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EDUCATION

Post-Doc, Mechanical Engineering, 2/2013-6/2015
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Advisor: Darryl Thelen, Ph.D.

Ph.D., Integrative Physiology, 12/2012
University of Colorado Boulder
Advisor: Rodger Kram, Ph.D.

M.S., Engineering Mechanics (*Biomechanics Emphasis*), 5/2006
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Advisor: Kevin P. Granata, Ph.D.

B.S., Engineering Science and Mechanics (*Biomechanics Option, Math Minor*), 5/2004
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

POSITIONS

Associate Professor 7/2020 - Present
Joint Dept. of Biomedical Engineering
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
North Carolina State University

Director 7/2015 - Present
Applied Biomechanics Laboratory
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Faculty Affiliate 9/2015 - Present
Human Movement Science Program
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Affiliate Member 2/2021 - Present
Thurston Arthritis Research Center
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Assistant Professor 7/2015 – 6/2020
Joint Dept. of Biomedical Engineering
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
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Post-Doctoral Fellow 6/2013 – 6/2015
Research Associate 2/2013 - 5/2013
Neuromuscular Biomechanics Laboratory
Dept. of Mechanical Engineering
University of Wisconsin Madison

Graduate Research Assistant 8/2009 - 1/2013
Locomotion Laboratory, Dept. of Integrative Physiology
University of Colorado Boulder

Biomechanics Consultant Footwear Biomechanics Laboratory Brooks Sports, Inc.	2/2007 - 6/2009
Biomechanics Research Engineer Dept. of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation University of Virginia, PI: D. Casey Kerrigan, M.D.	5/2006 - 6/2009
Graduate Research Assistant Dept. of Engineering Mechanics Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	8/2003 - 5/2006

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscripts in review:

Ahuja S and **Franz JR**. The Metabolic Cost of Walking Balance Control and Adaptation in Young Adults. *Gait & Posture*.

Krupenevich RL, Kashefsky HE, Takahashi KZ, **Franz JR**. Interaction between soleus and plantar intrinsic muscle dynamics during fixed-end contractions. *Journal of Experimental Biology*.

Munsch AE, Pietrosimone B, **Franz JR**. Increased vastus lateralis activation at faster walking speeds preserves strut-like muscle mechanical behavior. *Journal of Biomechanics* (In revision).

Pimentel RE, Feldman JN, Lewek MD, **Franz JR**. Quantifying Cause-Effect Relations Between Walking Speed, Propulsive Force, and Metabolic Cost. *Journal of Biomechanics* (In revision).

Beck ON, Schroeder JN, Trejo LH, **Franz JR**, Sawicki GS. Relatively Shorter Muscle Fascicles Increase the Metabolic Cost of Cyclic Force Production. *Journal of Applied Physiology* (In revision).

Ellie OS, **Franz JR**, Selgrade BP. The Effects of Optical Flow Perturbations on Standing Balance in People with Multiple Sclerosis. *Journal of Applied Biomechanics*.

Zhang Q, Myers A, Fragnito N, **Franz JR**, Sharm N. Fused Ultrasound and Electromyography-driven Neuromuscular Model to Improve Plantarflexion Moment Prediction across Walking Speeds. *Journal of NeuroEngineering and Rehabilitation*.

Shelton AD, McTaggart EM, Allen JL, Mercer VS, **Franz, JR**. Slowing Down to Preserve Balance in the Presence of Optical Flow Perturbations. *Gait & Posture* (In revision)

Munsch AE, Evans-Pickett A, Davis-Wilson A, Pietrosimone B, **Franz JR**. The Effects of ACL Reconstruction on *In Vivo* Quadriceps Contractile Behavior and Association with Knee Joint Biomechanics. *Journal of Applied Biomechanics* (In revision).

Fang Y, Harshe K, **Franz JR**, Lerner ZF. Feasibility evaluation of a dual-mode ankle exoskeleton to assist and restore community ambulation in older adults. *Wearable Technologies*.

Peer-Reviewed Publications:

Lynch DH, Spangler H, **Franz JR**, Krupenevich RL, Kim H, Nissman D, Zhang J, Li Y, Sumner S, Batsis JA. Multimodal Diagnostic Approaches to Advance Precision Medicine in Sarcopenia and Frailty. *Nutrients*.

Franz JR, Finni T, Takahashi KZ, Vanwanseele B, De Groot F. Current Opinion: The need for systems-based biomechanics to understand the causes and consequences of altered muscle-tendon unit function in elderly gait. *Brazilian Journal of Motor Behavior* (In press).

Lisee C, Davis-Wilson H, Evans-Pickett A, Horton WZ, Blackburn T, **Franz JR**, Thoma L, Spang JT, Pietrosimone B. Linking gait biomechanics and daily steps post ACL-reconstruction. *Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise* (In press).

Davis-Wilson HC, Thoma LM, Longobardi L, **Franz JR**, Blackburn JT, Hackney AC, Pietrosimone B. Quality of Life Associates with Moderate to Vigorous Physical Activity Following Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction. *Journal of Athletic Training* (In press).

Song K, **Franz JR**, Wikstrom EA. Optical Flow Balance Perturbations Alter Gait Kinematics and Variability in Chronic Ankle Instability Patients. *Gait & Posture* (In press).

Armitano-Lago CN, Pietrosimone B, Evans-Pickett A, Davis-Wilson H, **Franz JR**, Blackburn JT, Kiefer AW (2022). Cueing changes in peak vertical ground reaction force to improve coordination dynamics in walking. *Journal of Motor Behavior* 54(1):125-34.

Zhang Q, Clark WH, **Franz JR**, Sharma N (2022). Personalized fusion of ultrasound and electromyography-derived neuromuscular features increases prediction accuracy of ankle moment during plantarflexion. *Biomedical Signal Processing & Control*. 71: 103100.

Clark WH and **Franz JR** (2021). Age-Related Changes to Triceps Surae Muscle-Subtendon Interaction Dynamics During Walking. *Scientific Reports* 11(1):21264.

Lehr NL, Clark WH, Lewek MD, **Franz JR** (2021). The Effects of Triceps Surae Muscle Stimulation on Localized Achilles Subtendon Tissue Displacements. *Journal of Experimental Biology* 225(15):242135.

Krupenevich RL, Ray SF, Kashefsky HE, Takahashi KZ, **Franz JR** (2021). Effects of age and locomotor demand on foot mechanics during walking. *Journal of Biomechanics* 123:110499.

Krupenevich RL, Beck ON, Sawicki GS, **Franz JR** (2021). Reduced Achilles tendon stiffness disrupts calf muscle neuromechanics in elderly gait. *Gerontology* 16;1-11.

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Kim H and **Franz JR** (2021). Age-related differences in calf muscle recruitment strategies in the time-frequency domain during walking as a function of task demand. *Journal of Applied Physiology* 131(4):1348-60.

Krupenevich RL, Funk CJ, **Franz JR** (2021). Automated Analysis of Medial Gastrocnemius Muscle-Tendon Junction Displacements During Isolated Contractions and

Walking Using Deep Neural Networks. *Computer Methods and Programs in Biomedicine* 206: 106120.

Pieper NL, Baudendistel ST, Hass CJ, Diaz GB, Krupenevich RL, and **Franz JR** (2021). The metabolic and mechanical consequences of altered propulsive force generation in walking. *Journal of Biomechanics* 122: 110447.

Pimentel RE, Pieper NL, Clark WH, **Franz JR** (2021). Muscle metabolic energy costs while modifying propulsive force generation during walking. *Computer Methods in Biomechanics and Biomedical Engineering* 24(14):1552-1565.

Herrero L, **Franz JR**, Lewek MD (2021). Gradually learning to increase gait propulsion in young unimpaired adults. *Human Movement Science* 75:102745.

Clark WH, Pimentel RE, **Franz JR** (2021). Imaging and simulation of inter-muscular differences in triceps surae contributions to forward propulsion during walking. *Annals of Biomedical Engineering* 49(2): 703-715.

Conway KA, Crudup KL, Lewek MD, **Franz JR** (2021). The effects of a 6-week horizontal impeding force gait training protocol on push-off intensity in older adults. *Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise* 53(3): 574-580.

*Editorial Feature

Awad LN, Lewek M, Kesar J, **Franz JR**, Bowden M. These legs were made for propulsion: Advancing the diagnosis and treatment of post-stroke propulsion deficits. *Journal of NeuroEngineering and Rehabilitation* 17(1):139.

Armitano-Lago CN, Pietrosimone B, Davis-Wilson H, Evans-Pickett A, **Franz JR**, Blackburn JT, Kiefer AW (2020). Biofeedback augmenting lower limb loading alters the underlying temporal structure of gait following anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction. *Human Movement Science* 73:102685.

Beck ON, Gosyne JR, **Franz JR**, Sawicki GS (2020). Cyclically producing the same average muscle-tendon force with a smaller duty increases metabolic rate. *Proceedings of the Royal Society Part B* 287(1933):2020043.

Munsch AE, Pietrosimone B, **Franz JR** (2020). The effects of knee extensor moment biofeedback on gait biomechanics and quadriceps contractile behavior. *PeerJ* 8:e9509.

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Krupenevich RL, Clark WH, Sawicki GS, **Franz JR** (2020). Older adults overcome reduced triceps surae structural stiffness to preserve ankle joint quasi-stiffness during walking. *Journal of Applied Biomechanics* 5: 1-8.

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Selgrade BP, Childs, ME, **Franz JR** (2020). Effects of age and target location on reaction time and accuracy of lateral precision stepping during walking. *Journal of Biomechanics* 104:109710.

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Clark WH and **Franz JR** (2019). Activation-dependent changes in soleus length-tension behavior augment ankle joint quasi-stiffness. *Journal of Applied Biomechanics* 10: 1-8.

Browne MG and **Franz JR** (2019). Ankle power biofeedback attenuates the distal-to-proximal redistribution in older adults. *Gait & Posture* 71: 44-49.

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Stenroth L, Thelen DG, **Franz JR** (2019). Biplanar ultrasound investigation of in vivo Achilles tendon displacement non-uniformity. *Translational Sports Medicine* 2(2): 73-81.

Acuña SA, Francis CA, **Franz JR**, Thelen DG (2019). The effects of cognitive load and visual feedback on antagonist leg muscle coactivation during walking for young and older adults. *Journal of Electromyography and Kinesiology* 44:8-14.

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Luc-Harkey BA, **Franz JR**, Hackney AC, Blackburn JT, Padua DA, Pietrosimone B (2018). Lesser Lower Extremity Mechanical Loading Associates with a Greater Change in Serum Cartilage Oligomeric Matrix Protein following Walking in Individuals with Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction. *Clinical Biomechanics* 60: 13-19.

Fickey SN, Browne MG, **Franz JR** (2018). Biomechanical effects of augmented ankle power output during human walking. *Journal of Experimental Biology* 221(22).

Thompson JD, Plummer P, **Franz JR** (2018). Age and falls history effects on antagonist leg muscle coactivation during walking with optical flow perturbations. *Clinical Biomechanics* 59: 94-100.

Allen JL and **Franz JR** (2018). The motor repertoire of older adult fallers may constrain their response to balance perturbations. *Journal of Neurophysiology* 120(5):2368-2378.

Conway KA, Bissette RG, **Franz JR** (2018). The functional utilization of propulsive capacity during human walking. *Journal of Applied Biomechanics* 34(6):474-482.

Browne MG and **Franz JR** (2018). More push from your push-off: joint-level modifications to modulate propulsive forces in old age. *Plos One*; 13(8):e0201407.

Rasske K and **Franz JR** (2018). Aging effects on the Achilles tendon moment arm during walking. *Journal of Biomechanics*; 77:34-39.

Luc-Harkey BA, **Franz JR**, Blackburn JT, Padua DA, Hackney AC, Pietrosimone B (2018). Real-time Biofeedback Can Increase and Decrease Vertical Ground Reaction Force, Knee Flexion Excursion, and Knee Extension Moment during Walking in Individuals with Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction. *Journal of Biomechanics*; 76:94-102.

Clark WH and **Franz JR** (2018). Do triceps surae muscle dynamics govern non-uniform Achilles tendon tissue displacements? *PeerJ*;6:e5182.

Luc-Harkey BA, **Franz JR**, Losina E, Pietrosimone B (2018). Association between kinesiophobia and walking gait characteristics in individuals with Anterior Cruciate Ligament reconstruction. *Gait & Posture*; 64: 220-25.

Qiao M, Truong K, **Franz JR** (2018). Does local dynamic stability during unperturbed walking predict the response to balance perturbations? An examination across age and falls history. *Gait & Posture*; 62: 80-85.

Qiao M, Feld JA, **Franz JR** (2018). Aging effects on leg joint variability during walking with balance perturbations. *Gait & Posture*; 62: 27-33.

Browne MG and **Franz JR** (2017). Does dynamic stability govern propulsive force generation in human walking? *Royal Society Open Science*; 4: 171673.

Orselli MI, **Franz JR**, Thelen DG (2017). The effect of Achilles tendon compliance on triceps surae mechanics and energetics in walking. *Journal of Biomechanics*; 60: 227-31.

Zelik KE and **Franz JR** (2017). It's positive to be negative: Achilles tendon work loops during human locomotion. *PLoS One*; 12(7).

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Stokes HE, Thompson JD, and **Franz JR** (2017). The neuromuscular origins of kinematic variability during perturbed walking. *Nature: Scientific Reports*; 7(1): 808.

Thompson JD and **Franz JR** (2017). Do kinematic metrics of walking balance control adapt to perturbed optical flow? *Human Movement Science*; 54: 34-40.

Browne and **Franz JR** (2017). The independent effects of speed and propulsive force on joint power generation in walking. *Journal of Biomechanics*; 55:48-55.

*Issue highlight

Franz JR, Francis CA, Allen MS, Thelen DG (2017). Visuomotor entrainment and the frequency-dependent response of walking balance to perturbations. *IEEE Transactions on Neural Systems & Rehabilitation Engineering*; 25(8): 1135-42.

Rasske K, Thelen DG, **Franz JR** (2017). Variations in the human Achilles tendon moment arm during walking. *Computer Methods in Biomechanics and Biomedical Engineering*; 20(2):201-5.

Franz JR (2016). The age-associated reduction in propulsive power generation during walking. *Exercise and Sports Sciences Reviews*; 44(4): 129-36.

*Issue highlight and cover

Franz JR and Thelen DG (2016). Imaging and simulation of Achilles tendon dynamics: implications for walking performance in the elderly. *Journal of Biomechanics*; 49(9): 1403-10.

* ASB Young Scientist Post-Doctoral Award Paper

Francis CA, **Franz JR**, O'Connor SM, Thelen DG (2015). Gait variability in healthy old adults is more affected by a visual perturbation than by a cognitive or narrow step placement demand. *Gait & Posture*; 42(3): 380-5.

Franz JR and Thelen DG (2015). Depth-dependent variations in Achilles tendon deformations with age are associated with reduced plantarflexor performance during walking. *Journal of Applied Physiology*; 119(3): 242-9.

Franz JR, Francis, CA, Allen MS, O'Connor SM, Thelen DG (2015). Advanced age brings a greater reliance on visual feedback to maintain balance during walking. *Human Movement Science*; 40: 381-92.

Franz JR, Slane LC, Rasske K, Thelen DG (2015). Non-uniform *in vivo* deformations of the human Achilles tendon during walking. *Gait & Posture*; 41(1): 192-7.

Franz JR, Maletis M, Kram R (2014). Real-time feedback enhances forward propulsion during walking in old adults. *Clinical Biomechanics*; 29(1): 68-74.

Tung KD, **Franz JR**, Kram R (2014). A test of the metabolic cost of cushioning hypothesis in shod and unshod running. *Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise*; 46:324-9.

Franz JR and Kram R (2014). Advanced age and the mechanics of uphill walking: a joint-level, inverse dynamic analysis. *Gait & Posture*; 39(1):135-40.

Franz JR and Kram R (2013). How does age affect leg muscle activity/coactivity during uphill and downhill walking? *Gait & Posture*; 37(3):378-84.

Franz JR and Kram R (2013). Advanced age affects the individual leg mechanics of level, uphill, and downhill walking. *Journal of Biomechanics*; 46(3):535-40.

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Franz JR, Wierzbinski C, Kram R (2012). The metabolic cost of running barefoot vs. shod: Is lighter better? *Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise*; 44(8):1519-25.

Franz JR and Kram R (2012). The effects of grade and speed on leg muscle activations during walking. *Gait & Posture*; 35(1):143-7.

Franz JR, Lyddon NE, Kram R (2012). Mechanical work performed by the individual legs during uphill and downhill walking. *Journal of Biomechanics*; 45(2):257-62.

Watt RW, Jackson K, **Franz JR**, Dicharry J, Kerrigan DC (2011). Effect of a supervised hip flexor-stretching program on gait in frail elderly. *PM&R Journal*; 3(4):330-5.

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Keenan G, **Franz JR**, Dicharry J, Della Croce U, Kerrigan DC (2011). Lower limb joint kinetics in walking: the role of industry recommended footwear. *Gait & Posture*; 33(3):350-5.

Watt JR, **Franz JR**, Jackson K, Dicharry J, Riley PO, Kerrigan DC (2010). A three-dimensional kinematic and kinetic comparison of overground and treadmill walking in elderly subjects. *Clinical Biomechanics*; 25(5):444-9.

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Riley PO, **Franz JR**, Dicharry J, Kerrigan DC (2010). Changes in hip joint muscle-tendon lengths with mode of locomotion. *Gait & Posture*; 31(2):279-83.

Kerrigan DC, **Franz JR**, Keenan GS, Dicharry J, Della Croce U, Wilder RP (2009). The effect of running shoes on lower extremity net joint torques. *PM&R Journal*; 1(12):1058-63.

Dicharry J, **Franz JR**, Wilder RP, Riley PO, Kerrigan DC (2009). Differences in static and dynamic measures in evaluation of talonavicular mobility in gait. *Journal of Orthopaedic & Sports Physical Therapy*; 39(8):628-34.

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Franz JR, Riley PO, Dicharry J, Allaire PE, Kerrigan DC (2008). Gait synchronized force modulation during the stance period of one limb achieved by an active partial body weight support system. *Journal of Biomechanics*; 41(15):3116-20.

Franz JR, Dicharry J, Riley PO, Jackson K, Wilder RP, Kerrigan DC (2008). The influence of arch support cushions on knee torques relevant to knee osteoarthritis. *Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise*; 40(5):913-7.

Franz JR, Glauser M, Riley PO, Della Croce U, Newton F, Allaire PE, Kerrigan DC (2007). Physiological modulation of gait variables by an active partial body weight support system. *Journal of Biomechanics*; 40(14): 3244-50.

Invited Commentaries and Editorials:

Franz JR (2021). A sound approach to improving exoskeletons and exosuits. *Science Robotics* 6:60: eabm6369.

Maas H, Arndt T, **Franz JR** (2021). Tendon Structure-Function Relationship in Health, Ageing and Injury. *Frontiers in Sports and Active Living, Section: Biomechanics and Control of Human Movement* 3:701815.

Kram R, Arellano CA, **Franz JR** (2011). The metabolic cost of locomotion; muscle by muscle. *Exercise and Sport Sciences Reviews*; 39(2):57-8.

Maas H, Arndt A, **Franz JR** (In press). Editorial Commentary on: Tendon Structure-Function Relationship in Health, Ageing and Injury. *Frontiers in Biomechanics and Biomedical Engineering*.

Letters to the Editor:

Kram R, **Franz JR** (2012). Is barefoot running more economical? *International Journal of Sports Medicine*; 33(3):249.

GRANT SUPPORT

Pending:

R01AR081287 (Contact PI: Franz), Anticipated Start: Fall 2022

NIH/NIA

Co-PI: Takahashi/University of Nebraska Omaha Subcontract

“A framework for feasible translation to enhance foot and ankle function in aging and mobility”

Impact Score: 17; Percentile: 1.0

Current:

R01AG058615 (Contact PI: Franz), 8/2018 - 4/2023

NIH/NIA

Co-PI: Sawicki/Georgia Tech Subcontract

“Dynamic imaging to guide wearable robotic intervention for enhanced mobility in aging”

Award: \$1,624,214

Eshelman Institute for Innovation (Co-PI: Franz and Pietrosimone), 7/2021-6/2023

“Development of a Portable Gait Biofeedback System for Rehabilitation of Musculoskeletal Conditions”

Award: \$182,362

Arthritis Foundation PTOA Platform (PI: Pietrosimone), 8/2020-7/2023
"Biomechanical Changes Following ACL Injury that Influence the Development of Posttraumatic Osteoarthritis"

Role: Co-Investigator

Award: \$831,879

Pilot and Feasibility Research Grant (PI: Franz), 2/2022-1/2023
Thurston Arthritis Research Center, UNC Core Center for Clinical Research
"Pain-mediated effects of quadriceps muscle dysfunction on inflammation and cartilage loading in individuals with OA"

Award: \$25,000

Pilot and Feasibility Research Grant (PI: Pietrosimone and Lalush), 11/2021-10/2022
Thurston Arthritis Research Center, UNC Core Center for Clinical Research
"Limb Underloading post-ACL Reconstruction and Increased Cartilage Strain: Identifying Biomechanical Phenotypes at Risk for Posttraumatic Osteoarthritis and the Potential for Precision Gait Retraining in Posttraumatic Osteoarthritis Prevention"

Role: Co-Investigator

Award: \$25,000

NC TraCS ACTeR Phase 1 Award (PI: Batsis), 11/2021-10/2022
NIH/National Center for Advancing Translational Science (UL1TR002489)
"Using multi-modal methods to advance translational geroscience in patients with sarcopenia"

Role: Co-Investigator

Award: \$5,000

R21AG067388 (PI: Franz), 9/2020 – 5/2023 (NCE)

NIH/NIA

The peripheral motor repertoire as a neuromuscular constraint on walking balance integrity in age-related falls risk

Award: \$438,943

R21AR074094 (MPI: Franz and Pietrosimone), 8/2018 – 7/2022 (NCE)

NIH/NIAMS

"Using real-time biofeedback to strategically understand the acute biomechanical, biochemical and structural changes induced by lower extremity loading"

Award: \$356,595

R01AG051748, 5/2016 - 4/2022 (NCE)

NIH/NIA

Co-PI: Thelen, Franz (PI/UNC Subcontract), Blemker (PI/UVA Subcontract)

"Influence of age-related changes in tendon on motor performance"

Award: \$1,628,546

Completed:

NC TraCS Pilot Award (PI: Franz), 7/2020-6/2021

NIH/National Center for Advancing Translational Science (UL1TR002489)

"The peripheral motor repertoire as a neuromuscular constraint on balance integrity in age-related falls risk"

Award: \$50,000

R41AG060764 (PI: Treadwell Corporation), 10/2018-9/2020

NIH/NIA

“A momentum-enabled treadling methodology to improve gait and enhance mobility in patients with peripheral arterial disease”

Role: PI of UNC Subcontract

Award: \$216,521 (\$130,000 to UNC)

R21AT009704 (PI: Wikstrom), 2/2018 - 7/2020

NIH/NCCIH

“Neuromuscular Mechanisms of Manual Therapies in Chronic Ankle Instability Patients”

Role: Co-Investigator

Award: \$410,499

R56AG054797 (PI: Franz), 9/2017-8/2019

NIH/NIA

“The sensorimotor locus of balance control in elderly gait”

Award: \$227,738

Bank Foundation, Italy (PI: Della Croce), 7/2016-6/2019

“A virtual-reality based platform for the concurrent measurement of gaze and gait”

Role: Co-Investigator

Award: €51,000

Pilot Research Grant (PI: Franz), 9/2017-2/2019

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

“Effect of optical flow perturbations on static and dynamic balance control in people with multiple sclerosis”

Award: \$44,000

Outstanding Research Grant (PI: Franz), 1/1/2018-12/31/2018

National Center for Simulation in Rehabilitation Research

“Incorporating physiological moment arm dynamics into simulations of human movement”

Award: \$20,000

Stage I UNC Inter-Institutional Planning Grant (Co-PI: Franz and Rhea), 7/2017-6/2018

UNC General Administration

“UNC system collaboration to use virtual reality to address human health challenges”

Award: \$22,500

Seed Grant (PI: Franz), 7/2016-6/2018

UNC/NCSU Rehabilitation Engineering Core

“Electrocortical activity governing human balance control”

Award: \$15,000

Seed Grant (Co-PI: Franz, Gallippi, Hu), 7/2016-6/2018

UNC/NCSU Rehabilitation Engineering Core

“Neurological, functional, and mechanical non-uniformity in muscle following stroke”

Award: \$25,000

University Research Council Research Grant (PI: Franz), 5/2016-4/2018

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

“The role of propulsive capacity reserves in age-related mobility impairment”

Award: \$7,500

NATA Research & Education Foundation (Co-PI: Franz and Wikstrom), 7/2016 – 6/2017
“Influence of Visual Perturbations on Static and Dynamic Postural Control in Chronic Ankle Instability Patients”
Award: \$2,000

NC TraCS Pilot Award (PI: Franz), 2/2016-1/2017
NIH/National Center for Advancing Translational Science (UL1TR001111)
“Visuomotor entrainment and the control of balance in elderly gait”
Award: \$2,000

Junior Faculty Development Award (PI: Pietrosimone), 1/2016-12/2016
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
“Preventing knee osteoarthritis with a novel cartilage loading biofeedback intervention”
Role: Co-Investigator
Award: \$7,500

NC TraCS Pilot Award (PI: Lewek), 9/2015-8/2016
NIH/National Center for Advancing Translational Science (UL1TR001111)
“The importance of anterior center of mass velocity during gait on energy cost following stroke”
Role: Co-Investigator
Award: \$2,000

National Research Service Award (F32AG044904), 6/2013 - 6/2015
NIH/NIA
“Mechanics of the aging Achilles tendon with implications for walking performance”
Role: Principal Investigator (Sponsor: Thelen DG)
Award: \$115,658

University of Colorado Graduate School, 8/2012 -12/2012
Dissertation Completion Fellowship
Role: Principal Investigator (Sponsor: Kram R)
Award: \$14,800

T32AG000279 (PI, Schwartz RS, University of Colorado Denver), 5/2010 - 5/2012
NIH/NIA
Integrative Physiology of Aging Training Grant
“The effects of age on the biomechanics of uphill and downhill walking”
Role: Pre-Doctoral Trainee (Mentor: Kram R, Junior Co-Mentor: Ahmed AA)
Award: \$64,000

R01AG027192 (PI, Kerrigan DC), 2006 - 2009
NIH/NIA
“Age-related gait changes and hip flexibility”
Role: Co-Investigator
Award: \$769,224

Brooks Sports (PI, Dicharry J), 2007 - 2008
“Biomechanics of the foot during barefoot and shod running”
Role: Co-Investigator
Award: \$102,787

R44HD040035 (PI, Harry JD, Afferent Corporation), 2006
NIH/NICHHD
"Enhancing elderly balance and gait using mechanical noise"
Role: Co-Investigator of subcontract
Award: \$31,711

Faculty Sponsored Student/Post-Doc Research Awards:

NIH NRSA F31. Effects of anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction on the association between quadriceps muscle dynamics, knee joint biomechanics, and articular cartilage loading during walking. 2021-2024. Pre-doctoral fellow: Amanda Munsch. Role: Sponsor.

NIH NRSA F32. "The role of foot structure and function on walking mechanics and energetics in aging." 2020-2023. Post-doctoral fellow: Rebecca Krupenevich. Role: Sponsor.

NC State Abrams Scholarship, 2020. "A ultrasound-based framework to inform the tailored prescription of assistive devices to enhance ankle push-off." Undergraduate student: Callum Funk.

NC State Abrams Scholarship, 2020. "A novel self-paced treadmill controller to establish cause-effect relations between reduced push-off intensity and slowed walking speed." Undergraduate student: Jordan Feldman.

UNC Lucas Scholars Research Fellowship, 2019. "Aging effects on the Achilles subtendon tissue response to gastrocnemius and soleus muscle stimulation." Undergraduate student: Maggie Wagner

NIH NRSA F31. "The Role of Muscle Dynamics in Governing Achilles Subtendon Behavior Across the Lifespan." 2019-2021. Pre-doctoral fellow: William Clark. Role: Primary Sponsor.

NIH NRSA F32. "Linking muscle-tendon dynamics and energetics to inform exoskeleton design for improved locomotor economy." 2019-2021. Post-doctoral fellow: Owen Beck. Role: Co-Sponsor.

UNC Lucas Scholars Research Fellowship, 2019. "The effects of gastrocnemius and soleus muscle stimulation on Achilles subtendon tissue displacements." Undergraduate student: Nathan Lehr.

UNC Lucas Scholars Research Fellowship, 2018. "The prevalence of neuromechanical plasticity underlying walking balance control in old age." Undergraduate student: Jackson Richards.

NC State Abrams Scholarship, 2017. "Targeted biofeedback to enhance push-off power generation in walking." Undergraduate student: Sarah Fickey.

American Physical Therapy Association Section on Research Traveling Fellowship, 2017. Visiting Post-Doctoral Scholar: Audrey Elias.

Fulbright Finland Travel Grant for Research Collaboration. 2017. Visiting Post-Doctoral Scholar: Lauri Stenroth.

Chancellor's Science Scholar Summer Research Award, 2017. "Functional utilization of propulsive capacity in human walking." Undergraduate student: Alex Mina.

NC State Abrams Scholarship, 2016. "Leveraging visuomotor entrainment to improve the diagnostics of age-related falls risk." Undergraduate student: Heather Stokes.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University

Spring 2021, BMME 405/890 (Biomechanics of Movement)

Fall 2021, BMME 205 (Biomedical Mechanics and Lab)

Spring 2021, BMME 405/890 (Biomechanics of Movement)

Fall 2020, BMME 205 (Biomedical Mechanics and Lab)

Spring 2020, BMME 405/890 (Biomechanics of Movement)

Fall 2019, BMME 205 (Biomedical Mechanics)

Spring 2019, BMME 405/890 (Biomechanics of Movement)

Fall 2018, BMME 160 (Statics)

Spring 2018, BMME 405/890 (Biomechanics of Movement)

Fall 2017, BMME 160 (Statics)

Spring 2017, HMSC 710 (Measurement and Analysis of Human Muscle Function)

Spring 2017, BMME 405/890 (Biomechanics of Movement)

Fall 2016, BMME 160 (Statics)

Spring 2016, BMME 490 (Biomechanics I)

Edgewood College, Dept. of Biology

Fall 2013, Guest Lecture, BIO 220 (Introduction to Human Biomechanics)

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Dept. of Biomedical Engineering

Fall 2013, Guest Lecture, BME 315 (Biomechanics)

University of Colorado Boulder, Dept. of Integrative Physiology

Fall 2012, Guest Lecture, IPHY4540 (Biomechanics)

Spring 2012, Guest Lecture, IPHY4540 (Biomechanics)

Fall 2011, Guest Lecture, IPHY 6010 (Locomotion Energetics)

Fall 2009, Lead Graduate Teaching Assistant, IPHY4540 (Biomechanics)

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Dept. of Engineering Science and Mechanics

Spring 2006, Graduate Teaching Assistant, ESM 2074 (Computational Methods)

PATENTS/IP DISCLOSURES

Franz JR and Pietrosimone B. Portable Gait Biofeedback System for Rehabilitation of Musculoskeletal Conditions. IP Disclosure (Filed: 3/18/2021).

Franz JR and Qiao Mu. A method of visuomotor error augmentation for balance rehabilitation. IP Disclosure (Filed: 12/18/2016). Provisional patent (Filed: 3/16/2020, Serial No. 62/990,417). Regularized patent (Filing: March 2020).

Franz JR and Conway KA. A horizontal impeding force system to improve strength and enhance gait performance. IP Disclosure (Filed: 3/8/2020).

Thelen DG, **Franz JR**, Slane LC, Thomas CJ. A System and method to functionally evaluate muscle and tendon mechanics. IP Disclosure (Filed: 5/21/2013).

Franz JR and Kram R. System and methods for measuring propulsive force during ambulation and providing real-time feedback. Regularized patent (Filed: 05/08/2014). Provisional patent (Filed: 05/08/2013).

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Post-Doctoral Trainees

Hoon Kim, Ph.D.	January 2020 - Present
Rebecca Krupenevich, Ph.D.	January 2019 - Present
Brian Selgrade, Ph.D.	January 2018 - August 2019
*Current position: Assistant Professor, Westfield State	
Mu Qiao, Ph.D.	August 2016 – February 2018
*Current position: Assistant Professor, Louisiana Tech	

Doctoral Students

Emily Eichenlaub, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering	Fall 2021 - Present
Andrew Shelton, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering	Fall 2020 - Present
Richard Pimentel, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering	Fall 2019 - Present
Mandy Munsch, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering	Fall 2018 - Present
William Clark, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering	Fall 2016 – Fall 2020
*Current position: Post-Doctoral Fellow Brown University	
Katie Conway, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering	Fall 2016 – Spring 2020
*Current position: R&D Leadership Development Program Siemens Healthineers	
Michael Browne, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering	Fall 2015 – Spring 2019
*Current position: Engineering Academic Coordinator Teaching Assistant Professor University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	

Master's Students

Andrew Marron, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering	Spring 2017 – Spring 2018
Jessica Thompson, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering	Fall 2015 - Spring 2017

Visiting Scholars

Yujin Kwon, UNIST, South Korea	Spring 2022-Fall 2023
Daniel Urrego, Universidad de Antioquia in Medellín, Colombia	Fall 2021
Jeroen Waanders, University of Groningen	Spring 2017 – Fall 2017
Sidney Baudendistel, University of Florida	Summer 2019

Doctoral Students (not chair)

Jaeho Jang (UNC Chapel Hill Human Movement Science)	Spring 2021 - Present
Benjamin Shafer, Georgia Tech, Robotics	Spring 2021 - Present
Bretta Fylstra, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering	Spring 2019 - Present
Ruth Stout, UNCG Kinesiology	Fall 2019 - Present
Andy Alvarez, BU Rehabilitation Sciences	Fall 2019 - Present
Qiang Zhang, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering	Fall 2020 – Fall 2021
Aaron Fleming, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering	Fall 2019 – Fall 2021
Hope Davis, UNC Chapel Hill Human Movement Science	Fall 2018 – Spring 2020
Henry Shin, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering	Spring 2018 – Spring 2019
Andrea Brandt, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering	Spring 2017 – Spring 2019
Yue Wen, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering	Fall 2016 – Spring 2019
Jon Doering, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering	Fall 2015 – Fall 2018
FJ Goodwin, UNC Chapel Hill Human Movement Science	Fall 2016 – Spring 2018
Brittney Luc, UNC Chapel Hill Human Movement Science	Fall 2015 – Spring 2017
Carrie Francis, UW-Madison Biomedical Engineering	Spring 2013 – Spring 2016

Master's Students (not chair)

Zoey Kearns, University of Memphis, Movement Sciences	Fall 2020 - Present
Jenny Maun, University of Nebraska Omaha, Biomechanics	Spring 2020 - Present
James McCall, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering	Fall 2017 – Summer 2019
Kristen Rasske, UW-Madison Biomedical Engineering	Spring 2013 – Fall 2015

Undergraduate Students

Carly Rauch, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering	Spring 2022 - Present
Kurumi Adachi, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering	Spring 2022 - Present
Avantika Pandita, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering	Spring 2022 - Present
Mateus Valdejao, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering	Fall 2021 - Present
Madison Wissman, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering	Spring 2021 - Present
Ellora McTaggart, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering ^b	Fall 2020 - Present
Jordan Feldman, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering ^b	Fall 2020 - Present
Callum Funk, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering ^{a,b}	Spring 2020 - Present
Maggie Wagner, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering	Fall 2019 - Present
Meaghan Quinn, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering ^b	Fall 2019 – Spring 2021
Arya Pontula, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering ^b	Fall 2018- Fall 2020
Noah Pieper, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering ^{a,b}	Fall 2018- Fall 2021
Gabriela Diaz, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering ^{a,b}	Spring 2019 - Spring 2020
Keyaira Crudup, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering ^{a,b}	Fall 2018 - Spring 2020
Nathan Lehr, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering ^b	Summer 2018 - Spring 2020
Sam Vinogradov, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering	Spring 2018 - Spring 2020
Marcus Childs, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering ^{a,b}	Spring 2018 - Spring 2019
Jackson Richards, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering ^{a,b}	Spring 2017 - Spring 2019
Sarah Fickey, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering ^{a,b}	Spring 2017- Spring 2018
Hannah McKenney, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering ^{a,b}	Spring 2016 - Spring 2018
Ashish Khanchandani, UNC (Quantitative Biology) ^{a,b}	Spring 2016 - Spring 2018
Randall Bisette, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering ^{a,b}	Fall 2015 - Fall 2017
Alex Mina, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering	Spring 2017 - Fall 2017
Maureen Desmond, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering	Fall 2016 - Spring 2017
Heather Stokes, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering ^{a,b}	Fall 2015 - Spring 2017
Rachel Lanzone, UNC/NCSU Biomedical Engineering	Spring 2016 - Fall 2016
Michela Maletis, CU Boulder (Integrative Physiology) ^{a,b}	Spring 2012
Alyse Kehler, CU Boulder (Integrative Physiology) ^b	Fall 2011 - Spring 2012
Lauren MacDonald, CU Boulder (Integrative Physiology) ^b	Fall 2011 - Spring 2012
Nicholas Lyddon, CU Boulder (Integrative Physiology) ^{a,b}	Fall 2010 - Spring 2011
Corbyn Wierzbinski, CU Boulder (Integrative Physiology) ^{a,b}	Spring 2010 - Spring 2011

^a Research resulted in peer-reviewed publication

^b Research resulted in peer-reviewed conference abstract

HONORS & AWARDS

- Joint Department of Biomedical Engineering, Service Achievement Award, 2022
- UNC-Chapel Hill, Chapman Family Teaching Award, Winner, 2022
- Journal of Biomechanics Award, American Society of Biomechanics, 2021
- UNC-Chapel Hill, Chapman Family Teaching Award, Finalist, 2021
- Academic Career Leadership Academy in Medicine (ACCLAIM) Program, 2019-2020
- NIH Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program (LRP) Award, 2017-2019
- Tanner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, Nominee, 2018, 2019
- National Academies Scientific Teaching Fellow, 2017-2018
- NIH TIGRR (Training in Grantsmanship in Rehabilitation Research) Fellow, 2017
- Young Scientist Post-Doctoral Award, American Society of Biomechanics, 2015

New Investigator Award (Clinical/Applied Aging Research), UW-Madison Institute on Aging, 2013
Integrative Physiology Fellowship Travel Award, University of Colorado, 2012
Popular Choice Award finalist, American Society of Biomechanics Annual Meeting, 2011
Force & Motion Foundation Travel Scholarship, 2011
United Government of Graduate Students Academic Travel Award, University of Colorado, 2011
Graduate Student Grant-In-Aid, American Society of Biomechanics, 2010
Outstanding Senior Design Project, Engineering Science and Mechanics, Virginia Tech, 2004

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Joint Department of Biomedical Engineering, UNC-Chapel Hill and NC State

Department Well-being Liaison, Fall 2021 – Present
Diversity Pipeline Committee, Fall 2020 – Present
Graduate Curriculum Committee, Fall 2017 – Present
Graduate Program Strategic Planning Core, Fall 2019 – Present
Teaching Track Faculty Search Committee (Chair), Fall 2020 – Spring 2021
Member, BME Research Retreat Planning Committee, 2019
Abram's Scholarship Committee, 2016, 2019
Lucas Scholars Review Committee, 2020
Brand Identity and Strategic Communications Committee, 2016
Service Award Selection Committee, 2016

Human Movement Science Program, UNC-Chapel Hill

Program Director Search Committee (Chair), Fall 2020
Biomechanics Curriculum Committee, Spring 2019

College of Arts and Sciences, UNC-Chapel Hill

Diversity Liaison, Department of Biomedical Engineering, Fall 2016 – Fall 2019

School of Medicine, UNC-Chapel Hill

Interviewer, M.D./Ph.D. Program Admissions, 2016, 2017, 2021
Committee Member, 5-Year Review, Department of Allied Health Sciences, August 2019

UNC-Chapel Hill

Member, Biomedical Sciences Institutional Review Board, 2018 – Present
Natural Sciences Subcommittee, SURF Program, 2019

Service to the Field

Program Chair, North American Congress of Biomechanics, 2022
Associate Editor, Journal of Applied Biomechanics, November 2019 - Present
Editorial Board Member, Journal of Applied Biomechanics, October 2017 – November 2019
Editor, Tendon Structure-Function Relationship in Health, Ageing and Injury. Frontiers in Bioengineering and Biotechnology. 2019.
Abstract Review Committee, International Society of Biomechanics Meeting, Spring 2019
External Examiner (Ph.D. Thesis), University of Queensland, Fall 2017
National Biomechanics Day, Executive Board Member, 2017 – 2018
Abstract Review Committee, 7th World Congress of Biomechanics, 2014
Moderator, Biomch-L Literature Update, 4/2013 – 7/2014

American Society of Biomechanics:

Executive Board: Program Chair Elect (2021) and Program Chair (2022)
Communications Committee, 2012-2017
Student Mentoring Program, 2015 - Present

Session Chair, Annual Meeting:

2012 (Aging Symposium)
2013 (Instrumentation)
2015 (Aging and the neuromuscular control of walking)
2016 (Slips, trips, and falls)
2017 (Mechanics and control of walking)
2019 (Functional Analysis Using Ultrasound Imaging)

Abstract Review Committee, Annual Meeting, 2013 -
Aging Symposium organizer and co-chair, Annual Meeting, 2012
Student Advisory Committee, 1/2011 - 8/2012

Manuscript Reviewer:

Annals of Biomedical Engineering, ASME Journal of Biomechanical Engineering, Applied Bionics and Biomechanics, Clinical Biomechanics, Exercise and Sport Sciences Reviews Experimental Brain Research, Experimental Gerontology, Frontiers in Physiology, Gerontology, Gait & Posture, IEEE Transactions on Neural Systems and Biomedical Engineering, Journal of Applied Biomechanics, Journal of Applied Physiology, Journal of Biomechanics, Journal of Experimental Biology, Journal of Neurophysiology, Journal of Orthopedic Research, Journal of Science and Medicine in Sport, Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise, Nature: Scientific Reports, PeerJ, PLoS One, Royal Society Interface, Scandinavian Journal of Medicine & Science in Sports

Grant Reviewer:

2022 US-Israel Binational Science Foundation, March 2022
2021 ZDC1 SRB-E 26 L, Hearing and Balance, NIH/NIDCD, June 2021
2021 ZAG1 ZIJ-5 (M1), Aging and Balance, NIH/NIA, February 2021
2021 ZGM1 RCB-W, Special Emphasis Panel, NIH/NIGMS, November 2020
Integrative Science and Engineering Center, University of Dayton, February 2020
Precision Health Program Investigator Awards, University of Michigan, October 2019
German Academic Exchange Service (Post-Doctoral Fellowships), November 2018
ETH Zurich Research Commission (Post-Doctoral Fellowships), October 2018
Early Career Reviewer program, NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR), 2017- Present
Remote Referee, Research Foundation - Flanders (Belgium), May 2013, May 2018

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

American Society of Biomechanics
International Society of Biomechanics
American Association for the Advancement of Science

INVITED SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIA

In Vivo Imaging, Muscle Neuromechanics, and Rehabilitation for OA Prevention. Osteoarthritis Action Alliance. December 2021.

A Mechanism-Based Approach to Rehabilitation Engineering for Safe and Independent Mobility in Older Adults. Plenary Talk: IEEE MHS2021(Micro-nano Mechatronics and Human Science). Nagoya, Japan. December 2021.

The mechanical and metabolic consequences of aging effects on muscle-tendon units powering locomotion: moving beyond observational inquiry. NIA workshop: Causes & consequences of age-related changes in gait biomechanics. September 2021.

A mechanism-based approach to diagnostics and rehabilitation to preserve safe and independent mobility in older adults. Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. University of Central Florida. March 2021.

Mechanics, Energetics, and Stability: Modifiable factors to preserve independent mobility in old age. Department of Kinesiology and Applied Physiology. University of Delaware. February 2020.

Mechanics, Energetics, and Stability: Modifiable factors to preserve independent mobility in old age. Department of Biomechanics. University of Nebraska Omaha. October 2019.

Mechanics, Energetics, and Stability: Modifiable factors to preserve independent mobility in old age. Department of Integrative Physiology. University of Colorado Boulder. November 2019.

Improving our understanding of the origins and functional consequences of Achilles subtendon sliding in walking. In: Integrating multi-scale approaches to tendon biomechanics. International Society of Biomechanics. Calgary, AB (Canada). August 2019.

Central and Peripheral Control of Balance in Older adults. NIA/NIDCD Workshop. Bethesda, MD. April 2019.

Harnessing the potential of rehabilitative technology to enhance mobility and prevent falls. John. A Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences + Wyss Institute for Biologically Inspired Engineering, Harvard University. April 2019.

Harnessing the potential of rehabilitative technology to enhance mobility and prevent falls. Kinesiology and Community Health Colloquium Series. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. November 2018.

Muscle and tendon – a complicated friendship. American Society of Biomechanics Annual Meeting. Rochester, MN. August 2018.

Dynamic medical imaging techniques for biomechanics systems. 8th World Congress of Biomechanics. Dublin, Ireland. July 2018.

Diagnosing and treating deficits in propulsion to improve walking after stroke - Clinical and technological advances (Symposium II). APTA Combined Sections Meeting. New Orleans, LA. February 2018.

Aging effects on the neuromechanics of gait and balance control. Department of Kinesiology Symposium. Pennsylvania State University. February 2018.

Diagnosing and treating deficits in propulsion to improve walking after stroke - Clinical and technological advances (Symposium I). American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine. Atlanta, GA. October 2018.

Aging effects on the neuromechanics of gait and balance control. Division of Geriatrics Seminar Series. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Chapel Hill, NC. July 2017.

The biomechanics and neural control of locomotor performance in old age. Motor Behavior Research Network Seminar. University of North Carolina Greensboro. Greensboro, NC. May 2017.

The biomechanics and neural control of locomotor performance in old age. Department of Orthopaedics Grand Rounds. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Chapel Hill, NC. April 2017.

Structure, function, and control of the aging musculoskeletal system during locomotion. Department of Physical Therapy and Human Movement Sciences Grand Rounds. Northwestern University. Chicago, IL. November 2016.

Aging effects on the structure, function, and control of the human musculoskeletal system during locomotion. Human Movement Science Seminar Series. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Chapel Hill, NC. October 2016

The neuromuscular biomechanics of aging: new insights and their clinical implications. Department of Kinesiology and Nutrition Seminar. University of Illinois at Chicago. Chicago, IL. January 2015.

The neuromuscular biomechanics of aging: new insights and their clinical implications. Joint Department of Biomedical Engineering Seminar. University of North Carolina and North Carolina State University. Chapel Hill, NC. January 2015.

The neuromuscular biomechanics of aging: new insights and their clinical implications. School of Kinesiology Seminar. University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI. November 2014.

The underutilized propulsive reserve of older adults during walking. UW-Madison Interface Colloquium (Science, Technology, and Society). University of Wisconsin. Madison, WI. October 2013.

The loss of walking ability with age: moving beyond muscle weakness. Dept. of Kinesiology Seminar. University of Wisconsin. Madison, WI. October 2013.

The biomechanics of advanced age: insights gained from older adults walking uphill. Dept. of Mechanical Engineering Lindbergh Lecture Series. University of Wisconsin. Madison, WI. March 2013.

How does age affect individual leg mechanics during uphill and downhill walking? Symposium: Effects of aging on the biomechanics and energetics of gait. American Society of Biomechanics Annual Meeting. Gainesville, FL. August 2012.

Aging and the biomechanics of uphill and downhill walking. Neuromuscular Biomechanics Seminar. University of Wisconsin. Madison, WI. June 2012.

Opportunities for student involvement in ASB. Student Event. American Society of Biomechanics Annual Meeting. Long Beach, CA. August 2011.

Methods in human movement analysis. University of Virginia Running Medicine Conference. Charlottesville, VA. March 2007.

CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS

Wagner MM, Clark WH, **Franz JR**. The aging Achilles tendon: model-predicted changes in calf muscle neuromechanics. North American Congress on Biomechanics. Ottawa, Canada. August 2022 (Submitted).

Shelton AD, McTaggart EM, Allen JL, Mercer VS, Crenshaw JR, **Franz JR**. Susceptibility to walking balance perturbations may generalize across contexts. North American Congress on Biomechanics. Ottawa, Canada. August 2022 (Submitted).

Cone SG, Kim H, **Franz JR**, Thelen DG, High-field MRI analysis of the 3D geometry of the triple-bundle Achilles tendon. North American Congress on Biomechanics. Ottawa, Canada. August 2022 (Submitted).

Pimentel R, Armitano-Lago C, Pietrosimone BG, **Franz JR**. Efficacy of in-sole sensors to detect limb loading changes using biofeedback. North American Congress on Biomechanics. Ottawa, Canada. August 2022 (Submitted).

Maddox GT, Carey HD, Shelton AD, Mercer VS, Crenshaw JR, **Franz JR**, Allen JL. Muscle coordination complexity across different locomotor tasks in young adults. North American Congress on Biomechanics. Ottawa, Canada. August 2022 (Submitted).

Pimentel R, Kiefer AW, **Franz JR**. Increasing kinematic fidelity improves predictions of walking metabolic cost. North American Congress on Biomechanics. Ottawa, Canada. August 2022 (Submitted).

Kim H, Shelton AS, Chilton L, **Franz JR**. The effects of walking related fatigue on EMG mean frequency and response to balance perturbations. North American Congress on Biomechanics. Ottawa, Canada. August 2022 (Submitted).

Kim H, Clark WH, **Franz JR**. Does age affect the association between gastrocnemius EMG frequency and contractile mechanics during walking? North American Congress on Biomechanics. Ottawa, Canada. August 2022 (Submitted).

Duque Urrego D, Pimentel RE, **Franz JR**. Kinematic and kinetic determinants of limb force and preferred speed during self-paced walking. North American Congress on Biomechanics. Ottawa, Canada. August 2022 (Submitted).

Munsch AE, Evans-Pickett A, Davis-Wilson H, Pietrosimone B, Roth JD, **Franz JR**. Limb underloading transmits less dynamic tibiofemoral contact forces after ACLR. North American Congress on Biomechanics. Ottawa, Canada. August 2022 (Submitted).

McTaggart EM, Shelton AD, Allen JL, Mercer VS, Crenshaw JR, **Franz JR**. Does locomotor reaction time generalize between gait imitation and walking? North American Congress on Biomechanics. Ottawa, Canada. August 2022 (Submitted).

Krupenevich RL, Sawicki GS, **Franz JR**. Linking walking economy and the metabolic cost of isometric plantarflexor action. North American Congress on Biomechanics. Ottawa, Canada. August 2022 (Submitted).

Funk CJ, Krupenevich RL, **Franz JR**. The effect of distal foot posture on gait biomechanics, energetics, and triceps surae muscle activation. North American Congress on Biomechanics. Ottawa, Canada. August 2022 (Submitted).

Eichenlaub E, Duque Urrego D, Sapovadia S, Allen J, Mercer V, Crenshaw J, **Franz JR**. The neuromechanics of anticipated and unanticipated walking balance perturbations. North American Congress on Biomechanics. Ottawa, Canada. August 2022 (Submitted).

Carey HD, Maddox GT, Shelton AD, Mercer VS, Crenshaw JR, **Franz JR**, Allen JL. Young adults recruit a task-specific motor module during lateral precision stepping. North American Congress on Biomechanics. Ottawa, Canada. August 2022 (Submitted).

Spangler H, Lynch D, Worth A, **Franz JR**, Krupenevich RL, Kim H, Conway K, Batsis JA. Correlations between gastrocnemius cross-sectional area and physical function in older adults. American Gerontological Society. Orlando, FL. May 2022.

Armitano-Lago C, Davis-Wilson HC, Evans-Pickett A, Lisee C, Kershner CE, Blackburn JT, **Franz JR**, Kiefer AW, Nissman D, Pietrosimone B. More regular gait patterns associate with worse femoral cartilage composition following anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction. American College of Sports Medicine. San Diego, CA. June 2022.

Lisee C, Evans-Pickett A, Davis-Wilson H, Longobardi L, **Franz JR**, Munsch A, Pietrosimone B. Delayed Biochemical Joint Tissue Response to Loading is Associated with Femoral Cartilage Composition Post-ACL Reconstruction. American College of Sports Medicine. San Diego, CA. June 2022.

Kearns ZC, Krupenevich R, **Franz JR**, Powell DW, Paquette MR. Resistance training for middle-aged runners: can we put a 'pep in their step'? American College of Sports Medicine. San Diego, CA. June 2022.

Evans-Pickett A, Davis-Wilson H, Munsch A, Blackburn JT, **Franz JR**, Pietrosimone BG. Real-time Biofeedback Elicits Bilateral Changes in Gait Biomechanics in Patients with Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction. American College of Sports Medicine. San Diego, CA. June 2022.

Wikstrom EA, Cain MS, Song K, Migel K, Jang J, Fin FC, Pietrosimone BG, Blackburn JT, **Franz JR**. Two-week Plantar Massage but not Ankle Joint Mobilization Intervention Reduces Visual Reliance in those with Chronic Ankle Instability. National Athletic Trainers' Association. Philadelphia, PA. June 2022.

Jang J, Pietrosimone BG, Lin FC, **Franz JR**, Wikstrom EA. Impulse Variability During Walking Higher in those with Chronic Ankle Instability. National Athletic Trainers' Association. Philadelphia, PA. June 2022.

White LT, Papachatzis N, **Franz JR**, Takahashi KZ. Shoe insole stiffness modification to augment walking in older adults. Rocky Mountain Regional American Society of Biomechanics Meeting. Estes Park, CO. April 2022.

Armitano-Lago C, Evans-Pickett A, Davis-Wilson HC, Munsch A, **Franz JR**, Blackburn JT, Pietrosimone B. Patterns of gait variability are similar between adolescent and adult patients with ACLR. ACL Research Retreat IX. Greensboro, NC. March 2022.

Ahuja S and **Franz JR**. The metabolic cost of walking balance control and adaptation in young adults. Association of Academic Physiatrists. New Orleans, LA. February 2022.

Migel KG, Cain MS, Pietrosimone BG, Blackburn JT, **Franz JR**, Song K, Jang J, Wikstrom EA. Impact of Manual Therapy on Landing Kinematics and Kinetics in People with Chronic Ankle Instability. APTA Combined Sections Meeting. San Antonio, TX. February 2022.

Funk CJ, Krupenevich RL, Sawicki GS, **Franz JR**. Exploring the functional boundaries and metabolism of triceps surae force-length relations during walking. American Society of Biomechanics Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. August 2021. (Virtual/covid-19).

*Winner: Journal of Biomechanics Award

Ahuja S and **Franz JR**. The metabolic cost of walking balance control and adaptation in young adults. American Society of Biomechanics Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. August 2021. (Virtual/covid-19).

*Finalist: Journal of Biomechanics Award

Baudendistel ST, **Franz JR**, Hass CJ, Real-time biofeedback to increase propulsive force in individuals with Parkinson's disease. American Society of Biomechanics Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. August 2021. (Virtual/covid-19).

Baudendistel ST, Pappas M, Schmitt A, **Franz JR**, Hass CJ, Preliminary effects of propulsive force biofeedback training on overground walking in individuals with Parkinson's disease. American Society of Biomechanics Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. August 2021. (Virtual/covid-19).

Beck ON, Schroeder JN, Trejo LH, **Franz JR**, Sawicki GS. Relatively shorter muscle fascicles increase the metabolic cost of cyclic force production. American Society of Biomechanics Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. August 2021. (Virtual/covid-19).

Clark WH and **Franz JR**. Age-related changes to triceps surae muscle-subtendon interaction dynamics during walking. American Society of Biomechanics Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. August 2021. (Virtual/covid-19).

Elie OS, **Franz JR**, Selgrade BP. Optical flow perturbation effects on standing balance in people with multiple sclerosis. American Society of Biomechanics Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. August 2021. (Virtual/covid-19).

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