

Erin Riley PT, DPT

APTA Board Certified Neurological Clinical Specialist
635 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Boston University, Boston MA

2014-current

Clinical Assistant Professor Co-Director of Clinical Education

Department of Physical Therapy
Sargent College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences

- 1.0 FTE: 60% teaching, 20% service, 20% scholarship
- Develop, implement, and refine the clinical education curriculum of the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) curriculum.
- Facilitate quality, full-time learning experiences for DPT students during clinical education on a national scale.
- Evaluate students' performance regarding ability to integrate didactic and clinical learning experiences and readiness to progress within the curriculum.

MGH Institute of Health Professions, Charlestown, MA

2012-2014

Clinical Instructor (1.0 FTE Faculty Position)

Department of Physical Therapy

- Teaching responsibilities in cardiopulmonary and neurologic physical therapy courses, interprofessional education program, and clinical education experiences in DPT program
- Administration and practice in a pro-bono physical therapy clinic mentoring Master's level physical therapy students
- Scholarship focusing on electronic health records and knowledge translation

2008-2012

Lab Instructor, Term Lecturer

Department of Physical Therapy

- Teaching responsibilities including neurologic physical therapy and medical management in physical therapy coursework

Northeastern University, Boston, MA

2008-2016

Lecturer

Department of Physical Therapy
Bouve College of Health Sciences

- Teaching responsibilities in pathophysiology coursework

CLINICAL APPOINTMENTS

Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Charlestown, MA

2012-current

Per Diem Physical Therapist (Clinical Specialist)

- Weekly clinical practice in inpatient rehabilitation hospital working with patients presenting with diagnoses including brain injury, stroke, spinal cord injury, orthopedic injuries, cardiopulmonary conditions, complex medical conditions, and post-operative rehab needs, including adult and pediatric populations.
- Provide mentorship for staff therapists
- Provide consults for vestibular rehabilitation assessment and treatment

2007-2012

Staff Physical Therapist (Clinical Specialist)

- Full-time physical therapist practice on inpatient Traumatic Brain Rehabilitation Unit
- Involved in program development/quality improvement and clinical decision-making frameworks
- Provided clinical supervision of physical therapy students on full-time clinical experiences

New England Rehabilitation Hospital, Woburn, MA

2004-2007

Staff Physical Therapist (Hospital Float Position)

- Full-time physical therapist practice on inpatient Spinal Cord Injury, Stroke and Brain Injury, and Cardiopulmonary Care Units
- Provided clinical supervision of physical therapy students on full-time clinical experiences

EDUCATION

Doctor of Physical Therapy

2007 MGH Institute of Health Professions

School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences

Master of Science in Physical Therapy

2004 Boston University

Sargent College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Health Professions

2002 Boston University

Sargent College of Health and Rehabilitation Science

BOARD CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE

Board Certified Neurological Clinical Specialist (NCS)

American Physical Therapy Association

2011-current

Licensed Physical Therapist #16782

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Registration in Allied Health Professions

2004-current

HONORS AND AWARDS

BU Sargent College Alumni Awards

Twiness Award

This is awarded to those alumni who have proven themselves worthy of this honor, both from the standpoints of character and professionalism. Through the medium of these two attributes, they stand for the ideal spirit of Sargent College. Recipients of this award have and continue to provide service to Sargent College in an effort to advance the mission of the College.

Fall 2025

Boston University Shipley Center ACT Grant

Inclusive Teaching and Learning for Experiential Education

Role: Co-Investigator
Award Amount: \$5000
Summer 2024

Physical Therapy Learning Institute

Education Innovator Award

Recognized for poster presentation: *The Impact of #GRExit on Diversity in DPT Admissions*
February 2023

MGH Institute of Health Professions Faculty Fellowship

Situating Interprofessional Education: Classroom Cases for Simulated Learning

Role: Project Leader
Award Amount: \$2500
September 2014

MGB Healthcare System (formerly Partners)

Partners in Excellence Team Award

Recognized for contributions to rehabilitation of individuals with traumatic brain injury at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital
2010

Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts

"You Make the Difference" Award

Recognized for contributions to educational programming provided to individuals after receiving DUI conviction in state of MA
2009

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Peer Reviewed Publications

1. Canham L, **Riley E**, Wert D. "The CHART Model: A Framework for Holistic Admissions Reviewer Training in Physical Therapy Education" *Journal of Physical Therapy Education*. Accepted for Publication Oct 2025.
2. **Riley E**, Driscoll L. "Bias Training Implementation in Holistic Admissions Review." *Journal of Allied Health*. 53(4), Dec 2025.
3. Zalanowski S, **Riley E**, Spaulding A, Hansen E, Clooney D, MODOONO C, Evans E. "Connecting Practice to Data: Implementation Strategies to Increase Collection of Core Outcome Measures in an Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility." *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*. November 2024.
4. Holmes, M., Starr, J., **Riley, E.**, Driscoll, L., Camarinos, J., Harbaugh, A., & Grabowska, W. "A Quantitative Measurement of Physical Therapists' Empathy and Exploration of the Relationship with Practice Setting and Work Engagement." *Evaluation and the Health Professions*. July 2019.
5. Driscoll, L **Riley, E.** "Physical Therapy and the Aging Adult - An Independent Home Study Course for Individual Continuing Education: Assistive Devices, Adaptive Equipment, Orthotics, and Wheeled Mobility for the Older Adult." B. Billek-Sawhney (Ed.), American Physical Therapy Association. September 2018.

6. Plummer, L., Brown, L., **Riley, E.** "Guillain-Barre" PTNow Online Clinical Summary. <https://www.ptnow.org/clinical-summaries-detail/guillain-barre-syndrome>. May 23, 2017.

Invited Presentations

1. **Riley, E.** "Productive Conflict in the Healthcare Setting." 1 hour presentation to South Shore Hospital Rehabilitation Staff including PT/OT/Speech therapists, Weymouth MA. Jan 14, 2026
2. **Riley, E.** "Productive Conflict in the Healthcare Setting." 1.5 hour workshop to MGB Spaulding Rehabilitation Network Rehab, Nursing, and PM&R staff, Boston MA. March 20, 2025.
3. Evans E. Zalanowski S, Green J. **Riley, E.** et al. "Practice to Data: Assessing EHR Data Quality" Dr. J. Robert Shaughnessy PM&R Research and Education Day, Boston, MA. June 7, 2024
4. **Riley, E.** "Maximizing Healthy Conflict in Clinical Education." 1-hour presentation to University of Rochester Medical Center Rehabilitation staff. Webinar. March 13, 2024
5. **Riley, E.**, MacDonald, K., Jeffries-EI, M. Panel Discussion: Affirmative Action in Higher Ed. Hosted by Boston University DEI Leadership. Boston, MA Sept 27, 2023.
6. **Riley, E.** "Student Supervision and Difficult Conversations." 60-minute presentation to MGH Spaulding Network Rehab Staff, Boston MA and virtual in MA/RI. July 6, 2023.
7. **Riley, E.** "Maximizing Healthy Conflict." 2-hour workshop to employees of Cervello, an AT Kearney Company. Webinar. July, 2021
8. **Riley, E.** "Difficult Conversations in Clinical Education." 60-minute presentation to rehabilitation staff at Encompass New England Rehabilitation Hospital in Woburn, MA. Webinar (due to COVID-19). June, 2021
9. **Riley, E.** "Conflict Resolution." Health Matters Podcast Episode 44. Moderator Dr. Karen Jacobs
10. Driscoll, L., & **Riley, E.** "Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Physical Therapy: Implications for Clinical Education and Practice." Full Day Seminar For New England Consortium of Clinical Educators Clinical Faculty Institute. Webinar (due to COVID-19). November 5, 2020.
11. **Riley, E.** "Maximizing Healthy Conflict in Clinical Education" 60-minute presentation to Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital PT/OT Staff, Boston MA, February 4, 2020.
12. Driscoll, L **Riley, E.** "Starting the Conversation: Integrating a Social Justice Framework to Provide Better Healthcare." 90-minute presentation to Boston University Physical Therapy Center staff, Boston MA, January 17, 2020.
13. **Riley, E.** "Rehabilitation for Moderate to Severe Brain Injury." 8-hour workshop presented to PTs, OTs, SLPs, and Nurses at Integris Health, Oklahoma City, OK. Sept 30, 2017
14. **Riley, E.** "Medical Management of Brain Injury" Medical Management Course, DPT Program, MGH Institute of Health Professions, Charlestown, MA, Feb 2017.
15. **Riley, E.** "Quantifying Consciousness: Measuring Change in Individuals with Severe TBI" Neurological Special Interest Group of the APTA of MA, Boston University, MA, Oct 6, 2013.
16. **Riley, E.** "Vestibular Screening" 60-minute session presented to Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital PT/OT Staff, Boston MA, July 16, 2013.

17. **Riley, E.** "Disorders of Consciousness Program", 60-minute session presented to Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital Staff, Boston MA, Nov 16, 2011.
18. **Riley, E.** "Bionness L300" workshop series, Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Boston, Oct 5-12, 2010.
19. **Riley, E.** "Renal Dysfunction" 60-minute session presented to Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital PT Staff, Boston MA March 4, 2010.
20. McCarthy-Jacobson, A. Karlburg, C. **Riley, E.** "Serial Casting" 2-day Educational Course for Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital Network Staff, Boston MA, Oct 16-17, 2009

Peer Reviewed Conference Presentations

1. **Riley E**, Holmes MB, Heath A "Self-Reported Learner Traits and Academic Outcomes in First-Year D.P.T. Students: A Pilot Study" Platform Presentation at APTA CSM Conference, Anaheim CA, Feb 12, 2026.
2. **Riley E** "Navigating Constructive Conflict in Clinical Education" 30 min. Micro-Learn Education Session, APTA Education Leadership Conference, Kansas City, MO, Oct 17 2025. *Cancelled due to travel delays*
3. **Riley E**, Canham L, Driscoll L. "Strategies for Bias Mitigation Training in Holistic Admissions" 30 min. Micro-Learn Education Session, APTA Education Leadership Conference, Oakland CA, Oct 18 2024.
4. **Riley E**, Biggs J, Nanjappa A, Canham L, Houser, J. "Holistic Admissions: From Interviews to Infrastructure. a Panel Discussion on Implementation, Successes, and Challenges" 2 hr. Education Session, APTA Combined Sections Meeting, San Diego CA, Feb 24 2023.
5. **Riley E**, Driscoll L. "GRE or not to GRE, That is the Question." Poster Presentation, APTA Combined Sections Meeting, San Diego CA, Feb 26 2023.
6. **Riley E**, Driscoll L. "The Impact of #GRExit on Diversity in DPT Admissions." Poster Presentation, APTA Education Leadership Conference, Milwaukee WI, Oct 2022.
7. Starr JA, Holmes MB, **Riley E**, Driscoll L, McDonnell B, Camarinos J. "A Quantitative Measurement of Physical Therapists' Empathy and Exploration of the Relationship with Practice Setting and Work Engagement." Poster Presentation, APTA Combined Sections Meeting, Washington DC, January 2019
8. Marinko, LN. **Riley E**, Martin, S. Camarinos, J. O'Shaughnessy E. "Can you have it all? A financially sustainable clinical center providing outcomes-based patient care, authentic academic partnership, and professional leadership" 1.5 hr. Education Session, APTA Education Leadership Conference: Jacksonville, FL, October 2018
9. **Riley E**, Fitzgerald C, Cesario C, Steinbarger K: "Advancing the Knowledge Transfer System via Social Media: Collaboration Between Academic and Clinical Educators." Poster Presentation, APTA Combined Sections Meeting: New Orleans, LA, February 2018.
10. Macauley K, Plummer L, Bemis C, Brock G, Larson C, Spangler J, Dutton L, **Riley E**: "Comparison of Anxiety Levels in DPT Students Between Three Programs with Two Different Curricula." Poster Presentation, APTA Combined Sections Meeting: New Orleans, LA, February 2018.
11. Fitzgerald, C Cesario C **Riley E** & Steinbarger K: "A Knowledge Transfer System via Social Media: Collaboration Between Academic and Clinical Educators." Poster Presentation, APTA Combined Sections Meeting: Anaheim CA, February 2016.
12. **Riley, E** Evenson, M & O'Dea, MB: "Situating Interprofessional Education: Classroom Cases For Simulated Learning". Poster Presentation, APTA Combined Sections Meeting Anaheim CA Feb 2016.

Also presented at AOTA National Conference, Baltimore MD, April, 2014 and MAOTA Annual Conference in Norwood, MA October, 2014.

13. O'Dea MB, Riotte M, Evenson M, Inzana RS, **Riley E**: "Utilizing Electronic Medical Records and Enhanced Simulation in Interprofessional Clinical Education" Platform Presentation, ASHA Annual Conference: Orlando FL Nov, 2014.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Boston University

Primary Instructor

Fall 2015-current PT691 Clinical Education Seminar I

Spring 2014-current PT692 Clinical Education Seminar II
PT793 Clinical Experience III

Summer 2014-current PT 792 Clinical Experience II

Lab Instructor

Fall 2015-current PT 652 Neurological Systems I
Full semester, weekly basis

Spring 2022-2023 PT 512 Cardiopulmonary & Vascular System II
Guest lab instructor, Rehabilitation for patients with limb loss

Spring 2015 PT 653 Neurological Systems II
Full semester, weekly basis

Guest Lecturer

Spring 2015-2017 PT 653 Neurological Systems II
Evaluation and Treatment of Severe TBI

Advisor/Mentor

2021-current Admissions Ambassador Mentor
Department of Physical Therapy, Sargent College, BU

2020-current Neurologic PT Resident Mentor
Boston University Neurologic Physical Therapy Residency Program

2014-current DPT Student Academic Advisor
Department of Physical Therapy, Sargent College, BU

2018-2025 Social Media Student Ambassador Advisor
Department of Physical Therapy, Sargent College, BU

2014- 2020 Faculty Advisor, Boston University Physical Therapy Association
Department of Physical Therapy, Sargent College, BU

Mentored presentations/posters/projects

Student(s)	Project Title	Product
2021		

Arch, Courtney Jordan, Jillian	The Role of Social Media in Perpetuating Misconceptions around Body Image and Exercise	- Comprehensive literature review - Presentation to Sargent Community with feedback survey
2020		
Amin, Niyati Naik, Sarina	Development of a Resource Detailing Communication Strategies for BU DPT Students	- Course materials prepared for Professional Seminar Course (SAR PT 794) - Feedback survey from students in course
2020		
Gay, Hannah	The Use of Social Media as a Platform to Improve Visibility and Engagement for a Doctor of Physical Therapy Program	- Statistical analysis of BU DPT social media accounts data - Resource guide for future social media ambassadors
2016		
Ritterova, Marianne	An Evidence Based Aquatic Therapy Protocol To Improve Postural Control in Inpatient Population after CVA	- Presentation to Spaulding Rehabilitation PT and OT Departments - Feedback survey

MGH INSTITUTE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Primary Instructor

Spring 2013-2014

PT 791 Health Promotion Programs

Fall 2012-2013

PT Clinical Management of Cardiopulmonary Disorders I

Summer 2012-2014

PT 606 Professional Socialization

Lab Instructor

Spring 2013-2014

PT Clinical Management of Cardiopulmonary Disorders II
Full semester weekly basis

Summer 2012-2014

MGH Institute of Health Professions Pro Bono Physical Therapy Center
Year-round supervision of physical therapy students assessing and treating patients, predominately with neurologic conditions

Fall 2009-2013

PT 766 Clinical Management of Neuromuscular Disorders I
Full semester weekly basis

Spring 2008-2014

PT 767 Clinical Management of Neuromuscular Disorders II
Full semester weekly basis

Lecturer

2013-2014

IMPACT Interprofessional Program Curriculum
Interprofessional Team Leader, Spring and Fall Semesters

Spring 2010-2014

PT Medical Management of PT
2010-2014 Guest Lecture: Medical Management after Severe TBI

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Term Lecturer

Summer 2008-2016

PT 5140 Pathology
Recitation Leader

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Consultative and Advisory Positions

2020-2025

Member, Reactor Panel for Competency-Based Physical Therapy Education Education Leadership Partnership (National service, elected by New England Consortium of Clinical Educators)

2008-2012

Member, Advanced Clinician Advisory Committee,
Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital Boston, MA

2011

Member, Elopement Risk Advisory Committee,
Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital Boston, MA

Committee Membership

National

2023-current

co-Founder/Event Organizer/Moderator, The Admissions Network
American Physical Therapy Association, Academic Faculty Special Interest Group
Current membership: 520 individuals from DPT and PTA education programs

Date	Network Event Title
Feb 13, 2026	APTA CSM Networking Collaboration Event Anaheim, CA Conference Center
Nov 12, 2025	Empowering the Applicant: Fostering Transparency in the Admissions Process
June 25, 2025	Understanding and Addressing Barriers Faced by Underrepresented Applicants
Nov 13, 2024	Synchronous Interviews
July 15, 2024	Asynchronous Interviews
March 13, 2024	Artificial Intelligence in PT Admissions
Nov 8, 2023	Recruitment in PT Admissions
July 10, 2023	A Conceptual and Evidence-Based Analysis of Holistic Admissions Practices in Physical Therapist Education

Regional

2014-current

Member, New England Consortium of Clinical Educators
Regional Consortium representing clinical educators in PT education from 18 participating colleges and universities

2014-current

Member, Technology Committee

New England Consortium of Clinical Educators

2014-2016 Secretary, APTA of MA Neurologic Special Interest Group
Massachusetts

College/University

2014- current Ad hoc member, Interprofessional Practice Committee
Sargent College, BU

2021-2025 PT representative to Sargent Faculty Council
Sargent College, BU

2020-2021 Learn from Anywhere Faculty Coach
Boston University Center for Digital Learning and Innovation/Center for Teaching and Learning

Fall 2019 Chair, Pro Bono Center Task Force,
Sargent College, BU

Spring 2019 Member, Core Team for College Strategic Planning
Sargent College, BU

2015-2021 PCE Committee representative, Faculty Council
Sargent College, BU

2015-2021 Chair, Professional Clinical Education Committee
Sargent College, BU

2014- 2015 Member, Professional Clinical Education Committee
Sargent College, BU

2012- 2014 Electronic Health Record Task Force
MGH Institute of Health Professions

2012- 2014 EPortfolio Advisory Committee
MGH Institute of Health Professions

Department

2025-current Pre-graduation Event Planning Committee
Department of Physical Therapy, Sargent College, BU

2023-current Peer Teaching Reviewer
Department of Physical Therapy, Sargent College, BU

2021-current Chair, DPT Graduate Admissions Committee,
Department of Physical Therapy, Sargent College, BU

2023-2024 Alumni Event Committee
Department of Physical Therapy, Sargent College, BU

2020-2021 Chair, Search Committee for Clinical Assistant Professor/DCE
Department of Physical Therapy, Sargent College, BU

2019-2021 Member, DPT Graduate Admissions Committee
Department of Physical Therapy, Sargent College, BU

Fall 2019	Member, Search Committee for Clinical Assistant Professor Position Department of Physical Therapy, Sargent College, BU
Spring 2019	Member, Search Committee for Lecturer Position Department of Physical Therapy, Sargent College, BU
2014- 2021	Member, Committee for Academic Policies and Procedures Department of Physical Therapy, Sargent College, BU
2013- 2014	DPT Admissions Committee Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, MGH Institute of Health Professions
2012- 2014	Documentation Guidelines Committee Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, MGH Institute of Health Professions

Manuscript Reviewer

- Journal of Physical Therapy Education Reviewer
- Journal of Allied Health Manuscript Reviewer
- Sargent College Clinical Faculty Internal Grants Reviewer
- "Guillain-Barre" Clinical Summary Revision, APTA, 2024.
- "Traumatic Brain Injury: Impairments, Assessment, and Interventions, 2nd Edition" 2016. Continuing Education Course, Western Schools, Brockton MA.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

2014-current	New England Consortium of Clinical Educators
2012-current	APTA of Massachusetts Neurology Special Interest Group
2012-current	Academy of Education, APTA
2009-current	Academy of Neurology, APTA
2004-current	American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) (#385567)

CONTINUING EDUCATION ATTENDED

- **2022-2023** Equity in Graduate Education Workshop Series,
Equity in Graduate Education Consortium
- **Spring 2021** Anti-Racist Training Series Workshops with Jurrita Williams Louie
Center for Psychiatric Rehab, Boston University
- **June 2020** Connection 2020: The National Conference on Race & Ethnicity (NCORE) Experience
Virtual conference
- **2014-current** **Combined Sections Meetings Conferences, APTA**
Feb 2026: Anaheim, CA
Feb 2023: San Diego, CA
Feb 2021: Virtual
Feb 2020: Denver, CO
Feb 2019: Washington DC
Feb 2018: New Orleans, LA
Feb 2016: Anaheim, CA
Feb 2015: Indianapolis, IN
Feb 2014: Las Vegas, NV

- **2014-current** **Education Leadership Conferences, APTA**
Oct 2024: Oakland, CA
Oct 2023: Philadelphia, PA *Platform Moderator*
Oct 2022: Milwaukee, WI
Oct 2020: Virtual
Oct 2018: Jacksonville, FL
Oct 2017: Columbus, OH
Oct 2014: Kansas City, MO
- **Oct 2012** Expanding Neurologic Expertise: Advanced Practice in Vestibular Physical Therapy,
APTA Academy of Neurologic PT, Boston MA
- **March 2012** Massachusetts Brain Injury Association Annual Conference,
Marlborough, MA
- **Oct 2011** Clinical Decision Making As Framework For Expert Practice
APTA Academy of Neurologic PT, Boston MA

CLINICAL CERTIFICATIONS

CPR Certified

Serial Casting for the Lower Extremity

Bionness Certified

Lokomat and Autoambulator Partial Body Weight Support Systems Certified

Safety Care Certified for Management of Agitated Behaviors