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Kathleen received her degree in Biology from Florida State University (2007). In the same year, Kathleen directed an Individual Study in *Drosophila* genetics together with Dr. Wu-Min Deng. She also undertook the role of an Undergraduate Teaching Assistant in 2007.

Ms. Catignas was then appointed as a Laboratory Instructor in Florida State University (2011). She was also a member of Dr. Dennis LaJeunesse's Laboratory, where she studied the role of DH31 – expressing enterendocrine cells in *Drosophila* Midgut. Kathleen is now working on her PhD in the Department of Biochemistry, University at Buffalo.

In 2012, as part of a PhD fellowship, Kathleen was appointed as a Research Scientist in Dr. Feltri's laboratory at the Hunter James Kelly Research Institute. She is investigating the role of integrins at the Schwann cell-axon interface during peripheral nerve development.