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University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA	MS	1997	Human Genetics
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA	PhD	2000	Human Genetics

**A. Positions and Honors.**

Research Assistant/Associate, Center for Education and Drug Abuse Research, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA 1990-1995

Graduate Student Researcher, Department of Human Genetics, University of Pittsburgh, 1995-2000

Research Associate, Division of Oral Biology, School of Dental Medicine, University of Pittsburgh, 2000-2002

Assistant Professor, Center for Craniofacial and Dental Genetics, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 2002-2006

Assistant Professor, Virginia Inst for Psychiatric and Behavioral Genet, Depts of Psychiatry and Human Genetics, VA Commonwealth University 2006-

**B. Peer-reviewed publications (selected from 44 manuscripts published or in press)**

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14. Weese-Mayer DE, Berry-Kravis EM, Maher BS, Silvestri JM, Curran ME, Marazita ML (2003) Sudden Infant Death Syndrome: Association with a promoter polymorphism of the serotonin transporter gene. *Am J Med Genet* 117A:268-74.
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### C. **OTHER SUPPORT**

#### Active

R01DA019157-01 Vanyukov (PI) 9-30-04 to 7-31-09

NIH/NIDA

“Substance use disorder liability: Candidate Gene Systems”

The goal of this grant is to evaluate genetic and environmental factors involved in substance abuse and its precursors.

**Role: Co-I**

1-R01-DE14899 Marazita (PI) 9-30-02 to 9-29-09

NIH/NIDCR

“Genetic Factors contributing to oral health disparities in Appalachia”

The aim of this grant is to perform longitudinal, population-based, oral health assessments of children and their care-givers in West Virginia in order to identify factors contributing to the poor oral health seen in this population. Genetic factors will be the particular focus of this project.

**Role: Co-I.**

R01-DE014889-S1 Marazita (PI) 12-01-04 to 05-31-09

NIH/NIDCR

“Psychosocial influences on rural children’s Oral Health”

**Role: Co-I**

#### Pending

R03 DE016632 Maher (PI) 12-1-06 to 11-30-08

NIH/NIDCR

“Statistical Genetic Analyses of Orofacial Cleft Families”

This project seeks to elucidate the contribution of multiple interacting genes to nonsyndromic cleft lip/palate in a large international sample of multiplex extended pedigrees.