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Education and Training

Healthy Children's Center for Breastfeeding
Advanced Lactation Consultant, 2015
Certified Lactation Counselor, 2012

Union Institute and University
Master of Arts, History and Culture, 2010
Thesis: *Chronicling Spirals: Sacred Feminine Ritual and Myth*
Sacred Feminine studies with Patricia Monaghan, Ph.D.

University of Nebraska-Omaha
Bachelor of Arts, Dramatic Arts, 2001
Dual concentrations acting and directing
Honors: *Summa cum Laude, Honors Extra Muros*

Lactation/Maternal-Child Health Experience

World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative U.S. Working Group (2016-present)

United States Breastfeeding Committee Representative Mom2Mom Global (2016-present)

Military Breastfeeding Coalition Steering Committee (2016-present)

Executive Director (2015-present)

Mom2Mom Global
Volunteer position

Community Outreach Director (2011-2014)

Mom2Mom KMC, Breastfeeding Peer Support
Volunteer position

Advanced Lactation Consultant/Certified Lactation Counselor (2012-present)

- Volunteer ALC/CLC providing breastfeeding support via hospital and home visits; telephone and online support for breastfeeding dyads to mothers and babies in the Kaiserslautern Military Community
- Certified Red Cross Volunteer at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, covering weekend and holiday shifts for inpatient lactation support on Mother-Baby and NICU
- ALC/CLC at Mom2Mom KMC Breastfeeding Cafes 2012-present

- Collaborating in ongoing effort to create a community network of lactation, infant bodywork, and medical/dental support for babies with suspected ankyloglossia
- Patient advisory committee to assist LRMC Division of Women's Health and Newborn Care to improve patient experiences during prenatal, birth, and postnatal care 2015-2018
- Co-Chair, LRMC Patient – Family Advisory Council 2018-present
- Advocate for protection, promotion, and support of breastfeeding

Peer Mentor (2008-2015)

Mom2Mom KMC, Breastfeeding Peer Support

Volunteer position

- Mentor to breastfeeding mothers, assisting them to develop strategies to meet their individual breastfeeding goals
- Personal expertise in breastfeeding twins, premature babies, NICU, older children, and tandem-nursing

Publications and Invited Presentations

Mom2Mom Global and Breastfeeding in Combat Boots: Breastfeeding Support For Military Families. CDC-U.S. Breastfeeding Committee Coalitions Webinar Series. Online. 9 Oct 2018.

Breastfeeding Military Families: An Invisible Underserved Population. Presented by Felisha Brooks-Floyd. National WIC Association Conference. New Orleans. 24-27 Sep 2018.

Scoring Inequity: A Starting Point for Collaborative Breastfeeding Initiatives. Reaching Our Sisters Everywhere (ROSE) Summit. Atlanta, 16-17 Aug 2018. Panel Discussion.

Military Parental Leave Update. U.S. Breastfeeding Committee Coalitions Conference and Annual Meeting. Atlanta. 3- 6 Aug 2018

Breastfeeding Basics for Emergency Department Staff. Landstuhl Regional Medical Center Staff Inservice. Landstuhl, Germany, 3 Apr 2018

Lies and Lactation Cookies: Raising the Bar for Breastfeeding Support in Social Media. GOLD Lactation Conference, 2018. Online, 12 Apr 2018

Lies and Lactation Cookies: Raising the Bar for Breastfeeding Support in Social Media. Breastfeeding and Feminism International Conference. Chapel Hill, NC, Mar 2018

World Breastfeeding Week Coining Ceremony. La Leche League of Ft. Belvoir. Invited Guest Speaker. Ft. Belvoir, VA, Aug 2017

Breastfeeding Grief in the Postpartum Patient: Application of a Hospice Model of Care. International Neonatology Association Conference. Lyons, France, Jul 2017

When Tears Flow and Milk Doesn't: Supporting Through Breastfeeding Grief. GOLD Lactation Conference, 2017. Online. 24 Apr 2017

Lies and Lactation Cookies: Raising the Bar for Breastfeeding Support in Social Media. Healthy Children's International Breastfeeding Conference Pre-Conference Ethics Workshop. Orlando, Jan 2017

When Tears Flow and Milk Doesn't: Supporting Through Breastfeeding Grief. Healthy Children's International Breastfeeding Conference. Orlando, Jan 2017

Mom2Mom KMC: From Peer Mentoring to Community Culture Change. GOLD Lactation Conference, May 2015 (co-presenter)

"Boobs, Babes and Boots." Chapter 4 in *Taking the Village Online: Mothers, Motherhood and Social Media*, Demeter Press, Oct 2016

"The New Military Parental Leave—What does it really mean?" Guest-blogger for MomsRising.org, March 2017

"Why is it so important to give all military servicemembers paid family leave?" Guest-blogger for [United States Breastfeeding Committee](http://UnitedStatesBreastfeedingCommittee), Jun 2016

"Mom2Mom Global: Breastfeeding Peer Support for Military Families." Guest-blogger for Galactablog, Feb 2016

"Two at a Time: A Tale of Breastfeeding Twins." Guest-blogger for [Sweet Songs Breastfeeding](http://SweetSongsBreastfeeding), Nov 2015

"Introducing Mom2Mom Global." Guest-blogger for [Breastfeeding in Combat Boots](http://BreastfeedinginCombatBoots), June 2015

"Around the World for World Breastfeeding Week." Guest-blogger for [A Wife, A Mom, A Life](http://AWifeAMomALife), Aug 2014

"In Defense of Formula." Guest-blogger for [Breastfeeding in Combat Boots](http://BreastfeedinginCombatBoots), Aug 2013

Creative Projects

Narrator. ***Untying Breastfeeding.*** Documentary film on breastfeeding and ankyloglossia, directed by Effath Yasmin. 2018

Narrator. ***My Tandem Nursing Journey, 2nd ed.*** Ashley Kusi. Audiobook version. 2018