FL; ACFAS Annual Scientific Conference; 2023, Feb 10th, Los Angeles, California.

Chandler Ligas, **Samantha Williams**, Matthew Doyle. Risk of Saphenous Neuritis with the All-Inside Syndesmosis Suture Button Repair. Poster presented at: ACFAS Annual Scientific Conference; 2023, Feb 10th, Los Angeles, California.

Samantha Williams, Chandler Ligas, Matthew Doyle. Immediate Weightbearing after Ankle Open Reduction Internal Fixation. Poster presented at: ACFAS Annual Scientific Conference; 2023, Feb 10th, Los Angeles, California.

Samantha Williams, Elizabeth Connolly, John Levin. Use of Antibiotic Spacer for Treatment of Septic Ankle Joint Following Open Fracture: 2-Stage Approach or Definitive management? Poster presented at: HCA Virtual Research Day; 2022 April 28th, Boynton Beach, FL.

Samantha Williams, Tamara Nemeroff, Caitlan Clancy, James Clancy, John Levin. Postoperative Tibial Sesamoid Position and Hallux Abductus Angle are Predictors for Recurrence of Hallux Valgus Following Lapidus Bunionectomy. Poster presented at: ACFAS Annual Scientific Conference; 2022 Feb 24th, Austin, TX.

Megan Ishibashi, Shirley Chen, **Samantha Williams**, Matthew Doyle. Early Survivorship and Complications of Fourth Generation Total Ankle Arthroplasty: A Systematic Review. Poster Presented at: ACFAS Annual Scientific Conference; 2022 Feb 24th, Austin, TX.

Tamara Nemeroff, **Samantha Williams**, Caitlan Clancy, Ryan Apt, James Clancy. Treatment of a Septic Joint Following Revision Total Ankle Arthroplasty: Considerations for Reimplantation. Poster presented at: Science and Management Symposium; 2022 Jan 28th, Orlando, FL.

Samantha Williams, Joshua Sebag. Hemitalar Implantation: A Novel Treatment for Recalcitrant Large Osteochondral Lesions of the Talar Shoulder. Presented at: Science and Management Symposium; 2022 Jan 28th, Orlando, FL.

Samantha Williams, John Levin. Perioperative Planning of External Fixation in 2- and 3-Plane Deformities: Application of External Fixation in the Lower Extremity. Presented at: FPMA Toes in the Sand; 2021 Aug 13th, West Palm Beach, FL.

Samantha Williams, James Clancy. A Rare case of a Recurrent, Diffuse Neurofibroma of the Deep Peroneal Nerve. Poster presented at: HCA Virtual Research Day; 2021 May 26th; Atlantis, FL.

Samantha Williams, James Clancy. Ankle Fusion in the CMT Patient: Does Anterior Plating Provide Biomechanical Superiority to the Tripod Construct in the Setting of Neuropathy? Poster presented at: JFK Scholarship Day; 2021 June 3rd, Atlantis, FL.

Samantha Williams, Xavier Sanchez. Ilizarov-Assisted Septic Ankle Fusion: Diabetic Limb Salvage in the Setting of a Dislocated Ankle fracture. Poster presented at: Science and Management Symposium hosted by the Florida Podiatric Medical Association; 2021 January 15; Orlando, FL.

Kristina Karlic, DPM, Michelle Diaz, **Samantha Williams**, Rowan Mahmoud, Simran Chhabra. Assessment of Pedal Melanoma Biopsy Techniques - A Case Report and Literature Review. Poster presented at: NYCPM's Research Poster Day; 2018 June 12; New York, NY.

Peter Barbosa, Ph.D., **Samantha Williams**. HIV and the Lower Extremity: Plantar Warts and Opportunities for Intervention. Poster presented at: Hepatitis and HIV Clinical Conference. 1st Puerto Rico Meeting on Hepatitis and HIV; 2017 Sept 22-23; San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Periodicals

Samantha Williams. The Fellows Series: Dr. Lamm. Hallux Magazine. March 2019.

<https://halluxmagazine.com>

Samantha Williams. The Fellows Series: Dr. Kunigonis. Hallux Magazine. March 2019.

<https://halluxmagazine.com>.

Samantha Williams. How would you express your concern for a child in need of an amputation? *Hallux Magazine*. August 2018. <https://halluxmagazine.com>.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

New York College of Podiatric Medicine Public Foot Screenings 08/2015 to 05/2019

- Participated in public foot screenings at community outreach events.

Medical Volunteer 07/2017 to 06/2018

- Volunteered at medical tents for half and full marathons, including: United Airlines NYC Half Marathon, Mohawk Hudson River Marathon, and the Atlantic City Half Marathon.

New York College of Podiatric Medicine Events 12/2016 to 05/2019

- Volunteer for college events, including Backstage Escort's Assistant for Commencement, 2016 and Room Assistant for Residency Fair, 2016.

Honduras Service Trip 06/2014

- Assisted the local community of Siguatepeque, Honduras by building houses, cooking meals, and providing shoes and school supplies to children.

Quincy Crisis Center 11/2012 to 06/2014

- Assisted with packaging prepared meals and serving hot food to the local homeless community of Quincy, Massachusetts.

REFERENCES

John Levin, DPM, FACFAS

Program Director, JFK Medical Center

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Meagan Jennings, DPM, FACFAS

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Ankle Reconstructive Fellowship
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Mountain View, CA 94040

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HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

Spending time with my family, Running (Hoka Wear Tester), Traveling, Reading