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Lactation/Maternal-Child Health Experience

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

United States Breastfeeding Committee Primary Contact for Mom2Mom Global (2016)

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
- Regular participating ALC/CLC at Mom2Mom KMC Breastfeeding Cafes 2012-2015
- 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
- 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, full-term, and tandem-nursing

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*

Publications

Regular contributing blogger to [Mom2Mom Global Blog](#)

Contributing guest-blogger for [MomsRising.org](#)

Breastfeeding Grief in the Postpartum Patient. International Neonatology Association Conference. Lyons, France, Jul 2017

Lies and Lactation Cookies: Raising the Bar for Breastfeeding Support Groups 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
GOLD Lactation Online Conference. Apr 2017

"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](#), 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](#), Nov 2015

“Introducing Mom2Mom Global.” Guest-blogger for [Breastfeeding in Combat Boots](#), June 2015

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

“Around the World for World Breastfeeding Week.” Guest-blogger for [A Wife, A Mom, A Life](#), Aug 2014

“In Defense of Formula.” Guest-blogger for [Breastfeeding in Combat Boots](#), Aug 2013