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***Thank You to Our Presenters and Poster Presenters***

OTAC expresses its sincere appreciation to the 2017 Annual Conference presenters and poster presenters for sharing their knowledge with our Conference attendees and for taking time away from their professional careers and personal lives to prepare for, travel to, and present at Conference. Their dedication to serving OTAC's mission to provide quality, timely, and cost effective professional development and by supporting OTAC through their personal membership is highly commendable. Please thank our presenters and poster presenters.

**Terminology**

- ADHD Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
- AOTA American Occupational Therapy Association
- AOTF American Occupational Therapy Foundation
- ASHT American Society of Hand Therapists
- CBOT California Board of Occupational Therapy
- CHP California Highway Patrol
- CSU California State University
- DMV Department of Motor Vehicles
- MHSIS Mental Health Special Interest Section
- NDT Nondestructive Testing
- OTAC Occupational Therapy Association of California
- OTD Doctorate of Occupational Therapy
- OTFP Occupational Therapy Faculty Practice
- RSD Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy
- RSNA Radiological Society of North America
- SCERTS Social Communication/Emotional Regulation/Transactional Support
- SIPT Sensory Integration and Praxis Tests
- SJSU San Jose State University
- WRAP Wellness Recovery Action Plan



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**Naomi Jaye A. Achondo, OTD, OTR/L, SWC**, received a post professional clinical doctorate in occupational therapy from Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions. She has been practicing since 2005 in pediatrics and holds advanced practice approval in swallowing assessment and treatment from CBOT, certification in SIPT, and completed levels 1 and 2 intensive mentorships at the STAR Institute in Colorado. Achondo works as the director of clinical standards at a nonprofit organization serving the autism community in Southern California. She is an adjunct MSOT instructor at Stanbridge University, teaching courses on community program development and thesis/research advising.

***Session #2, Thursday, October 19, 2017, 8:45am-10:15am***



**Valerie Adams, MA, OTR/L**, has been an occupational therapy practitioner for 33 years, primarily working in public schools. Her experience providing school-based practice was in California until very recently when she relocated to Arizona. She has been mentored by experienced therapists, school administrators, and attorneys, and has participated in multiple fair hearings and mediations, learning first-hand how to improve her own report writing. She is a frequent presenter at OTAC and AOTA conferences as well as other venues, receiving consistently positive reviews.

***Session #103, Sunday, October 22, 2017, 1:30pm-4:30pm***



**Erika Agustin, COTA/L**, earned her degree as an occupational therapy assistant from Stanbridge University in 2013. She is currently working at an inpatient setting with patients who have neurologic and medically complicated conditions, which include but are not limited to, cerebrovascular accidents, brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, orthopedic injuries, and various cognitive deficits. Agustin has experience working with vision screens and treatments in collaboration with a neurological optometrist. Along with the adult population, she has experience working in pediatrics with neurological and behavioral disorders in outpatient and home settings. She is currently affiliated with the Stanbridge University Advisory Board and Alumni Association for student advocacy. Achonda is the recipient of the 2017 OTAC Occupational Therapy Assistant Honorary Award.

***Session #32, Friday, October 20, 2017, 10:00am-11:30am***

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**Ivan Altamura, JD**, served as chief of staff to two Assembly republican leaders in the California Legislature for nearly a decade. His extensive public policy and political experience enables Altamura to expertly navigate clients through the legislative and regulatory process on a wide spectrum of issues. In the Assembly, Altamura was responsible for providing strategic advice, steering Caucus policy positions, leading republican political efforts through four campaign cycles, and providing tactical counsel to Assembly republican leaders, Connie Conway (R-Tulare) and Mike Villines (R-Fresno), as well as Caucus members. In this role, Altamura was also responsible for direct interaction and collaboration with numerous stakeholders and interest groups to find and build consensus on a broad range of policy matters. In the Legislature, Altamura established and solidified his strong working relationships with elected government officials, lobbyists, and interest groups solving complex and difficult policy issues. Following his time in the Legislature, Altamura was the director of engagement for Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E). He was also campaign manager for Mike Villines for Insurance Commissioner 2010. Prior to his government relations and political career, Altamura was in private practice as an attorney, focusing on business, estate, civil, and real estate law. Altamura graduated from Fresno State University with a bachelor's degree in criminology and earned his Juris Doctorate from San Joaquin College of Law in Fresno, California.

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1:15pm-3:00pm***

***Session #60, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 10:00am-  
11:30am***



**Kelly Auld-Wright, MA, OTR/L**, is an occupational therapy practitioner at Los Angeles Unified School District. She is SIPT certified and has advanced training in Ayres Sensory Integration theory and practice. She has participated in research studies using the sensory protocol and the feasibility of applying and measuring impacts of Ayres Sensory Integration. Auld-Wright was the project manager for product evaluation measuring the impact of innovative seating for classrooms. She currently provides additional support to therapists throughout the Los Angeles Unified School District in applying Ayres Sensory Integration in classroom and therapy room settings. She is also currently pursuing her Occupational Therapy Doctorate at Thomas Jefferson University.

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**Eden Balbas, BA, OTS**, is currently a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy student at Stanbridge University in Irvine, California. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in social ecology with a minor in education from the University of California, Irvine, and after graduating, she gained over six years of experience working as a behavior consultant with families and children with developmental disabilities. The experience provided her with the professional skills necessary to work with families that required therapy, and it established a foundation that she can build on for working in the field of occupational therapy. After she graduates from Stanbridge University, Balbas intends to work with the geriatric population in a post-acute rehabilitation setting.

**Session #100, Sunday, October 22, 2017, 1:30pm-3:00pm**

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**Amy Barnes, MSOT, OTR/L, SWC**, has been an occupational therapy (OT) practitioner for eight years, working as a clinical specialist at Stanford Health Care. She is the primary OT on the neurological and neurosurgical units, designated as the first Comprehensive Stroke Center in the nation. She works with patients across the continuum of acuity, from the medical floor to the intensive care unit. She is a clinical instructor, mentor, and interdisciplinary educator.

**Session #1-Part 2-Adult, Thursday, October 19, 2017, 1:00pm-5:00pm**

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**Peggy Barrett, OTR/L, LMFT**, has been an occupational therapy practitioner for 30 years and a licensed marriage and family therapist for four years. She has worked in mental health and adult physical disabilities, and has a marriage and family therapy practice in Santa Monica. For the last six years she has conducted SoulPlay seminars for women emphasizing creativity and play as a source of healing.

**Session #88, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 4:15pm-5:45pm**

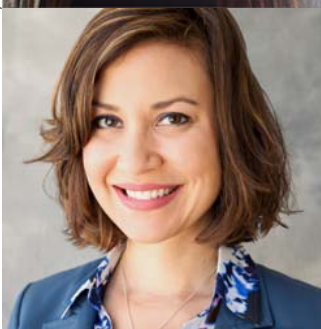
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**Ranier Barrett, BA, OTS**, is an entry-level master's student at University of Southern California Mrs. T.H. Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy. She graduated from Loyola Marymount University with a Bachelor of Arts in theatre and English with an emphasis in creative writing. Her interests include social justice, environmental sustainability, animal advocacy, and brain injury rehabilitation.

***Session #75, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 2:30pm-4:00pm***



**Amber Bennett, OTD, OTR/L**, is an assistant professor and assistant director of admissions for the USC Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy. In addition, she provides services to patients at Keck Hospital of USC in acute, critical care, and inpatient rehabilitation settings, and currently teaches "OT 406L: Foundations: Creativity, Craft, and Activity Analysis" in the Division's professional program. Bennett earned her Bachelor of Science in recreation and leisure studies from San Jose State University, and received both her Master of Arts and Doctorate of Occupational Therapy from the University of Southern California. During her doctoral residency at Keck Hospital of USC, Bennett focused on advancing occupational therapy as a partner in the continuum of care for patients with heart failure.

***Session #46, Friday, October 20, 2017, 1:00pm-3:00pm***



**Theresa Bentz, MA, OTR/L (MN)**, is currently the director of fieldwork education at St. Catherine University in the occupational therapy assistant (OTA) department. She is a graduate of the Masters of Arts in Occupational Therapy at St. Catherine University. She stepped into this role after being the academic fieldwork coordinator for the campus based OTA program, and interim fieldwork coordinator for the MAOT program. Prior to making the move into academia, Bentz was developing a primary care model for Mayo Clinic Health Services in their rural hospitals, and had an active outpatient caseload. She lives on a small hobby farm in rural Minnesota and is passionate about increasing access to healthcare in rural underserved areas, as well as educating rural practitioners in their communities.

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**Julie Bissell, OTD, OTR/L, ATP**, has practiced occupational therapy in California public schools for over 30 years. As adjunct associate professor of clinical occupational therapy, she currently teaches the Contemporary Issues in School-Based Practice course within the USC Chan Division. Bissell co-authored "Sensory-Motor Handbook: A Guide to Implementing and Modifying Activities in the Classroom," the AOTA fact sheet on sensory integration and the official AOTA document "Providing Occupational Therapy Using Sensory Integration Theory and Methods in School-Based Practice." She is a former chair of the AOTA Sensory Integration Special Interest Section and co-chaired the 2010 and 2012 committees to revise the California Department of Education's "Guidelines for Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy in California Public Schools." Bissell is currently a co-chair of the OTAC School-Based Practice Subcommittee of the Practice, Ethics, and Reimbursement Committee. She recently co-authored a new handwriting assessment, "Here's How I Write: A Child's Self-Assessment of Handwriting and Goal Setting Tool." In 2015, Bissell received the Award of Excellence from the Occupational Therapy Association of California. She is currently in an OTAC leadership position advocating at the state level for the OTAC OT School Credential Initiative.

***Session #98, Sunday, October 22, 2017, 11:45am-12:45pm***



**Erna Imperatore Blanche, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA**, received her basic training in occupational therapy at the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile) and later earned her Master of Arts in special education at Columbia University. She received her PhD degree in occupational science at the University of Southern California. She is an expert in pediatric occupational therapy and interventions based on occupational science. She has co-authored two books, "Understanding the Nature of Sensory Integration with Diverse Populations" and "Observations Based on Sensory Integration," and one video series, "Combining Neurodevelopmental Treatment and Sensory Integration Principles," on pediatric practice. She has published numerous articles in English and Spanish on the topics of play, wellness, and other issues in clinical practice, which have appeared in numerous publications, as well as in pediatric textbooks. Blanche has lectured in more than 20 countries.

***Session #105, Sunday, October 22, 2017, 1:30pm-4:30pm***

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**Lee-Anne Bloom, MS, OTR/L**, a Bay Area native, has her Master of Science in occupational therapy from San Jose State University, and a bachelor's in liberal arts with a minor in sociology from San Francisco State. During her time in pediatric medical clinics and school-based occupational therapy, Bloom gained experience with a wide range of diagnosis including neurological disorders, orthopedic impairments, and learning disabilities. Additionally, she has expertise in treating children with autistic spectrum disorders. Her creativity and energy lead her to approach treatment as an opportunity to engage in an interdisciplinary approach to play-based therapy. Most importantly, Bloom makes therapy fun while building on the child's skills and supporting family needs. She has many tricks up her sleeve for addressing a wide range of goals, including: neuro-developmental, sensory integration, visual-motor integration, The Zones of Regulation, DIRFloortime<sup>®</sup>, Pediatric feeding and assessment, Social Thinking<sup>®</sup>, Handwriting Without Tears, and motivating fine and gross motor activities.

***Session #31, Friday, October 20, 2017, 10:00am-11:30am***



**Richard Bookwalter, MS, OTR/L**, currently serves on the Board for the California Board of Occupational Therapy. He is also a past OTAC president.

***Session #50, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 8:15am-9:45am***



**Sarah Bream, MA, OTD, OTR/L**, is associate chair of academic and community program support and development, director of the doctorate of occupational therapy (OTD) program, and associate professor of clinical occupational therapy for the USC Mrs. T.H. Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy. Prior to her faculty position at USC, Bream served as division director of the Occupational Therapy Training Program (OTTP), a community-based nonprofit organization serving at-risk youth and their families. Within this leadership role, she was responsible for the daily operations, including creating an interdisciplinary service delivery model for mental health practice; as well as maintaining the fiscal health of the organization. Bream grew the organization from 10 staff to over 100 with an operating budget of over \$10 million.



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She is an active leader in the OTAC and most recently oversaw a six-year project that culminated in the occupational therapy profession being represented with a centennial float in the 2017 Annual Tournament of Roses® Parade. This once-in-a-lifetime endeavor was the largest public relations campaign in the history of the occupational therapy profession, with an estimate reach of over 75 million people around the world. Bream is the recipient of the 2017 OTAC Vision Award as chair of the OT Centennial Rose Parade Float and the 2017 OTAC Media Award.

**Session #24, Friday, October 20, 2017, 8:15am-9:45am**



**Erin Carder-McCoy, OTS**, is an occupational therapy student at San Jose State University (SJSU), currently completing fieldwork level II at Psynergy Residential Treatment Center in Morgan Hill, CA. A previous kindergarten/first grade teacher, she also has significant experience in various clinical settings such as inpatient rehabilitation, and outpatient hand therapy. She has worked in the SJSU psychosocial clinic, with clients dealing with traumatic brain injuries, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and severe depression. Carder-McCoy was part of a research team investigating meaning in life at the end of life through the lens of occupational therapy.

**Session #74, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 2:30pm-4:00pm**



**Elizabeth Carley, OTD, OTR/L**, has extensive experience providing occupational therapy mental health services to at-risk, economically disadvantaged youth and their families. She has served as an occupational therapy coordinator for a community-based mental health agency, supervising other occupational therapists, and coordinating service delivery for various community sites. Carley has co-authored a chapter on the Mental Health of Adolescents, and considers this her area of specialty. She is currently serving as assistant director of admissions and assistant professor of clinical occupational therapy within the USC Mrs. T.H. Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy.

**Session #5, Thursday, October 19, 2017, 8:45am-12:00pm**

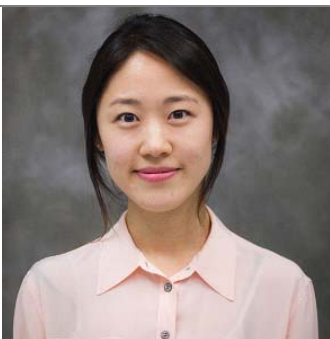
**Tammi Catalano, OTR/L**

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**Erin Chang, OTS**, is currently a first year master's student in occupational therapy at Stanbridge University. She received her Bachelor of Arts in history in 2010 from University of California San Diego. She has been an active member of Stanbridge Student Occupational Therapy Association and has been on the Dean's List every term. Chang is also a student instructor at Life College where she teaches young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder independent skills necessary for daily living, work, and community involvement. Her professional interest is in pediatrics, particularly in physical and cognitive disabilities. Her life goal after graduation is to travel around the world and provide a positive impact on people's lives.

***Session #55, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 8:15am-11:30am***

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**Oliver Chang, OTS**, is currently a third year Masters of Occupational Therapy student at Loma Linda University, Loma Linda California. He enjoys working with a variety of populations in different areas of practice. His main focus is to work in pediatrics with an emphasis in physical dysfunction.

***Session #3, Thursday, October 19, 2017, 8:45am-10:15am***

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**Andrew Cole, OTR/L**, graduated with his bachelor's in occupational therapy from James Cook University in Townsville, Australia in 2005. After spending three years working in Australia in the areas of inpatient neuro-rehabilitation and community-based disability, he relocated to the United States in 2008. Since arriving in the United States, Cole has gained expertise in pediatrics in the areas of school-based occupational therapy and sensory integration, gaining his certification in sensory integration from WPS/USC in 2016. He is currently working on the inpatient rehabilitation unit at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, and is pursuing practice and research in pediatric neurological rehabilitation.

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**Chantelle Rice Collins, OTD, OTR/L, CDE**, is the director of the USC OTFP, a private practice providing lifestyle interventions for patients living with chronic conditions. She is a certified diabetes educator (CDE) and specializes in weight and diabetes management. Over the past four years, OTFP has doubled in size. Rice and her colleagues have implemented several quality improvement projects to demonstrate the value of occupational therapy lifestyle intervention program and improve clinic operations.

***Session #63, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 10:00am-11:30am***

***Session #76, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 2:30pm-4:00pm***



**Brenda Covarrubias, OTD, OTR/L**, is currently supporting health science research at the University of Southern California. Prior to becoming an occupational therapy practitioner, she worked with homeless youth and young adults in various community settings. Covarrubias completed her clinical doctorate at the Keck Medical Center of USC where her work focused on expanding occupational therapy services and delivering high quality care for patients undergoing bone marrow transplants. Currently, she is involved in a federally funded grant for developing quality outcome measures for post-acute care.

***Session #75, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 2:30pm-4:00pm***



**Laura M. Cox, OTS**, is a second year graduate student in the Master of Arts in Occupational Therapy program at the University of Southern California (USC). She earned a Bachelor of Science in kinesiology at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. Her studies and research involvement at USC have been directed towards identifying the needs of young adults with chronic conditions and how lifestyle interventions can help to meet those needs. She has pursued an interest in academia through her roles as a classroom assistant for several graduate-level courses, such as neuroscience, kinesiology, and quantitative research. Cox will be pursuing her Doctorate of Occupational Therapy at USC working as a resident in the primary clinics of Keck Medicine of USC as she hopes to advance occupational therapy's involvement in these settings in order to improve the quality of life of individuals across the lifespan.

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**Talitha Cox, MA, OTR/L**, is an occupational therapy practitioner with 13 years of experience working in pediatrics, primarily at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA). She has 12 years of experience in the Rheumatology Clinic at CHLA, where she helps provide multidisciplinary care for children with rheumatic diseases. Her passion for this area of practice and the people affected led to growing involvement in the rheumatology community. Cox specializes in care for children with rheumatic diseases, assists in research, attends and presents regularly at conferences, volunteers for the Arthritis Foundation and Scleroderma Foundation, and volunteers for the Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals (ARHP), a division of the American College of Rheumatology. Currently, she is serving on the ARHP Practice Committee. More recently, Cox helped develop the Pain Rehabilitation Program at CHLA, and has a growing interest in this area.

***Session #30, Friday, October 20, 2017, 10:00am-11:30am***



**Catherine Crowley, OTD, OTR/L**, is an assistant professor of clinical occupational therapy and director of the minor program in Occupational Science at the USC Mrs. T.H. Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy. She has been an occupational therapy practitioner for over 40 years. In the 1970s, optimistic and fresh out of college, Crowley worked in mental health institutions, community mental health, and residential care facilities. In the 1980s she sought to understand neurological development and pursued her master's in occupational therapy with a specialty in early intervention, loosely translated to babies. She received her Infant Mental Health Specialist certificate studying with Dr. Connie Lillas, PhD, housed in the Cedars-Sinai Department of Psychiatry, in 2002. She consults throughout southern California on issues related to the development of self-regulation, sensory processing, maternal child health, and occupational therapy in early intervention.

***Session #101, Sunday, October 22, 2017, 1:30pm-4:30pm***



**Karen Crum, OTD, OTR/L**, is assistant professor of clinical occupational therapy at the USC Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from Stanford University, and a Master of Arts in occupational therapy and a Doctorate of Occupational Therapy from the University of Southern California. She has contributed to a variety of articles, including related to disability and rehabilitation, and advancing the value and quality of OT in health service delivery.

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**Chloe Garcia Cruz, OTR/L**, is a pediatric occupational therapy practitioner who works at Children's Hospital Los Angeles in the inpatient rehabilitation setting. As an undergraduate, Cruz majored in the psychology-research track which positioned her to enter a field marked by an ever-growing body of research and development. She graduated from New York University's occupational therapy program in 2014 and moved back to Los Angeles where she was raised. Cruz has an interest in spinal cord injury, feeding and dysphagia, and traumatic brain injury. Outside of the hospital, she works with a nonprofit in South Africa and has travelled there many times to work with the geriatric and pediatric populations.

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**Rebecca Cunningham, OTD, OTR/L**, received her master's in occupational therapy and doctorate of occupational therapy at USC. Her clinical residency was completed at the USC Occupational Therapy Faculty Practice, where she focused on further development of the Lifestyle Redesign® program for individuals with multiple sclerosis. As a USC clinical faculty member, Cunningham works with clients with multiple sclerosis, college students, weight management, pain management, chronic headaches, and ergonomics programs, and is a member of the USC multiple sclerosis multidisciplinary team. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from the University of California, San Diego.

***Session #64, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 10:00am-11:30am***

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**Carlin Daley, OTD, MA.Ed, OTR/L**, graduated from the University of Southern California (USC) with a bachelor's degree in psychology in 2002. She continued on at USC to receive a master's degree in occupational therapy in 2006 and a clinical doctorate of occupational therapy in 2007. Daley also completed her Master of Arts in Education with a specialization in educational psychology from Pepperdine University in December of 2014. Her professional specialty has been in nontraditional and emerging areas of occupational therapy practice, including wellness and college student mental health. Daley served as assistant professor of clinical occupational therapy with the USC Mrs. T.H. Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy from 2011 – 2016, where she worked for several years with the USC Occupational Therapy Faculty Practice specializing in Lifestyle Redesign® programs for various populations. During that time, she also held joint appointments with USC Disability Services &

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Programs and the USC Kortschak Center for Learning & Creativity. Building upon the experience gained at USC, Daley recently established a campus-wide Success Coaching Program at University of California, Davis. She now serves as assistant professor and academic fieldwork coordinator at Sacramento City College. She is also a professional dancer, and certified Pilates and yoga instructor, as well as a graduate of Loyola Marymount University's Yoga Therapy RX Certificate Program.

***Stretch & Breathe, Friday, October 20, 2017, 7:30am-8:00am***

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**Akemi Davies, MA, OTR/L, SIPT**, began her occupational therapy career in 2004. She specializes in pediatric practice and is now an academic fieldwork coordinator at Stanbridge University. Davies earned her Bachelor of Arts in occupational therapy and minor in psychology from Dominican University of California and her occupational therapy master's from the University of Southern California. Davies specialized in pediatric practice and is certified in the administration of the Sensory Integration and Praxis Tests (SIPT). Her professional interests and passions include continuing her education in sensory integration, feeding therapy, and developmental models such as the Developmental, Individual-Difference, and Relationship-Based (DIR) model. Beyond treatment, Davies enjoys being a clinical instructor, participating in conferences, and volunteering. She has presented workshops about developing parent education programs at both AOTA and OTAC conferences. As a leader in OTAC, Davies is the current OTAC treasurer and previously chaired the OTAC Annual Conference.

***Get Oriented! Efficiently Navigate OTAC'S Annual Conference, Friday, October 20, 2017, 7:30am-8:00am***

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**Tara Delaney, MS, OTR/L**, is a nationally known child development expert who specializes in sensory processing, autism spectrum disorders, and social/behavioral issues. She is the author of three books: *The Sensory Processing Disorder Answer Book*, *101 Games and Activities for Children with Autism*, *Asperger's and Sensory Processing Disorders* and *Building Social Skills for Autism, Sensory Processing Disorders and Learning Disabilities*. She holds a Master of Science in therapeutic science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. A noted consultant and popular seminar speaker, Delaney works closely with educators and school administrators to create integrated learning environments in classrooms. She is an international speaker and

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her Making Sense-ory® programs are in high demand throughout the United States. Delaney is the co-chief executive officer of School Steps, Inc. as well as co-chief executive officer of ABA In Action. She is also the founder/executive director of Baby Steps Therapy.

***Session #9, Thursday, October 19, 2017, 1:00pm-4:00pm***



**Celso Delgado, Jr., OTD, OTR/L**, serves as an appointed faculty at USC's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA). Delgado's role is to integrate and provide mental health occupational therapy services in the Full Service Partnership (FSP) program, which is a model designed to benefit children and families experiencing significant emotional, psychological, or behavioral challenges that interfere with their well-being and performance in their everyday living activities. He is also a clinical instructor of the Mental Health Practice Immersion in the USC Chan Division's entry-level professional educational program. Delgado has also worked at Occupational Therapy Training Program (Torrance, CA) where he provided occupation-based intervention serving at-risk youth and families throughout the Greater Los Angeles area labeled with mental health illnesses. He has primarily provided occupational therapy services to at-risk populations in community-based settings.

***Session #5, Thursday, October 19, 2017, 8:45am-12:00pm***

***Session #24, Friday, October 20, 2017, 8:15am-9:45am***



**Josh Dellibovi, OTS**, is currently a third-year Masters of Occupational Therapy student at Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA. Although he finds interest in a variety of populations and areas of practice, Dellibovi finds specific interest in sensory integration in the area of pediatrics.

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**James Dennis, OTR/L**, has been a home health occupational therapy practitioner for 20 years. He graduated from San Jose State University. Since his first home health visit, he has been building a wealth of knowledge and experiences that were destined to be shared with his colleagues. He provides services for multiple home health companies in the greater Stockton, CA area. He loves home health so much that he works for numerous companies in order to meet more of his peers, gain more experiences, and to ensure a steady income. Dennis is the author of "Wellness For~Every~One: How to Create Optimal Health, Happiness and Longevity for the 21st Century."  
**Session #41, Friday, October 20, 2017, 1:00pm-3:00pm**



**Lisa Deshaies, OTR/L, CHT**, is an occupational therapy clinical specialist in Outpatient Therapy Services at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in Downey, CA and adjunct clinical faculty of the Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy at the University of Southern California. She has been practicing in California for 30 years, specializing in physical disabilities/upper extremity rehabilitation. Deshaies represented OTAC and the profession on the OT Centennial Float in the 2017 Rose Parade  
**Session #24, Friday, October 20, 2017, 8:15am-9:45am**



**Jesús Díaz, OTD, OTR/L**, received his clinical doctorate from the University of Southern California, where he has been working as a research professor since graduation. His work has focused on behavior change through a Lifestyle Redesign® intervention with a variety of clients including spinal cord injury and diabetes. He uses motivational interviewing to guide conversations during interventions and has extensive experience training clinicians and students in motivational interviewing.  
**Session #42, Friday, October 20, 2017, 1:00pm-3:00pm**



**Cassandra Dietz, MS, OTR/L**, is an occupational therapy practitioner with over eight years of experience in both acute rehab and acute care. Keeping occupational therapy evidence-based and functional is a key component of her work with others, and as healthcare continues to evolve, it is important to stay true to the identity of occupational therapy.  
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**Melanie Doi, OTS**, is currently a student in the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program at Stanbridge University in Irvine, CA. She has a strong interest in working with the geriatric client population in her professional career where she hopes to promote community wellness among older adults. Doi has previously worked at the University of California, Riverside's Student Disability Center providing learning accommodations for students with various disabilities. In 2014, she graduated from the University with her Bachelor of Science in sociology. Before her acceptance into occupational therapy school, she had worked as a program assistant in developing after-school programs for elementary school students aimed to promote educational environments for optimal learning.

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**Erin Dolin, EdD, OTR/L**, is an occupational therapy practitioner with over 16 years of experience working with students in the educational, hospital, and clinical settings. She is passionate about the role of occupational therapy in the education setting which inspired her to pursue and complete her Doctorate in Educational Leadership. She holds several certifications in specialty areas including sensory integration, the perceptual enrichment program, therapeutic listening, and Handwriting Without Tears Level 1. Additionally, she has taught as an adjunct faculty member with the department of physical therapy at California State University, Fresno since 2005 and currently is a national presenter for Handwriting Without Tears. She provides professional learning presentations on the neuroscience of learning to educational organizations including CASCWA and Master Teacher conferences. Dolin serves as the OTAC Region 4 Director-elect and on the OTAC Subcommittee for OT Credential Initiative, and serves on the AOTA State Leaders of Education Committee.

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**Bryant Edwards, OTD, MA, OTR/L, MPH, BCP**, is in a leadership role at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA), serving as the manager of occupational therapy. In this role, he supports the efforts of the interprofessional team at CHLA to maintain magnet recognition. He also serves on the Occupational Therapy Association of California's Board of Directors as the vice president having previously served two terms as secretary. He has been in OTAC leadership positions since 2009.

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**Shari Emas, OTD, OTR/L**, is currently an instructor in the MSOT program at Stanbridge University in Irvine, CA where she teaches coursework in foundational occupational therapy and professional development. In addition, she is an advisor to students completing their theses. Emas received her occupational therapy degree from USC in 1985 and her post-professional doctorate in occupational therapy in 2015 from Rocky Mountain University of Health Professionals in Provo, UT. She has practiced occupational therapy in the pediatric setting for over three decades. In addition to her clinical and academic endeavors, she has taught community-based yoga classes for children with special needs. Emas' current research interests are in the lived experience of older adults and aging in place as well as healthcare professional's practice of mindfulness to reduce burnout.

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**Joe Esparza, Leadership Coach, Leadership Outfitters**, has been successfully coaching and developing executives in the United States, Canada, and Mexico since 1992. His strengths are in helping leaders change behaviors to better connect, motivate, lead, and inspire their teams. As an active coach with over 5,500 hours of coaching experience, Esparza focuses on real life application: achieving breakthroughs, getting results, and creating sustainable behavioral change in already successful leaders.

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**Shan-Pin Fanchiang, OTR/L, PhD**, is the occupational therapy education coordinator at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. She chairs the Rancho Medical Consumer Health Information Program. She serves on the Committees for Patient Safety and Endocrinologists/Diabetes Workgroup at the Department of Health Services, County of Los Angeles. Her recent patient safety project is about preventing/managing hypoglycemia events to learn the impact of electronic health records implementation in hypoglycemia for hospitalized patients. She is interested in measuring what people do and the impact of learning in doing; she has designed a methodology Empowered to Act Consistently (ETAC) to address knowledge translation and adherence by clinicians and patients. She promotes using mobile/cellphone for wellness and addresses patient-centeredness in shared care plans. Fanchiang is a TeamSTEPPS® master trainer. She teaches independent study course for graduate students at the University of Southern California focusing on diabetes self-management and wellness. She is also a core-lecture faculty member for medical students at Rancho. Her clinical work is in the area of occupational therapy self-management with the focus of wellness and lifestyle for

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people with chronic diseases, e.g. movement disorders, diabetes, etc.

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**Linda Florey, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA**, has served the occupational therapy profession as a therapist, researcher, and educator for more than 40 years. During this time, she published dozens of articles and book chapters, with a focus on pediatric issues. Active in the Occupational Therapy Association of California, Florey received numerous awards and was recognized by AOTA as a Fellow in 1980. Among her many roles on various task forces and committees, she served as a member of the Board of Directors and both Vice President and President for NBCOT, and sat on the Board of Councilors at the University of Southern California.

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**Cherie Francis-Boegeman, OT/L**, has been an occupational therapy practitioner for over 30 years in a variety of settings. Twenty of those years have been specializing in pediatrics. She was a rehabilitation manager at St. Joseph Hospital/Children's Hospital of Orange County for seven years. Francis-Boegeman pursued her sensory integrative and Praxis Test certification (The Gold Standard for Sensory Integrative Therapy) and opened the LaunchPad Therapy for Kids with Barbara McCrory. The LaunchPad Therapy for Kids enjoys a stellar reputation as it has served the community of South Orange County for 10 years. She works closely with several private schools in order to assure success in the classroom for her students. She also serves public school systems offering second opinions on complicated cases. Recently she was asked by the Laguna Beach School District's School Readiness team to assist the EDI (Early Childhood Index) panel in educating teachers, physicians, other health professionals, and parents.

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**Michaelann Gabriele, OTD, OTR/L**, received a Bachelor of Arts in linguistics from Georgetown University in Washington, DC. Before pursuing her Master of Arts in occupational therapy and Occupational Therapy Doctorate at the University of Southern California, she spent four years teaching English to children in Italy. In practice, Gabriele has specialized in the areas of sensory integration and autism in clinic and school-based settings. She is certified in the administration of the Sensory Integration and Praxis Tests and is an active member of the Occupational Therapy Association of California's Autism Subcommittee. Additionally, she has developed expertise in clinical documentation through her doctoral work and as a faculty member of the USC Mrs. T.H. Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy. With a background in clinical research through Children's Hospital Los Angeles and the University of Southern California, Gabriele has supported many research projects on child development and therapeutic interventions through participant recruitment, data collection, and data analysis. She is currently a director and incoming owner of Center for Developing Kids, a multi-disciplinary pediatric practice in Pasadena, CA.

***Session #98, Sunday, October 22, 2017, 11:45am-12:45am***



**Mary Godfrey, OTR/L**, has been an occupational therapy practitioner for over 40 years. She worked with adults with physical disabilities for over 20 years and with children for the last 18+ years. Godfrey has previously presented on dysphagia management for adults.

***Session #20, Friday, October 20, 2017, 8:15am-9:45am***



**Elizabeth Gomes, MS, OTR/L**, is regional director for Burger Rehabilitation. She has worked for nearly 30 years as an occupational therapy practitioner in the area of geriatrics, including program development and extensive training of OTs, PTs, and SLPs in the areas of dementia, falls and balance, incontinence, and other areas necessary for the wellbeing of seniors. Her passion is helping all elders to remain as independent as possible despite any health challenges. She served as the chair and co-chair of the Practice, Ethics, and Reimbursement Committee of the Occupational Therapy Association of California from 2010-2016. Gomes is also an expert witness for the California Board of Occupational Therapy, and she is the recipient of the 2017 OTAC Janice Matsutsuyu Outstanding Service Award.

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**Don Gordon, OTR/L., PhD**, has been studying behavior for more than 30 years in an ongoing effort to understand how people find meaning in life. He graduated from the University of Southern California with a Master of Arts in occupational therapy in 1994. He worked in psychiatry, physical rehabilitation, and acute care while engaging in his doctoral studies in occupational science, completing his PhD in 2002. Gordon's work in a range of settings has provided him with a unique experiential background to understand the intersection of the world of mental health with physical disabilities practice. He has also taught a wide variety of classes for the University of Southern California Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, and he also works in acute care at this facility.

***Session #26, Friday, October 20, 2017, 8:15am-11:30am***

***Session #90, Sunday, October 22, 2017, 9:30am-11:00am***



**Kimberly Grenawitzke, OTD, OTR/L, SCFES, SWC, CBIS**, attended USC for her undergraduate degree and Master of Arts in occupational therapy in 2009. After completing her fieldwork at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA), she joined the acute team. In addition, she has worked in the inpatient rehabilitation and outpatient setting including the orthopedic hand clinic. Grenawitzke's areas of interest include swallow physiology and evidence-based treatment, congenital hand diagnoses, infant feeding, introduction of solid foods, and complex pediatric trauma. She has spoken locally and nationally on topics including feeding and swallowing, disaster preparedness, and pediatric trauma. She completed her OTD at USC in 2014 with a focus on adult learning and clinical mentoring of doctoral students, creating the doctoral curriculum and program at CHLA. She is a certified pediatric Vital Stim practitioner and is recognized by AOTA as a specialist in feeding, eating, and swallowing.

***Session #1-Part 1, Thursday, October 19, 2017, 8:00am-12:00pm***

***Session #1-Part 2-Infants and Young Children, Thursday, October 19, 2017, 1:00pm-5:00pm***

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**Lindsay Gullahorn, senior legislative analyst for OTAC's lobbying firm Capitol Advocacy**, brings over a decade of political, legislative, and policy experience to the firm. Her expertise in a variety of policy issues provides clients with a breadth of knowledge, ongoing updates, and analysis on their key issues and the politics that impact them. In addition to screening all legislation and tracking pertinent bills for the firm's clients, she drafts position letters, analyzes budget proposals, monitors oversight and informational hearings, tracks all regulatory matters of interest, and provides an in-depth review to clients after each legislative deadline. Her understanding of California's complex political environment, and knowledge of the ever-changing leadership dynamics offers clients an unmatched insider perspective. She has become a policy specialist in healthcare. Gullahorn completed her Bachelor of Arts in government at CSU, Sacramento in 2005.

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**Meenadchi Gunanayagam, OTS**, is a master's student at University of Southern California Mrs. T.H. Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy and is the founder of Creating Spaces, an OT-led organization designed to address the occupational rights and needs of incarcerated youth in Los Angeles' Central Juvenile Hall. She has 10 years of work experience in the arts, suicide prevention, and rape crisis advocacy with a specific focus on advocacy for youth impacted by commercial sexual exploitation and involvement with the juvenile justice and social welfare systems.

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**Kiley Hanish, OTD, OTR/L**, completed her doctoral studies at USC and is currently on staff in the Chan Division. She and her husband created the Emmy-nominated film "Return to Zero" starring Minnie Driver, which was based on their personal experience, and is the first film to focus on stillbirth as its central theme. She is the founder of the Return to Zero Center for Healing, hosting international bereavement retreats for women whose babies have died during pregnancy or infancy. In addition, Hanish is an advocate for maternal-infant mental health and serves as Board Chair for 2020 Mom.

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**Angela Hanscom, MOT, OTR/L (NH)**, is a pediatric occupational therapy practitioner and founder of TimberNook—an award-winning developmental and nature-based program that has gained international popularity. She holds a master’s degree in occupational therapy, and an undergraduate degree in kinesiology. Awarded a “Hometown Hero” by *Glamour* magazine for her innovative work with TimberNook, Hanscom has also been a frequent contributor to *The Washington Post*, and was featured on the NPR education blog, *Children & Nature Network*, *Edutopia*, and *Johnson & Johnson TEDx Talks*.

***Session #93, Sunday, October 22, 2017, 9:30am-12:30pm***



**Emily Haranin, PhD, NCSP**, is a licensed psychologist at the USC Center for Excellence in developmental disabilities at Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles, where she specializes in the assessment and treatment of school-aged children. Haranin coordinates the School Age Clinic, which provides interdisciplinary medication assessments and treatment to children impacted by a variety of challenges including ADHD, disruptive behavior disorders, and autism spectrum disorders. Currently, her professional interests include psychological assessment (with a particular emphasis on autism spectrum disorders), parent training, treatment for complex trauma, and international consultation focused on improving the quality of services provided to trauma affected populations.

***Session #92, Sunday, October 22, 2017, 9:30am-12:30pm***



**Rachel Hausman, OTS**, is an occupational therapy student at San Jose State University (SJSU), currently completing fieldwork level II. She served as a board member of the Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA) and was the SOTA representative for SJSU at the 2017 Annual AOTA Conference. She has clinical exposure to occupational therapy in a pediatric clinic, an adult day care, and home visits for children aged 0-3. She has worked in special education in various school settings, and has experience in the SJSU psychosocial clinic. Hausman was a part of a research team investigating meaning in life at the end of life through occupational therapy.

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**Kate Hayner, EdD, OTR/L**, has worked in many areas of practice – pediatrics, mental health, and adult and geriatric rehabilitation. For the past 20 years she has been in academia with Samuel Merritt University. She is currently the chair of the department and actively working on transitioning the MOT program to an entry level doctoral program.

**Session #34, Friday, October 20, 2017, 10:00am-11:30am**



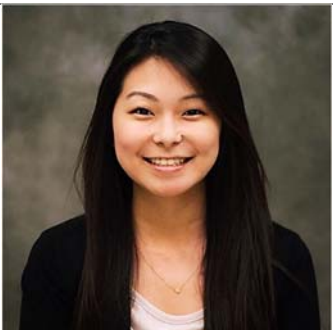
**Jennifer Hayter, MA, OTR/L, SWC, CLT-LANA**, currently holds the position of director of rehabilitation services at the City of Hope National Medical Center, a national Cancer Institute designated Comprehensive Cancer Center. She is a Lymphology Association of North America Certified Lymphedema therapist, and she holds an advanced practice approval in swallowing, evaluation, and intervention. She serves on the Stanbridge College Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Advisory Board. Hayter is involved in multiple research projects and has published several papers on the topic of oncology. She has presented at the state and national levels and is a speaker on the topics of leadership and the role of OT in oncology.

**Session #52, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 8:15am-9:45am**



**Liane Hewitt, DrPH, CHES, OTR/L**, is the chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy at Loma Linda University. She received her doctorate in public health with an emphasis on health promotion and education. Her interests include health and wellness, community-based practice, and administration. Hewitt serves as the co-chair of Loma Linda University Academic Service-learning committee and coordinates the service learning projects for the OT department.

**Session #3, Thursday, October 19, 2017, 8:45am-10:15am**



**Alyssa Hirata, OTS**, is currently a student in the MSOT program at Stanbridge University. She received a Bachelor of Arts in psychology with a minor in chemistry from CSU, Long Beach. During her undergraduate studies, she had the opportunity as a research assistant to contribute to a study that examined the effects of media multitasking on wellbeing. In addition, Hirata currently has six years of experience working as a pharmacy technician, which has provided her with a background in the healthcare field. Hirata hopes to work with the adult or older adult population in an acute inpatient setting.

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**Sherry Hite, MOT, OTR/L**, is the Occupational Therapy Department supervisor at City of Hope National Medical Center, one of the leading National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers in the U.S. Her practice is focused exclusively on the oncology setting, and she is a frequent speaker on the crucial and expanding role of OT in oncology. Hite is involved in various research studies and manages doctoral-level research and quality improvement projects. She has presented at the state and national level on topics including cognitive impairments in oncology, comprehensive breast cancer rehabilitation and delirium care in the intensive care unit.

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**Ada Boone Hoerl, MA, COTA/L**, is the program coordinator/professor of the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at Sacramento City College and is the first COTA/L to be named a CFOT Honored Lecturer. Hoerl received her Bachelor of Science in newspaper production management from Rochester Institute of Technology, Associate of Science in occupational therapy from Sacramento City College, and her Master of Arts in education/special education/adult learning disabilities from CSU, Sacramento. Hoerl has made numerous professional presentations on leadership and other topics at the OTAC Annual Conference and other organizations. Her publications include information on working with families and caregivers of elders in textbooks for occupational therapy assistants. She is a recipient of the 2015 OTAC OTA Honorary Award, and represented OTAC and the profession on the OT Centennial Float in the 2017 Rose Parade.

***CFOT Awards Luncheon and Symposium, Friday, October 20, 2017, 11:30am-1:00pm***

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**Judy Hopkins, OTD, OTR/L, CLE, SWC**, has over 20 years of experience as an occupational therapy practitioner specializing in pediatric feeding and swallowing in medically complex and severely disabled children. Since 1997 she has worked at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, focusing on infants in the NICU and hospitalized children with feeding and swallowing disorders. In addition to pediatric feeding and swallowing, her areas of expertise include modified barium swallow studies, lactation support, high risk infant interventions and critical care. Passionate about working with children with feeding and swallowing

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disorders, Hopkins enjoys sharing her medical knowledge and intervention strategies with occupational therapy practitioners and other professionals to equip them to bring children “from diagnosis to dinnertime.” She currently serves as chair of the OTAC Professional Development and Leadership Committee.

***Session #72, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 2:30pm-4:00pm***

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**Allison Hunt, OTS**, has been studying occupational therapy at Dominican University of California in the five year BS/MS program while also participating as a member of Dominican University’s Women’s Golf Team. When she graduates she plans to become yoga certified in Costa Rica. Hunt is a Dominican University of California, Pi Theta Epsilon Occupational Therapy National Honor Society member as well as a student member of both OTAC and AOTA.

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**Cindy Jaeger, OTR/L, MSOT, SWC**, has worked as an occupational therapy practitioner for over 25 years. Currently, she is working in acute care, and one of her primary challenges has been to increase the visibility and value of occupational therapy (OT) services. As OTs move forward with ever shrinking resources, it is critical to define the role of OT and promote evidence-based practice.

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**Tracy Jalaba, OTD, OTR/L**, completed her doctoral residency at the USC Occupational Therapy Faculty Practice (OTFP), where she focused on expanding and improving the Lifestyle Redesign® program for adults and adolescents with autism spectrum disorders (ASD). As a clinical faculty member, Jalaba continues to work with clients in a variety of programs at OTFP with an emphasis on clients in the mental health, college student, and ASD Lifestyle Redesign® programs. Additionally, she works as a team member and clinician representing occupational therapy at USC Disability Services and Programs.

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**Melissa Jazmines-Broersma, MS, OTR/L**, began her career as an occupational therapy practitioner after graduating from the MSOT program at California State University, Dominguez Hills, in 2009. She is the fifth occupational therapy practitioner in her family and is currently a doctoral candidate at St. Catherine University. Her past clinical affiliations include White Memorial, GEM transitional Care Center, St. Vincent Medical Center, and Solheim Lutheran Home.

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**Jennifer Jones, OTD, OTR/L, SWC**, is an assistant professor of clinical occupational therapy at the University of Southern California and appointed faculty at the USC University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Jones has over 10 years of pediatric experience working in homes, schools, clinic, and community settings with advanced training in sensory integration and feeding disorders. She has a passion for including families in intervention and providing client-centered and culturally relevant care. Jones has presented at the national and local level to occupational therapy practitioners and interdisciplinary audiences.

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**Jerry Jordan, OTD, OTR/L**, is proud to serve his profession and state professional association as the OTAC-Political Action Committee chair. Jordan completed both his Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts in occupational therapy at the University of Southern California. He completed his clinical doctorate in occupational therapy in December 2016. As a former founder and owner of several businesses, Jordan brings an entrepreneurial and innovative skill set to both his work as an occupational therapy practitioner and in his volunteer service.

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**Katie Jordan, OTD, OTR/L**, is the associate chair of occupational therapy clinical service in the USC Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy. Her experience has spanned the healthcare spectrum from prevention to palliative and from clinician to administrator. Jordan serves as co-chair of an academic medical system's shared governance council. She also trains others from all health professions on how to advocate for and implement shared governance structures in their settings. Jordan is co-chair of the OTAC Practice, Ethics, and Reimbursement Committee.

***Session #80, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 4:15pm-5:45pm***



**Diane Josephs, OTR/L, CHT**, is currently practicing as a lead hand therapist for Scripps Memorial Hospital Encinitas, in San Diego, CA. She has been practicing for over 30 years as an occupational therapy practitioner and over 25 years as a Certified Hand Therapist. Her background experience has included expertise in burn intensive care, RSD, cumulative trauma, sports related upper extremity disorders, and post-surgical hand trauma cases. She has had extensive experience with establishing and developing new hand therapy programs. Over many years Josephs has served in roles such as:

- Expert Witness and Advanced Practice Reviewer, California Board of Occupational Therapy (CBOT)
- Committee member, California Board of Occupational Therapy Legislative and Regulatory Affairs (CBOT)
- President, Occupational Therapy Association of California 2000-2002 (OTAC)
- Vice President, Occupational Therapy Association of California 1997-1999
- Secretary, Occupational Therapy Association of California 1993-1995
- Board of Director / President, Greater Orange County Chapter (OTAC) 1990-1993
- Vice President, Southern California Hand Therapy Special Interest Group 1990-1991
- Vice President, Greater Orange County Chapter OTAC 1989-1990
- ASOTA for Future Interest, Recruitment, and Membership (OT student committee)

She assisted with the implementation of licensure in California and was actively involved with state committees that established the OT Practice Act. In addition she assisted with implementation and the development of the California Board of Occupational Therapy (CBOT). Her experience in the practice of hand therapy

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has covered many facets of employer owned, physician owned, and private practice business.

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**Kathleen Kannenberg, MA, OTR/L (WA), CCM**, is an occupational therapy clinical specialist in Behavioral Health & Rehabilitation at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, WA. She is also part of the Familiar Faces Intensive Care Management Team (Vital), a King County grant funded program providing comprehensive and integrated services to adults who are experiencing incarceration as a result of complex behavioral health challenges and a lack of access to social determinants of health. Kannenberg has a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy from Loma Linda University and a master's in education and counseling from California State University at San Bernardino. She has a wide variety of experience in hospital and community-based settings, including inpatient and outpatient mental health, employment programs for homeless teens, case manager, clinical and academic educator, manager, and as a consultant in private practice. She has presented nationally and internationally in her specialty practice area of mental health. She is the immediate past chair of AOTA's Commission on Practice and was the first Mental Health Program Manager at AOTA.

***Session #54, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 8:15am-9:45am***

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**Lynn Kim, MA, OTR/L**, is a three-time USC graduate, earning a Bachelor of Arts in cinematic arts from USC in 2010, a Master of Arts in occupational therapy from USC in 2016, and her doctorate in occupational therapy in 2017. Kim is a licensed occupational therapy practitioner currently completing her doctoral residency at City of Hope National Medical Center, working primarily with individuals on the telemetry unit and individuals undergoing stem cell transplants. For the past year, she has been conducting a quality improvement project at City of Hope, developing an OT-specific assessment and treatment protocol to address the sexuality needs of cancer patients.

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**Karrie L Kingsley, OTD, OTR/L**, is an associate professor of clinical occupational therapy at the USC Mrs. T.H. Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy. She is an expert in early intervention and school-based occupational therapy. Kingsley's doctoral work was related to social interaction in school environments and she has co-authored the AOTA Practice Guidelines for children from birth to five years. She frequently presents at the local and national level on best practices in pediatric occupational therapy practice and providing LGBTQ+ responsive care in occupational therapy.

***Session #101, Sunday, October 22, 2017, 1:30pm-4:30pm***



**Heather J. Kitching, OTD, OTR/L**, is a member of the fieldwork coordination team at California State University, Dominguez Hills. She has more than 24 years of experience in acute rehabilitation and, more recently, acute medical-surgical care. Kitching completed her clinical doctorate degree at the University of Southern California and has experience both in clinical teaching as well as classroom instruction. She has held many elected and appointed positions within the Occupational Therapy Association of California and is currently president of the Association.

***Session #24, Friday, October 20, 2017, 8:15am-9:45am***

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***Session #97, Sunday, October 22, 2017, 11:15am-12:30pm***



**Julie Kornbluth, MA, OTR/L**, is a regional occupational therapy director for EBS Healthcare. Her responsibilities include mentoring and supporting therapists in school districts and early intervention programs throughout the United States mainland and Hawaii. Kornbluth is responsible for recruitment, training, and program development. She is actively involved in EBS United, leading therapy groups internationally, and has volunteered and worked in multiple countries independently. She has presented at local, state, and national conferences on school-based and cultural competency topics.

***Session #71, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 2:30pm-4:00pm***



**Elizabeth Kpachavi, OTD, OTR/L, SWC**, is a pediatric occupational therapy practitioner who graduated with her master's in 2014 and Doctorate in Occupational Therapy in 2015 from the University of Southern California. Kpachavi completed her residency at Miller Children's Hospital in Long Beach while simultaneously working at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles (CHLA) part time. After completing the doctorate program, she transitioned to working full-time at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. She currently works with both the acute and outpatient populations. She has a passion for working with oncology, traumatic brain injury, and feeding and dysphagia populations. She holds her Advanced Practice approval in Swallowing Assessment, Evaluation, and Intervention and is Vital Stim certified. At CHLA, Kpachavi is involved in a variety of programs including a two week constraint-induced movement therapy camp for children with hemiparesis and feeding groups.

**Session #72, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 2:30pm-4:00pm**



**Frank Kronenberg, BSc (OT), BA (Ed)**, who originates from the Netherlands, is a director and co-founder of Shades of Black Works, a Cape Town—South Africa based social enterprise with a triple social mission: strengthening places of origin; forging connections, and collective story-making. Frank is the chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Khayelitsha-Cape Town based NPO Grandmothers Against Poverty and AIDS (GAPA). Frank is an activist co-founder of the movement 'Occupational Therapists without Borders' which inspired a number of international groundbreaking publications which he co-edited and co-authored. Frank works as an international guest lecturer and consultant at universities in South Africa, North and South America, and Europe. He is formally affiliated with University of Cape Town (South Africa); University of KwaZulu-Natal (South Africa); Zuyd University (Netherlands); Universidad Santiago de Chile (Chile); Saint Louis University, Touro College, Stony Brook University (United States), and Universidad Autonoma del Estado de Mexico (Mexico).

**A-Movie Night: Rhodes Must Fall, Thursday, October 19, 2017, 6:30pm-8:00pm**

**Session #48-OTAC Awards Ceremony and Keynote Address, Friday, October 20, 2017, 3:15pm-5:15pm**

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**Julie Kugel, OTD, OTR/L**, over the past five years, has been teaching in the OTD program for Loma Linda University via distance education. With her experience both as an online student and faculty member she has developed strategies for teaching and learning in the online setting using a variety of media and technology approaches. Areas of interest and practice include health and wellness, pediatrics, education, research, and advocacy.

***A-Movie Night: Rhodes Must Fall, Thursday, October 19, 2017, 6:30pm-8:00pm***

***Session #23, Friday, October 20, 2017, 8:15am-9:45am***

***Session #34, Friday, October 20, 2017, 10:00am-11:30am***



**Rolando Lazaro, PhD, PT, DPT, GCS**, is an associate professor in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at California State University Sacramento. He is a licensed physical therapist and a board-certified Geriatric Clinical Specialist (GCS) by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS). His areas of clinical and research expertise include biophysical agents and neurological rehabilitation.

***Session #47, Friday, October 20, 2017, 2:00pm-3:00pm***



**Kimberly Perring Lenington, OTD, OTR/L**, is a clinical faculty member at the USC T.H. Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy. She completed her undergraduate degree in psychology at Chapman University followed by her master's and clinical doctorate degree at the University of Southern California (USC). She is currently working at Keck Hospital of USC in acute inpatient services as well as teaching graduate coursework in wellness and clinical reasoning.

***Session #95, Sunday, October 22, 2017, 9:30am-12:30pm***



**Lela Llorens, PhD, OTR, FAOTA**, is well known for her rich history of contributions as a clinician, scholar, educator, and administrator in occupational therapy. In her 1969 Eleanor Clarke Slagle Lecture, she presented a theory of occupational therapy based on human development, noting its influence on the neurophysiological, physical, psychosocial, and psychodynamic aspects of development. Llorens chaired AOTA's Research Advisory Council in the mid-1980s, where she advocated for establishing doctoral-level degrees and the value of both qualitative and quantitative methodologies. She received the A. Jean Ayres Award, the AOTF Meritorious Service Award, and the AOTA and AOTF Presidents' Commendation in honor of Wilma L. West.





**Session #97, Sunday, October 22, 2017, 11:15am-12:30pm**

**Natalie Loera, MA, OTS**, is passionate about pediatrics and has over a decade of experience working with young children and families. She earned a master's in occupational therapy from the University of Southern California. While there, she developed her leadership and clinical skills through participating as a teaching assistant, serving on the board of Pi Theta Epsilon, and fieldwork experiences at Total Education Solutions, Providence Holy Cross Medical Center, and the Department of Mental Health. She is a member of AOTA and OTAC. Loera will begin working on her OTD in the spring and hopes to focus on pediatric mental health. Her goals include participating in advocacy efforts to expand the scope of occupational therapy in school-based practice and teaching future occupational therapy practitioners.

**Session #98, Sunday, October 22, 2017, 11:45am-12:45pm**

**Randy Lung** is the newest board member of the WAVES Project. Lung is a veteran of the Marine Corps and his extensive service as a Marine Corps provides the valuable perspective of serving in the military. He was deployed to Iraq during the Gulf War as a member of the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion where he earned the Combat Action Ribbon and achieved the rank of sergeant. At present, Lung is employed in law enforcement where he has been a peace officer for 23 years. Lung is a PADI Certified Open Water Scuba Instructor, first aid and CPR instructor, and HSA Certified Instructor.



**Session #2, Thursday, October 19, 2017, 8:45am-10:15am**



**Marissa Marchioni, MA, OTR/L**, graduated with a bachelor's from Baylor University, and later completed a master's at USC in occupational therapy. She has worked in health and wellness for 10 years and is currently completing her doctoral residency at the USC Occupational Therapy Faculty Practice. Marchioni's great passion is to bring healing to people who are grappling with lifestyle challenges or want to improve the day-to-day experience of their health. She works with clients managing a diverse range of conditions at the faculty practice and enjoys promoting preventive health in emerging areas of practice such as corporate wellness.

**Session #64, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 10:00am-11:30am**

**Session #85, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 4:15pm-5:45pm**

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**Heather Martin** is the executive officer of the California Board of Occupational Therapy (CBOT), which has the mission to regulate occupational therapy by serving and protecting California's consumers and licensees.  
**Session #50, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 8:15am-9:45am**



**Diane Mayfield, EdD, OTR/L**, received her Bachelor of Science in occupational therapy from San Jose State University. She obtained a Master of Arts in occupational therapy and a Doctorate in education from the University of Southern California. She was an occupational therapy practitioner for more than 20 years having practiced in a wide variety of settings including physical rehabilitation, hand therapy, home health, and psychiatric facilities. Mayfield taught occupational therapy and was the academic fieldwork coordinator at Santa Ana Community College-OTA Program and CSUDH-MSOT Program. Her other accomplishments include: CFOT 2013 Humanitarian of the Year; co-authored Documentation: Integrating Documentation throughout program curriculum; developed a home modification brochure for Home Depot; and co-founded Access Life International (NPO). She currently chairs the OTAC Awards Committee.  
**Session #48-OTAC Awards Ceremony, Friday, October 20, 2017, 3:15pm-5:15pm**



**Sabrena McCarley, MBA-SL, OTR/L, CLIPP**, earned her Bachelor of Science in occupational therapy and Master in Business Administration-Strategic Leadership from Dominican University of California. Her career has been exclusively in skilled nursing working with the geriatric population. McCarley has held staff occupational therapy positions, director of rehabilitation positions, regional multisite manager positions, and has been a director of clinical services. She has been a guest faculty speaker at OTA and OT programs and has presented at state, national, and international conferences. She is a CarFit Instructor Certification and has been a leader for CarFit Technician Trainings, CarFit Event Coordinator Trainings, and CarFit events. McCarley is currently employed as a director of clinical operations with RehabCare/Kindred Rehabilitation Services and is responsible for therapist mentoring, training, program development, continuing education development, quality assurance, compliance and regulatory support for over 200 SNF/IL/AL facilities/rehab contracts and agencies in 11 states. She is actively involved with OTAC as chair of its Advocacy and Government Affairs Committee.

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**Session #27, Friday, October 20, 2017, 8:30am-11:15am;  
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**Session #60, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 10:00am-  
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**Session #70, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 2:30pm-4:00pm**



**Kelly McNamara, OTR/L**, has been working in acute rehabilitation at a community hospital since entering practice. In addition to advanced trainings in neuromuscular re-education, McNamara has obtained specialty certification in trauma informed care from the University of California Berkeley extension program. McNamara has worked to bring this knowledge and approach to rehabilitation colleagues, the hospital, and the community through collaborative development of trainings for Dominican Hospital, the Psychiatric Occupational Therapy Action Coalition, and OTAC. In addition to these pursuits, McNamara has developed a hands on therapeutic art program for the acute rehabilitation unit as means of facilitating neuromuscular skills, cognition, social interaction, and healing through self-expression and discussion of patient experience of illness.

**Session #58, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 8:15am-11:30am**



**Denise M. Miller, MBA, OT/L, CBOT Board of Directors President**, has a master's in business administration and management. She was appointed in 2013 and re-appointed in 2015 by Governor Jerry Brown to the California License Board of Occupational Therapy (CBOT) and currently she is the president of CBOT. She was also appointed by County Supervisor Michael Antonovich to serve on the Los Angeles County Community Prevention and Population Health Task Force. From 2011-2016, she was a city council appointee of the Glendale Commission on the Status of Women, where she chaired the commission for three years. Miller was the Region 5 Director of the American Occupational Therapy Association Political Action Committee (AOTPAC) for two-terms. She is an active member of the California (OTAC) and the American Occupational Therapy (AOTA) associations and has served in a variety of leadership roles in both associations. Miller is a nationally recognized occupational therapy leader in the areas of Work and Industry and Wellness and Prevention, authoring seven work-related manuals, a chapter in a self-paced clinical course, two chapters in text books, and a regular column about Work in Advance for occupational therapy practitioners. She has spent the last 15 years effectively lecturing and advocating for occupational therapy in the areas of outpatient therapy, occupational medicine, and now senior wellness.

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**Tessa Milman, OTD, OTR/L**, teaches courses in the USC Division of Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science, with a focus on utilizing team-based learning and other learner centered approaches that assist learners to strengthen their practice reasoning. She has practiced as an occupational therapy practitioner in supported housing, as well as pediatric mental health, and completed a post-doctorate as an investigator on Autism in Urban Context, a qualitative study that explored the experiences of African American families raising children with autism.

***Session #5, Thursday, October 19, 2017, 8:45am-12:00pm***

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**Lisa Mireles, OTS**, is currently a first-year student in the Master of Science occupational therapy program at Stanbridge University in Irvine, CA. During her education, she has been a Dean's List recipient and a member of the Stanbridge Student Occupational Therapy Association (SSOTA). She has had clinical fieldwork experience at inpatient acute rehabilitation and transitional housing settings. She is also a behavioral therapist at Verdugo Hills Autism Project working with young adults with intellectual and physical disabilities to acquire self-development skills required to be independent and successful in their school settings. Mireles' clinical interest is in pediatric rehabilitation and motor development in children with physical and cognitive disabilities. Her goal is to serve disparate and underserved populations in urban, rural, and international settings.

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**Rashelle Nagata, OTD, OTR/L**, works as a learning specialist at the USC Kortschak Center of Learning and Creativity, where she completed her doctoral residency. Nagata specializes in the holistic treatment of college students with ADHD, anxiety and other mental health concerns using academic or lifestyle-based interventions.

***Session #21, Friday, October 20, 2017, 8:15am-9:45am***

***Session #85, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 4:15pm-5:45pm***

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**Karen Ni, OTD, OTR/L**, received her bachelor's and master's in occupational therapy from the University of Southern California. She is pursuing her clinical doctorate in occupational therapy at USC and completing her residency at Dogwood Therapy Services, Inc. in Albuquerque, NM, where she incorporates animal-assisted therapy as a motivating therapeutic modality to achieve clients' goals. Ni has completed continuing education in dog handling, training, and behavior, and in developing animal-assisted therapy programs. Ni and her canine co-therapist, Dottie, are dedicated to promoting their clients' independence and participation in meaningful activities.

***Session #59, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 8:15am-4:00pm***

***Session #81, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 4:15pm-5:45pm***



**Arlene Ortiz, PhD, NCSP**, is an Assistant Professor of School Psychology at California State University, Sacramento. She has worked at numerous sites, including school districts and community mental health agencies providing assessment, consultation, and behavioral health interventions. Dr. Ortiz is both a licensed clinical psychologist in California and a Nationally Certified School Psychologist. She has expertise providing culturally responsive psychological services. Her research focuses on assessment and intervention practices for culturally and linguistically diverse individuals.

***Session #92, Sunday, October 22, 2017, 9:30am-12:30pm***



**Daniel Park, OTD, OTR/L**, is an assistant professor at the Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy at the University of Southern California. He holds his clinical Doctor of Occupational Therapy and Master of Arts in occupational therapy, both from USC. He has also earned a Master of Social Welfare from the University of California, Los Angeles, a Master of Education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and a Bachelor of Science in human development from Cornell University. At the USC Chan Division, Park directs Global Initiatives and oversees multiple large international projects, including the Division's student and faculty exchange programs and the Summer Occupational Therapy Immersion program. Park was previously an occupational therapy practitioner at Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center (Burbank, CA) where he developed and launched the Outpatient Occupational Therapy Program at the Roy and Patricia Disney Family Cancer Center.

***Session #8, Thursday, October 19, 2017, 1:00pm-2:30pm***

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**Mark Petersen, OTD, OTR/L**, is a member of the MSOT faculty at Stanbridge University in Irvine, CA, where he has developed and teaches coursework in foundational occupational therapy, kinesiology, ethics, pediatrics, and thesis. Petersen received his Master of Arts in occupational therapy in 2009 and a Doctorate of Occupational Therapy (OTD) in 2010 from the University of Southern California. His OTD project focused on establishing a Low Vision Outpatient Program at Keck Hospital of USC. Petersen is also a faculty advisor for a community program with Life College, a school for adults with autism spectrum disorder, where he facilitates the collaboration between Stanbridge MSOT students and Life College students.

***Session #55, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 8:15am-11:30am***



**Morganne Peterson, OTS**, studied health science at Saint Mary's College of California and transferred to Dominican University of California's five year BS/MS Occupational Therapy program in 2015. She chose to study occupational therapy due to the vast variability that the profession offers, while being able to make a substantial difference in the lives around her. Affiliations: MSOT (candidate), Dominican University of California, OTAC student member, AOTA student member.

***Session #61, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 10:00am-11:30am***



**Claudia Peyton, OTD, OTR/L, FAOTA**, has been an occupational therapy educator since 1983, serving as a faculty member at Loma Linda University and later as the chair of the Departments of Occupational Therapy at Creighton University, the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and California State University at Dominguez Hills. During her tenure as chair at Creighton University, the first clinical doctoral degrees offered in the field of occupational therapy were developed; the post-professional and entry level clinical doctoral degrees (OTD). She is a Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association (FAOTA) and has received many other state and national awards for her contributions to the field of occupational therapy and to her community. Peyton has practiced in the areas of child, adolescent and adult mental health, HIV/AIDs community service, and pediatrics in the school system. She has nationally recognized expertise in the areas of qualitative and mixed-methods research, with many published research abstracts and articles in national and international journals. She has been teaching qualitative

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research and mentoring university graduate students in research endeavors since 1996.

**Session #34, Friday, October 20, 2017, 10:00am-11:30am**



**Deborah Pitts, PhD, OTR/L, BCMH, CPRP**, is an assistant professor with the USC Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy. She is an expert in mental health practice, chaired and/or served on AOTA's MHSIS, Board Certification in Mental Health workgroup, and mental health practice ad hoc work groups. She received the OTAC 2011 Practice Award for her advocacy of occupational therapy in mental health and is the recipient of the 2017 OTAC Award of Excellence.

**Session #25, Friday, October 20, 2017, 8:15am-11:30am**



**Briana Pollard-Hamill, OTD, OTR/L, SWC, CLE, CIMI**, has 14 years of experience as a pediatric occupational therapy practitioner. She has spent the past nine years working at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) on the outpatient therapy team. Her areas of expertise include pediatric feeding and swallowing, lactation support, maternal-infant mental health and sensory processing. She has developed several programs to meet the needs of the families and children that she serves. Pollard-Hamill is involved with research studies at CHLA and has presented at national and international conferences. She is very passionate on improving the practice of care to better meet the needs of all families in all aspects of medical care.

**Session #33, Friday, October 20, 2017, 10:00am-11:30am**

**Session #102, Sunday, October 22, 2017, 1:30pm-4:30pm**



**Samia Rafeedie, OTD, OTR/L, BCPR, CBIS**, is an occupational therapy practitioner and associate professor of clinical occupational therapy at the Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy at the University of Southern California. She has been on faculty since 2008 and is responsible for teaching the adult physical rehabilitation immersion course, as well as the kinesiology course. Her primary practice area has been with adults in a physical rehabilitation setting, as well as the older adult population in extended care facilities and skilled nursing facilities. She uses humor and compassion as therapeutic tools to connect with her clients and students alike. Rafeedie considers herself a generalist practitioner with a passion for developing occupation-centered experiences. She volunteers her time with the Occupational Therapy Association of California and is very passionate about the profession and what it has to offer.

**Session #46, Friday, October 20, 2017, 1:00pm-3:00pm**

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**Douglas Rakoski, OTD, OTR/L, ATP**, is an assistant professor at Loma Linda University. He also directs the Therapeutic Technology Program as well as the Liver Transplant Prehabilitation Program at Loma Linda University Medical Center. Rakoski has served as clinical specialist in assistive technology for the University of Michigan Health System managing the Computer Assisted Therapy Program. He worked for six years at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center where he specialized in spinal cord injury and performed assistive technology evaluations at the Center for Applied Rehabilitation Technology (CART).  
***Session #3, Thursday, October 19, 2017, 8:45am-10:15am***

***Session #7, Thursday, October 19, 2017, 10:30am-12:00pm***



**Kary Rappaport, OTR/L, SWC, IBCLC**, is a pediatric occupational therapy practitioner and feeding specialist. She has 12 years of experience working with medically complex and fragile patients in acute care, outpatient, and in-home settings. Rappaport's expertise includes dysphagia, breastfeeding, tongue and lip tie, feeding difficulties in infants with cardiac defects, and picky eating. She has been published on the topic of feeding and she lectures locally and nationally.

***Session #1-Part 1, Thursday, October 19, 2017, 8:00am-12:00pm***

***Session #1-Part 2-Infants and Young Children, Thursday, October 19, 2017, 1:00pm-5:00pm***



**Lindsey Reeves, OTD, OTR/L**, completed her master's degree in occupational therapy and doctorate of occupational therapy at USC. Her clinical residency was completed at the USC Occupational Therapy Faculty Practice, where she practiced Lifestyle Redesign®. Her doctoral work consisted of growing the pain management program and creating a 10-week Lifestyle Redesign® Fibromyalgia Treatment and Support Group. As a clinical faculty member, Reeves works with clients in the chronic pain, chronic headache, college student and ergonomic programs, and is a member of the USC Chronic Pain and Chronic Headache Multidisciplinary Teams. Reeves received her bachelor's degree in environmental science from UCLA and is currently working on becoming yoga-teacher certified.

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**Kimberly Rice, OTD, OTR/L, SWC**, is an assistant professor of clinical occupational therapy at the University of Southern California and appointed faculty at the USC University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Rice specializes in pediatric mental health as well as has advanced practice training and certification in sensory integration assessment as well as feeding and swallowing disorders. She has over nine years of clinical experience and provides mentorship for occupational therapy doctoral residents. Rice has presented at the international and national level as well as has conducted numerous trainings to interprofessional audiences.

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**Barbara Rodrigues, MS, OTR/L**, currently supervises a dynamic rehabilitation team at Dominican Hospital in Santa Cruz. With 30+ years of experience, primarily in mental health, she appreciates the opportunity to develop systems that support the psychosocial needs of persons hospitalized in medical facilities. Rodrigues has been a member of the CBOT Practice Committee, served on the OTAC Strategic Planning Committee, and is a long-standing steering committee member for the Psychiatric Occupational Therapy Action Coalition (POTAC). She was recognized by OTAC in 2009 with the Fieldwork Educator Award and has been a co-author for chapters in occupational therapy texts.

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**Aja Roley, MA, OTR/L**, received her Master of Arts in occupational therapy from the University of Southern California (USC). She is currently pursuing her clinical doctorate in occupational science from Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia. She is certified in Sensory Integration through USC and Western Psychological Services including administering and interpreting the Sensory Integration and Praxis Tests (SIPT). She works as an assistant instructor with the Collaborative for Leadership in Ayres Sensory Integration (CLASI). Roley functions as an independent contractor in both school-based and private pediatric settings. She is a treating therapist at the Centerpointe For Children, a private pediatric clinic, and The Blind Children's Learning Center, a school that serves children from preschool through second grade. Additionally she consults as an outside evaluator for Independent Education Evaluations for multiple school districts.

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**Susanne Smith Roley, OTD, OTR/L, FAOTA**, is an occupational therapy practitioner with 40 years of experience in pediatrics. She obtained her BS in occupational therapy at Indiana University, MS in allied health sciences at Boston University, and OTD at University of Southern California. She is co-founder of the Collaborative for Leadership in Ayres Sensory Integration (CLASI). Smith-Roley is past chair of the Commission on Practice and the Sensory Integration Special Interest Section for AOTA; and a contributing author of the Occupational Therapy Practice Framework: Domain and Process, 2002 and 2nd Edition. She is an internationally recognized author and lecturer on the theory and application of sensory integration. Smith-Roley is co-editor of *Understanding the Nature of Sensory Integration with Diverse Populations* and *Sensory Integration: Applying Clinical Reasoning to Diverse Populations*. She is recipient of the AOTF Virginia Scardina Award of Excellence and A. Jean Ayres Award.

**Session #43, Friday, October 20, 2017, 1:00pm-3:00pm**

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**Steve Rubin** has worked in the transportation industry for over 40 years, in nearly every aspect of the business from driving a truck, to managing a UPS facility, and owning a freight logistics business. Rubin's passion has been working part time as a SCUBA Diving Instructor since 2000. Rubin and his wife, Barbara, founded the WAVES Project to bring the therapeutic value of SCUBA to help wounded veterans. Rubin's desire is to create a community of divers who are both veterans and non-veterans who will provide camaraderie, support, healing of body, mind, and spirit, and each other. Rubin is a PADI Certified IDC Staff Instructor, First Aid and CPR Instructor and HSA Certified Instructor.

**Session #2, Thursday, October 19, 2017, 8:45am-10:15am**



**Jamie Hisa Sakamoto, MA, OT/L, SWC, CLE**, has 15 years of experience as a pediatric occupational therapy practitioner. She has extensive knowledge in early child development and the complexities of feeding and swallowing. She has served as a key member of the inpatient multidisciplinary feeding team at Children's Hospital of Orange County and is currently involved with the dysphagia team at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. She has extensive training in working to support the feeding dyad and helping children transition from alternative means of nutrition to oral feeds. Sakamoto is dedicated to maximizing the potential and the wellbeing of children who present with a broad spectrum of needs through the use of meaningful occupations.

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**Gayle San Marco, OTR/L, CDRS**, is the coordinator of the Driver Preparation Program at Northridge Hospital Medical Center and is also engaged in private practice. She has been working in the field of driver rehabilitation for over 20 years and has done local and national presentations in the area of driver rehabilitation and the medically at-risk driver. San Marco is the current chair of OTAC's Ad Hoc Committee on Driver Rehabilitation. In this capacity she has supported the role of the occupational therapy practitioner in promoting the emerging practice area of driver rehabilitation and has participated in California's Strategic Highway Safety Plan in cooperation with the DMV, CHP, Department of Health and various agencies involved with driver safety for California's maturing population.

***Session #44, Friday, October 20, 2017, 1:00pm-3:00pm***



**Winifred Schultz-Krohn, PhD, OTR/L, BCP, SWC, FAOTA**, has over 35 years' experience working as an occupational therapy practitioner. She is Board Certified in Pediatrics (BCP) by the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) and has Advanced Approval in Swallowing (SWC) by the California Board of Occupational Therapy. She served on the Pediatric Panel of the AOTA Board for Certification for several years and served on the panel to develop the AOTA Specialty Certification in School Systems. Schultz-Krohn just completed her three year term as the chair of the AOTA Commission on Continuing Competence and Professional Development and has been appointed to chair the AOTA Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures Committee. She is the department chair and a professor of occupational therapy at San Jose State University where she teaches courses in pediatrics, neuro-rehabilitation, and research methods. Schultz-Krohn's scholarly interests include pediatric occupational therapy with expertise in early intervention, school-based practice, family centered intervention, the needs of children and families in homeless shelters, feeding problems, and neurological rehabilitation. She was selected to be a member of the Teacher-Scholar group in 2003-2004 at San Jose State University. She was awarded the prestigious Outstanding Professor of San Jose State University for the Academic Year of 2013-2014. Schultz-Krohn continues to practice in pediatric occupational therapy on a part-time basis at a nonprofit clinic and, for the past 18 years, she has provided pro bono occupational therapy services at a family homeless shelter. Her donation of professional services was recognized in the Fall of 2011 and she was awarded a regional Jefferson Award for her volunteer efforts. Schultz-Krohn was recognized by her peers and was the Honored Lecturer for the California Occupational Therapy Foundation in 2012, and in 2017

she is being honored with its Humanitarian Award. Schultz-Krohn is the co-editor of the 6th, 7th and 8th Edition of Pedretti's Occupational Therapy: Practice Skills for Physical Dysfunction textbook in addition to authoring well over 30 articles and chapters. She serves on the editorial board of the Occupational Therapy Journal of Research, the American Journal of Occupational Therapy, and the Journal of Occupational Therapy in Early Intervention and Schools.

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**Erin Schweir, OTD, OTR/L**

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**Aviril (Apple) Sepulveda, MS, OTR/L, BCP, SWC, PAMS, CIMI, CLE**, is a board certified pediatric occupational therapy practitioner, with over 17 years of experience, at Children's Hospital Los Angeles and is currently an occupational therapy doctoral student at the University of Southern California. In the Philippines, she founded the En/ability Project, a nonprofit that promotes awareness on early screening, detection, and intervention for prevention of developmental disabilities in underserved areas and, along with her sister, she founded Dynamic Pediatric Therapy and Associates, an outpatient therapy clinic. Apple is a member of the Board of Directors of 2020 Mom, a national nonprofit focusing on maternal mental health. She is also a fellow of the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program. Her project involves working on decreasing mental health stigma in immigrant communities through community-partnered participatory research. She is the recipient of the OTAC Award of Appreciation.

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**Tania Sharmin, MA**, has both a bachelors and masters degree in occupational therapy, and she is an OTD candidate. She has clinical experience in pediatric and mental health settings. Sharmin is currently serving high need children who have experienced trauma and poverty in an interdisciplinary community mental health and educational setting in Los Angeles.  
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**Ashley Uyeshiro Simon, OTD, OTR/L, MSCS**, is an assistant professor of clinical occupational therapy at the Mrs. T.H. Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy at the University of Southern California. She uses the Lifestyle Redesign® technique to help people with chronic conditions change their daily habits and routines to improve their function, quality of life, and condition self-management. Uyeshiro Simon specializes in treating people with chronic pain, headaches, postconcussive syndrome, Multiple Sclerosis, and Parkinson's Disease, and works closely with many multidisciplinary teams to create comprehensive care for her patients. She also conducts ergonomic evaluations for patients, as well as employees of USC, and is a faculty in residence at USC.

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**Mary Alice Singer, MS, OTR/L**, has over 40 years of experience as an occupational therapy practitioner. She received a Bachelor of Science in occupational therapy from SUNY at Buffalo, and a Master of Science in occupational therapy from San Jose State University. Singer specializes in the evaluation and treatment of babies and preschoolers with developmental delay, sensory modulation disorder, dysfunction of sensory integration and autistic spectrum diagnosis. She is certified in the administration of the Sensory Integration and Praxis Tests and the use of Ayres Sensory Integration. She has extensive expertise in diverse areas of pediatric occupational therapy, from the hospital neonatal intensive care unit, to private practice with infants, toddlers and school aged children. Singer is co-author of the website and blog [Passporttofunction.com](http://Passporttofunction.com) which seeks to educate parents in using the local park to support learning and development in their children. She co-authored the chapter on Children and Youth in *Practical Applications for the Occupational Therapy Code of Ethics*

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and Ethics Standards, editions one and two. She is co-author of the *Clinical Observations at the Park Tool*.

**Session #84, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 4:15pm-5:45pm**



**Jerilyn "Gigi" Smith PhD, OTR/L, SWC, FAOTA**, has over 25 years of experience as an occupational therapy practitioner working with individuals, primarily adults, with dysphagia. She is Advanced Approved in swallowing by the California Board of Occupational Therapy. Smith has spoken on the topic of dysphagia at state, national, and international conferences and has authored the chapter on adult dysphagia in the past two editions of the textbook: *Pedretti's Occupational Therapy: Practice Skills for Physical Dysfunction*. As an associate professor of occupational therapy at San Jose State University, Smith teaches courses in physical disabilities, including adult dysphagia, multicultural healthcare, and independent living skills. She continues to practice clinically and is currently working with infants and children with various developmental delays and feeding issues. Smith currently serves as the secretary on the OTAC Board of Directors.

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**Linsey Smith, OTD, OTR/L**, was born in the United States but was raised in Europe and in Hong Kong. She completed her undergraduate, masters, and clinical doctorate degrees at the University of Southern California. She is now serving as assistant professor of clinical occupational therapy, providing support for the USC Chan Division's Sensory Integration, Engagement and Family Life Initiative. Smith has also been a practicing clinician in an outpatient pediatric clinic setting for six years, and has experience in mentoring clinicians, managing program enrollment and coordinating fieldwork placements. Smith has experience and additional training in sensory integration and group social skills interventions. Her doctoral work focused on program evaluation and quality improvement for group social skills programming.

**Session #4, Thursday, October 19, 2017, 8:45am-12:00pm**



**Jennifer Snyder, MPH, OTAC lobbyist**, a partner at Capitol Advocacy, brings over 25 years of policy development, community relations, and advocacy experience to the firm. She is considered one of California's top lobbyists in the healthcare arena and has been instrumental in negotiating key rate and policy changes in the Medi-Cal program to benefit her clients. Her keen understanding of California's complex healthcare issues, and extensive background working for several health care organizations, has provided her clients with great success in both the Legislature and Executive Branch. Snyder's experience advocating on budget issues has led to obtaining rate enhancements for clients and she has successfully mitigated rate

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cuts for the pharmacy industry. Further, she has effectively blocked attempts to require pharmaceutical companies to report proprietary information, and has advocated on behalf of the biotechnology industry's significant advances in research and development in California. Along with her advocacy in the Legislature, her deep-rooted background in the industry, and relationships with key stakeholders have enabled the firm's clients to successfully secure lucrative health contracts with the State. Snyder also works closely with clients to navigate the Department of Health Care Services and Department of Public Health; positively facilitating the process for multiple clients to become Medi-Cal enrolled providers and obtain State licenses. Before joining Capitol Advocacy, Snyder served in a variety of capacities at the California Association for Health Services at Home, the California Association of Health Facilities, the California Alliance of Child and Family Services, and the California Healthcare Association. Her extensive experience working for this diverse group of healthcare organizations and associations has led her to become an industry expert on issues related to long-term care, social, and health care services. Snyder has a degree in political science from California State University, Chico and a master's in health administration from the University of San Francisco.

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**Joann Sorg, MS, OTR/L**, is a graduate of Boston University earning both her Bachelor of Science and Post Professional Master of Science degrees in occupational therapy. She is currently at the forefront of telepractice for school-based services, with several years of experience working with students from preschool through high school on their school-related OT needs. Prior to launching into telepractice, she worked for over 10 years as a pediatric OT in schools, outpatient clinic, inpatient mental health, and home-based early intervention.

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**Patrice Sovyak, OTR/L**, has been an OT since 1998 working primarily in community based mental health, her first love and calling. She obtained her bachelor's from San Jose State University (SJSU) and has been a behavioral health fieldwork supervisor for SJSU OT Interns for 15 years because she thinks OTs are a perfect fit for mental health services. She is currently director of community services for Front St Inc., a behavioral health agency in Santa Cruz County and supervises a supported housing program that provides both housing and support for individuals living in the community. Past positions have included program director of a residential day treatment Intensive and program director of a social rehabilitation facility. Her current passion is learning about, understanding, and sharing a trauma Informed approach to services in mental health. She feels this is a paradigm shift and loves to share this exciting development with anyone who will listen. Sovyak participated for a year in the National Council for Behavioral Health Trauma Informed Care Learning Community and has completed the Trauma Informed Services basic competency Level I and II from the California Center for Excellence in Trauma Informed Care. She has been a member of the Santa Cruz Trauma Consortium since its inception in 2013, which in addition to community outreach hosts an annual daylong conference on a wide variety of topics related to Trauma. Sovyak is also a certified WRAP facilitator.

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**Donna Breger Stanton, OTD, OTR/L, FAOTA**, is a professor in occupational therapy at Samuel Merritt University. She received her clinical doctorate in occupational therapy (OTD) in 2013, master's (MAOT) from University of Southern California, and Bachelor of Arts in occupational therapy from San Jose State University. Stanton's work focus in hand therapy began in late 1970s. She has been a member of American Society of Hand Therapists (ASHT) since 1981 and a Certified Hand Therapist since 1991. She served as president of the ASHT (2005), gave ASHT Nathalie Barr Lecture in 2007, and honored as ASHT Lifetime Member in 2015. Stanton was awarded Fellow, American Occupational Therapy Association (FAOTA) in 2003. She is widely published and has presented over the years. These are the result of her passion and work in sensibility testing using monofilaments, carpal tunnel syndrome, and contrast baths. She has served on the Editorial Review Board for the Journal of Hand Therapy for 14 years.

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**Annie Araujo Stepka, MS, OTR/L**, is the lead occupational therapy practitioner at Dominican Hospital in Santa Cruz, California. She has been practicing for 10 years, specializing in neuro rehabilitation in an acute rehabilitation setting, and recently completing her NDT certification. As the lead OT, Stepka has been involved with setting standards and protocols in treatment and documentation, training new staff, providing educational opportunities for therapists, and coordinating the occupational therapy fieldwork II interns for the hospital. In the last two years she has had the opportunity to bring her rehab experience and holistic approach to the acute care setting, both initiating and participating in several interdisciplinary teams to improve patient care.

***Session #86, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 4:15pm-5:45pm***



**Diana Su-Erickson, MS, OTR/L, SWC**, centers her passion on working with veterans. She has worked in the Loma Linda VA Healthcare system for over 30 years. Currently, she is a case manager on the Mental Health Intensive Case Management Team. She has experience in assessing the modification of homes, acted as the coordinator of the Falls clinic program, practiced in the outpatient mental health Wellness Center and outpatient orthopedics. In addition, she is the education coordinator for the occupational therapy department. Su-Erickson is also involved in the Occupational Therapy Association of California, where she is presently the Nominations Committee chair and member of the OT Centennial Committee. She has held the positions of vice-president, treasurer, membership chair, newsletter editor, member of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and the Awards Committee. Furthermore, she is the California Foundation for Occupational Therapy Internal Development co-chair. One of her favorite hobbies is photography and is OTAC's official photographer.

***Session #77, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 2:30pm-4:00pm***



**Marisa Suarez, MS, OTR/L, SWC**, is a clinical specialist at Stanford Health Care with advanced practice approval in swallowing. She works in psychiatry, physical disabilities, and with the Stanford Comprehensive Interdisciplinary Pain Program (SCIPP). She has presented at the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) conference, at the Occupational Therapy Association of California (OTAC) conference, the Psychiatric Occupational Therapy Action Coalition (POTAC), and as a guest lecturer at local universities in the Bay Area.

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**Shelby Surfas, OTD, OTR/L**, is the associate professor of clinical occupational therapy, joint appointment, with the Keck School of Medicine, as well as director and program area lead of occupational therapy at the USC UCEDD at CHLA. Surfas has experience presenting at national and state conferences on the topic of interdisciplinary care with an emphasis on the area of outpatient pediatric mental health settings. She provides continuing education to a variety of multidisciplinary audiences in the areas of pediatrics, sensory integration, neuromotor disabilities, autism disorders, and leadership education. Surfas holds leadership positions across interdisciplinary teams providing mental health supports for underserved and culturally diverse populations.

**Session #92, Sunday, October 22, 2017, 9:30am-12:30pm**

**Sonya Sweeney, MOT, OTR/L**, has three years of experience as an occupational therapy practitioner, both in school-based settings as well as post-acute care. She was a teacher assistant at Samuel Merritt University in applied kinesiology and biomechanics, which is where she earned a Masters of Occupational Therapy.

**Session #94, Sunday, October 22, 2017, 9:30am-12:30pm**



**James Tatti, OTS**, is a Master of Science in occupational therapy student at San Jose State University (SJSU) with clinical experience in pediatrics and exposure to community-based stroke rehabilitation, inpatient care, post-acute care, and pediatric clinics. Tatti was a part of a graduate research team investigating meaning in life at the end of life through occupational therapy. He recently completed his first fieldwork II placement in acute inpatient rehabilitation at UC Davis Medical Center and is currently working as a fieldwork II student in the behavioral health intensive care unit at the VA Medical Center in Mather. He is a member of Pi Theta Epsilon, the OT student honor's society, and has served as a board member of the Student Occupational Therapy Association at SJSU.

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**Lisa Test, OTD, OTR/L**, is the coordinating therapist for the OT and PT Program at Los Angeles Unified School District. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in ergonomics from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and master's and clinical doctorate degrees in occupational therapy and occupational science from USC. With professional interests in children with developmental disabilities, sensory integration, autism, play, and school based practice, she is recognized as a leader in occupational therapy possessing extensive experience in the delivery of interventions for children with disabilities. As the coordinating therapist she provides clinical oversight for over 240 occupational therapists and physical therapists, which provide services to over 7,000 students. In addition the District has 21 District therapy rooms and provides OT using a sensory integration approach to over 370 students. She has over 25 years of experience in the schools and in addition received advance training at UCLA Tarjan Center in developmental disabilities and advanced training in sensory integration at the Ayres Clinic. She has co-authored the "Guidelines for Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy in the CA Public Schools." She has presented both nationally and internationally on application of sensory integration in the schools, clinical reasoning, and assessment and intervention of children with diverse needs. She serves on the OTAC Practice, Ethics, and Reimbursement Committee and co-chairs the School based Practice Committee, and the OT credentialing initiative. Test received the 2015 OTAC Lifetime Achievement Award  
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**Diane Tom, MA, OTR/L**, has been a pediatric occupational therapy practitioner working with children with physical disabilities for over 25 years. She is also a RESNA certified assistive technology practitioner, and holds a master's in special education.  
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**Sue Trautman, MA, OTR/L**, received her Bachelor of Science in occupational therapy and a Master of Arts in special education from Western Michigan University. She is the founder of a private practice, Center for Developing Kids in Pasadena, California, that serves children from birth through teens in their homes, at school, or in the clinic. Center for Developing Kids provides individual and group occupational therapy, speech therapy, physical therapy and early intervention services based on the SCERTS model. Trautman's passion is sensory integration and she has taught specialty certification courses on this topic throughout the United States, in Canada, India, South Africa, Hong Kong, Singapore, Jordan, China and England. She has developed many sensory rich environments for schools and clinics and is on the Professional Advisory Board for Shane's Inspiration, who create boundless playgrounds. Trautman served on the Southern California Board of Autism Speaks for several years and has developed many sensory rich environments for schools and clinics. She is closely involved with the Ayres Sensory Integration 2020 Vision and is assisting with development of test materials and coordinating field and pilot testing for the Evaluation in Sensory Integration (EASI).

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**Sonia Trejo, MA, OTR/L, SWC**, is a pediatric occupational therapy practitioner at the USC University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at Children's Hospital Los Angeles in the pediatric mental health setting. She has been a practicing clinician for nine years, and her passion and specialty is working with children with feeding challenges. She enjoys educating and collaborating with professionals and families alike to best support children (and their families) in their eating journey. She also provides mentorship to fieldwork students and doctoral residents. Trejo received her bachelor's in health promotion and disease prevention and her master's in occupational therapy, both from the University of Southern California.

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**Gina Tucker-Roghi, OTD, OTR/L**, serves as a therapy resource for Ensign Facility Services and has specialized in the occupational needs of clients with dementia. She has developed an abilities-based OT intervention program for clients with dementia, and teaches OT practitioners to meet the occupational needs of clients with dementia who live in long-term care communities. Tucker-Roghi recently completed her doctorate degree in occupational therapy and is an adjunct professor at Dominican University of California.

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**Samantha Valasek, OTD, OTR/L**, graduated from USC with a master's in occupational therapy and her doctorate of occupational therapy while completing her residency at the USC Occupational Therapy Faculty Practice and in primary care settings within the USC Keck medical system. Valasek works with clients to improve their self-management of a variety of chronic conditions, including overweight/obesity, diabetes, chronic pain, chronic headache, tobacco use, depression, anxiety, and others. She is involved in the expansion of occupational therapy's role in health and wellness, particularly in primary care settings where she collaborates closely with family medicine and internal medicine physicians to enhance care.

***Session #85, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 4:15pm-5:45pm***



**Ana Verran, MA, OTR/L, CDRS**, received her Bachelor of Arts in psychology from the University of San Francisco and her Master of Arts in occupational therapy from the University of Southern California (USC). She has been a practicing clinician since 1978, with clinical experience in physical dysfunction, including hand and spinal cord injury rehabilitation. Before becoming involved in driver rehabilitation, she was the clinical director of a community based program providing assistive technology and work, home, and school site assessments. In 2008, she became a staff member of the Mobility Evaluation Program, a unit of the Department of Rehabilitation, specializing in high tech driving solutions for severely disabled people. Verran is a Certified Driving Rehabilitation Specialist and is currently serving as the secretary of the California chapter of Association of Driving Rehabilitation Specialists. She has worked part-time in various capacities at the USC Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy since 2009.

***Session #44, Friday, October 20, 2017, 1:00pm-3:00pm***



**Arielle Villanueva, MA, OTD**, is a licensed occupational therapy practitioner in the Philippines and a current Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) resident at the USC Mrs. T. H. Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy. Villanueva graduated in May 2016 with a post-professional master's from USC. She was an active member of the Occupational Therapy and Science Council in the USC Chan Division and is a dedicated volunteer for the cause of occupational therapy, especially in terms of education and representation of international students. She is also a member of the executive board of the USC Graduate Student Government as well as the Director of International Student Concerns Advocacy in the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students.

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**Rani Waterman, OTR/L, AMPS**, is a graduate of University of Southern California where she is currently an OTD candidate. She received her Bachelor of Science from Northwestern University and worked as a professional actor, arts educator, and circus performer for 12 years before finding occupational therapy. She now strives to utilize her advanced training in the performing arts to enhance her care of children through OT practice. She is currently completing her USC OTD residency at Children's Hospital Los Angeles in acute care.

***Session #33, Friday, October 20, 2017, 10:00am-11:30am***



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**Emily White, OTS**, chose to study occupational therapy because of her experiences coaching a special needs baseball and soccer team. She has been studying at Dominican University of California completing the five year BS/MS occupational therapy program where she has enjoyed learning about the variety of conditions treated by occupational therapy practitioners and is specifically interested in burns. Affiliations: MSOT (candidate), Dominican University of California, Member of Alpha Lambda Delta since 2014, OTAC and AOTA student member.

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**Rondalyn Whitney, PhD, OTR/L (NY, OH, WV), FAOTA**, is an occupational therapy practitioner and scholar. Her research focuses on family quality of life for mothers raising children with disruptive behaviors. She is a published author and poet, a Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association (FAOTA). Her interest in Ora Ruggles began when she learned the quote, "It is not enough to give a patient something to do with his hands. You must reach for the heart as well as the hands. It's the heart that really does the healing." She then discovered the speaker was all but lost to the historical narrative of the profession. Through verse, Ruggles' story has been transcribed and made available to inspire the next generation. Whitney is an associate professor at West Virginia University's School of Medicine where she serves as the director of faculty development and scholarship.

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**Julia Wilbarger, PhD, OTR/L**, received a Bachelor of Science in physiological psychology from UC Berkeley, a Master of Science in occupational therapy from Boston University, and a PhD in developmental cognitive neuroscience from the University of Denver, Colorado. She has practiced as an OT in early intervention with high risk and developmentally delayed infants and toddlers, in the public schools and private practice. At The Children's Hospital, Denver, she served as a clinical specialist in sensory integration. Wilbarger is currently an associate professor at Dominican University of California in the Occupational Therapy Department. Her research is focused on the study of affective and sensory processing in a range of clinical populations.

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**Stacey Willis, OTD, OTR/L**, obtained her doctorate degree in occupational therapy from the University of Southern California in 2012, and her undergraduate degree in occupational therapy from California State University Dominguez Hills in 2002. Willis is the dean/program director for the master's and doctorate programs at West Coast University and is an expert in psychosocial occupational therapy treatment.

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**Chuck Willmarth, MS, CAE**, is director of health policy and state affairs at the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). He has over 20 years of experience managing state legislative and regulatory issues including more than 15 years with AOTA. AOTA's State Affairs Group advances the Association's public policy goals and objectives at the state level. He works closely with state occupational therapy associations on a variety of state issues including state regulation of occupational therapy, scope of practice, and payment policy issues such as workers' compensation and Medicaid. Willmarth is leading AOTA's advocacy work on the implementation of healthcare reform at the state and federal levels. Prior to healthcare reform, he led AOTA's advocacy efforts with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid as AOTA's director of reimbursement and regulatory policy for five years.

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**Melissa Winkle, OTR/L, FAOTA**, is an occupational therapy practitioner, assistance dog trainer, and president of Animal Assisted Intervention International and Dogwood Therapy Services. She is a researcher, a writer, a practitioner, and speaks internationally on disability, integrated and community based program development, animal assisted interventions, and assistance dogs. She has published a series of books for occupational therapy practitioners: Professional Applications of Animal Assisted Interventions, available on Amazon.

***Session #59, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 8:15am-4:00pm***

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**Lorelei Woerner, OTR/L, C-IAYT**, is the owner and developer of Integrative Wellness Therapy™, a philosophy of treatment which blends traditional western therapeutics with research-informed alternative techniques. She has nearly 25 years of occupational therapy experience in: pediatrics, sensory integration, acute care, home health, rehabilitation, mental health, and skilled nursing. Mid-way through her OT career, she began exploring integrating yoga. In 2007, she completed her two-year course in Yoga Therapy Rx at Loyola Marymount University. Woerner continues her yoga studies with many additional certifications in the therapeutic lineage of Krishnamacharya-Desikichar, and she adds integrative bodywork to treatment sessions (Myofascial Release, muscle release, Reiki). She is a regularly featured, national speaker on a variety of topics, bringing an integrative perspective to the field of occupational therapy.

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**Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L**, is the first occupational therapy student or practitioner in the world to have done more than one TED Talk. He graduated from University of Southern California with a master's in occupational therapy in 2011 and clinical doctorate in 2013. Wong has been known as an autism self-advocate since his diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome in 2010. He has spoken in occupational therapy conferences across the globe. He started his term as the AOTA RA representative for California in July 2017. He has a strong passion to increase occupational therapy's profession profile in general public.

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**Susie Wong-Okamoto, OTR/L**, has been an occupational therapist for 29 years and has acquired extensive experience treating adults with neurological impairments. She has worked in a variety of settings throughout the continuum of care including: inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation, acute care and home/community/-return to work programs. Currently she is the clinical director of inpatient rehabilitation at Casa Colina Hospital and Centers for Healthcare. She has presented at OTAC, AOTA, California State University, Dominguez Hills and at the University of Southern California OT department. In addition, she has been invited to present internationally at the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT) and is the co-author of "Use of an Algorithm for Assessment and Treatment of the Upper Extremity Post Stroke: A Case Study" (2015).

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**Vanessa Yanez, MS, OTR/L**, earned a Bachelor of Science in cognitive sciences from the University of California, Irvine, and a Master of Science in occupational therapy from California State University, Dominguez Hills. She is a licensed occupational therapy practitioner and currently works at City of Hope National Cancer Center, working with the cancer population, particularly, with individuals diagnosed with hematological cancers and undergoing bone marrow/stem cell transplants. As a clinician and a prior transplant recipient herself, Yanez is passionate and dedicated to helping individuals with cancers regain meaning and function in everyday life. Her current work and research focuses on improving body image, self-esteem, and sexuality in persons undergoing cancer treatment.

***Session #62, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 10:00am-11:30am***