

Daniel P. O'Connor, PhD¹

Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Social
Sciences Professor of Health and Human Performance
(Tenured) University of Houston

EDUCATION

PhD	University of Houston, Houston, TX Kinesiology, concentration in measurement & evaluation	2002
MS	Texas Woman's University, Houston, TX Physical Therapy	1993
BA	Rice University, Houston, TX Human Performance and Health Sciences	1991

RELEVANT PROGRESSIVE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, HOUSTON, TEXAS	2007-PRESENT
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The University of Houston (UH) is a public HSI and AANAPISI Carnegie Highest Research Activity (RI) serving more than 48,000 students.

Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS)	July 2020–present
Associate Dean for Faculty and Research, CLASS	2018–2020
Chair, Department of Health and Human Performance, CLASS	2016–2020
Interim Director, Texas Obesity Research Center	2011–2012, 2013–2015

JOE W. KING ORTHOPEDIC INSTITUTE, HOUSTON, TEXAS	2001-2007
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Joe W. King Orthopedic Institute (now Fondren Orthopedic Research Institute) is the research division of Fondren Orthopedic Group, a private practice of 40 orthopedic surgeons.

President/Director of Research	2001–2007
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TEXAS ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL, HOUSTON, TEXAS	1994-1998
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Texas Orthopedic Hospital is a 50-bed hospital that provides orthopedic surgery services; it is a partnership between HCA Houston Healthcare and Fondren Orthopedic Group.

Supervisor, Physical Therapy, Rehabilitation Department	1994–1998
Hospital planning, design, and opening team (opened February 1995)	1994–1995

¹ Full academic CV available upon request.

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES AND CREDENTIALS

UH Strategic Plan Goal 3 Strategy 1 Implementation Workgroup	2021
Budget Transparency Initiative Steering Committee, UH	2019
Convener, Graduate Working Group	
President, Faculty Senate, UH	2018
Medical Education Committee, UH	2017–2019
Chair, Governance, Finance, and Mission Subcommittee	
Fellow, HEALTH Research Institute, UH	2016–present
Chair, Community and Government Relations Committee, Faculty Senate, UH	2016
Executive Board (founding member), HEALTH Research Institute, UH	2016–2020
Internal Advisory Committee for Planning the Medical School, UH	2015–2019
Chair, Committee 1 for the Protection of Human Subjects (IRB), UH	2012–2015
Chair, Graduate Research Degrees Committee, Department of Health and Human Performance, UH	2010–2012
Executive Board, Texas Obesity Research Center, UH	2009–2015

SUMMARY OF ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Professor (tenured), UH	2016–present
Associate Professor (tenured), UH	2011–2016
Assistant Professor (tenure track), UH	2007–2011
Adjunct lecturer, UH	2003–2007
Adjunct faculty, Physical Therapy, Texas Woman’s University, Houston, TX	2000–2004
Adjunct lecturer, Kinesiology, Rice University, Houston, TX	1995–1998

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS), UH. July 2020–present
Chief academic and administrative officer overseeing academic, research, and business operations. Manage \$51M centrally allocated budget, \$55M endowment and foundation funds and associated distributions, and \$12M research expenditures. Manage >40 administrative staff. Develop faculty and staff hiring plans. Maintain and expand community partnerships with government and non-government organizations. Develop internal proposals for new funding. Develop fundraising and donor engagement activities. Work with the Provost, deans, and other personnel on university-wide initiatives. Serve on university committees and workgroups.

Achievements and activities:

- Instituted the Dean’s Executive Committee, comprised of two Executive Directors and the four Associate Deans, to advise decisions and coordinate administrative activity.
- Implemented university’s 7.5% base allocation budget cut (\$4.1M) and 25% (\$2.2M) equity sweep for FY21 and developed a cost tracking system to predict and mitigate impacts for FY22 and beyond.
- Developed and implemented a one-year “Impact Plan” for academic year 2020-2021; the goals achieved resulted in several improvements:
 - Approved development of advising teams capable of serving multiple departments to provide more consistent service to students and distribute advisor workload more

- equitably (implementation in progress).
- Increased graduate enrollment by 4% from FY20 to FY21 (from 801 to 835).
- Approved development of scholarship/fellowship web pages for undergraduate and graduate students.
- Approved development of web page with descriptions and links to AAU/TARU awards, grants, and fellowships applicable to faculty in CLASS disciplines.
- Increased research proposals FY20 vs. FY21: submitted 183 vs. 198 (+8%); requested funds \$85M vs. \$108M (+27%); average proposal amount \$464k vs. \$545k (+17%).
- Increased National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellowships program applications by 6 proposals in FY21 vs. FY20.
- Restructured business operations and staffing plan to optimize resource utilization and workload (implementation in progress).
- Hired 22 faculty in FY21, 12 women and 15 people of color.
- Successfully negotiated 4 of 5 counter-offers to retain high-performing faculty (2 women, 2 people of color).
- Implemented the Race and Social Justice Lecture Series, 6 livestreamed lectures over the 9-month academic year, attracting 250 to 500 live-time viewers each.
- Acquired \$5.6M fundraising in FY21 (97% of target), including the Taylor Endowed Professorship in Gender & Sexuality Studies (\$1M), the William Alexander Lawson Social Justice Scholarship Endowment in African American Studies (\$25k), and the Panos Family Endowed Lecture in Equity and Social Justice (\$500k).
- Developed process for college strategic planning, to be completed in Spring 2022.

Associate Dean for Faculty and Research, CLASS, UH. 2018–2020

Provided direct support to the dean, department chairs, and faculty regarding faculty affairs and research administration. Responsibilities for faculty affairs included: new faculty orientation; new department chair orientation; UH NTT Policy (2018) implementation; promotion and tenure process; Annual Performance Review reporting; college elections; college Promotion and Tenure (P&T) Committee, Faculty Governance Advisory Committee, and Grievance Committee facilitator; and Facilities and Faculty Affairs liaison. Responsibilities for research administration included: research funding opportunities; guidance and training; internal grants and awards; Faculty Development Leave applications; college's Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Committee facilitator; and Division of Research and Associate Deans liaison. Supervised one staff member (Research Liaison, pre-award and grant submissions).

Achievements and activities:

- Enhanced college internal research grant funding (Research Progress Grants, Book Completion Awards, Research, Innovation and Scholarly Engagement [RISE] Program).
- Modified the Project Completion Grant into the Book Completion Award to improve awards for scholars for whom books are the primary research product.
- Modified the Research Progress Grant into separate awards for early career and established faculty to avoid early career faculty competing with established investigators; also proposed and received an increase in funding for this program.
- Average awarded grant amount in FY18 (first year as AD) and FY19 were \$115k; in FY20 (last year as AD), the average was \$142k (FY21 average is \$143k).

- Total funds requested in submitted proposals increased from \$66M (FY18), to \$81M (FY19), to \$85M (FY20).
- Proposals for external funding submitted from humanities departments (Hispanic Studies, History, Modern and Classical Languages, English) increased from 13 and 11 in FY18 and FY19, respectively, to 18 in both FY20 and FY21.
- Reviewed bylaws and P&T criteria for all departments.

Chair, Department of Health and Human Performance, UH. 2016–2020

Chief academic and administrative officer overseeing academic, research, and business operations. Managed a centrally allocated budget of approximately \$4M/year and \$3M/year in research expenditures. Oversaw 30 faculty (18 T/TT) and 11 staff to deliver 15 degree programs to >2500 undergraduate majors and 100-110 graduate students per year. Worked closely with the dean, other CLASS chairs, and other personnel on college- and university-wide initiatives. Served on college and university committees and workgroups.

Achievements and activities:

- Oversaw renovation design and planning for HHP facilities in the Garrison/Melcher complex (completed summer 2021).
- Implemented the department's strategic plan after having participated in its development as a faculty member.
- Oversaw self-study for external review and improvement plan for the PhD Kinesiology.
- Hired 5 faculty (3 women, 3 people of color).
- Participated in program accreditation and re-accreditation reviews.

Interim Director, Texas Obesity Research Center, UH. 2011–2012, 2013–2015

Interim chief officer responsible for center administration and activity during two interim periods (permanent Director was on FDL in 2011–2012, returned Fall 2012, resigned May 2013). Managed annual operating budget of \$150k to \$200k and research expenditures ranging from \$500k to \$1M. Oversaw a staff of 3 to 4 students and one full-time staff member. Represented the center at Division of Research's Associate Deans and Center Directors meetings.

Achievements and activities:

- Revised and updated center bylaws, policies, and procedures to reflect growth in scope.
- Reviewed center membership and recruited new members.
- Received approval from Division of Research as a university-level center.
- Developed center's web site and social media strategy.
- Led faculty search for the permanent Director.

President/Director of Research, Joe W. King Orthopedic Institute. 2001–2007

Chief executive for the research division of a private practice of 40 orthopedic surgeons. Managed budget, coordinated and supported research activity, and developed and supported education activities for 3 accredited health professions continuing education programs.

Achievements and activities:

- Increased peer-reviewed publications from an average 8/year in 2000 to 24/year by 2007.

- Increased external (industry) funding support for education programs from less than \$10,000/year in 2000 to >\$100,000/year in 2007.
- Increased number of educational programs from 1-2/year in 2000 to 7-8/year by 2007.
- Conducted cost-benefit (return on investment) analysis, resulting in streamlining of educational programming to optimize reach and impact.

Supervisor, Rehabilitation Department, Texas Orthopedic Hospital. 1994–1998

Designed Rehabilitation Department for 40-bed hospital, including outpatient clinic, staffing plan, initial budget (\$1.2M/year), and policies and procedures. Managed a department of 24 staff delivering inpatient and outpatient physical therapy and occupational therapy.

REPRESENTATIVE FUNDED GRANT ACTIVITY

Total external funding at UH, 2007-2021: \$17,897,317 (\$13,579,336 direct costs)

November 2016 to April 2020 – United Health Foundation. Daniel O’Connor and Ezemenari Obasi, co-principal investigators. *A Community Collaborative for Preventing and Treating Obesity in Underserved Communities in Houston*. (\$2,000,000 total funding).

October 2011 to September 2016 – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Daniel O’Connor, principal investigator. *Best Evaluation Tools and Techniques for Effective Recommendations for Policies (BETTER Policies): ACA Childhood Obesity Research Demonstration – Evaluation Center*. (\$4,249,997 total funding).

December 2007 to April 2018 – Joe W. King Orthopedic Institute. Daniel O’Connor, principal investigator. *Clinical and translational methods and outcomes in orthopedic surgery* (multiple renewals across this period). (\$1,379,900 total funding).

June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2020 – William T. Grant Foundation. Daphne Hernandez, principal investigator. *Can Food Scholarships Reduce Inequality by Improving College Persistence Among Community College Students?* (\$557,691 total funding).

July 2012 to June 2014 – NIH/National Institute Child Health and Human Development. Rebecca E. Lee, principal investigator. *Science and Community: Partnering to Prevent Early Childhood Obesity*. (\$275,000 total funding).

November 2011 to October 2013 – NIH/National Cancer Institute. *Multinational Collaboration to Increase Physical Activity in Hispanics*. Principal Investigator Rebecca Lee. (\$100,000 total funding).

REPRESENTATIVE UNIVERSITY SERVICE

COVID-19 Instructional Delivery Task Force, UH	2020-present
Ally and Facilitator, Gender Equity for Men and Women (GEM) program, UH	2019
Mentor, NSF ADVANCE Administrator Fellows program, UH	2019
Search Committee, Department Chair of Health Systems and Population Health Sciences, College of Medicine, UH	2018

Search Committee, Department Chair of Biomedical Sciences, College of Medicine, UH	2018
Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Planning Committee, UH	2017–2018
Third Ward Initiative, Health Leadership Team, UH	2017–2019
Annual Performance Review Task Force, Provost’s Office, UH	2015–2016
University-wide General Education Assessments (Critical Thinking), UH	2009
Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA) Learning Outcomes Task Force, UH	2008

REPRESENTATIVE PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Chair, Committee for External Review of Kinesiology Department, School of Natural Sciences, Rice University	2020
Associate Editor, <i>Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport</i>	2016–2018
Associate Editor, <i>Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research</i>	2015–2020
Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review Group: Time-Sensitive Obesity Applications, National Institutes of Health (NIH)	2014–2015
Obesity Intervention Taxonomy and Pooled Analysis Workgroup, NIH/NHLBI	2013–2014
Chair, Exercise Work Group, Council Task Force on Obesity (Houston Mayor’s Office Advisory Council on Health and Environment)	2011–2012
Science Advisor, Nimbic, Inc., Stafford, TX	2009–2019
President, Southwest Athletic Trainers’ Association	2008–2009
Parliamentarian, Southwest Athletic Trainers’ Association	2000–2005
Associate Editor, <i>Journal of Rehabilitation Outcomes Measurement</i>	1998–2000

REPRESENTATIVE RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Textbook

Bhojani RA, O’Connor DP, Fincher AL. *Clinical Pathology for Athletic Trainers: Recognizing Systemic Disease*, 4th ed. Thorofare, NJ: Slack Incorporated, 2021.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles (selected from 27 articles published or accepted for publication in 2020 and 2021; 181 total articles in print)

Zhao X, Lee RE, Ledoux TA, Hoelscher DM, McKenzie TL, O’Connor DP. Harmonizing ratings from different school environment assessment methods: a simplified approach. *Journal of School Health*. [in press].

Arlinghaus KR, O’Connor DP, Ledoux TA, Hughes SO, Johnston CA. A staged approach to address children and adolescents unresponsive to initial obesity intervention: a randomized clinical trial. *International Journal of Obesity*. [in press].

Cepni AB, Taylor A, Thompson D, Moran NE, Olvera N, O’Connor DP, Johnston CA, Ledoux TA. Exploring qualities of ethnically diverse parents related to the healthy home environment of toddlers. *Appetite*. 2021;167:105608.

Lee RE, Parker NH, Hallett AM, Kao D, Modelska MJ, Rifai JS, Soltero EG, O'Connor DP. Stakeholder perspectives and sustainability of an integrated care model for the prevention and management of obesity: the Childhood Obesity Research Demonstration (CORD) Project. *Translational Behavioral Medicine*. 2021;11:393-407.

Cepni AB, Taylor A, Crumbley C, Thompson D, Moran NE, Olvera N, O'Connor DP, Arlinghaus KR, Johnston CA, Ledoux TA. Feasibility and efficacy of the "FUNPALs Playgroup" intervention to improve toddler dietary and activity behaviors: A pilot randomized controlled trial. *International Journal of Environmental and Public Health*. 2021;18:7828.

Reesor-Oyer L, Murillo R, LaVoy EC, O'Connor DP, Liu Y, Hernandez DC. Evaluation of the role of leisure time physical activity and sedentary behavior simultaneously in the income-overweight/obesity relationship. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. 2021;18(6):3127.

Arlinghaus KR, O'Connor DP, Ledoux TA, Hughes SO, Johnston CA. The role of early and later response on overall outcomes in school-based obesity intervention. *Obesity*. 2021;29:177-183.

Lee RE, O'Neal A, Cameron C, Hughes RB, O'Connor DP, Ohri-Vachaspati P, Todd M, Nosek MA. Developing content for the Food Environment Assessment Survey Tool (FEAST): A systematic mixed methods study with people with disabilities. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. 2020;17:7781, doi:10.3390/ijerph17217781.

Daundasekara SS, O'Connor DP, Berger-Cardoso J, Ledoux TA, Hernandez DC. Risk of excess and inadequate gestational weight gain among Hispanic women: effects of immigration generational status. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. 2020;17:6452, doi:10.3390/ijerph17186452.

Ledoux TA, Thompson D, O'Connor T, Avery D, Kochi C, O'Connor DP, Lin SF, Binggeli-Vallarta A, Blaine RE, Sharma S, Hoelscher DM. Cross-site process evaluation results for the early childhood education center setting: CORD study. *Childhood Obesity*. 2020;16:350-357.

Hand GA, Shook RP, O'Connor DP, Kindred MM, Schumacher S, Drenowatz C, Paluch AE, Burgess S, Blundell JE, Blair SN. The effect of exercise training on total daily energy expenditure and body composition in weight-stable adults: a randomized, controlled trial. *Journal of Physical Activity and Health*. 2020;17:456-463.

Lee RE, Kao D, Parker NH, Hallett AM, Kochi CY, Modelska MJ, Rifai HS, O'Connor DP. Evaluating sustainability in the Childhood Obesity Research Demonstration (CORD) project: the model and process. *Archives of Public Health*. 2020 Feb 13;78:13. doi: 10.1186/s13690-020-0397-2.

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

Hall of Fame, Southwest Athletic Trainers' Association	2016
Fellow of the Obesity Society	2015
Outstanding Faculty Award, UH Alumni Association	2015

Hall of Honor, Greater Houston Athletic Trainers Society	<i>2015</i>
Excellence in Research and Scholarship Award, UH	<i>2014</i>
Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award, Southwest Athletic Trainers' Association	<i>2013</i>
Athletic Trainer Service Award, National Athletic Trainers' Association	<i>2012</i>
Faculty Research Excellence Award, UH College of Education	<i>2010</i>
Charles S. Neer Award for Clinical Research, American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons	<i>2010</i>
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