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EDUCATION

2013-2017	Vanderbilt University Bachelor of Arts, <i>magna cum laude</i> Majors: Medicine, Health, and Society (MHS) and Spanish Minor: Biology	Nashville, TN
2018-2022	Vanderbilt University School of Medicine (VUSM) Doctor of Medicine	Nashville, TN
2026-	University of Michigan Master's in Health and Healthcare Research	Ann Arbor, MI

TRAINING

2022-2025	Pediatric Resident Physician Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital Vanderbilt University	Nashville, TN
2025-	Pediatric Critical Care Medicine Fellow C.S. Mott Children's Hospital University of Michigan	Ann Arbor, MI
2026-	Health Services Research Fellow Susan B. Meister Child Health Evaluation and Research Center University of Michigan	Ann Arbor, MI

RESEARCH INTERESTS

I am interested in improving outcomes for children impacted by critical illness through a lens of health policy and health services research focused on healthcare access. My goal is to conduct research that builds the evidence base to inform policy solutions that will improve child health. My specific interests include health insurance and the influence of variations in Medicaid policy on pediatric hospitalizations and patient outcomes as well as pediatric bed availability and understanding the impacts of hospital strain.

LICENSURE

2025	Pediatrics - American Board of Pediatrics
2025	Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS)
2026	Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)

2024 Basic Life Support (BLS)

CERTIFICATES

2025 Certificate in Child Health Advocacy and Community Engagement, Vanderbilt Pediatric Residency Program
2023 Certificate in Spanish-English Bilingual Fluency for Clinicians, Language Line Solutions
2022 Graduate Certificate in Health Equity, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

HONORS/ AWARDS

2024 National Advocacy Conference Scholarship, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP): Tennessee Chapter
2022 Glasgow-Rubin Certificate of Commendation for Academic Achievement, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
2017 Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Vanderbilt University
2017 Sigma Delta Pi Spanish Language Honor Society, Vanderbilt University
2014 Rookie of the Year, Vanderbilt University Cheerleading

GRANTS

2025 - "Social Determinants of Health, Risk of Mortality, and Actual Mortality in the PICU"
Vanderbilt Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (VICTR)

- Biostatistician Support Grant: \$5,000
- Mentor: Kristina Betters, MD

RESEARCH

2026 - Trends in Insurance Coverage for Pediatric Critical Care Admissions, 2016-2026
University of Michigan: Susan B. Meister Child Health Evaluation & Research Center

- Mentor: Joe Zickafoose, MD
- Examining trends in health insurance coverage patterns for children admitted to pediatric intensive care units with subanalyses examining specific patient groups
- Status: Data analysis

2024 - Social Determinants of Health, Risk of Mortality, and Actual Mortality in the PICU
Vanderbilt Department of Pediatric Critical Care

- Mentor: Kristina Betters, MD
- Designed and executed a study examining the effect on mortality prediction of the addition of social determinants of health variables to established mortality prediction scores
- Status: Abstract presented at national meeting, manuscript in process

2021-2022 Increasing Use of Interpreter Services
Vanderbilt Department of General Pediatrics: Newborn Nursery

- Mentor: Anna Morad, MD

- Designed and implemented a quality improvement project aimed at increasing the use of telephone interpretation services when caring for patients with limited English proficiency
 - Status: Abstract presented at internal symposium
- 2020-2026 Parent Perspectives on the Integration of a Parenting Assessment Tool into Pediatric Primary Care
Vanderbilt Department of General Pediatrics
- Mentor: Seth Scholer, MD, MPH
 - Designed and executed a study in the pediatric primary care clinic evaluating parent perspectives on a standardized tool to assess parenting and discipline practices at well child checks
 - Status: Manuscript published, abstracts presented at national meetings
- 2020-2021 Virtual Wellness Programming During COVID-19
Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
- Mentor: Brian Drolet, MD
 - Conducted research evaluating the effects of virtual wellness programming on students during the COVID-19 pandemic
 - Status: Manuscript published, abstract presented at national meeting
- 2017-2018 Staff Research Assistant
Vanderbilt Stress & Coping Lab
- Mentor: Bruce Compas, PhD
 - Worked full time on research projects including a randomized controlled trial to prevent depression in children who have a parent with depression, a cognitive remediation program for children with brain tumors, and a study of emotion regulation and caregiver-child interactions in children who have faced Adverse Childhood Experiences
- 2015-2017 Family-Focused Depression Prevention Research
Vanderbilt Stress & Coping Lab
- Mentor: Bruce Compas, PhD
 - Assisted with research appointments by administering cognitive testing, coding videos of parent-child interactions, and setting up group cognitive-behavioral therapy sessions
- 2014 Teenage Risky Driving Behavior Research
Children's of Alabama: Department of Pediatric Emergency Medicine
- Mentors: Kathy Monroe, MD & Michele Nichols, MD
 - Analyzed questionnaire data pertaining to risky teenage driving behavior including drinking and driving, seat belt use, and texting while driving
 - Status: Manuscript published, abstract presented at national meeting

ADVOCACY

April 2024	AAP National Advocacy Conference Participant	Washington, DC
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- Participated in advocacy conference programming and attended meetings with congressional offices on Capitol Hill to discuss legislative priorities for child health including child online safety and access to pediatric emergency medical services
- March 2024 Tennessee AAP Day on the Hill Participant Nashville, TN
- Attended meetings with state congressional offices to discuss legislative priorities for children in Tennessee including vaccine access
- April 2023 OnCall4Kids Advocacy Day on the Hill Participant Washington, DC
- Met with congressional offices on Capitol Hill to advocate for gun safety legislation
- 2021 VUSM Pediatric Advocacy Guide Co-Creator Nashville, TN
- Helped create a comprehensive guide of resources for providers caring for patients and families admitted to the children's hospital

LEADERSHIP

- 2026 - Pediatric Critical Care Medicine Chronic Care Conference Meeting Facilitator
- Helped lead weekly division meetings reviewing the complex care management for long-stay PICU patients to improve transitions of care
- 2020-2025 VUSM Careers in Medicine (CiM)
- Student-led group that facilitates early exposure to various career options and provides structured advising and mentorship
- Programming Co-Chair (2020-2021)
 - Organized VUSM's annual Specialty Speed Dating event and adapted the event to a virtual platform; organized an educational event for students about study strategies for the Step 1 exam
 - Specialty Speed Dating, Resident Representative (2024, 2025)
 - Gave an introduction to M1 students on the field of pediatrics and participated in small group sessions to answer questions from interested students
- 2020-2021 VUSM Wellness Committee
- Student-led initiative supporting well-being by organizing events, providing resources, and educating students on wellness topics
- Education & Research Co-Chair
 - Organized and led journal clubs for the committee
- 2019-2023 VUSM Social Mission Committee
- Student organization that educates future physician leaders to become advocates for equity and justice in healthcare
- Director of Operations (2020-2021)
 - Maintained budgets, designed and distributed a quarterly newsletter, managed the process and selection for the annual Robert F. Miller Award for Community Service & Engagement
- 2019-2020 Team Member, Independent Student Analysis (ISA)

VUSM Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) Accreditation

- Assisted with creating a survey evaluating student experience and helped write the final report which led to clarification of curricular remediation procedures and an increase in call-bed capacity for students

2018-2019 Shade Tree Clinic

A student-run, free clinic providing high-quality care to uninsured individuals in Nashville and educating the next generation of socially-minded medical providers

- Patient Health Educator (2018-2019)
 - Acted as the main clinic contact for eight Spanish-speaking patients by answering questions, scheduling appointments, and helping patients achieve health goals
- Preclinical Volunteer Student (2018-2019)

TEACHING

2023-2024 VU Undergraduate Student Shadowing Program, Resident Participant

- Paired with an undergraduate student for shadowing opportunities

2023 Pediatrics Clerkship Resident Lecturer

- Pediatric Dermatology, October 2023

2021 Course Co-Director: "Medical School 101"

Vanderbilt Program for Talented Youth

- Designed the curriculum for a two-week course for high school students about medical school and careers in medicine; gave three lectures and facilitated interactive activities including a patient simulation

2021 Co-Presenter: "Health Equity and Child Welfare"

VUSM Certificate in Health Equity Seminar Series

- Led a 90-minute seminar on the intersection of health equity and the child welfare system

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Publications:

1. **Carr V**, Whitney A, Antoun J, Carlson K, Stoppelbein M, Slaughter JC, Scholer SJ. Parent perspectives on the integration of a parenting assessment tool into pediatric primary care. Acad Pediatr. 2026 Jul 8;103391. doi: 10.1016/j.acap.2026.103391. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 42419640.
2. Wee SE, Dietrich MS, Adkins A, Masciale M, Carr VL, Gigante CI, Holden GW, Scholer SJ. Missed opportunities to support parents' use of healthy discipline. Child Abuse Negl. 2025 Mar;161:107257. doi: 10.1016/j.chiabu.2025.107257. Epub 2025 Jan 23. PMID: 39854861.
3. Cooke A, Attar TI, **Carr V**, C Whitney A, J Tinker R, L Carlson K, M Stoppelbein M, A Jana L, J Scholer S. Integrating a parenting assessment into practice: Pediatric providers' time and perspectives. Matern Child Health J. 2024 Oct;28(10):1663-1670. doi: 10.1007/s10995-024-03984-6. Epub 2024 Sep 16. PMID: 39283361.
4. Ahlers C, **Lawson V**, Lee J, March C, Schultz J, Lan M, Neeley M, Anderson K, Fleming A, Drolet B. The effect of a virtual wellness and learning communities program for medical students during the

COVID-19 pandemic. South Med J. 2021 Dec;114(12):807-811. doi: 10.14423/SMJ.0000000000001330. PMID: 34853859; PMCID: PMC8607913.

5. Henry LM, Gracey K, Shaffer A, Ebert J, Kuhn T, Watson KH, Gruhn M, Vreeland A, Siciliano R, Dickey L, **Lawson V**, Broll C, Cole DA, Compas BE. Comparison of three models of adverse childhood experiences: Associations with child and adolescent internalizing and externalizing symptoms. J Abnorm Psychol. 2021 Jan;130(1):9-25. doi: 10.1037/abn0000644. Epub 2020 Dec 3. PMID: 33271039.
6. Monroe K, Hardwick W, **Lawson V**, Nichols E, Nichols M, King WD. Risky teen driving in a rural southern state. Southern Medical Journal. 2017 May;110(5):343-346. doi: 10.14423/SMJ.0000000000000648.

PRESENTATIONS

Oral Presentations:

1. **Carr V**, Resser J, Barrett D, Smith J, Perry F, Blette B, Boyle K, Betters K. Social determinants of health, predicted mortality, and actual mortality in the PICU. Society of Critical Care Medicine: Critical Care Congress. Chicago, IL. March 2026.
2. Ahlers C, **Lawson V**, March C, Lee J, Shultz J, Drolet B, Fleming A: Virtual wellness & learning community programming to support medical student wellbeing during COVID-19. The Association of American Medical Colleges: Group on Student Affairs/Organization of Student Representatives Spring Meeting. Online. April 2021.
3. Ahlers C, **Lawson V**, March C, Lee J, Shultz J, Drolet B, Fleming A: Virtual wellness & learning community programming to support medical student wellbeing during COVID-19. Learning Communities Institute: Annual Meeting. Online. October 2020.
4. Divakar S, Quinlan K, **Lawson V**, Neeley M: Primary osteosarcoma of the rib presenting as a hemothorax in an adolescent. Society of Hospital Medicine: Nashville Chapter Meeting. Online. November 2020.
5. Monroe K, Hardwick W, **Lawson V**, Nichols E, Nichols M, King WD: Teenage risky driving behaviors. The Injury Free Coalition for Kids 21st Annual Conference. Fort Lauderdale, FL. December 2016.
6. **Lawson V**, Monroe K, Nichols M, King WD: Teenage drinking and driving behavior. American Federation for Medical Research: Southern Regional Meeting. New Orleans, LA. February 2015.

Poster Presentations:

1. **Carr V**, Whitney A, Xu M, Slaughter C, Stoppelbein M, Carlson K, Scholer S. Parents' interest in discussing how to discipline their children in pediatric primary care. Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. Washington, D.C. April 2023.
2. Whitney A, **Carr V**, Antoun J, Xu M, Slaughter C, Stoppelbein M, Carlson K, Scholer S. Association between reviewing a parenting assessment and discussions about discipline in pediatric primary care. Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. Washington, D.C. April 2023.
3. **Lawson V**, Whitney A, Antoun J, Henkhaus L, Stoppelbein M, Carlson K, Scholer S. Parents are receptive to a novel parenting assessment tool integrated into pediatric primary care. Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. Denver, CO. April 2022.
4. **Lawson V**, Whitney A, Antoun J, Henkhaus L, Stoppelbein M, Carlson K, Scholer S. Parents are receptive to a novel parenting assessment tool integrated into pediatric primary care. American Academy of Pediatrics Meeting. Anaheim, CA. October 2022.
5. **Lawson V**, Whitney A, Antoun J, Henkhaus L, Stoppelbein M, Carlson K, Scholer S. Addressing ACEs by integrating a parenting assessment into pediatric primary care: time, costs, and impact on a practice's finances. Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. Denver, CO. April 2022.

6. **Lawson V**, Whitney A, Antoun J, Henkhaus L, Stoppelbein M, Carlson K, Scholer S. Addressing ACEs by integrating a parenting assessment into pediatric primary care: time, costs, and impact on a practice's finances. American Academy of Pediatrics Meeting. Anaheim, CA. October 2022.
7. Antoun J, **Lawson V**, Whitney A, Henkhaus L, Stoppelbein M, Carlson K, Scholer S. The effect of a brief parenting assessment on parents' plans to discipline. Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. Denver, CO. April 2022.
8. **Lawson V**, Morad A, Pressley L: Improving use of phone interpretation services in the newborn nursery. Vanderbilt University School of Medicine Quality Improvement Symposium. Nashville, TN. November 2021.
9. Krehnbrink M, **Lawson V**, Clark A, Johnson D, Morad A: Increasing prescription rates for supplemental vitamin D for young infants in a primary care clinic and across a healthcare system. American Academy of Pediatrics National Meeting. Online. October 2021.
10. Krehnbrink M, **Lawson V**, Clark A, Johnson D, Morad A: Increasing prescription rates for supplemental vitamin D for young infants in a primary care clinic and across a healthcare system. Tennessee State Pediatric Conference. Online. August 2021.
11. **Lawson V**, Divakar S, Quinlan K, Neeley M: Not all that bleeds is trauma: A rare cause of hemothorax. Pediatric Hospital Medicine Meeting. Online. August 2021.