

**EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
STANDARD CURRICULUM VITAE**

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1. **Name:** Elizabeth "Beth" Thompson, PsyD
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4. **Current Titles and Affiliations:**
 - a. **Academic Appointments:**
 1. **Primary Appointments:**
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Emory + Children's Pediatric Institute, June 2016.
 - b. **Clinical Appointments:**
 1. Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Psychologist for the Sickle Cell Team at Hughes Spalding, Emory + Children's Pediatric Institute, October 2025.
 - c. **Other Administrative Appointments:**
 1. Co-Director of Pediatric Psychology Externship Training Program at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, January 2015.
5. **Previous Professional Appointments:**
 - a. Interventionist for Laura Mee PhD's NIH Grant, Facilitating Parent Adaptation to Pediatric Transplant: the P-SCIP Trial, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, October 2010 – February 2014.
6. **Previous Clinical Appointments:**
 - a. PRN Psychologist for the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorder's Center, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, November 2011 – September 2012.
 - b. PRN Psychologist for the Center for Pain Relief, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, November 2011 – May 2013.
 - c. Clinical Psychologist for the Sickle Cell Team at Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorder's Center Hughes Spalding Campus, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, September 2012 – October 2014.
 - d. Clinical Psychologist for the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center Egleston Campus, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, November 2014 – June 2016.
 - e. Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Emory School of Medicine, June 2016 – September 2019.
 - f. Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Psychologist for the Bone Marrow Transplant Team, Emory + Children's Pediatric Institute, September 2019 – October 2025.
7. **Licensures:**
 - a. Georgia Licensed Psychologist, 2011.

8. Education:

- a. BA, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC, 2000 – 2004
- b. MA, Georgia School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University, Atlanta, GA, 2005-2007.
- c. PsyD, Georgia School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University, Atlanta, GA, 2007-2010
- d. Pre-doctoral Internship in Clinical Psychology, Marcus Autism Center at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA, Supervisors William Sharp, PhD, Alice Shillingsburg, PhD, Nathan Call, PhD, 2009-2010.

9. Postgraduate Training:

- a. Postdoctoral Fellowship in Pediatric Psychology, Emory School of Medicine, Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center, Atlanta, GA, Supervisors Laura Mee, PhD, Alcuin Johnson, PhD, Grace Fong, PhD, 2010-2011.

10. Continuing Professional Development Activities:

- a. Implementing Comprehensive Biopsychosocial Screening Programs, City of Hope, Los Angeles, CA, 2014.
- b. 5 Day Professional Biofeedback Certificate Program, STENS, Atlanta, GA, 2015.
- c. Surviving Cancer Competently Training Program, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, 2016.
- d. Darkness to Light, Stewards of Children Training, Georgia Center for Child Advocacy, Atlanta, GA, 2012 and 2017.
- e. D Day Program Observation of Kindell Schoffner, Comprehensive Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA, 2019.
- f. Quick and Dirty DBT: Basics of DBT Skills Training for Practical Application, Avant Training, Online, 2022

11. Society Memberships:

- a. Society of Pediatric Psychology, 2008 – present.
- b. American Psychosocial Oncology Society, 2020 – present.
- c. National Register of Health Service Psychologists, 2020 – present.
- d. American Psychological Association, 2023 – present.
- e. Georgia Psychological Association, 2023 – present.

12. Committee Memberships:

a. National:

- 1. Member, Cure Sickle Cell Initiative (CureSCi) Patient Readiness and Resilience Working Group, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), 2024 – present.

b. Institutional:

- 1. Member, Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center Psychology Search Committee, 2019 – 2020.
- 2. Member, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Behavioral and Mental Health Working Group, 2020 – 2021.
- 3. Member, Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center Psychology Training Committee, 2019 – present.
- 4. Member, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Internship Training Committee, 2024.
- 5. Member, Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders, Gene Therapy Working Group, 2024-present.

6. Member, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Comprehensive Sickle Cell Transition Program Meeting, 2025 - present
7. Member, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Sickle Cell Education Day Planning Committee, 2025

13. Peer Review Activities:

a. Manuscripts:

1. Behavior Modification, 2009.
2. Journal of Pediatric Psychology, 2024.

14. Advisory Boards:

- a. Member of the Aflac Family Advisory Council, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, 2020 – 2022.

15. Clinical Service Contributions:

- a. Led QI Project for Aflac Psychology on Identifying Prevalence of Pica to Improve Assessment Practices by Psychology Providers, 2013 – 2014.
- b. Co-led QI Project for Aflac Psychology on Improving Suicide Identification in Pediatric Patient Populations, 2015 – 2016.
- c. Co-organized and Created Process to Standardize Interviews, Onboarding, and Evaluations for Pediatric Psychology Externships, 2015.
- d. Expanded Aflac Pediatric Psychology Clinic to Hughes Spaulding, 2016.
- e. Collaborated with Sickle Cell Team to Create a New Monthly School Age Clinic for Patients Aged 6-12 Focused on Academics, Disease Education and Pain Management/Coping Skills, 2018.
- f. Led Comfortability Group as Part of QI Project for Aflac Psychology Focusing on Improving Pain Management Skills for Children Diagnosed with Sickle Cell Disease, 2018 – 2019.
- g. Served as a Co-Investigator for Mixed Methods analysis of Pica in Pediatric Sickle Cell Disease, IRB approved research project. Principle Investigator: Lindsey Cohen, PhD. Co-Investigator: Anne James Herry, MD. Study Coordinator: Nikita Rodrigues, MA, 2018-2019.
- h. Collaborated with Amy Hood, CCLS to update pill swallowing training materials hospital wide for Child Life Specialists working at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, 2019.
- i. Contributor and participant in the Behavioral Health Strategic Plan Leadership Sessions for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, 2020.
- j. Serving as a Co-Investigator on proposed research project on Defining Patient-Important Mental Health Outcomes after Pediatric Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant. Principle Investigator: Taylor Fitch, MD. Co Investigators: Cynthia B. Sinha, PhD, Jordan Marchak PhD ABPP, Justin Williams, PhD. 2022 – present.
- k. Participated in Aflac Sickle Cell Transition Day at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta/Grady and mentored fellow in presenting on 3/29/2024.
- l. Participated in a Delphi Study on Sickle Cell Crisis Management, Co investigators: Bukola Mary Ibitoye, MSc, RN, Bernie Garrett, PhD, RN, Mamon Ranger PhD, RN, Jennifer Stinson, PhD, RN=EC, CPNP, FAAN. 2024.
- m. Implemented Distress Screening the Hughes Spaulding Sickle Cell Clinic, 2025

16. Contributions to Fostering Inclusive Excellence:

- a. Talking to Children about Race, Talk on culturally informed care given to the Bone Marrow Transplant Team, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA, 2020.

- b. Attended 3 hour workshop entitled "Black Lives Matter, an ethical call to action for clinicians, presented by the Knowledge Tree, 2020.
- c. Worked with Ann Haight, MD to integrate a psychology component into the multi-disciplinary Ex-Sickle BMT Clinic and mentored psychology fellow Erin Kelling, PsyD in program development to create this part of the clinic to promote health equity, 2021.
- d. Attended a 3 hour workshop entitled "Latinx: Multicultural Competence and Ethical Considerations," presented by Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Emory University School of Medicine, 2022.
- e. Attended a 3 hour workshop entitled "Gender Identity Exploration for Professionals and Our Work with Patients" presented by the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Emory University School of Medicine, 2023.
- f. Attended a 3 hour workshop entitled "Adapting Mindfulness Interventions to Meet the Needs of African Americans" presented by the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Emory University School of Medicine, 2024.

17. Community Outreach:

a. General:

- 1. Board Member, Pride Rings in Stone Mountain Community Organization, 2018-2020.
- 2. Committee Action Group Member, Memorial Drive Revitalization Project, Trees and Trails Committee, 2020 – 2022.
- 3. Board Member, Rowland Allgood Durham Circle Neighborhood Association, 2021 – present.
- 4. Co-Chair, Memorial Drive Revitalization Project, Trees and Trails Committee, 2022 – 2024.
- 5. Member, Friends of Rowland Park, 2024 – 2024.
- 6. Attended Sickie Cell Day at the Capitol, 2025
- 7. Secretary, Phoenix School Board, 20025 – present

b. Media Appearances:

- 1. Miller, Andy. Siblings of hospitalized kids need help and comfort, too. Quote in an article for *Georgia Health News*, 2019.

18. Honors and Awards:

- a. Distinction Awarded on Doctoral Comprehensive Exam, Georgia School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University, 2008.
- b. Commendation of Academic Excellence, Georgia School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University, 2009.
- c. Emory School of Medicine Doctors' Day Recognition, 2021
- d. Emory School of Medicine Doctors' Day Recognition, 2023

19. Supervisory Teaching:

a. Bedside Teaching:

- 1. For every year that I have supervised graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, I have engaged in bedside teaching. This occurs with each patient encounter and can be live/in vivo supervision as well as subsequent to the patient encounter. Please the list below for each category of trainee and the years.

b. Mentoring Activities:

Postdoctoral or Clinical Fellows

Name	Year(s) supervised	Current position and employer
Jennifer Lee, PhD	2015-2016	Director of Clinical Research, Lyra Health
Alana Leever, PsyD	2016-2017	Clinical Psychologist, Nationwide Children's Hospital
Katherine Proctor, PhD	2017-2018	Clinical Psychologist, Marcus Autism Center
Camara Murphy, PsyD	2017-2018	Clinical Psychologist, Soubilis Psychological Associates
Naadira Upshaw, PsyD	2018-2019	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Emory + Children's Pediatric Institute and Director of Pediatric Psychology Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Courtney Lynn, PhD	2018-2019	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Colorado
Kerri Woodward, PhD	2019-2020	Clinical Psychologist with the Center for Pain Relief, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Yelena Johnson, PhD	2019-2020	Clinical Psychologist, Ochsner Health Center
Alison Manicowski, PsyD	2020-2021	Clinical Psychologist, UNC Health
Mallory Schneider Hughes, PhD	2020-2021	Clinical Psychologist, Little Futures
Erin Kelling, PsyD	2021-2022	Clinical Psychologist, University of Colorado Medicine
Delilah Ellzey, PsyD	2021-2022	Clinical Psychologist with Endocrinology, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Lauren Quast, PhD	2022-2023	Clinical Psychologist with Solid Organ Transplant, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Kayla Fitch, PsyD	2023-2024	Clinical Psychologist with Primary Care, Wellstar Health System
Johannil Napoleon, PsyD	2023-2024	Licensed Professional Counselor
Kahyah Pinkman, PhD	2024	Clinical Psychologist, Private Practice
Jan Mooney, PhD	2024-2025	Postdoctoral Fellow with Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center, Emory School of Medicine

Graduate Students (includes master's and doctoral students)

Name	Year(s) supervised	Current position and employer
Amanda Feinstein, PhD	2010-2011	Clinical Psychologist with the Center for Pain Relief, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Clinical Psychologist, Private Practice
Don Bearden, PhD	2012-2013	Chief of Pediatric Psychology, LeBonheur Children's Hospital
Justin Williams, PhD	2012-2013	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics with the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center, Emory + Children's Pediatric Institute
Anne Winiarski, PhD	2013-2014	Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Rush University

Yunsoo Park, PhD	2013-2014	Social Scientist, Clinical Psychologist, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Ifigenia Mougianis, PhD	2014-2015	Clinical Psychologist, Alberta Health Services
Lindsay Pallas, PsyD	2014-2015	Clinical Psychologist, Child and Family Development
Carmen Buffington, PsyD	2014-2015	Clinical Psychologist, Moore Mental Health
Brooke Reidy, PhD	2014-2016	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Cincinnati Children's Hospital
Naadira Upshaw, PsyD, ABPP	2015-2016	Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Emory + Children's Pediatric Institute and Director of Pediatric Psychology Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Brittany Duncan, PsyD	2016-2017	Clinical Psychologist, Georgia Autism Center
Rachel Weinstock, PhD	2017-2018	Clinical Psychologist, Alvord, Baker, and Associates
Alleena Bennett, PsyD	2018-2019	Clinical Psychologist, Summit Pediatric Psychology
Zahra Murtaza, PhD	2018-2019	Clinical Psychologist and Ravenswood Program Manager at the Children's Health Council
Nikita Rodrigues, PhD	2018-2019	Clinical Psychologist, Children's National
Kelly Rea, PhD	2019-2020	Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Michigan
Mayank Gandhi, PsyD	2021-2022	Postdoctoral Fellow, Marcus Autism Center

c. Thesis or Dissertation Committees:

Graduate Students

Name	Year(s)	Program	Institution
Nina Sherdan, MA	2020-2022	Genetic Counseling	Emory University

20. Lectureships, Seminar Invitations, and Visiting Professorships:

a. Regional:

1. Professional Self-Care Within the Medical Field, Invited Workshop with Katherine Proctor, PhD, Georgia Society of Clinical Social Work, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA, May, 2018.
2. Reintegration into Life after Bone Marrow Transplant: The patient, the parent, and the family, Invited talk for the STELLAR Educational Symposium, Atlanta, GA, 2018.

b. Institutional:

1. Introduction to the Role of Cognitive Behaviorally Based Interventions in Managing Chronic Pain: Education and Practice, Invited talk with Cindy Schoell, PsyD at Pain Education Day, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA 2012.
2. Introduction to the Role of Cognitive Behaviorally Based Interventions in Managing Chronic Pain: Education and Practice, Invited talk with Cindy Schoell, PsyD at Pain Education Day, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA 2013.

3. Living Well with Sickle Cell Disease, Invited panel speaker, Sickle Cell Education Day, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA 2019.
4. Optimizing Sickle Cell Care, Invited speaker, Cell and Gene Therapies for Sickle Cell Disease Webinar Series, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA 2024.
5. Pediatric Distress Screening Lunch and Learn, Invited presenter, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA 2025.

21. Invitations to National/International, Regional, and Institutional Conferences:

a. Regional:

1. "Coping with a child's diagnosis of Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria for Parents." Invited talk and parent group for National Organization for Rare Disorders PRN Regional Meeting, Atlanta, GA March 2013.

22. Abstract Presentations at National/International, Regional, and Institutional Conferences:

a. National and International:

1. **Thompson, B.**, Griffin, A., Johnson, A., Feinstein, A., et al, *Sickle cell transition: A comprehensive developmental approach to facilitating the successful transfer of adolescents with sickle cell disease from pediatric to adult care*, The Society of Pediatric Psychology Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX, 2011 (Poster Presentation).
2. **Thompson, B.**, Baker, N., Johnson, A., Gilleland, J., *Quality of Life in Pediatric Sickle Cell Disease*, The Society of Pediatric Psychology Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2013 (Poster Presentation).
3. Sil, S., Adams, L., Travers, C., **Thompson, B.**, Griffin, A., Johnson, A., Thompson, V., & Kohrt, B, *Improvements in Function and Pain in Youth with Sickle Cell Disease Hospitalized for Vaso-Occclusive Crisis*, The Society of Pediatric Psychology Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, 2015 (Poster Presentation).
4. Upshaw, N., Reidy, B., Fong, G., & **Thompson, B.**, *Improving Suicide Identification in Pediatric Patient Populations: A Quality Improvement Project*, The Society of Pediatric Psychology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, 2016 (Poster Presentation).
5. Shih, S., Rodrigues, N., Cohen, L., Sil, S., **Thompson, B.**, Johnson, A, *Pica in Pediatric Sickle Cell Disease*, The Society of Pediatric Psychology Annual Conference, Portland, OR, 2017 (Poster Presentation).
6. Sil, S., Lai, K., Lee, J., Gilleland-Marchak, J., **Thompson, B.**, Cohen, L., Lane, P., & Dampier, C., *Engagement in Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy for Pain Management Is Associated with Reductions in Healthcare Utilization In Pediatric Sickle Cell Disease*, The American Society of Hematology Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, 2019 (Oral Presentation).
7. Sheridan, N., **Thompson, B.**, Coleman, K., Lichten, L., Sidonio, R., *The Emotional Experience of Hemophilia Carrier Women: Maternal Guilt, Effective Coping Mechanisms, and Resilience Within the Hemophilia Community*. Department of Human Genetics Research in Progress Meeting, Atlanta, GA, United States, 2022 (Oral Presentation).
8. Sheridan, N., **Thompson, B.**, Coleman, K., Lichten, L., Sidonio, R., *The Emotional Experience of Hemophilia Carrier Women: Maternal Guilt, Effective Coping Mechanisms, and Resilience Within the Hemophilia Community*, American College of Medical Genetics Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting, Nashville, TN, United States, 2022 (Oral Presentation).

9. Porter, J., Coleman Cowger, V., Hardy, S., Salomon, J., Thompson, B., Anyadike, U., Dalton, K., Drew, C., Gordon-Pitts, M., Jonassaint, C., Okwo, P., Woolford, T., Valrie, C., *Psychosocial Considerations During and After Gene Therapy for Sickle Cell Disease: Building on Consensus to Guide Comprehensive Care*, Sickle Cell Disease Association of America Annual National Convention, Rosemont, IL, United States, 2025 (Accepted Abstract).

23. Research Focus:

My research focuses on issues relevant to pediatric psychology, especially related to process and system changes. In particular, I am interested in pica diagnosis and treatment in children diagnosed with sickle cell disease, screening for risk/safety issues, readiness for and psychological functioning during the bone marrow transplant process, and quality improvement research related to pediatric psychology.

24. Bibliography:

a. Published and Accepted Research Articles (clinical, basic science, other) in Refereed Journals:

1. Reed-Knight, B., Thompson, B., Bigham, L., Sil, S., Griffin, A., & Johnson, A. (2015). Identification of pica behaviors in youth with sickle cell disease: A quality improvement project. *Clinical Practice in Pediatric Psychology* 3(2), 167-174. doi: 10.1037/cpp0000097
2. Sil, S., Goldstein-Leever, A., Travers, C., Gilleland-Marchak, J., Alexander, A., Thompson, B., Griffin, A., McCracken, C., & New, T. (2019). Enhancing pain assessment in pediatric sickle cell disease by applying quality improvement science. *Clinical Practice in Pediatric Psychology*, 7(4), 335-346. doi:10.1037/cpp0000277
3. Sil, S., Lai, K., Lee, J., Gilleland-Marchak, J., Thompson, B., Cohen, L., Lane, P., & Dampier, C. (2019). Engagement in Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy for Chronic Pain Management Is Associated with Reductions in Healthcare Utilization in Pediatric Sickle Cell Disease. *Blood*, 134, Supplement 1, 218-418. doi: 10.1182/blood-2019-130580
4. Sil, S., Lai, K., Lee, J., Gilleland-Marchak, J., Thompson, B., Cohen, L., Lane, P., & Dampier, C. (2020) Preliminary evaluation of the clinical implementation of cognitive-behavioral therapy for chronic pain management in pediatric sickle cell disease. *Complementary Therapies in Medicine*, 49, PMID: 32147059. doi: 10.1016/j.ctim.2020.102341
5. Sil, S., Lee, J., Klosky, J., Vaz, A., Mee, L., Cochran, S., Thompson, B., & Coakley, R. (2021). The Comfort Ability Program for Adolescents with Sickle Cell Pain: Evaluating feasibility and acceptability of an inpatient group-based clinical implementation. *Pediatric Blood and Cancer*, e29013. doi: 10.1002/pbc.29013
6. Sheridan, N., Thompson, B., Coleman, K., Lichten, L., Sidonio, R. (2022). The Emotional Experience of Hemophilia Carrier Women: Maternal Guilt, Effective Coping Strategies, and Resilience Within the Hemophilia Community. *Genetics in Medicine*, 23(3), S359-S360. doi: 10.1016/j.gim.2022.01.580
7. Sheridan, N., Thompson, B., Coleman, K., Lichten, L., Sidonio, R. (2023, March). The Emotional Experience of Hemophilia Carrier Women: Maternal Guilt, Effective Coping Strategies, and Resilience Within the Hemophilia Community. *Haemophilia*, 29 (2), 513-520. doi: 10.1111/hae.14746

25. Animal Related Work Experience:

- a. Staff, Biltmore Saddle and Bridle Club, Asheville, NC, Worked part time with full-time

- staff, veterinarians, and farriers to care for more than 50 boarded horses during
- b. afternoons and weekends. Duties included basic horse handling, exercise, stall cleaning, feeding, and special projects, 1993-1998.
- c. Animal Care Staff, Animal Hospital of North Asheville, Asheville, NC, Provided routine daily compassionate and humane care to animals and assisted technicians in completing daily activities, 2003-2004.
- d. Assistant Manager, Sugar Creek Riding Stable, Weaverville, NC; Co-managed a highly successful lesson barn, taught riding lessons, cared for 10 to 12 horses, maintained the facility, 2004-2005.

26. Animal Related Outreach Experience

- a. Pets for Life Volunteer, Pets for Life Program, Atlanta, GA. Volunteer in the underserved community of Bankhead to promote animal welfare and community building; provide
- b. information and access to veterinary care services for community members with pets, assist in teaching adults and children about using positive reinforcement in training companion dogs; engage in trap, neuter, and release; assist in data collection; provide outreach at community events, 2013-2014.
- c. Dog foster, Lifeline at DeKalb County Animal Services, Chamblee, GA, Fostered dogs for Lifeline to include transporting for veterinary care, providing training, advertising for adoption, collaborating with rescue group, 2020, 2024-2025.

