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I. Academic/Professional Background

A. Name and Title

Name: Mrs. Melissa E. Walston-Sanchez Title: Program Faculty

B. Educational Background

Degree	*Year*	*University*	*Major*	*Thesis/Dissertation*
MHIM	2017	Texas State University	Health Information Management	
BSHIM	2009	Texas State University	Health Information Management	

C. University Experience

Position	*University*	*Comments*	*Dates*
Associate Professor of Instruction - Full Time, Health Informatics and Information Management	Texas State University. Round Rock, TX		September 1, 2024 - Present
Undergraduate Clinical Coordinator - Full Time, Health Informatics and Information Management	Texas State University. Round Rock, TX, United States	The Clinical Coordinator role requires me to maintain Clinical Competence (including RHIA credentials) to effectively engage with preceptors and students during clinical education. I must be able to assess both the student and the clinical site's effectiveness and relevance to contemporary HIM practice.	May 1, 2022 – March 2026
Senior Lecturer - Full Time, Health Informatics and Information Management	Texas State University		September 2022 - August 31, 2024
Lecturer - Full Time, Health Information Management	Texas State University., TX		August 2012 - August 2022

D. Relevant Professional Experience

Position	*Entity*	*Comments*	*Dates*
Outpatient Coder - Full Time	Lakeside Hospital, Bastrop, TX	-Adhered to ICD-9, CPT-4, HCPCS and DRG standards and techniques in translation of medical services and procedures into insurance billing coding -Provided backup administrative and clerical assistance when coding traffic reduced during low hospital admissions periods	November 2010 - November 2011
Health Information Management Supervisor - Full Time	Christus Santa Rosa, New Braunfels, TX	-managed and coordinated the daily operations of department -ensured department was meeting organizational and departmental goals and objectives -coordinated with other essential departments in the facility to maintain workflow and revenue cycle goals -assisted in the revision and adherence to all departmental policies and procedures -conducted applicant interviews for potential new hires -exercised supervisory authority in the completion of annual performance reviews and weekly performance reviews	January 2009 - November 2010

Position	*Entity*	*Comments*	*Dates*
		-conducted weekly staff meetings	

E. Other Professional Credentials (licensure, certification, etc.)

Registered Health Information Administrator, American Health Information Management Association. (June 27, 2009 - December 31, 2027).
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II. TEACHING

A. Teaching Honors and Awards:

Award / Honor Recipient: Educator of the Year, Texas Health Information Management Association.
June 11, 2025 - June 11, 2026

Award / Honor Recipient: Faculty Excellence Award, College of Health Professions.
August 2024

Award / Honor Recipient: College Achievement Award, College of Health Professions.
August 2018

August 2016

B. Courses Taught:

Texas State University:

HIM 2360 - MED TERMINOLOGY

HIM 3350 - LEGAL ASPECTS HIM

HIM 3350 - LEGAL ETHICAL ASPECTS HIIM

HIM 3364 - CODING

HIM 3367 - DISEASE & MED SCI

HIM 3367 - DISEASE AND MEDICAL SCIENCE

HIM 3463 - FOUNDATIONS OF HIM

HIM 3463 - INTRO TECHNCL HIM

HIM 3464 - CODING CLASS SYS I

HIM 3464 - NOSOLOGY

HIM 4101 - PROBLEMS IN HIM

HIM 4225 - HIM RES & EDUC

HIM 4363 - COMP REC SYSTEMS

HIM 4363 - COMPARATIVE RECORD SYSTEMS

HIM 4364 - CLASS NOMEN REIMB

HIM 4364 - CODING CLASS SYSII

HIM 4364 - CODING COMPLIANCE

HIM 4370 - FIN & RMBRSMT METH

HIM 4370 - FINANCE REIMBURSEMENT METHODS

HIM 4385 - HIM PRACTICUM

HIM 4388 - PRACTICUM

HIM 4389 - PROF PRACTICE EXP

HIM 4501 - PROF PRACTICE EXP

D. Courses Prepared and Curriculum Development:

HIM 4389 Professional Practice Experience - Education Abroad Panama, First Time Course Preparation, Texas State University. Approved: January 2023 - August 2023.

HIM4389_Panama-1.docx

Additional Comments: Partnered with Nursing to revise a section of our HIM 4389 course to join an Education Abroad trip to Panama. Serves as a professional practice experience and an interprofessional practice experience.

HIM 2360 Medical Terminology Distance Education, First Time Course Preparation, Texas State University. Approved: June 2017 - December 2017.

HIM 3463, 3350, 4363, 4385, 4388, 4389, 4501, Revise Existing Course, Texas State Global/Texas State University. Taught: June 2024 - May 2025.

HIM 4363, Revise Existing Course, Texas State University. Approved: April 2020 - Present.

HIM 4385, Revise Existing Course, Texas State University. Approved: September 2024 - December 2024.

Additional Comments: Approved and being taught in Spring 2025. Collaborated with Dr. Danette Myers on revision of course.

HIM 4101, Revise Existing Course, Texas State University. Taught: January 2024 - Present.

HIM 3350, Revise Existing Course, Texas State University. Taught: August 2017 - Present.

HIM 3367, Revise Existing Course, Texas State University. Taught: August 2017 - Present.

HIM 2360 Medical Terminology Correspondence Course, Revise Existing Course, Texas State University. Taught: May 2017 - Present.

HIM 3463 Lab, Revise Existing Course, Texas State University. Taught: August 2012 - Present.

Additional Comments: I revised the format and content of this course to utilize more electronic resources via the AHIMA Virtual Lab platform.

HIM 4364 Lab, Revise Existing Course, Texas State University. Taught: August 2012 - Present.

Additional Comments: I revised the content and format of this course.

HIM 4501/4389, Revise Existing Course, Texas State University. Taught: September 2024 - December 2024.

HIM 3463, Revise Existing Course, Texas State University. Taught: May 2024 - August 2024.

Additional Comments: Approved and taught in Fall 2024. Collaborated with Dr. Elise Van Zandt Lambert on revision.

HIM 3464 Lab, Revise Existing Course, Texas State University. Taught: August 2012 - August 2017.

Additional Comments: I revised the content and format of this course.

F. Other:

AHIMA Virtual Lab Access for Health Information Management Department. 140. (August 2016 - June 2025).

Additional Comments: I am responsible for obtaining and assigning all of the AHIMA Virtual Lab Access codes for all of our students and faculty and supporting the Virtual Lab throughout the year.

Assist Clinical Coordinator with Professional Practice Experience placements. 30. (January 2019 - May 2022).

Additional Comments: -assist and coordinate with the department Clinical Coordinator in the placement of our students in professional practice experience positions
-review affiliation agreements to ensure compliance with the contract
-correspond with potential sites and colleagues on student placement
-consult with Dean's office on status of in-process agreements and for further clarification on affiliation agreements as needed

Medical Terminology Correspondence Course. 5. (August 2020 - Present).

G. Teaching Professional Development Activities Attended

Conference Attendance, "2025 AHIMA Conference," American Health Information Management Association, Minneapolis, MN, United States. (October 12, 2025 - October 14, 2025).

Conference Attendance, "2025 TXHIMA Conference," Texas Health Information Management Associaton, Frisco, United States. (June 11, 2025 - June 13, 2025).

Conference Attendance, "2024 AHIMA Conference," American Health Information Management Conference, Salt Lake City, UT, United States. (October 28, 2024 - October 29, 2024).

Conference Attendance, "2024 CAHIIM Fall Festival," Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education. (September 24, 2024 - September 26, 2024).
CAHIIM_CEU_24-1.pdf

Conference Attendance, "2024 TXHIMA Conference," Texas Health Information Management Association, San Marcos, TX, United States. (June 24, 2024 - June 25, 2024).

Symposium, "Texas Health Services Authority Interoperability Symposium," Texas Health Services Authority. (June 7, 2024).
Free Virtual THSA Interoperability Symposium-1.docx
Additional Comments: Online Symposium

Health Information Management Leadership Meeting, "2024 Texas State University and Capital Area Texas Health Information Management Association Spring Leadership Meeting," Capital Area Texas Health Information Management Association and Texas State University, Round Rock, TX, United States. (April 12, 2024).

Winter Membership Meeting, "HAHIMA Winter Membership Meeting," Houston Area Health Health Information Management Association, Houston, TX. (December 5, 2023).
HAHIMACEU-1.PDF

Conference Attendance, "CAHIIM Fall Festival 2023," Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education. (September 26, 2023 - September 28, 2023).
CAHIIMCEU-1.pdf

Symposium, "Texas Interoperability Symposium," Texas Health Services Authority, Round Rock. (September 15, 2023).

Conference Attendance, "Texas Health Information Management Annual Conference," TXHIMA, Houston, TX. (June 12, 2023 - June 13, 2023).
TXHIMAPresentation-1.jpg
Additional Comments: I was also a presenter at the conference.

Conference Attendance, "Texas Regional HIMSS Conference," Texas Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society, Dallas, TX. (May 17, 2023).

Conference Attendance, "Baccalaureate and Graduate Health Informatics and Information Management Educators Consortium," Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL. (March 2, 2023 - March 3, 2023).
Consortium 2023 CEU Form-1.pdf

Conference Attendance, "CAHIIM Fall Festival 2022," Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education. (September 27, 2022 - September 29, 2022).

Conference Attendance, "TXHIMA 2022 Annual Conference," Texas Health Information Management Association, San Marcos, TX, United States. (June 26, 2022 - June 28, 2022).

Conference Attendance, "Texas State HIM Department Spring Conference," Texas State HIM Department, San Marcos, TX, United States. (April 2022).

Conference Attendance, "CAHIIM Fall Festival: Navigating Higher Education 2021," CAHIIM, Chicago. (October 2021).

Conference Attendance, "AHIMA Assembly on Education," American Health Information Management Association, Chicago, IL. (August 2021).

Conference Attendance, "Texas State HIM Department Spring Conference," Texas State HIM Department, San Marcos, TX, United States. (April 2021).

Presentation - Spring Seminar, "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion," Texas State University HIM Department, San Marcos, TX. (January 2021).

Additional Comments: Jesse Sliva - Associate Director of Institutional Inclusive Excellence – Student Initiatives

Workshop, "Why your students do the things they do in your classes (and what can be done about it) (Online Webinar)," Texas State University - Curriculum and Instruction, San Marcos. (October 21, 2014).

Workshop, "College Students with Learning Disabilities: Legal Requirements and Best Practices for Teaching," Texas State University - Office of Disability Services, San Marcos, TX. (September 11, 2013).

III. SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE

B. Works Not in Print:

1. Papers Presented at Professional Meetings:

Myers, D. L., Walston-Sanchez, M. E., Texas Health Information Management Association, "Time Marches On: How Working HIM Professionals Can Help Educators Train the Next Generation of Leaders," Texas State University, In-person, San Marcos, TX. (June 26, 2022).
TXHIMADanetteMelissa-1.pdf

2. Invited Talks, Lectures, and Presentations:

Moczygemba, J. A., Walston-Sanchez, M. E., Rio Grande Valley HIM Association Meeting, "Reaching new heights in building a Preceptor Pipeline in the Rio Grande Valley," Same as above, Regional. (January 27, 2023).
Building a PPE Preceptor Pipeline-RGVHIM-1.pptx

Moczygemba, J. A. (Co-Presenter), Wallston-Sanchez, M. (Co-Presenter), CAHIIM Fall Festival: Summit on Higher Education, "Building a PPE Preceptor Pipeline Using Social Media," Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM), Virtual Conference. (September 29, 2022).
Building a PPE Preceptor Pipeline-CAHIIM 2022 final-1.pptx

Walston-Sanchez, M. E. (Panel Member), TXHIMA Annual Conference 2023, "Current/ Future State of Education in Texas Panel Discussion," Texas Health Information Management Association, Houston, TX. (June 13, 2023).
TXHIMAPresentation-1.jpg

Walston-Sanchez, M. E., Miss Diversity of Medicine, "What is Health Information Management," Miss Diversity of Medicine, San Marcos Public Library, San Marcos, TX, United States. (April 2019).
MissDiversityOfMedicine.SeriesFlyer-1.pdf

5. Other Works not in Print:

c. Other Works Not in Print:

Presentations:

Hewitt, B. A., Moczygemba, J. A., Myers, D. L., Walston-Sanchez, M. E., Texas Health Information Management Association, "Student Engagement: Game On!," Texas State University, San Marcos, TX. (June 27, 2022).

Presentation at Conference s:

Walston-Sanchez, M. E. (Co-Presenter), CAHIIM Fall Festival 2022, "Building a PPE Preceptor Pipeline," Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education, Virtual. (September 29, 2022).

D. Scholarly / Creative Fellowships, Awards, Honors:

Award / Honor Recipient: Phi Kappa Phi, Texas State University.
March 2017 - Present

E. Scholarly / Creative Professional Development Activities Attended:

Continuing Education Program, "CATXHIMA Winter Meeting," Capital Area Texas Health Information Management Association, Round Rock, United States. (December 13, 2024).

F. Media Recognition:

Case Study, AHIMA Virtual Lab Case Study. (April 2019).
AHIMA Case Study_Texas State University_FINAL-1.docx
Additional Comments: This was an interview I provided to AHIMA about my experience and the experience of our students with the Virtual Lab software.

IV. SERVICE

A. Institutional

1. University:

Member, Nontenure Line Faculty Committee. (September 2023 - Present).

Member, 2024 Nontenure Line Faculty Appreciation Event Planning Committee. (September 13, 2024 - August 2025).

Additional Comments: This event is a subcommittee of the Nontenure Line Faculty Committee which plans two faculty appreciation events and coordinates them on the day of the event.

Liaison, Nontenure Line Faculty Committee. (2018 - 2019).

Alternate, General Education Council. (August 1, 2015 - August 2018).
2017GECletter-1.pdf
Additional Comments: I attended two of the eight GEC meetings during 2017. Please see attached.

2. College:

Member, Budget Committee. (August 1, 2015 - August 2025).

Member, Interprofessional Education Committee. (August 2021 - January 2025).

Member, Study Abroad Committee. (2022 - August 2023).

3. Department/School:

Mentor, Mentor New Health Information Management Faculty. (August 2023 - Present).

Undergraduate Advisor, BSHIIM. (August 2023 - Present).

Additional Comments: Advise senior BSHIIM student on course sequencing and registration process.

Chair, Interprofessional Education Committee. (2022 - Present).

Chair, Study Abroad Committee. (2022 - Present).

Co-Chair, Professional Practice Experience Committee. (2022 - Present).

Co-Chair, Student Recruiting/Outreach Committee. (2022 - Present).

Member, BSHIM Admissions Committee. (2022 - Present).

Member, Equipment/Labs/VLab Committee. (2022 - Present).

Member, Medical Terminology Committee. (2022 - Present).

Member, Student Scholarships, Financial Aid, & Awards Committee. (2022 - Present).

Health Information Management Advisory Committee. (January 1, 2015 - Present).

Chair, Undergraduate Clinical Coordinator Search Committee. (October 2025 - February 28, 2026).

Health Information Management Department Virtual Lab Coordinator. (January 1, 2015 - June 2025).

Member, 2025 Consortium of Baccalaureate and Graduate Health Informatics and Information Management Educators' Annual Meeting Planning Committee. (September 2024 - March 2025).

Additional Comments: I was tasked arranging transportation options for the meeting. This committee assignment also provides professional service at the national level for baccalaureate and master HIM programs through planning the meeting.

Member, Bobcat Days Spring. (February 2022 - February 2023).

Health Information Management Department Community Service Coordinator. (January 1, 2015 - January 1, 2020).

Bobcat Days Fall 2019. (November 23, 2019).

Undergraduate Advisor, Coordinate the New Student Application Process. (January 1, 2015 - May 2019).

Undergraduate Advisor, Health Information Management Department Advising Liaison for Potential Students. (January 1, 2015 - May 2019).

Take Meeting Minutes at HIM Department Faculty Meetings. (January 1, 2015 - January 2019).

Undergraduate Advisor, Health Information Management Department Advisor for Current Students with last names T-W. (January 1, 2015 - January 2019).

B. Professional:

Member, Texas Health Information Management Education Committee, TX, United States. (January 2025 - Present).

Member, Capital Area Texas Health Information Management Association Planning Committee, Austin, TX. (January 2023 - Present).

Member, AHIMA CEE VLab Strategic Advisory Committee. (December 2017 - February 1, 2020).

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Additional Comments: -attended and contributed to all advisory committee meetings
-provided input on the restructure of the AHIMA Virtual Lab platform
-aided in the development of new/revised curriculum in the AHIMA Virtual Lab

C. Community:

Coordinate, purchase, and deliver gifts for Annual Toy Drive for Health Information Management Department., CASA of Central Texas. (October 1, 2015 - January 1, 2020).

Additional Comments: Coordinate, purchase, and deliver gifts for Annual Toy Drive for Health Information Management Department.

Board Member, San Marcos High School Band Booster, San Marcos, TX. (August 2017 - August 2019).

Volunteer, Mendez Elementary School, San Marcos, TX. (October 2018).

Additional Comments: Reader at Reading Heroes Day

Organizer, Adopt a Family for Christmas - A. Washington HeadStart - Community Action, San Marcos, TX. (October 2012 - January 2015).

D. Organization Memberships:

Austin Area Health Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS). (April 2023 - Present).

Capital Area Texas Health Information Management Association (CATXHIMA). (August 2022 - Present).

Additional Comments: I am also a member of the CATXHIMA Meeting Planning Committee.

American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). (January 2009 - Present).

Texas Health Information Management Association (TXHIMA). (January 2009 - Present).