



Curriculum Vitae

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Highlights

Sustained leadership at the national and international level in oral health, with a focus on:

- *Mentorship of others*
- *Innovative solutions*
- *Data-driven outcomes*

Education

- Specialty Board: Diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health, one of less than 250 diplomates in the U.S.
- Dental Public Health Residency Certificate, 2005, Indian Health Service, Rockville, MD
- Masters of Public Health, 2003, University of Nevada, Reno Public Health Leadership Track
- Doctor of Dental Medicine, 1995, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MS
- Bachelor of Science, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS Chemistry/biology double major
- Crystal Springs High School, 1986, Crystal Springs, MS Valedictorian (class of 150)
- Other: Over 2,000 hours of continuing dental education achieved in 25-year career (licensure requirement is 20 hours/year)

Awards & Recognition

- Chair of the American Dental Education Association Board of Directors Citation, 2021
- Global Summits Institute Doctor-to-Doctor World's Top 100 Doctors, Class of 2021
- 2020 Leader of the Year, Global Summits Institute
- Edward B. Shils Entrepreneurial Special Recognition Award, 2020
- Fellowship, International College of Dentists, 2019
- Alumnus of the Year, University of Nevada-Reno, 2019
- Herschel Horowitz Oral Health Research & Policy Award, 2018
- Toyo Shimizu Career Achievement Award (Indian Health Service career award), 2017
- First U.S. Public Health Service dentist to receive the junior (2002), mid-career (2007), and senior (2015) dental officer award
- 26 U.S. Public Health Service individual and unit honor awards, one of the most decorated dental officers ever in the USPHS, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Outstanding Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, and COVID Campaign Medal

Leadership Roles



- U.S. Public Health Service Chief Dental Officer, 2018-2022
- Assistant Surgeon General of the U.S., 2018-2022
- Chair, Commissioned Corps Interagency Awards Board, 2020-2022
- Deputy Director, Indian Health Service Division of Oral Health since 2016
- Delegate, American Dental Association, 2018-2022
- Delegate, American Dental Education Association, 2018-2022
- Chair, Health and Human Services Oral Health Coordinating Committee, 2018-2022
- Indian Health Service Continuing Dental Education Coordinator (350 courses/year for 6,000 employees), 2016-present
- Indian Health Service Oral Health Promotion/Disease Prevention National Consultant, 2014-present
- Indian Health Service Oral Health National Surveillance Coordinator, 2010-present
- Chair, Indian Health Service Early Childhood Caries Collaborative, 2009-2015
- Chair, U.S. Public Health Service Dental Professional Advisory Committee, 2006
- Moderator, COVID-19 Public-Private Partner Dental Coordination Group, 2020 (25+ organizations/10 federal agencies)

Awards & Recognition (continued)

- 4-time Indian Health Service National Clinical Dentist of the Year, in a system of 400 dental programs (only dentist to receive multiple awards)
- Indian Health Service National Director's Award, 2009 & 2015
- Indian Health Service Dental Prevention Program of the Year, an unprecedented three times
- Nashville Area Indian Health Service Director's Award of Excellence (top regional award), 2010
- Phoenix Area Indian Health Service Director's Award of Excellence (top regional award), 2004
- 15 other Indian Health Service regional/Area awards
- U.S. Public Health Service J.D. Lane Investigator Award, 2000
- Phoenix Area Indian Health Service Director's Exceptional Performance Award, 2000
- Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Leadership Award, 2000

Work Experience

- USPHS Chief Dental Officer/Assistant Surgeon General, 2018-2022, Rockville, MD (represent U.S. on world stage on oral health)
- Deputy Director, IHS Division of Oral Health, 2016-present, Rockville, MD (help oversee 400 dental programs in 37 states)
- Albuquerque Area IHS Regional Dental Officer, 2012-2016, Albuquerque, NM (oversaw 21 dental programs in 3 states)
- Nashville Area IHS Deputy Regional Director, 2011-2012, Nashville, TN (oversaw IHS health programs in 13 states)
- Nashville Area IHS Regional Dental Officer, 2006-2016, Nashville, TN (oversaw 27 dental programs in 13 states)
- Dental Director, Schurz Service Unit Dental Program, Schurz, NV (includes stint as medical director, oversaw 7 programs, 2004-06)
- Dental Director, Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Clinic, Nixon, NV 1999-2004
- Sole Proprietor, The Dental Clinic, Mendenhall, MS, 1996-1999
- Associate Dentist, Coopwood Dental Clinic, Shelby, MS, 1995
- Military Police Officer, MS Army National Guard, 1987-1998

Ancillary Roles



- Reviewer for the *Journal of Public Health Dentistry* since 2002
- Have provided over 400 presentations at international, national, and regional dental meetings
- Leading the second-ever *Surgeon General's Report on Oral Health* and the first-ever *Surgeon General's Spotlight on Oral Health*
- Part of the 4-person federal Healthy People 2020/2030 Oral Health Workgroup
- Adjunct associate professor at Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry since 2011
- Most prolific instructor ever in the Indian Health Service, teaching, co-teaching, or directing more than 300 continuing dental education courses and meetings
- Deployed as part of the national public health emergency response with the U.S. Public Health Service in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005
- Have served in various non-oral health related roles including medical/clinical director, infection control officer, safety officer, logistics officer, and more
- Conducted over 250 reviews of dental programs and have helped programs prepare for accreditation

Publications

- Cochrane Oral Health. Recommendations for the re-opening of dental services: a rapid review of international sources. Contributor. Published online at oralhealth.cochrane.org, May 2020.
- Phipps KR, Ricks TL, Mork NP, Lozon TL. The oral health of American Indian and Alaska Native youth: results of the 2019-2020 IHS oral health survey. Indian Health Service data brief. Rockville, MD: Indian Health Service. 2020.
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- Phipps KR and Ricks TL. The oral health of American Indian and Alaska Native children aged 6-9 years: results of the 2016-2017 IHS oral health survey. Indian Health Service data brief. Rockville, MD: Indian Health Service. 2017.
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- Phipps KR and Ricks TL. The oral health of American Indian and Alaska Native children aged 1-5 years: results of the 2014 IHS oral health survey. Indian Health Service data brief. Rockville, MD: Indian Health Service. 2015.

Memberships



- Academy of General Dentistry
 - Past USPHS membership chair
- Alliance for a Cavity-Free Future
 - North American Chapter Board
 - Grant reviewer
- American Association of Public Health Dentistry
 - Reviewer, *JPHD*
- American Dental Association
 - Council on Government Affairs
 - Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention
 - Delegate
 - Federal Dental Advisory Committee
- American Dental Education Association
 - Council of Deans
 - Delegate
- Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors
 - Associate Member
 - Data Committee
 - Fluorides Committee
- Commissioned Officers Association
 - Former chapter president
- International College of Dentists
- International Dental Organization Group
- National Dental Association
- World Health Organization Global Health Network

Publications (continued)

- Phipps KR, Ricks TL, Blahut P. The oral health of 13-15 year old American Indian and Alaska Native children compared to the general U.S. population and Healthy People 2020 targets. Indian Health Service data brief. Rockville, MD: Indian Health Service. 2014.
- Phipps KR, Ricks TL, Blahut P. The oral health of 6-9 year-old American Indian and Alaska Native children compared to the general U.S. population and Healthy People 2020 targets. Indian Health Service data brief. Rockville, MD: Indian Health Service. 2014.
- Indian Health Service. The 2010 Indian Health Service Oral Health Survey of American Indian and Alaska Native Preschool Children. Rockville, MD: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service, 2013.
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- Phipps KR, Ricks TL, Blahut P. Prevalence and severity of dental caries among American Indian and Alaska Native preschool children. [J Public Health Dent.](#) 2012 Summer;72(3):208-15. doi: 10.1111/j.1752-7325.2012.00331.x. Epub 2012 Apr 20.
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