

# Bryant University School of Health Sciences

## PA Program Faculty

### **Robert Jay Amrien, MPAS, PA-C**

*Program Director, Clinical Associate Professor*

- BS University of Nebraska Medical Center
- MPAS University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine

Jay is the Founding Program Director of the PA Program at Bryant University. He arrived at Bryant in 2013 and implemented a successful graduate PA program from the ground up. He helped develop a state of art facility, hired a world class staff, and recruited highly motivated students. Jay loves the “start-up” concept and gathering like-minded people together to create success.

He works clinically as a PA at the MGH Chelsea Health Center where he provides care to the wonderfully diverse community of Chelsea. He also leads a weekly student clinic at the Rhode Island Free Clinic. He lectures nationally and internationally on topics in cardiac medicine, offers consultation services for PA related matters, and serves as an expert witness in PA related legal cases. Prior to assuming his role at Bryant, Jay served as a PA and Military Officer in the US Coast Guard where he served for over 22 years. He provided medical care throughout the US, on several Coast Guard Cutters, but also in West Africa, Antarctica, and the remote Arctic Circle. Jay is currently the Treasurer of the Rhode Island Academy of Physician Assistants where he remains actively involved in legislative matters related to PA Practice in Rhode Island, is a member of the AHA Council on Hypertension, is a Cardiovascular Team Member of the American College of Cardiology, and a lifetime member of the Veteran’s Caucus of the AAPA.

Jay received both his BS and his MPAS from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE, where he graduated as the Distinguished Honor Graduate.

He and his wife Donna live in Swansea, MA with two of their three children. A passionate workaholic Jay finds some free time to support many local causes, pretend to be an amateur photographer, read non-medical, non-threatening, no-thinking involved, fiction novels, rock climb, kayak, raise his wonderful children, and not-often-enough, hang out with his best friend & wife Donna.





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### **Boyd Peterson King, M.D.**

*Medical Director, Clinical Professor*

- BA Kenyon College
- M.D. Tufts Medical School

Pete is a board-certified nephrologist who served as a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at the Warren Alpert School of Medicine of Brown University for 20 years. He was a practicing physician at Rhode Island Hospital for 18 years, then he served as the Senior Vice President of Medical Affairs for another 15 years. Pete is a very active member of the Providence community where he serves on several boards. He is actively sought for his administrative expertise. He and his wife reside in Providence, RI.

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### **Christopher Furbee, DSc, PA-C**

*Associate Program Director, Clinical Assistant Professor*

- BS University of Nebraska Medical Center
- MPAS University of Nebraska Medical Center
- DSc Baylor University
- PhD University of Nebraska, Lincoln (in progress)

Chris joined the Bryant University PA Program Faculty in March 2015 a short time after relocating to Rhode Island from San Antonio, TX. He is a 22-year veteran of the US Army and completed his PA education in 2003 from the Interservice Physician Assistant Program. He received his Master of PA Studies from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 2004 and a Doctor of Science in PA Studies with an emphasis in Clinical Orthopedics from Baylor University in 2009. He is near candidacy for a PhD in Education Administration with a concentration in Higher Education Leadership from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Chris brings a wealth of experience to the program including multiple tours as a PA in Afghanistan and Iraq. His notable assignments are as an airborne infantry battalion PA at Fort Bragg, NC, Director of Curriculum Development at the Army Department of Combat Medic Training at Fort Sam Houston, TX, and Director of the US Army/Baylor Orthopedic PA Doctoral Fellowship at the San Antonio Military Medical Center. Prior to his relocation to Rhode Island, Chris served as the orthopedic consultant to the Air Force Medical Evaluation Board at Lackland Air Force Base, TX.

Chris resides in Swansea, MA with his wife, Jenny, their daughter Hannah, a Swiss Mountain Dog Daisy, and Saint Bernard Layla.





## **Christopher Ferreira, MSPAS, PA-C**

*Director of Clinical Education, Clinical Assistant Professor*

- BA Boston University
- BS Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- MS Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Chris joined the Bryant University PA Program Faculty in June 2015 and subsequently took on the role of Director of Clinical Education in June 2016. He graduated from the PA Program at MCPHS Boston in May 2008 and has accumulated a breadth of clinical experience since then, typically through overlapping PA roles. Chris began his PA career in Urgent Care/Primary Care and ENT/Otolaryngology. He then transitioned to Emergency Medicine and maintained per-diem ENT and even additional per-diem EM work. Since coming to Bryant, Chris has maintained his clinical relationships and continues per-diem clinical practice as a PA in both the Emergency Department and ENT outpatient settings.

Currently, Chris serves as a Director-At-Large on the Board of the RI Academy of Physician Assistants (RIAPA) and is an AAPA House of Delegates State of Rhode Island delegate. In addition to coordinating the clinical phase for all Bryant PA Students, he also participates in most other Program activities, including serving as volunteer and preceptor for didactic phase Bryant PA Students at the RI Free Clinic, representing the Program at multiple national PA conferences, functioning as Faculty Advisor for the Jim Carney PA Student Society at Bryant University, and providing lectures in ENT/Otolaryngology and Emergency Medicine.

When he's not busy with all of this, Chris performs in a cover band on both keyboards and vocals. Both native Rhode Islanders, Chris and his wife Lisa actually graduated high school together; they are proud parents of one daughter, Jacqueline, and one canine, Faith.

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**Wendy Buja, MHP, PA-C**

*Director of Didactic Education, Clinical Assistant Professor*

- BS University of Massachusetts
- MHP Northeastern University

Wendy joined Bryant's PA program several years ago as an adjunct faculty member prior to accepting her new role as director of didactic education. She has just under 20 years of experience as a Physician Assistant. The majority of that time has been spent practicing within all aspects of cardiovascular medicine. She began her career in Cardiothoracic surgery and then transitioned into Cardiology. For more than 10 years she served as the lead PA for a busy Interventional Cardiology service in Southeastern MA. During that time, she was instrumental in creating a team of experienced advanced practice professionals to help provide 24/7 coverage to cardiac patients in the region.

Her passion for learning and expanding her clinical skills led her to leave Cardiology and take on a new challenge as Physician Assistant for a busy breast program. There she created a high-risk clinic to assist women in reducing their breast cancer risk as well as help educate them on breast cancer prevention. She also attended an intensive course in Cancer Risk Assessment through City of Hope. Upon completion she began providing genetic risk assessment to breast cancer and high-risk patients and helped decipher if there was a genetic link to their cancer or cancer risk. In addition to her clinical roles she has served as an educator to the general public as well as various clinical disciplines.

When she isn't taking care of patients or educating the next generation of clinician's, she enjoys spending time with her family, especially her son Matthew and golden retriever Tyler. She resides in Massachusetts and is an avid Boston sports fan.



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**Kayla Cetrone, M.Ed.**

*Director of Admissions and Academic Success*

- BS University of Massachusetts
- MEd Bridgewater State University

Kayla is the Director of Admissions & Student Success and has been with the PA Program since its inception in 2014. Kayla comes to Bryant with several years of higher education experience. Prior to her current appointment, she worked with third year medical students at Brown University during their community health clerkship.

Kayla's focus includes oversight of the program's admission process and student advising, as well as issues relating to student life and wellness in both the preclinical and clinical years. A Massachusetts native, she earned her Bachelor's degree in Biology from UMass and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. She is planning to begin a doctoral program this fall.

Kayla and her husband reside in Massachusetts and have three small children. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her friends and family, preferably in the warm sun and near the ocean!

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**David Bouslough, MD, MPH, DTM&H**

*Director of Public & Global Health*

- MD St. George's University School of Medicine

David was born in New Zealand and raised in Southern California, matriculated from St. George's University School of Medicine, West Indies. He completed residency training at the Michigan State University - Sparrow/Ingham program in Emergency Medicine. He then pursued fellowship training in International Emergency Medicine with a focus on Global Emergency Preparedness and Public Health at Brown University, Rhode Island. From 2008-2010 he served as the Chief of Emergency Medicine & Primary Care at the LBJ Tropical Medical Center in Pago Pago, American Samoa. Returning to Rhode Island in 2010, he currently serves as the Director of the Division of Global Emergency Medicine and teaches as clinical faculty at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. He joined the Bryant University School of Health Sciences as an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Physician Assistant Studies program in 2015. Currently, he serves as the Director of the Global & Public Health curricula, leading biannual clinical rotations for PA students to American Samoa, South Pacific. His teaching and research interests include: global leadership development, cultural intelligence, emergency preparedness, tropical medicine, and graduate medical education.



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**Eric M. Preuss, MHA**

*Director, Principals in Practice Management & Leadership*

- BS The George Washington University
- MS The George Washington University

Eric has over 25 years of experience implementing healthcare process improvement strategies in military, private practice, hospital owned ambulatory and inpatient healthcare systems. He served as a clinical administrator in the US Coast Guard for over 20 years. He earned his Master of Healthcare Administration from the Milken Institute School of Public Health at The George Washington University in Washington, DC.

Eric and his wife Amy reside on the South Shore of Massachusetts with their two children. Eric is an avid boater.

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## **Allison Papini, MLIS**

*Medical Librarian, Clinical Adjunct Assistant Professor*

- BA Providence College
- MS University of Rhode Island

Allison Papini is a Clinical Adjunct Assistant Professor and a Research & Instruction Librarian at Bryant University in Smithfield, Rhode Island. As the library liaison to the Bryant Physician Assistant and Science & Technology departments, Allison successfully collaborates with faculty and staff throughout Bryant including: working with members of the Physician Assistant faculty to curate comprehensive medical resource collection, develop and teach the research methods course, and transition traditional content delivery to a team-based learning model. She was previously the Learning Resource Center Coordinator for Sanford Brown Institute-Cranston.

Allison Papini is the Treasurer of the Association of Rhode Island Health Science Libraries and an advisor to the Bryant University Hockey Club and the Bryant Club Sports Council. Papini is a Rhode Island native who received her BA in History-Secondary Education from Providence College and her MLIS from the University of Rhode Island. Allison has a wide array of academic interests including: medical librarianship, team-based learning, evidence-based medicine, intellectual freedom, and information literacy instruction. In her free time Allison enjoys scaling fake mountains and real ones, hiking, kayaking, snowshoeing, and obnoxiously rooting for her beloved Boston sports teams.



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## **Amy Paul**

*Program Coordinator*

Amy Paul is a life-long resident of Smithfield, RI. She is a graduate of Johnson & Wales University and has worked at Bryant for the past 18 years. She joined the PA Program in 2016 as the Program Coordinator. Amy is married with 2 children – both graduates of Bryant University. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends. Her other interests include gardening and practicing yoga.

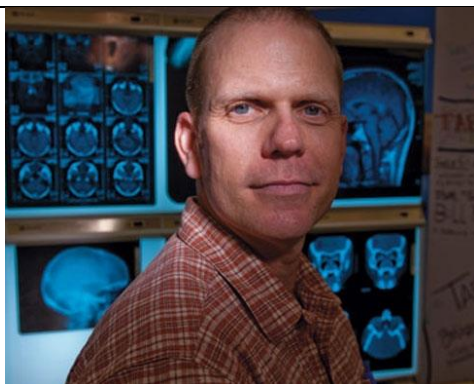
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## **Dale Ritter, PhD**

*Senior Lecturer in Biology, Brown University*

*Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor, Bryant University*

- BS Auburn University
- MS Northern Arizona University
- PhD Brown University





**Diana Horrigan, PhD**

*Lecturer in Biology, Brown University*

*Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor, Bryant University*

- BA Assumption College
- PhD Brown University

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**Amanda L. Adams, PharmD**

*Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor*

- BS Northeastern University
- PharmD Northeastern University



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**Brenna L. McDonald, PharmD**

*Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor*

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- PharmD University of Connecticut

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**Laura Gunder McClary, DHSc, PA-C**

*Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor*

- BS Medical College of Georgia
- BS Medical College of Georgia
- MHEd Medical College of Georgia
- DHSc Nova Southeastern University





**Clinical Adjunct Faculty ~ Lecturers**

**Gregory E. Paquette, PhD**

*Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor*

- BS University of Rhode Island
- MS University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
- PhD University of Rhode Island

**Clinical Adjunct Faculty ~ Preceptors**