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**Education:**

Northwestern University, Chicago & Evanston, IL	Doctor of Philosophy, Neuroscience Specialization: Human Movement and Rehabilitation Sciences	2012 - 2016
Northwestern University	Searle Center Teaching Certificate	2015
University of Washington, Seattle, WA	Doctor of Physical Therapy	2005 – 2008
University of Washington, Seattle, WA	Bachelor of Arts. Major: Psychology	2001 - 2005

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**Employment and Positions Held:**

2023 – present	Associate Professor, University of Colorado School of Medicine PM&R, Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, CO
2020 – 2023	Assistant Professor, University of Colorado School of Medicine PM&R, Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, CO
2016 – 2020	Assistant Professor, Regis University School of Physical Therapy, Denver, CO
2013 – 2016	PhD thesis work, Neuromuscular Imaging and Research Laboratory, Northwestern University Physical Therapy and Human Movement Sciences department, Chicago, IL
2012 – 2016	Per Diem Physical Therapist, Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
2012 – 2013	Systems Neuroscience Laboratory rotations, Northwestern University Physical Therapy and Human Movement Sciences department, Chicago, IL
2010 – 2012	Research Physical Therapist, Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Sensory Motor Performance Program, Chicago, IL
2011 – 2012	Clinical Physical Therapist, Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Inpatient Spinal Cord Injury Unity, Chicago, IL
2009 – 2010	Outpatient Physical Therapist, Harborview Medical Center, Seattle, WA
2009	Staff Physical Therapist, Infinity Rehab, Seattle Keiro and Washington Care Center, Seattle, WA

2008 – 2009 Lead Physical Therapist, Infinity Rehab, Sullivan Park Care Center, Spokane, WA

2005 – 2007 Part-time Staff member, Underserved Youth Outreach, Beacon Hill Young Life, Seattle WA

**Teaching Experience:**

2023 – present Associate Professor, University of Colorado Physical Therapy Program - Neuroscience

2020 – 2023 Assistant Professor, University of Colorado Physical Therapy Program - Neuroscience

2016 – 2020 Assistant Professor, Regis University School of Physical Therapy – Neuroscience, Gross Anatomy, Evidence-Based Practice, Kinesiology, and Problem-Based Learning courses

2014 – 2016 Instructor and Lecturer, Northwestern University Doctor of Physical Therapy Program Neuroscience courses

2014 – 2016 Instructor, Northwestern University Doctor of Physical Therapy Program Doctoral Student Research Synthesis course

2014 – 2015 Northwestern University Searle Teaching Certificate Program – this highly competitive program combines seminars, workshops, mentoring, and discipline-specific discussions to prepare participants for future academic teaching responsibilities

2009 – present Non-primary Clinical Instructor for Physical Therapy students. Infinity Rehab in Seattle Washington, Harborview Medical Center, University of Washington, and Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.

2013, 2014, 2015 Teaching Assistant, Neuroscience I & II, Northwestern University Doctor of Physical Therapy students.

2005 Teaching Assistant for undergraduate level Research Methods in Psychology Course. University of Washington.

**Peer Reviewed Publications (Pending):**

1. Muhammad F, Dobson N, Stewart K, Pfyffer D, Weber KA, **Smith AC**, Smith Z. The Cervical Spinal Preservation Index (CSPI): A Composite MRI-Based Clinical Decision Tool in Degenerative Cervical Myelopathy. *Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery, and Psychiatry*. (submitted 10/2025).
2. Muhammad F, Pfyffer D, Dobson N, Parrish T, Hu S, Ratliff J, Stetson N, Dhaher Y, **Smith AC**, Weber KA, Smith Z. Tract-specific lesion damage and functional impairment in degenerative cervical myelopathy. *Brain* (submitted 11/2025).
3. Smulligan KL, **Smith AC**, Carry P, Esopenko C, Baugh CM, Wilson JC, Howell DR. Cervical Spine, Vestibular, and Oculomotor Deficits After Sport-Related Concussion: Implications for Subsequent Injury Risk. *Clinical Journal of Sport Medicine* (submitted 11/2024).
4. Bombino-Elliott JA, Magsamen K, Knarr J, Leach K, **Smith AC**. Sitting progression guideline for primary wheelchair users with chronic non-operative wounds: a proposed clinical decision-making tool. *Journal of Acute Care Physical Therapy* (resubmitted 4/2025).

**Peer Reviewed Publications:**

1. Smulligan K, **Smith AC**, Weber KA, Carry P, Esopenko C, Baugh C, Elliott JM, Snodgrass S, Wesselink E, Wilson J, Howell D. An MRI Investigation of Cervical Spine Muscle Characteristics after Concussion: Identifying Return to Play Clearance and Subsequent Injury Prognosis. *Journal of Child Neurology* (accepted for publication 10/2025).
2. Karthik EN...**Smith AC**...Cohen-Adad J. Monitoring morphometric drift in lifelong learning segmentation of the spinal cord. *Imaging Neuroscience* (accepted for publication 12/2025).
3. Thornton WA, Tefertiller C, Manago M, Wiley L, Stevens-Lapsley J, Pfyffer D, **Smith AC**. Midsagittal tissue bridges and walking ability 1-year post spinal cord injury. *Journal of Spinal Cord Medicine* (accepted for publication 12/2025).
4. Smulligan KL, **Smith AC**, Esopenko C, Baugh CM, Carry P, Wilson JC, Howell DR. Using cervical spine proprioception and vestibular/oculomotor assessments to identify return to play clearance prognosis after adolescent concussion. 2025. *Journal of Sport Rehabilitation*. In press, accepted October 16, 2025.
5. Fundaun J, Oliva V, Bedard S, Wesselink EO, Lynn BP, Pai S A, Pfyffer D, Kaptan M, Berhe N, Ratliff J, Hu SS, Smith ZA, Hastie TJ, Mackey S, McKay MJ, Elliott JM, Delp SL, Chaudhari AK, Law CSW, **Smith AC**, Weber KA. Automated Segmentation of Forearm Muscles: Clinical Associations with Hand Function, Muscle Volume, and Intramuscular Fat. *JCSM Communications*. 2025; <https://doi.org/10.1002/rco2.70015>.
6. Oliva V, Bedard S, Law CSW, Kaptan M, Pfyffer D, Chy B, Aufrechtig S, Berhe N, Chaudhari AS, Hastie TJ, Delp SL, Tharin S, Hu SS, Ratliff J, Smith ZA, **Smith AC**, Glover GH, Mackey S, Weber

KA. Mapping hand function with simultaneous brain-spinal cord functional MRI. *Imaging Neuroscience* (accepted for publication 9/2025).

7. Connor JR, Thornton WA, Weber KA, Pfyffer D, Freund P, Tefertiller C, **Smith AC**. Reliability of SCIsseg automated measurement of midsagittal tissue bridges in spinal cord injuries using an external dataset. *Topics in Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation* (accepted for publication 3/2025).

8. Bedard S, Enamundram NK, Tsagkas C, Pravata E, Granziera C, **Smith AC**, Weber KA, Cohen-Adad J. Towards contrast-agnostic soft segmentation of the spinal cord. *Medical Image Analysis*. 2025. doi: 10.1016/j.media.2025.103473. Online ahead of print.

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10. Bogard AT, Hembree T, Pollet A, Ryder S, Marzloff G, **Smith AC**, Tan AQ. Intermittent Hypoxia-Induced Enhancements in Excitability Predict Gains in Motor Learning and Metabolic Efficiency. *Scientific Reports*. 2025;15(1):6614.

11. **Smith AC**, Morey C, Thornton WA, Connor JR, Pfyffer D, Weber KA, Will K, Tefertiller C. Responsiveness to transcutaneous spinal stimulation for upper extremity recovery following spinal cord injury: a case series exploration of midsagittal tissue bridges. *Journal of Spinal Cord Medicine*. 2025. doi: 10.1080/10790268.2024.2448046. Online ahead of print.

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quantification of muscle fat infiltration following whiplash injury. *Nature Scientific Reports*. 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-019-44416-8>.

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### **Presentations (Platform, Grand Rounds, Invited Lectures):**

1. **Smith AC**, Weber KA, Leech KA. The Ins and Outs of neurorehabilitation: afferent and efferent insights and strategies for neurorecovery. APTA Combined Sections Meeting Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy Educational Session. Anaheim, CA USA 2026.
2. Elliott J, **Smith AC**. Advancing Acute Care for Patients with Disorders of Consciousness: Outcomes from an Interdisciplinary Assessment Program. APTA Combined Sections Meeting Platform Presentation. Anaheim, CA USA 2026.
3. Thornton WA, Tefertiller CR, Stevens-Lapsley JE, Manago MM, Connor JR, **Smith AC**. Midsagittal tissue bridges and walking recovery in individuals with traumatic spinal cord injury. APTA Combined Sections Meeting Platform Presentation. Anaheim, CA USA 2026.
4. Pfyffer D, **Smith AC**. Advanced topics and clinical applications: spinal cord injury and myelopathy. Stanford Spinal Cord Imaging Workshop. Palo Alto, CA, USA. November 2025.
5. **Smith AC**, Berliner JC. Shockwaves of progress: electrifying breakthroughs in spinal cord injury recovery. University of Colorado Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Grand Rounds, Aurora CO. 5/7/2025.
6. Smulligan KL, **Smith AC**, Carry P, Esopenko C, Baugh CM, Wilson JC, Howell DR. Subsequent Injury Risk After Adolescent Concussion: The Role of Cervical Spine Proprioception and Vestibular/Oculomotor Symptoms. Concussion in Sport Group Symposium, Milwaukee, WI. April 30-May 1, 2025. Podium Presentation.
7. Pfyffer D, **Smith AC**, Weber KA, Grillhoesl A, Mach O, Draganich C, Berliner JC, Tefertiller C, Leister I, Maier D, Schwab JM, Thompson A, Curt A, Freund P. American Spinal Injury Association (ASIA) Annual Scientific Meeting Oral Presentation. Scottsdale, AZ USA 2025. Title of session: “Prognostic value of tissue bridges in cervical spinal cord injury: a longitudinal, multicenter, retrospective cohort study.”
8. Cezat KM, Koesters W, **Smith AC**. APTA Combined Sections Meeting Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy Educational Session. Houston, TX USA 2025. Title of session: “Integrating Spinal Cord Injury Clinical Prediction Rules into Practice: Determining Long-Term Complex Rehab Technology” (2/15/25).
9. **Smith AC**, Pfyffer D, Weber KA, Grillhoesl A, Mach O, Draganich C, Berliner JC, Tefertiller C, Leister I, Maier D, Schwab JM, Thompson A, Curt A, Freund P. APTA Combined Sections

Meeting Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy Platform Presentation. Houston, TX USA 2025. Title of talk: "Spinal cord tissue bridges predict short and long term improvement: an international multicenter study." (2/15/25).

10. **Smith AC.** TED for your Head, University of Colorado Anschutz Campus Neuroscience Innovation Initiative. Aurora, CO 2024. Title of talk: "Restoring movement after spinal cord injury." (9/26/24).
11. Tefertiller C, Rozwod M, Thornton W, **Smith AC.** Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals Conference. Chicago, IL 2024. Title of session: "Predicting Walking Outcomes after Spinal Cord Injury." (9/4/24).
12. Valosek J, Enamundram NK, Bouthillier M, Schading-Sassenhausen S, Farner L, Pfyffer D, **Smith AC**, Weber KA, Freund P, Cohen-Adad J. International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine Annual Meeting & Exhibition. Singapore 2024. Title of session: "Automatic segmentation of T2-weighted hyperintense lesions in spinal cord injury." (5/6/24).
13. Cezat KM, Tefertiller C, Brazg G, **Smith AC.** APTA Combined Sections Meeting Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy Educational Session. Boston, MA USA 2024. Title of session: "The Chasm between SCI Research and Clinical PT Practice: Can We Bridge the Gap?" (2/15/24).
14. Kahn J, **Smith AC.** APTA Combined Sections Meeting Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy Educational Session. Boston, MA USA 2024. Title of session: "EDGEing Forward with Outcomes: Updates from the SCI and TBI EDGE Taskforces" (2/15/24).
15. Smulligan KL, Magliato SN, Keeter CL, Wingerson MJ, **Smith AC**, Wilson JC, Howell DR. APTA Combined Sections Meeting Platform Presentation. Boston MA, USA 2024. Title of talk: "The diagnostic utility of cervical spine proprioception for adolescent concussion." (2/16/2024).
16. Smulligan KL, Magliato SN, Keeter CL, Wingerson MJ, **Smith AC**, Wilson JC, Howell DR. Pediatric Research in Sports Medicine Society (PRiSM) 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA USA 2024. Title of talk: "Head Repositioning Accuracy as a Diagnostic Tool for Adolescent Concussion." (1/25/24). Award Finalist.
17. **Smith AC.** Northwestern University Interdepartmental Neuroscience Program, Movement and Rehabilitation Science Track. PhD Trainee Chalk Talk. (1/23/24).
18. Draganich C, Anderson D, Dornan G, Sevigny M, Berliner J, Charlifue S, Welch A, **Smith AC.** Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals, San Diego, CA USA 2023. Title of talk: "Predictive modeling of ambulatory outcomes after spinal cord injury using machine learning" (9/4/23).
19. Berliner JC, **Smith AC.** Spinal Cord Injury Model Systems Project Directors Meeting, Washington DC, USA 2023. Title of talk: "Predicting outdoor walking one year after SCI: 2 separate CPRs." (6/26/23).
20. Thornton WA, Tefertiller C, Cezat KM, Hobbs S, **Smith AC.** APTA Combined Sections Meeting Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy Educational Session. San Diego, CA USA 2023. Title of session: "Can physical therapists predict future function? Prognosis in the weeks following spinal cord injury." (2/24/23).
21. McKenzie K, Kozlowski A, **Smith AC**, Jayaraman A. APTA Combined Sections Meeting Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy Educational Session. San Diego, CA USA 2023. Title of session:

“Prediction Tools and Clinical Outcomes in Neurologic Rehabilitation: What, When, Where, and How to Measure.” (2/23/23).

22. **Smith AC**, Thornton WA, Draganich C, Berliner J, Tefertiller C, Weber KA. APTA Combined Sections Meeting Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy Platform Presentation, San Diego CA, USA 2023. Title of talk: “A clinical prediction rule using S1 dermatome to predict independent walking following spinal cord injury” (2/25/23).
23. Claus D, Draganich C, Berliner JC, Niehaus W, Berliner JM, Magnusson D, **Smith AC**. Needs of marginalized, uninsured patients with physical disabilities during the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. University of Colorado Physical Therapy Program Health Promotion Symposium. (9/16/22).
24. Draganich C, Weber KA, Thornton WA, Berliner JC, Sevigny M, Charlifue S, Tefertiller C, **Smith AC**. Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals, Kansas City, MO USA 2021. Title of talk: “Predicting outdoor walking one year after spinal cord injury: clinical prediction rule validation.” (9/8/22).
25. **Smith AC**, Thornton W. Shirley Ryan Ability Lab 45th Interdisciplinary Spinal Cord Injury/Disease Course. “The Application of Imaging for Prognosis and Treatment of SCI.” (4/28/22).
26. **Smith AC**, Thornton W, Tefertiller C. APTA Colorado Rocky Mountain Annual Conference. “A review of foundational neuroscience for neuro-restorative clinical interventions.” (9/25/21).
27. **Smith AC**, Berliner JC. Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals, Reno, NV USA 2021. Title of talk: “White matter tract imaging following SCI: predictors of future motor and sensory scores.” (9/8/21).
28. **Smith AC**. University of Colorado Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Aurora CO, USA 2021. Title of talk: “Pushing protons for prognosis: can MRI improve clinical management of individuals with spinal cord injury?” (5/5/21).
29. **Smith AC**. University of Colorado Department of Integrated Physiology Colloquium, Boulder CO, USA 2021. Title of talk: “Spinal cord injuries: what can conventional MRI offer us?” (3/22/21).
30. Tefertiller C, Rozwood M, **Smith AC**. Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals, Virtual USA 2020. Title of talk: “Transcutaneous spinal cord stimulation in combination with massed practice training in spinal cord injury.” (9/13/20).
31. O’Dell DR, Albin SR, Weber KA, Berliner JC, Sevigny M, Dungan D, Abdie DR, Anderson JS, Rich AA, Seib CA, Skadow HG, Elliott JM, **Smith AC**. APTA Combined Sections Meeting Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy Platform Presentation, Denver CO, USA 2020. Title of talk: “Can early MRI measures predict who will walk outside one year after spinal cord injury?” (2/13/20).
32. **Smith AC**, Hohl K, O’Dell DR, Elliott JM, Kleinschmidt LA, Parra JA, Patel JG, Ninonuevo RA, Reeder AS, Wolff PL, Jayaraman A. APTA Combined Sections Meeting Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy Platform Presentation, Denver CO, USA 2020. Title of talk: “Do exoskeleton training and FES ameliorate muscle atrophy following acute SCI?” (2/13/20).

33. **Smith AC**. APTA Colorado Rocky Mountain Annual Conference. Denver, CO USA 2019. Title of talk: "Spinal Cord Injury: a vision for future rehabilitation efforts." (10/11/19).
34. O'Dell DR, Albin SR, Weber KA, Berliner JC, Sevigny M, Dungan D, Abdie DR, Anderson JS, Rich AA, Seib CA, Skadow HG, Elliott JM, **Smith AC**. APTA Colorado Rocky Mountain Annual Conference. Denver, CO USA 2019. Title of talk: "Can early MRI measures predict who will walk outside one year after spinal cord injury?" (10/11/19).
35. **Smith AC**, Hohl K, O'Dell DR, Elliott JM, Kleinschmidt LA, Parra JA, Patel JG, Ninonuevo RA, Reeder AS, Wolff PL, Jayaraman A. APTA Colorado Fall Conference. Denver, CO USA 2019. Title of talk: "Do exoskeleton training and FES ameliorate muscle atrophy following acute SCI?" (10/11/19).
36. **Smith AC**. Shirley Ryan Ability Lab Spinal Cord Injury Symposium. Chicago, IL USA 2019. Title of talk: "Re-imagining the future of SCI care." (6/5/19).
37. **Smith AC**, Tappan R, O'Dell DR, Weber KA, Abbott R, Hoggarth MA, Smith, ZA, Elliott JM. APTA Combined Sections Meeting Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy Educational Session. New Orleans, LA USA 2018. Title of session: "Imaging of spinal trauma: can protons inform prognosis and improve outcomes?" (2/22/18).
38. **Smith AC**, Weber KA, O'Dell DR, Wasielewski M, Connor JR, Cummins DP, Heller KA, Hubert JS, Kates MJ, Mendoza KR, Elliott JM. APTA Combined Sections Meeting Research Platform Presentation. New Orleans, LA USA 2018. Title of talk: "Lateral corticospinal tract damage analysis in motor incomplete spinal cord injury – its relationship to specific motor deficits." (2/24/18).
39. O'Dell DR, Berliner JC, Elliott JM, Connor JR, Cummins DP, Heller KA, Hubert JS, Kates MJ, Mendoza KR, **Smith AC**. APTA CO 2017 Rocky Mountain Fall Symposium. Keystone, CO USA 2017. Title of talk: "Sagittal T<sub>2</sub> MRI measures of spinal cord damage in SCI: inter-rater reliability and implications for rehabilitation." (10/6/17).
40. **Smith AC**, O'Dell DR. Regis University Research and Scholarship Council Celebration of Scholarship and Research. Denver, CO USA 2017. Title of talk: "Can MRI augment the prediction of who will walk again after spinal cord injury?" (4/11/17).
41. **Smith AC**, Wasielewski M, Alexander A, Houmpavlis P, Kritselis A, Murnane M, Yelick K, Elliott JM. American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting Research Platform Presentation. San Antonio, TX USA 2017. Title of talk: "Does spinal cord edema relate to ambulatory function in motor incomplete spinal cord injury?" (2/18/17).
42. **Smith AC**. Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago's Spinal Cord Injury Symposium. Chicago, IL USA 2016. Title of talk: "Walking after SCI: mechanisms and prediction." (6/3/16).
43. **Smith AC**, Parrish TB, Hoggarth MA, McPherson JG, Tysseling VM, Wasielewski M, Kim HE, Hornby TG, Elliott JM. American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting Orthopedic Platform Presentation. Anaheim, CA USA 2016. Title of talk: "Minor" whiplash injuries...could they involve the spinal cord?" (2/18/16).

44. **Smith AC**. Northwestern University Department of Physical Therapy and Human Movement Sciences Grand Rounds seminar. Chicago, IL USA 2015. Title of talk: "Potential associations between chronic whiplash and incomplete spinal cord injury" (8/12/15).

**Presentations (Abstract & Poster):**

1. Thornton WA, Tefertiller C, Connor JR, **Smith AC**. Spared neural tissue and responsiveness to standardized locomotor training. APTA Combined Sections Meeting, Anaheim, CA, USA 2026.
2. Connor JR, Thornton WA, Weber KA, Pfyffer D, Freund P, Tefertiller C, **Smith AC**. Reliability of SCIseg automated measurement of midsagittal tissue bridges in spinal cord injuries using an external dataset. Academy of SCI Professionals Annual Conference. Philadelphia, PA, USA. September 2025.
3. Williamson H, Boone H, Martino R, Vogel K, **Smith AC**, Claus D, Draganich C, Berliner J. Impacting Outcomes: Exploring Functional Changes and Barriers to Care in Underserved Patients at Volunteer-Run Outpatient Rehabilitation Clinic. American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R): Annual Assembly. Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. October 2025.
4. **Smith AC**, Morey C, Thornton WA, Connor J, Pfyffer D, Will K, Tefertiller C. Responding to transcutaneous spinal stimulation for upper extremity recovery: a midsagittal tissue bridge case series. American Spinal Injury Association (ASIA) Annual Scientific Meeting, Scottsdale, AZ, USA 2025.
5. Thornton WA, Smulligan K, **Smith AC**. Lesion characteristics are associated with bowel, bladder, and overall independence following spinal cord injury. APTA Combined Sections Meeting, Boston, MA, USA 2024.
6. Thornton WA, **Smith AC**. The presence or absence of midsagittal tissue bridges and walking recovery in spinal cord injury. APTA Combined Sections Meeting, Boston, MA, USA 2024.
7. Bogard AT, Hembree TG, Pollet AK, Lattanzio L, Buard I, **Smith AC**, Tan AQ. Increases in corticospinal excitability after acute intermittent hypoxia are coupled with improvements in sensorimotor adaptation. Society for Neuroscience, Washington DC, USA 2023.
8. Bogard AT, Hemmerle MR, Marzluff GE, Ryder SC, **Smith AC**, Tan AQ. Acute intermittent hypoxia mediates the reduction of net metabolic power during motor learning and motor savings. Society for Neuroscience, Washington DC, USA 2023.
9. **Smith AC**, Draganich C, Thornton WA, Berliner JC, Sevigny M, Charlifue S, Tefertiller C, Weber KA. S1 pinprick clinical prediction rule for independent walking after spinal cord injury. The International Spinal Cord Society Annual Scientific Meeting, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK 2023.
10. Thornton WA, Manago M, Tan AQ, **Smith AC**. Acute intermittent hypoxia and upper extremity strength and function changes in multiple sclerosis: a case report. Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals Conference, San Diego, CA, USA 2023.
11. Thornton WA, Marzluff G, Ryder S, Best A, Rasheed K, Coons D, **Smith AC**. Midsagittal tissue bridges and walking recovery in spinal cord injury. American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, USA 2023.
12. Thornton WA, Manago M, Tan AQ, **Smith AC**. Acute intermittent hypoxia and upper extremity strength and function changes in multiple sclerosis: a case report. 12th International Symposium on Gait & Balance in Multiple Sclerosis, Denver, Colorado, USA 2023.
13. Draganich C, Weber KA, Thornton WA, Berliner JC, Sevigny M, Charlifue S, Tefertiller C, **Smith AC**. Validation of a clinical prediction rule to predict outdoor walking one year after spinal cord injury. International Spinal Cord Society Annual Scientific Meeting, Vancouver, Canada 2022.

14. **Smith AC**, Angeli CA, Ugiliweneza B, Weber KA, Negahdar M, Mesbah S, Boakye M, Harkema SJ, Rejc E. Epidural stimulation-promoted standing ability and spinal cord lesion characteristics in motor complete SCI. American Spinal Injury Association (ASIA) Annual Scientific Meeting, New Orleans LA, USA 2022.
15. **Smith AC**, Angeli CA, Ugiliweneza B, Weber KA, Negahdar M, Mesbah S, Boakye M, Harkema SJ, Rejc E. MRI Investigation of Standing Ability with Epidural Stimulation in Individuals with Motor Complete SCI. APTA Combined Sections Meeting, San Antonio TX, USA 2022.
16. **Smith AC**, O'Dell DR, Albin SR, Berliner JC, Dungan D, Robinson E, Elliott JM, Carballido-Gamio J, Stevens-Lapsley J, Weber KA. White Matter Tract Damage Following Spinal Cord Injury: Predictors of Future Motor and Sensory Function. APTA Combined Sections Meeting, San Antonio TX, USA 2022.
17. **Smith AC**, O'Dell DR, Dungan D, Thaker A, Gisbert R, Weber KA, Berliner JC, Albin SR. Spinal cord tissue bridges validation study: predictive relationships with sensory scores following spinal cord injury. Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy Annual Conference, Virtual, USA 2021.
18. **Smith AC**, Albin SR, O'Dell DR, Berliner JC, Dungan D, Elliott JM, Weber KA. The axial damage ratio: a MRI biomarker for prognosis of future walking ability. American Spinal Injury Association (ASIA) Annual Scientific Meeting, St. Louis MO, USA 2021.
19. **Smith AC**, O'Dell DR, Albin SR, Weber KA, Elliott JM, Sevigny M, Dungan D, Berliner JC. Can early MRI measures predict who will walk outside one year after spinal cord injury? American Spinal Injury Association (ASIA) Annual Scientific Meeting, St. Louis MO, USA 2021.
20. **Smith AC**, Albin SR, O'Dell DR, Berliner JC, Dungan D, Elliott JM, Weber KA. The axial damage ratio may be a useful MRI biomarker for prognosis of future walking. APTA Combined Sections Meeting, (virtual meeting) 2021.
21. **Smith AC**, Albin SR, Wasielewski M, McPherson JG, Kim HE, Hoggarth MA, Hornby TG, Elliott JM. Incidence of reductions in leg muscle activation in severe whiplash associated disorders. APTA Combined Sections Meeting, Denver CO, USA 2020.
22. **Smith AC**, Weber KA, Wasielewski M, Elliott JM. Machine learning to automatically measure muscle fat infiltration of the deep cervical spine extensors following whiplash injury. APTA Combined Sections Meeting, Denver CO, USA 2020.
23. Cummins DP, Berliner JC, Connor JR, Heller KA, Hubert JS, Kates MJ, Mendoza KR, O'Dell DR, Elliott JM, **Smith AC**. Are we close enough? Establishing the inter-rater reliability of spinal cord damage manual-measurement using MRI. APTA Combined Sections Meeting, Washington DC, USA 2019.
24. O'Dell DR, Weber KA, Berliner JC, Elliott JM, Connor JR, Cummins DP, Heller KA, Hubert JS, Kates MJ, Mendoza KR, **Smith AC**. Spared neural tissue is associated with ambulatory function following spinal cord injury: a magnetic resonance imaging study of midsagittal tissue bridges. APTA Combined Sections Meeting, Washington DC, USA 2019.
25. Passarelli C, Noteboom T, Thomas S, Backward C, **Smith AC**. Impact of a student profile blog on prospective applicants' decisions on DPT program. APTA Combined Sections Meeting, New Orleans, LA, USA 2018.
26. **Smith AC**, McPherson JG, Parrish TB, Wasielewski M, Elliott JM. Spinal cord injury edema volume: a potential marker for correlating with walking ability. Society for Brain Mapping and Therapeutics. Miami, FL USA 2016.

27. **Smith AC**, Parrish TB, Hoggarth MA, Wasielewski M, Kim HE, Hornby TG, Elliott JM. The spinal cord lesion: relationship to muscle changes and motor deficits. Society for Neuroscience Conference, Chicago, IL USA 2015.
28. **Smith AC**, Parrish TB, Wasielewski M, Kim HE, Hornby TG, Elliott JM. Spinal cord & muscle imaging, motor control, and function following incomplete spinal cord injury. APTA Combined Sections Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, USA 2015.
29. **Smith AC**, Parrish TB, Wasielewski M, Kim HE, Hornby TG, Elliott JM. Spinal cord motor tract integrity, muscle architectural alterations, and volitional motor control following motor incomplete spinal cord injury. Society for Neuroscience Conference, Washington DC, USA, 2014.
30. **Smith AC**, Parrish TB, Wasielewski M, Kim HE, Hornby TG, Elliott JM. Muscle architectural alterations and volitional motor control in chronic whiplash and incomplete spinal cord injury. Northwestern University Movement and Rehabilitation Sciences Training Day, Chicago IL, USA, 2014.
31. **Smith AC**, Parrish TB, Abbott R, Hoggarth MA, Mendoza K, Chen YF, Elliott JM. Measuring skeletal muscle and relative fat-to-water percentage: the comparison of MR Imaging versus histology. APTA Combined Sections Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, 2014.
32. **Smith AC**, Rymer WZ, Mummidisetti CK, Knikou M. The effects of foot and ankle tendon vibration on the non-nociceptive tibialis anterior flexion reflex in man. NUIN Recruitment Event. Chicago IL, USA 2013.
33. Knikou M, Hajela N, **Smith AC**, Mummidisetti CK, Rymer WZ. Reorganization of Spinal Neural Circuits after Locomotor Training in Human Spinal Cord Injury. APTA Combined Sections Meeting, Chicago, IL, USA, 2012.
34. **Smith AC**, Mummidisetti CK, Hajela N, Xiao M, Knikou M. On the behavior of human spinal reflex circuits during robotic assisted stepping. APTA Annual Conference, National Harbor, MD, USA, 2011.

## **Funded/In Review Grant Activity:**

## Ongoing Support

K01 HD055931

Smith (PI)

08/2022-07/2026

Improving mechanistic understanding of responsiveness to spinal cord stimulation after spinal cord injury.

This study aims to use neuroimaging biomarkers to investigate mechanisms underlying both epidural and transcutaneous spinal cord stimulation and assist in predicting which individuals will optimally respond to spinal cord stimulation following spinal cord injury.

## Role: Principal Investigator

Boettcher Foundation

Smith (PI)

06/2022-05/2026

Webb-Waring Biomedical Research Award Program

## Spinal cord lesion determinants of optimal responsiveness to spinal cord stimulation.

Project goals: Investigate histological and imaging biomarkers of residual tissue bypassing the lesion site and their influence on responding to spinal cord stimulation.

## Role: Principal Investigator

NIDLRR Tefertiller (PI) 09/2021-08/2026  
The Rocky Mountain Regional Spinal Injury System. The goal of this project is to evaluate comprehensive lifetime system of care, participate in a multi-center data base, and conduct local research studies involving wide-pulse functional electrical stimulation for upper extremity recovery.  
Role: Co-Investigator

## Completed Support

AB Nexus Seed Grant      Smith and Tan (Co-PIs)      06/2021-  
05/2023

## Acute intermittent hypoxia in persons with spinal cord injury: studying corticospinal drive and motor adaptation.

This study aims to investigate mechanisms by which acute intermittent hypoxia induces improvements in gait ability in participants with motor incomplete spinal cord injury. Specifically, corticospinal drive and motor adaptation will be studied.

## Role: Principal Investigator

K12 HD055931 Smith (CORRT Scholar), Mueller (PI) 09/2021-07/2022

Improving mechanistic understanding of responsiveness to spinal cord stimulation after spinal cord injury.

This study aims to use neuroimaging biomarkers to investigate mechanisms underlying both epidural and transcutaneous spinal cord stimulation and assist in predicting which individuals will optimally respond to spinal cord stimulation following spinal cord injury.

Role: K12 scholar

CU PM&R Pilot Grant Smith (PI) 11/2020-10/2021

## Machine learning to quantify muscle changes, lean body mass, and function in obese adults.

This study proposes the use of collected MRIs of thigh musculature to create a convolutional neural network that will rapidly measure muscle cross-sectional area and muscle fat infiltration and also predict lean body mass (verified using DXA) and knee extensor function (verified using knee extensor torques), in obese adults.

## Role: Principal Investigator

R03 HD094577 Smith (PI) 02/2019-02/2021

MRI and machine learning to improve early prognosis and clinical management after spinal cord injury. This study aims to investigate the prognostic potential and clinical utility of advanced MR imaging for early prognosis and management of individuals following spinal cord injury.

## Role: Principal Investigator

R01 HD079076 Elliott (PI) 06/2016-05/2019

## Neuromuscular Mechanisms Underlying Poor Recovery from Whiplash

This study proposes to explore the use of advanced magnetic resonance imaging applications for early detection of whole-body muscle degeneration and altered spinal cord anatomy in whiplash.

### Role: Co-Investigator

Regis University Research and Scholarship Council      Smith (PI)      04/2018-04/2019  
MRI to improve early prognosis and clinical management after spinal cord injury.  
This study aims to investigate the prognostic potential and clinical utility of advanced MR imaging for early prognosis and management of individuals following spinal cord injury.  
Role: Principal Investigator

T32 HD057845 Dewald (PI) 06/2014-06/2016  
Training Grant – Neurobiology of Movement and Rehabilitation Sciences  
The mission of this program is to train students with clinical and life/applied science backgrounds to become rehabilitation scientists in basic, translational or clinical research. The training program focuses on the neurobiology of movement and rehabilitation sciences, with three main goals: 1) understanding the neurobiology of movement behavior and disorders, 2) identifying and addressing the need for quantitative methods, 3) applying this knowledge to the development of effective rehabilitation interventions.

Role: PhD Candidate Trainee  
C023690 (NYSDOH) & 83607 (Craig H. Neilsen Foundation) Knikou (PI) 06/2008-09/2012  
Mechanisms Underlying Locomotor Recovery after Step training in SCI.  
The purpose of this project was to establish the mechanisms and the changes of specific spinal neuronal pathways underlying recovery of walking and sensorimotor function following intensive treadmill training in people with a spinal cord injury.  
Role: Research Physical Therapist

### **Membership in Scientific/Professional Organizations:**

Editorial Board Member, Topics in Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation (2024 – Present)

Scientific Reviewer for the American Physical Therapy Association's Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy Combined Sections Meeting abstract submissions (2023 – Present)

Review Editor in Spinal Cord Medicine and Neurorehabilitation, *Frontiers in Neurology* (2017 – Present)

Review Editor for *Frontiers in Rehabilitation Sciences* (2021 – Present)

Colorado RSVP Clinic Executive Board Member (2021 – Present)

Colorado RSVP Clinic Research Board Member (2018 – Present)

APTA Academy of Orthopaedic PT Imaging Special Interest Group Mentor for MRI/CT of the cervical spine (2017 – Present)

APTA Academy of Neurologic PT Spinal Cord Injury Special Interest Group Member (2018 – Present)

Society for Neuroscience Member (2014 – 2016)

American Physical Therapy Association Member (2005 – Present)

IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society Member (2015 – 2016)

International Spinal Cord Society – Physiotherapy management of spinal cord injuries (Certificate 2016)

Consultative and Advisory Positions Held:

PTWA Cultural Competence Task Force Chair – created and served as the head of a group of 15 physical therapists with a common mission to encourage increased diversity and cultural competence within PT in the state of Washington (2009 – 2010).

National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) Switzer Research Fellowship Program Grant Reviewer (2021)

Veterans Affairs Rehabilitation Research and Development (RR&D) Small Projects in Rehabilitation Research (SPiRE) Scientific Review Group member (2021)

University of Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute K to R Program Grant Reviewer (2022)

Manuscript Reviewer (ongoing). *Spinal Cord, Journal of Spinal Cord Medicine, Physiotherapy Theory and Practice, Disability and Rehabilitation, Spinal Cord Series and Cases, Clinical Physiology and Functional Imaging, Musculoskeletal Science and Practice – formerly Manual Therapy, Neurotherapeutics, Transactions on Neural Systems and Rehabilitation Engineering, Journal of Neurotrauma, Frontiers Systems Neuroscience, Physiological Reports, Journal of Applied Biomechanics, Annals of Clinical and Translational Neurology, BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders,*

*Journal of Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Frontiers Human Neuroscience, Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation.*

Ad Hoc Scientific Reviewer for the Head and Spinal Injury (HSI) peer review panel of the FY26 Military Operational Medicine Research Program (MOMRP) for the United States Army Medical Research and Development Command (USAMRDC) (2025)

Ad Hoc Scientific Reviewer for the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) Field Initiated Projects Grant Competition (2024)

Ad Hoc Scientific Reviewer for the National Institutes of Health Eunice Kennedy Shriver NICHD Function Integration, and Rehabilitation Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review Group 2024/01 ZHD1 DSR-G (02) meeting (2023)

Ad Hoc Scientific Reviewer for Wings for Life Spinal Cord Research Foundation Project Grant (2023).

Scientific Reviewer for the American Physical Therapy Association's Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy Combined Sections Meeting abstract submissions (2023 – Present)

Ad Hoc Scientific Reviewer for the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) Switzer Research Fellowship Program Grant (2021)

Veterans Affairs Rehabilitation Research and Development (RR&D) Small Projects in Rehabilitation Research (SPiRE) Scientific Review Group member (2021)

University of Colorado AB Nexus Grant Reviewer (2021 – Present)

**Community Service:**

2010 – 2012 Lincoln Park Community Shelter Job Coach – volunteered through a local Chicago homeless shelter as a mentor for young adults seeking employment.

2017 – Present Pro Bono Clinical Physical Therapist – Stout Street Clinic and Colorado RSVP Clinic at Craig Hospital

**Services to Students and the University, RHCHP College of Health Professions, Regis University, Denver, CO:**

2020	Council for Research and Scholarship Grant Panel Discussion, Regis University, Denver, CO
2019 – present	Educational Technology Committee, RHCHP College of Health Professions Chair
2018 – 2019	Educational Technology Committee, RHCHP College of Health Professionals, Member and Chair Elect
2017 – present	Research Committee, School of Physical Therapy, Member
2017 – present	DPT Student Research Groups, School of Physical Therapy, Advisor
2017 – present	Research Celebration Planning, School of Physical Therapy, Director
2016 – present	Evidence-Based Practice Task Force, School of Physical Therapy, Member
2016 – present	Student Advising, School of Physical Therapy, Advisor
2016 – present	Student Clinical Experiences, School of Physical Therapy, Faculty Preceptor
2016 – present	Social Media Task Force, School of Physical Therapy
2016 – 2018	Global Health Committee, School of Physical Therapy, Member
2017	Search Committee for Regis University School of Physical Therapy, Administrative Assistant Position, School of Physical Therapy, Member
2016 – 2017	Admissions Task Force, School of Physical Therapy, Member
2016	Interviewer for Director of Center for Research and Scholarship Engagement, Regis University, Interviewer
2016	Search Committee for Regis University School of Physical Therapy Junior Faculty Position, School of Physical Therapy, Member

Services to the University/College/School on Committees/Councils/Commissions, Physical Therapy Program, School of Medicine, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Denver, CO

2020 – present	CU PT Diversity Equity Inclusion Committee, Member
2020 – present	CU Rehabilitation Sciences PhD Program Committee, Member
2020 – present	CU PT Scholarship and Awards Committee, Member
2020 – present	CU PT Faculty Awards Subcommittee, Chair

**Honors, Awards and Recognition:**

2022-2025 Boettcher Foundation Webb-Waring Biomedical Research Award

2024 Journal of Neurologic Physical Therapy Golden Synapse Award

2024 APTA Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy Spinal Cord Injury SIG Research Poster Award

2023 Colorado Rehabilitation Services Volunteer Partnership (RSVP) Volunteer of the Month (April)

2022 Jayanthi Lectureship Recipient, Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals

2022 American Spinal Injury Association Translational Research or Human Neuroscience Studies in Spinal Cord Injury (TRoHNS) Award

2021 APTA Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy Spinal Cord Injury SIG Research Award

Awarded to a member of the ANPT SCI SIG who has demonstrated exemplary contributions to spinal cord injury research.

2021 – 2022 Comprehensive Opportunities in Rehabilitation Research Training (CORRT) Scholar

2019 – 2021, NIH R03 Grant, NCMRR Early Career Investigator Award

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Grant Number R03HD094577, “MRI and machine learning to improve early prognosis and clinical management after spinal cord injury.”

2020 Regis University Rueckert Hartman College of Health Professions Junior Faculty Teaching Award  
Awarded annually to one faculty member who displayed exemplary teaching. Involves a peer-nomination and competitive College of Health Professions Awards Committee selection process.

2019 Regis University School of Physical Therapy Excellence in Teaching Award

Awarded annually to one faculty member who displayed exemplary teaching, selected by the graduating DPT class.

2018 – 2019, Regis University Research and Scholarship Council

Faculty grant, awarded to internal applicants in a competitive application process.

2015 – 2017, NIH/National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

National Institutes of Health Extramural Loan Repayment Program for Clinical Research.

2015 Foundation for Physical Therapy Mary Lou Barnes Award

Awarded due to the outstanding PODS II application in postprofessional studies within neurology.

2015 Foundation for Physical Therapy Promotion of Doctoral Studies II Award Recipient

Awarded to select physical therapist PhD candidates with the intent of developing independent researchers who will add to or refine the body of knowledge on which physical therapist practice is based.

2014 Foundation for Physical Therapy Promotion of Doctoral Studies I Award Recipient

Awarded to select physical therapist graduate students with the intent of developing doctorally prepared researchers who will add to or refine the body of knowledge on which physical therapist practice is based.

2014 – 2016, NIH/National Institute Of Child Health & Human Development T32 Training Grant

Awarded to select neuroscience graduate students for financial support, this training program focuses on the neurobiology of movement and rehabilitation sciences, with three main goals: 1) understanding the neurobiology of movement behavior and disorders, 2) identifying and addressing the need for quantitative methods in the field and 3) applying this knowledge to the development of effective rehabilitation interventions.

2012 Foundation for Physical Therapy Florence Kendall Doctoral Scholarship Award Recipient

Awarded to five physical therapists nationwide who display outstanding potential within their first year of post-professional doctoral degree studies.

2009 Infinity Rehab Shining Star Award Recipient

Awarded to select physical therapists nationwide who demonstrate excellence in clinical care.

2008 American Physical Therapy Association Minority Award for Excellence Recipient

Financial assistance and direct mentorship, awarded to nine PT students nationwide who belong to a minority group, displayed excellence in academics, and have done extraordinary work with minority populations during physical therapy school.

**Continuing Education Attended:**

2025 Stanford Spinal Cord Imaging Workshop

2025 APTA Combined Sections Meeting

2024 APTA Combined Sections Meeting

2024 MR3 Network 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Retreat

2024 Academy of SCI Professionals Conference

2023 APTA Combined Sections Meeting

2023 MR3 Network 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific Retreat

2023 Martinos Spinal Cord Workshop

2022: American Spinal Injury Association Annual Scientific Meeting “What do we need to Learn to take Full Advantage of Spinal Electrical Stimulation to Improve Functions Lost or Impaired by SCI?”

2021: Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals Conference.

2020: American Spinal Injury Association Conference “Brain-Machine Interfaces: From Basic Science to Neurological Rehabilitation.”

2019: APTA CO Annual Conference “Overcoming Barriers to Delivering PT Rehabilitation in the ICU.”

2018: APTA Learning Center “How to Overcome Obstacles to Using Evidence-Based Practice in Your Clinic.”

2018: Physioplus “Wheelchair Service Provision.”

**Current Teaching Responsibilities in the Entry-Level Program for Academic Year of Site Visit:**

DPTR 5011 Neuroscience; Course Coordinator, Fall, 60 hours

DPTR 6633 Clinical Reasoning III; Instructor, Spring