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OTAC expresses its sincere appreciation to the 2014 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.***

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Tracey Airth-Edblom, OTD, OTR/L, CHT, graduated from the University of Alberta in 1988 with a BScOT, and a Post-Professional Doctoral degree in Occupational Therapy from Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions in 2013. She worked at the University of Calgary (Foothills) Hospital in Alberta in orthopedics and rheumatology; assisted in the opening of the thriving San Mateo Arthritis Center at Mills Hospital, then moved to Marin County to the Kentfield Rehabilitation Hospital Hand Center in 1993. In 2008 Airth-Edblom joined a community-based group wellness practice as the only hand therapist where she is currently practicing on the river in Petaluma, CA. She has been an adjunct instructor at Dominican University of California since completing her OTD.

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Babak Amali, OTR/L, graduated from Sweden's Gothenburg College of Health Sciences with a Bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy in 1994. Since his graduation, he has worked in variety of settings including Acute Care Hospitals, Post-Acute Care Rehabilitation units, Skilled Nursing Facilities and Out-patient clinics. His management experience began with his first director of rehabilitation position in 2001 and at the end of his tenure with his previous employer, Babak was the Vice President of Operations for a region that included five major Western states and hundreds of employees. A published author who has written on leadership and regulatory issues for state and national journals, Babak is active in professional organizations and is currently a member of "LeadingAge California" Service Excellence and Education Taskforce committees, in addition to being the Region 5 Director for OTAC, and represents OTAC and the Occupational Therapy Practitioners at various legislative events in Sacramento.

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Chelsea Armstrong, OTD, OTR/L, is an occupational therapy practitioner for Los Angeles Unified School District. She works with a variety of disabilities, specifically with children with moderate to severe impairments. Her main objective is to provide opportunities for students to engage in meaningful and functional activities in the school setting that will carry over to the home and community. Armstrong studied at the University of Illinois in Chicago where she used the Model of Human Occupation to support members of the Chicago community in linking volition, habituation, and performance capacity. She has gained a significant amount of experience in farming, gardening, and food preparation and seeks to tie these hobbies into the occupations of the students she works with and their families to bridge the gap between school-based and community-based occupations.

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Amber Bennett, MA, OTR/L, OTD (cand.), is a doctoral resident in the Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy at the University of Southern California (USC). She is currently completing her residency at Keck Hospital of USC, where she is developing an intervention protocol based on Lifestyle Redesign® for patients with heart failure. Previous fieldwork experiences include outpatient rehabilitation and intervention informed by Lifestyle Redesign® at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, acute rehabilitation at Keck Hospital of USC, sensory integration at Kid Abilities Pediatric Therapy Center, and mental health at Pacific Clinics. Bennett has served the Division in many leadership capacities. She has been a classroom assistant facilitating lab sessions for kinesiology and neuroscience courses, and a student ambassador working to recruit students and promote the Division throughout California. For two years she was co-chair of the Occupational Therapy and Science Council, overseeing 25 council members and leading the growth of the organization. She looks forward to using the skills developed during her doctoral education to create positive change as a healthcare leader.

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Michele Berro, MA, OTR/L, received her master's degree in occupational therapy from the University of Southern California and has been a practicing clinician and supervisor for more than 30 years. She is currently the occupational therapy clinical manager of outpatient services at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. In 2013, Berro was honored with the OTAC Lifetime Achievement Award.

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Erna Imperatore Blanche, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, is an associate professor of clinical practice at the Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, University of Southern California. Blanche received her degree in occupational therapy at the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile), a master's in special education at Columbia University, and a PhD in occupational science at the University of Southern California. She is an expert in both interventions based on occupational science and in pediatric occupational therapy with children with neuro-developmental disabilities, including autism. She has co-authored two books and one video series on pediatric practice: *Combining Neurodevelopmental Treatment and Sensory Integration Principles*, *Understanding the Nature of Sensory Integration with Diverse Populations* (book), and *Observations Based on Sensory Integration* (book) and has published numerous articles in English and Spanish on the topics of play/wellness and issues related to clinical practice. Blanche trained with Dr. A. Jean Ayres in 1984, and since then she has directed a clinic in West Los Angeles, Therapy West, Inc. and lectured

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nationally and internationally in more than 20 countries. Her research interests include clinical evaluation and intervention, and the relationship between sensory processing and lifestyle choices.

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Kelly Bloom, MA, OTR/L, is a practicing occupational therapy practitioner at Los Angeles Unified School District. She is SIPT certified and has advanced training in Ayres Sensory Integration theory and practice. Bloom has participated in research studies using the Sensory Protocol and the feasibility of applying and measuring impacts of Ayres Sensory Integration. She was the project manager for product evaluation measuring the impact of innovative seating for classrooms. She currently provides additional support to practitioners throughout the Los Angeles Unified School District in applying Ayres Sensory Integration in classroom and therapy room settings.

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Deborah Bolding, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, has experience as a therapist, manager, teacher and fieldwork educator and has worked in hospitals and home-based fall prevention programs. Bolding is a Stepping On leader. She currently is employed at Stanford Hospitals and Clinics as an occupational therapy practitioner in the Farewell to Falls program and at San Jose State University as coordinator of the post-professional master's program in occupational therapy. She was the recipient of the OTAC Fieldwork Educator Award in 2006 and she currently serves on the OTAC Practice, Ethics, and Reimbursement Committee. In 2010, she published "A Fieldwork Educator's Guide to Social Networking: in *OT Practice*."

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Julie Boterenbrood, MA Ed, MA OT, OTR/L, is an occupational therapy practitioner with a master's degree in occupational therapy from University of Southern California and in education: instructional design from San Jose State University. She has worked as a licensed practitioner since 2007, with a vast array of experience in hospitals, clinics, mental health settings, home health, and schools.

Boterenbrood has expertise in neurological rehabilitation and uses a variety of creative treatment interventions, including yoga, for children and adults in the medical and school setting. She has attended numerous in-services and trainings for neurological rehabilitation, sensory integration, and the therapeutic use of yoga with adults and children. She currently works in Los Angeles, CA for a school district and owns her own small business, Butter & Bread Life Foundations.

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Barbara Brewer, COTA/L, has been a practicing COTA for 40 years and has been with Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center for 34 years. Her experience expands from various diagnoses including neurological conditions such as stroke, brain injury, neuromuscular disease, neurodegenerative disease, and mental health conditions. Brewer has been involve in various program development initiatives including development and implementation of patient education programs and therapeutic group interventions to address various therapy needs of patients with underlying neurological conditions including embracing the self-management philosophy on patient education programs.

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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 therapy practitioners, 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 Division.

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Tricia Catiggay, OTR/L, has enjoyed more than 30 years of occupational therapy service in a wide range of practice areas including patient care, staff supervision/management, and fall prevention programs. She also provides leader training for A Matter of Balance.

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Megan C. Chang, PhD, OTR/L, received her PhD in occupational science and a Master of Science in Applied Biostatistics and Epidemiology from the University of Southern California. Her research interests include examining psychophysiological responses and psychosocial risks related to sensory and health-related behaviors in various populations. She is currently an assistant professor at the Department of Occupational Therapy at San Jose State University.

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Janice Kishi Chow, MA, OTR/L, has been as an occupational therapy practitioner for 18 years, with 10 years specializing in hospice and palliative care at the Palo Alto VA Hospice and Palliative Care Center in Palo Alto, CA. She is currently a clinical doctorate candidate in occupational therapy at Temple University, with expected completion in August 2014.

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Remy Chu Jr., MHA, OTR/L, has been working at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center for more than 14 years. He is currently the clinical manager overseeing the inpatient services for the stroke, brain injury, neurology, spinal cord injury, pressure ulcer management, and pediatric units. Chu also serves as the co-chair of Rancho's Interdisciplinary Fall Committee. Additionally, he is an adjunct instructor of clinical occupational therapy at the University of Southern California teaching the enhancing motor control course.
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Alisha Ciolfi, MSOT, OTR/L, is an occupational therapy practitioner at Cedars-Sinai. Her professional interests include: process improvement on surgical and orthopedic units; upper extremity conditions specific to splint fabrication; traumatic or surgical challenges; and neurological rehabilitation.
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Alison Cogan, MA, OTR/L, is a native of Philadelphia, PA. Alison moved to California in 2010 to study occupational therapy at the University of Southern California. She has a bachelor's in political science and a master's in exercise physiology, both from Temple University. While working as a personal trainer, Cogan discovered OT by volunteering at a rehabilitation hospital in Philadelphia, and was inspired to "live life to its fullest" and change her career. In August 2012, she will begin working towards a PhD in occupational science at USC.
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Tonya Cooley, OTR/L, has been an occupational therapy practitioner since 1991. She started her career in skilled nursing (for six months) and then moved to pediatrics. In pediatrics she has worked in a clinic setting, inpatient rehab and acute, ICU, early intervention, and school district. She runs a therapy website with a focus of stimulating creativity and information sharing.
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Carlin Daley, OTD, OTR/L, graduated from the University of Southern California (USC) in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in Psychology. 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. As a doctoral resident at the OT Faculty Practice, she developed the Lifestyle Redesign® Office Wellness Program, focused on creating a healthier quality of life for professionals in the workplace. Upon graduation, Daley was hired as the assistant director of wellness initiatives within USC's Division of Career and Protective Services. As a faculty member of the Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, she is currently the lead therapist for the Lifestyle Redesign program for College Students. Daley 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.

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Irene De Aquino Villar, Ph.D, OTR/L, SWC, is a pediatric occupational therapy practitioner and in 2004 co-founded Dynamic Therapies, Inc. with Charmayne Ross, PT DSc. In 2002, she earned her advanced practice in feeding, eating, and swallowing (SWC). She received her PhD at the University of Southern California. De Aquino Villar has been working with children for more than 25 years. She provides clinical training towards the advanced practice in feeding, eating, and swallowing at Dynamic Therapies, Inc. During the past 10 years, she has had extensive clinical experience in treating infants and younger children with feeding difficulties. She is currently pursuing her credential in orofacial myofunctional therapy through the Academy of Orofacial Myofunctional Therapy.

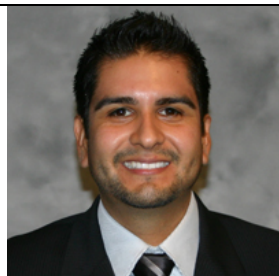
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Jessica De Brun, OTD, MOT, OTR/L, is a graduate of Loma Linda University. She is an occupational therapy practitioner specializing in early intervention and she currently works for the Screening, Assessment, Referral and Treatment program at Victor Community Support Services in San Bernardino, CA and West End Family Counseling in Ontario, CA. De Brun recently completed her doctoral degree in occupational therapy with an emphasis on early-childhood development and the impact exposure from domestic violence has on early childhood occupations within the confines of a domestic violence shelter. Her passion is supporting advocacy for young children and the need for increased early intervention services within shelter environments. She is a domestic violence advocate and currently conducts programming within local shelters promoting maternal-child co-occupational experiences and early-childhood development.

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Celso Delgado, Jr., OTD, OTR/L, serves as an appointed faculty at the University of Southern California's (USC) University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. His role has been 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. The area that he serves is the East Los Angeles region, which is an area that has historically been saturated with Latino culture. Delgado is also a clinical instructor of the Mental Health Practice Immersion at USC's occupational therapy entry-level professional educational program.

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Lisa Deshaies, OTR/L, CHT, is a 1986 graduate of the Occupational Therapy program at the University of New Hampshire. She has been practicing in physical disabilities for more than 27 years, and has been a Certified Hand Therapist since 1995. She is currently a clinical specialist in outpatient therapy services at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center and adjunct clinical faculty at the University of Southern California's Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy.

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Karen Dobyms, MOT, OTR/L, loves occupational therapy with a passion. First and foremost, her love is for helping others through the power of occupational therapy -- to look at any age and any problem, break the problem down via functional analysis to find the weakest link, and then help the person. She has worked in adult physical dysfunction in a variety of settings, mostly outpatient, some vocational rehab, small amount of inpatient rehab, and has most recently been working in elementary schools as a school occupational therapy practitioner, although she is slowly transitioning to independent consulting.

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Jane Dressler, JD, OTR/L, practiced psychosocial occupational therapy for 22 years before attending law school and practicing law for six years. Upon returning to the field, she worked as an occupational therapy practitioner at an Ensign Services facility. For the last two and half years she has been an assistant professor and academic fieldwork associate at Dominican University of California.
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Judith Freeman, MA, OTR/L, has been in practice since 1967. For the past 35 years, she has worked in pediatrics, with a focus on early childhood. For the past 15 years, she has further focused on feeding disorders and children who are problem eaters. Freeman continues to treat approximately 25 children per week, ages two months to 10 years, and thus brings current field experience to the practice in this area. Learning from the children and their care givers about the very personal experience of eating has been a fascinating process for her, and this is one of the things she shares with other practitioners.
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Janet Garrett

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Ginny Gibson, OTD, OTR/L, CHT, is an occupational therapy practitioner at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland and Assistant Professor at Samuel Merritt University. She is also the Director of Camp Winning Hands, a camp for children with congenital upper limb differences.
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Monica Godinez, MA, OTR/L

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Janet S. Gunter, OTD, OTR/L, is the administrator of clinical services at Therapy West, Inc. She oversees the daily operations of Therapy West's three clinical sites by supervising both administrative and therapeutic staff. She is a program development consultant for center-based early intervention groups and preschool enrichment programs, as well as for therapy clinics transitioning to providing services through health insurance models. Gunter received her bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in occupational therapy from University of Southern California. She has worked for more than 18 years as a pediatric occupational therapy practitioner and she has taught courses and hands-on practicum throughout the southern California area on the topics of sensory integration theory and

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intervention, autism spectrum disorders, fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, and medical billing and documentation.

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Juliana Gutiérrez, MA, OTR/L, SWC, is an occupational therapy practitioner with more than 25 years of experience working with the pediatric population with various diagnoses and ages. She received her undergraduate study in Occupational Therapy from the University of Nuestra Señora del Rosario in Bogotá, Colombia, and later completed her master's at the University of Southern California. She has advanced practice in feeding and swallowing. Gutiérrez is also a certified clinician in sensory integration theory, evaluation, and treatment, as well as in the neurodevelopment treatment approach. She currently works as a clinical supervisor at Therapy West, Inc. and has lectured nationally and internationally.

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Briana Harris, MA, OTR/L, earned her post-professional master's degree at the University of Southern California where she is currently pursuing her clinical doctorate of occupational therapy. She completed her undergraduate education at Florida International University with a Bachelor of Science in occupational therapy. Harris has a passion for "living life to the fullest" and empowering those around her to do the same through preferred occupations. She has been in practice for nine years and currently serves the community as a private practitioner, as well as a vendor for Westside Regional Center. She makes it her intention to take a holistic approach with each of her clients and values an interdisciplinary team approach. Harris has a certification in sensory integration and she has recently developed an interest in working with adolescents and adults with sensory processing deficits as an extension of her private practice with pediatric clients and their families.

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Patricia Heeter, MA, OTR, CHT, is the Director of Competency Assessment for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy. Pat directs the development, review and publication of competency assessment products for the Occupational Therapist Registered OTR[®] and Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant COTA[®] including the entry-level certification examinations and related examination preparation tools. Pat has more than 15 years of experience with item writing and examination development. She also has more than 20 years of experience as a clinician, clinical director, and OT/OTA fieldwork supervisor.

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Lisa Hiestand, MS, OTR/L, is presently an acute therapy supervisor at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. She supports occupational therapy, speech language pathology, and pediatrics for the 900+ facility. Hiestand has been active in various professional and community organizations over her 20 years of professional practice. She has held the position of treasurer of OTAC, director of the Los Angeles Occupational Therapy Leadership Forum, co-chaired the Occupational Therapy Practice Issues Forum, as well as being actively involved in local community organizations. In 2013, she received the OTAC Award of Appreciation for her contributions to the Association and the profession.

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Sarah Hui, OTD, OTR/L, works with at-risk, economically disadvantaged youth in a community-based mental health setting in Los Angeles County. She completed her master's and her doctorate in occupational therapy at the University of Southern California in 2013 and 2014, respectively. Hui is committed to broadening the role of occupational therapy in mental health and primary care settings in order to provide integrated, client-centered services.

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Michael K. Iwama, PhD, OT (C), is an innovative thinker and internationally known champion of culturally relevant occupational therapy. He created the conceptual Kawa Model, which has been incorporated into occupational therapy curricula and clinical settings worldwide. Iwama has held academic appointments at the University of Toronto, Dalhousie University, and the University of British Columbia in Canada and at Kibi International University in Japan, and holds honorary appointments in Australia, the United Kingdom and Malaysia. He is the author of numerous peer-reviewed journals as well as five books on rehabilitation sciences. Iwama has doctoral degrees in medical and cultural anthropology and in sociology, a master's degree in rehabilitation sciences and bachelor's degrees in occupational therapy and human performance.

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Jean Jackson, MA, CCC-SLP, is a speech-language pathologist and a regional director for EBS Healthcare. In that capacity, she supports practitioners in the schools through collaboration, training, and mentoring. Jackson has supported and supervised student practitioners, as well as clinical fellows and professionals. She has also taught undergraduate and graduate courses pertaining to caseload management, special education law, and collaboration.

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Cindy Jaeger, OTR, SWC, has worked as an occupational therapy practitioner for almost 25 years. During that time, she has seen many changes in how occupational therapy services are delivered. Currently, as the inpatient manager of the acute care services and acute rehab unit at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, one of the primary challenges has been to develop and provide occupational therapy services in a rapidly changing environment. It is an ongoing campaign to increase the visibility of occupational therapy services, as well as educate others about the unique contributions occupational therapy can make as part of the interdisciplinary team. As we move forward with ever shrinking resources, it will be even more critical to define the role of occupational therapy, and promote evidence-based practice.

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Joselynn Jaques, M.Sc., S-LP, CCC, is a certified/licensed S-LP with more than 20 years of diverse clinical and supervisory experience in numerous multi-disciplinary teams including occupational therapists. Jacques is known as an innovative, energetic, and expert team player who has improved service delivery and grown businesses in Canada and the US.

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Heather Javaherian-Dysinger, OTD, OTR/L, has been practicing in occupational therapy for more than 15 years. In 2004 she received her doctorate in occupational therapy from Creighton University. She is currently an associate professor and program director of the Masters of Occupational Therapy Program at Loma Linda University. Her teaching emphasis involves research, pedagogy, program development, domestic violence, and end of life care.

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Melissa Jazmines-Broersma, MS, OTR/L, began her career as an occupational therapy practitioner five years ago after graduating from the MSOT program at California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH). Following graduation, she worked in a variety of settings including, hand therapy, skilled nursing facilities, home health, and inpatient acute care. She is currently working as fieldwork faculty at CSUDH, MSOT program. Her accomplishments include speaking at AOTA 2009 for a qualitative research paper entitled, *Enablers that Assist People who are Visually Impaired in the Occupation of Work* and a published Abstract. For the past four years, she has been a member of OTAC's Region 2 Advocacy Government Affairs Committee. She is the fifth occupational therapy practitioner in her family and in her spare time enjoys all things crafty including sewing, knitting, weaving, and baking.

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Katie Jordan, OTD, OTR/L, is the associate chair of occupational therapy clinical services for the University of Southern California. She is the compliance liaison for the Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy and directs both occupational and speech therapy in nine different inpatient and outpatient sites of service across the spectrum of care from health promotion/prevention to acute rehabilitation to palliative care. Jordan also serves as the AOTA Alternative Representative to the American Medical Association Health Care Professionals Advisory Committee on the Relative Value Update Committee.

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Ronna Joseph, OTR/L, has been an occupational therapy practitioner since 1980; she is a graduate of Temple University. Joseph began her career with California Children’s Services (CCS) as a staff therapist where she practiced for eight years. Her passion for working with children who are non-verbal in augmentative alternative communication access and strategies led her to developing a specialist position for CCS in 1988. She was AAC specialist for CCS from 1988-1996, which included collaboration with Rancho Los Amigos on national grant projects, and numerous national and international conference presentations. Joseph has worked for Los Angeles Unified School District since 1996 in the start up of the Assistive Technology Augmentative Alternative Communication Program to currently as clinical advising therapist for assistive technology. She continues to find joy working with students, families, and staff to find solutions in “bridging the gap” in access to curriculum and communication, utilizing the tools in the ever changing field of assistive technology.

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Jessica Kersey, MS, OTR/L, has been working as an occupational therapy practitioner in acute rehabilitation since graduating from the University of Florida in 2009. She has a special interest in stroke and brain injury rehabilitation with adults and is currently pursuing advanced practice in physical agent modalities and neuro-developmental treatment. Kersey is the current chair of OTAC’s Professional Development and Leadership Committee, working to provide access to quality education and development opportunities for occupational therapy practitioners throughout California. She is currently conducting a small research study investigating community reintegration following traumatic brain injury.

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Christie Kiley, MA, OTR/L, is a pediatric occupational therapy practitioner with experience working in early intervention, clinic-based, and school-based settings. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology with a minor in Education from the University of California, Los Angeles, as well as a Master of Arts in Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy from the University of Southern California. Kiley is passionate about helping children reach their potential while empathetically supporting, educating, and empowering the adults in their lives. She is privileged to author the blog MamaOT.com, where she shares tips and tricks for those who care for children.

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Heather Kitching, OTD, OTR/L, practices occupational therapy at Keck Medical Center of USC in Los Angeles, California. She has more than 20 years experience in acute rehabilitation and, more recently, acute medical-surgical care. Her current program development interests include wellness programming to facilitate tolerance of prolonged hospitalization related to pre- and post-organ transplant as well as stem cell transplantation. She is exploring occupation as a method of coping, relaxation, and a sense of personal efficacy. Kitching completed her clinical doctorate degree at the University of Southern California and has experience both in teaching and volunteer leadership within the profession.

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Stephanie Kokesh, OTD, OTR/L, is currently employed with Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, as an OT II in Acute Care. Hailing from the Midwest, she received her OTD from Creighton University in Omaha, NE. Her interests lie in the areas of physical disabilities, occupational therapy and sexual health, occupational therapy process improvement, and research/academics.

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Julie B. Kornbluth, MA, OTR/L, is a regional occupational therapy director for EBS Healthcare. Her responsibilities include being a lead occupational therapy practitioner in San Diego Unified School District, mentoring and supporting therapists in other districts and early intervention programs throughout the nation. Kornbluth is responsible for recruitment, training and program development, and she is actively involved in EBS United leading therapy groups internationally. She has volunteered and worked in multiple countries independently. She has also presented at local, state, and national conferences on school-based and cultural competency topics.

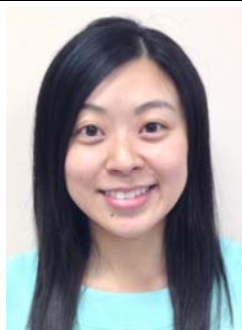
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Suzanne Lai, OTD, OTR/L, received her clinical doctoral degree in Occupational Therapy from the University of Southern California in December 2009. She has been working as an occupational therapy practitioner for the stroke continuum of care at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. Through her work, Lai has developed advanced clinical skills in addressing movement limitations secondary to stroke, including decreased motor control, sensory dysfunction, strength, range of motion, and spasticity. She also serves as a volunteer clinical faculty member for the University of Southern California, Division of Occupational Therapy.

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Tiffany Lam, OTD, OTR/L, earned her OTD and master's in occupational therapy from University of Southern California with an emphasis on studying and developing an inpatient fall prevention program for patients with stroke in an inpatient setting. Lam has been instrumental in developing the fall prevention program at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center (RLANRC), where she currently works. She currently leads fall safety education classes for patients once a week and adapted yoga for fall prevention twice a week at RLANRC.

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Amy Lamb, OTD, OTR/L, is the vice president of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), program director of Eastern Michigan University's Occupational Therapy program, and owner of AJ Lamb Consulting. She is the immediate past chair of the American Occupational Therapy Political Action Committee. Lamb brings with her the valuable combination of clinical practice as a registered occupational therapy practitioner combined with health care policy experience at the state and federal levels. Her expertise includes health policy, prevention and wellness, and occupational therapy as a career. Her clinical practice spans from private practice, school-based pediatrics, acute care, and elders. Prior to her current position she was an outpatient director with Brookdale Senior Living managing the outpatient therapy clinics, home health rehabilitation services, and hospice services in assisted living and independent living communities in the Denver, CO area. In her volunteer leadership positions, Lamb is part of the team that helps occupational therapy professionals understand the policy agenda of the AOTA and the role they as health care professionals play in advocacy; she organizes the grassroots, educates others on issues, and spends time on the hill with members of Congress to meet the needs of the Association. She is integral in articulating the distinct value of occupational therapy in traditional and emerging areas of practice including primary care and wellness initiatives.

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Jana LaMarca, OTD, OTR/L

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David Leary, PhD, OTR/L, has had a wide variety of “lived” career experiences in many facets of occupational therapy practice, including receipt of his PhD in Occupational Science from the University of Southern California. He has ultimately found his way back to direct patient care, presently as a clinical occupational therapist III at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. He is passionate about supporting and mentoring other practitioners and clinicians, as well as supporting the occupational therapy student fieldwork program.

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Natalie E. Leland, PHD, OTR/L, FAOTA, (Co-Principal Investigator) is a nationally recognized researcher in gerontology with a focus on improving post-acute care services for older adults. She has extensive geriatric clinical experience in a variety of rehabilitation settings and has joint faculty appointments in the University of Southern California’s Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy (OSOT) and the USC Davis School of Gerontology. Leland holds leadership positions both within occupational therapy and within the broader discipline of gerontology. She is a past president of the Rhode Island Occupational Therapy Association, served on the Board for Advanced and Specialty Certification (BASC) for the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), and is on the Education Committee for the Gerontological Society of America (GSA). Leland has received international attention for her work on falls among new-admitted nursing home patients. She is an expert in the use of large, administrative datasets, longitudinal data analysis, and geographic variation in rehabilitation services. Her recent scholarship includes the recent AOTA Clinical Guidelines for productive aging and trends in access and outcomes of post-acute care for patients’ post-hip fracture. Her research shows an ongoing commitment to understanding and improving rehabilitation quality for older adults, with a particular interest in improving fall prevention. Leland is an expert in evaluating the impact of services on quality of care for older adults.

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Aimee Levine-Dickman, MA, OTR/L, SEP, is an Occupational Therapist (OT II) for the Adult Acute inpatient unit at the Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital - UCLA. During her first 2 years at UCLA she co-created the Trauma Informed Care Sensory Program for the adult units. Aimee received her Occupational Therapy BS and MA degrees from USC in 2006. Her OT work is influenced not only by her degrees, but also by the experiences she had as a professional Broadway dancer with the American Musical Theater. Prior to starting her career in OT, Aimee worked in the Los Angeles area with private clients to improve their health and wellbeing through the practices of Soma Neuromuscular Integration and Hatha Yoga. In 2012 she received her Somatic Experiencing® Practitioner certification (SEP); a therapeutic work designed to heal trauma without re-traumatizing the client. She loves to travel and is thrilled to travel nationally and internationally to present on sensory and trauma informed care. She lives in Santa Monica, CA with her husband Bob and daughter Rylie.

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Connie Lillas, PN, MFT, PhD

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Stacey M. Lopez OTD, MA, OTR/L

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Sophia Lin Magaña, OTD, OTR/L, completed her undergraduate studies at the University of California, Davis, where she received a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science and a minor in Psychology. She received both her Master of Arts and Doctorate of Occupational Therapy at the University of Southern California. She was inspired by her fieldwork experience in Ghana, West Africa during her master's studies. Her doctoral project focused on the development of a training program for caregivers in an orphanage for children with special needs in China. International work as well as learning and expanding her knowledge about different cultures have been a significant interest of her's since. Magaña has also made several trips to Ghana, West Africa as a fieldwork educator for occupational therapy interns, treated children at a school for children with special needs, and guest lectured at a local university while helping to collaborate with community-based rehabilitation workers in Ghana. She made her sixth trip to Ghana in March 2014 and continues to learn each time she goes. All of her experiences abroad and domestically have helped her to better understand the importance of cultural contexts and how they impact and connect with the importance of occupation not only to the individual but also to the society. Magaña currently works at Therapy West, Inc. as a supervisor and program administrator for the

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center-based early intervention program TWISPP, where she treats clients with a diverse pediatric population and varying ages. She also provides occupational therapy in a variety of settings such as early intervention group, school-based setting, sensory integration clinic based setting, and social skills group.

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Laura Mah, OTAS, is attending the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at Sacramento City College. After attending her first OTAC conference, she decided to take a more active role in her soon to be profession. Laura is a delegate for her school on the OTAC Student Leadership Committee and has been awarded a traineeship from the California Foundation of Occupational Therapy. Prior to her interest in occupational therapy, Laura had a successful career in Information Technology, working for corporations such as Oracle and IBM. She has a fine art photography business with photographs in corporate collections such as Kaiser Permanente and the UC Davis Medical Center. Laura holds a BA in Applied Mathematics from the University of California and a MS in Business Administration from the California State University, East Bay.

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Zoe Mailloux, OTD, OTR/L, FAOTA, is nationally and internationally recognized for her expertise in child development, sensory integration, autism, test development and occupational therapy. With more than 35 years of experience, she has been a champion for increasing understanding of individual differences, with the aim of enhancing participation in meaningful ways, for people of all abilities. As research assistant to Dr. A. Jean Ayres, the originator of sensory integration theory, Mailloux began her career with a dedication to recognizing the importance of early sensory and motor experiences on learning and behavior. As an executive director in non-profit therapy practices for more than 30 years, Mailloux has been known for developing innovative programs to support children and families. She also has an impressive record of research and scholarship, with more than 30 published journal articles and textbook chapters and more than 500 presentations at workshops and conferences, worldwide. As a consultant in program development and program evaluation, her passion is to share her knowledge and expertise about the importance of sensory experiences in every day life. She currently partners with individuals, programs, corporations and organizations on projects aimed at increasing understanding of and support for the sensory needs of all individuals.

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Diane Mayfield, EdD, OTR/L, started her occupational therapy career after graduation from San Jose State University where she received her Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy. She went on to obtain her Master of Arts in Occupational Therapy and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Southern California. She has been an occupational therapy practitioner for more than 20 years and has practiced in a wide variety of settings including physical rehabilitation, hand therapy, home health and psychiatric facilities. Mayfield has taught occupational therapy and has been the academic fieldwork coordinator at Santa Ana Community College-OTA Program and presently at CSUDH-MSOT Program. Her other accomplishments include: received the CFOT Humanitarian of the Year (2013), co-authored *Documentation: Integrating documentation throughout program curriculum*; developed a home modification brochure for Home Depot; developed an occupational therapy partnership with Rebuilding Together of Orange County; and co-founded of Access Life International (NPO).

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Sabrena McCarley, MBA-SL, OTR/L, is currently employed as a director of clinical services with Hallmark Rehabilitation and is responsible for practitioner mentoring, training, program development, continuing education development, quality assurance, and regulatory support for more than 100 facilities in California/Nevada and Arizona. McCarley is also co-chair of the OTAC Advocacy and Government Affairs Committee.

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Guy McCormack, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, received his Doctorate of Philosophy in Human Science from Saybrook University, his Master of Science from Ohio State University, and his Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy from the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA. McCormack has taught courses in occupational therapy at four different universities for more than 30 years, he has published extensively in peer review journals and texts, and has presented numerous papers at OTAC, American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), and the World Federation of Occupational Therapy. McCormack has presented more than 60 professional papers at state and national conferences. He has published 22 journal articles, written 24 chapters in occupational therapy books and eight instructional videos, authored two books, and has been the lead editor of the AOTA *OT Manager* text. He has received awards for service and scholarship. He is currently conducting research on Neurofeedback Training for Children with Autism and Computer-Assisted Cognitive Remediation for Older Adults. In the past three years he has been

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studying the neuroscience implications of neuroplasticity as an underlying mechanism of occupational performance. McCormack has also served as co-chair of OTAC Advocacy and Government Affairs Committee, and is currently vice president on OTAC Board of Directors.

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Ann E. McDonald, PhD, OTR/L, began her career in special education with a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Arizona State University. She completed her Master of Arts in Occupational Therapy in 1987 and her Doctor of Philosophy in Occupational Science in 2001, both from the University of Southern California. Her work with infants, children and adolescents spans diverse settings including: UCLA/Neuropsychiatric Hospital, Children’s Hospital, Los Angeles, school districts, private practice clinics, and in-home. McDonald has published in the *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, *Occupational Therapy in Health Care Journal* as well as *Occupational Therapy in Mental Health* text book. She has lectured in occupational therapy at the local and state levels as well as nationally and internationally. Her leisure pursuits include traveling to other countries to better understand cultural influences on child development and occupation.

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Christina A. Metzler

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Julie Miller, MOT, OTR/L, SWC, is the head of occupational therapy and coordinator of the interdisciplinary feeding team at Professional Child Development Associates. She earned her Master’s of Occupational Therapy at Chatham University where she also completed her undergraduate work. Miller specializes in treating children who have feeding challenges and limited diets with a special interest in autism, sensory integration, and social emotional development. She has her advanced practice in Swallowing Assessment, Evaluation, and Intervention from the California Board of Occupational Therapy and is progressing towards DIR® certification through ICDL. Julie is an internationally known speaker, consultant, and published author.

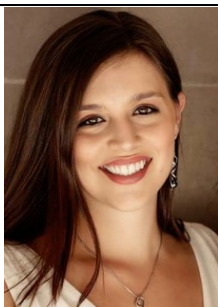
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Tessa Milman, OTD, OTR/L, teaches courses in the University of Southern California (USC) Division of Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy's undergraduate and master's programs. In addition, she practices as an occupational therapist at Homes for Life, which provides permanent, supported housing for individuals labeled with mental illness. She was previously a postdoctoral research associate on the Autism in Urban Context study at USC, a federally-funded ethnographic research study exploring the experiences of African American families with children with autism. Before returning to USC, Milman was a practicing occupational therapist at the Violence Intervention Program, a private-public partnership with LAC+USC Medical Center to prevent, evaluate, and treat survivors of violence. She also worked at The Santana House Youth Action Center (within VIP) to create and implement college awareness, college preparation and youth leadership programming at the Youth Center and at El Sereno Middle School. Milman holds her Doctorate of Occupational Therapy and Master of Arts in Occupational Therapy, both from USC. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Smith College.

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Marisa Moore, MS, OTR/L, works at Stanford Hospital and clinics in psychiatry, physical disabilities, and with the Stanford Comprehensive Interdisciplinary Pain Program. She focuses on integrating psychosocial aspects of occupational therapy services with a variety of populations via groups and one on one treatments. Moore also utilizes a variety of different assessments and treatment approaches for comprehensive care with interdisciplinary teams.

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Patricia S. Nagaishi, PhD, OTR/L, has more than 30 years of experience as an occupational therapy practitioner with expertise in early intervention (birth to five), evaluation, and assessment of young children, autism spectrum disorder and developmental disabilities, sensory processing / self-regulation, and infant and early childhood mental health. She has worked in medical and community-based settings, and also has extensive knowledge of interdisciplinary assessment and training; evidence-based interventions; and the laws/regulations affecting occupational therapy practice in the California systems serving children and youth. Currently, Nagaishi is in school-based practice as an occupational therapy specialist on the Preschool Assessment Team with the Pasadena Unified School District. Among her previous roles, she was an occupational therapy consultant with the South Central Los Angeles Regional Center for many years, and has also served on the faculty with the Occupational Therapy Program at California State University, Dominguez Hills. Nagaishi is the President of the Occupational Therapy Association of

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California and chairs the Autism Subcommittee of the OTAC Practice, Ethics and Reimbursement Committee, which reviews and monitors legislation and regulations related to autism issues and services; their impact on occupational therapy practice; and makes recommendations for OTAC positions and actions in education and advocacy activities to ensure individuals with autism and their families have access to occupational therapy services and that OT practitioners are reimbursed by funding sources and payers.



Bonnie Nakasuji, OTD, OTR/L, C/NDT, focused her doctoral project on education as a means to improve disability awareness in Ghana, West Africa. She began taking Fieldwork Level 1 occupational therapy students from the University of Southern California (USC) to Ghana every year in 2005 for a two week pediatric experience serving a boarding school (Mephibosheth Training Center) for children with disabilities. In 2013, the Ghana opportunity changed to a “leadership externship” focused on providing opportunities for the students to engage in leadership activities. Nakasuji has been a guest lecturer at the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) or the University of Ghana every year since 2005 on topics such as “What is Occupational Therapy?,” “Gross and Fine Motor Development,” “Visual Motor Development,” “Autism,” and “Disability Rights and Advocacy,” and also has coordinated collaborative learning exchanges with the USC occupational therapy students and community-based rehabilitation students at the UEW annually since 2007. As the coordinator of both the Level 1 Fieldwork and Leadership Externship in Ghana for the 232 students who have participated so far in the USC learning programs in Ghana, she is particularly interested in understanding the cultural barriers and cultural opportunities that impact effective collaboration and learning between professionals of African and Western cultures.

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Phuong Nguyen, OTD, OTR/L, CLT, is currently an assistant professor of clinical occupational therapy at the University of Southern California (USC), providing direct patient care at Keck Medical Center of USC and teaching in the academic division. Nguyen has dedicated her energies to expanding the role of occupational therapy in the acute care setting, and in particular for patient populations experiencing critical illness. She was recently appointed assistant director of clinical occupational therapy services to support and expand the clinical arm of occupational therapy within the USC Healthcare System.

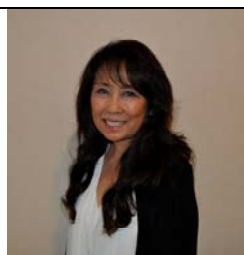
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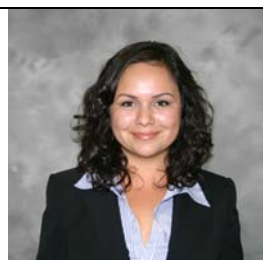
Patricia Novak, MPH, RD, CLC, has more than 30 years of experience working with children with developmental disabilities and chronic illness. At PCDA, she is part of the interdisciplinary feeding team, co-director of the F3 weight control program, and provides nutrition assessment and consultation. Novak received her bachelor's in Home Economics (yes, home ec!) from Humboldt State University and her Masters in Public Health in Nutrition at UCLA. She completed her dietetic internship at the University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at Children's Hospital Los Angeles and a fellowship at UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute. Her work experience has included a variety of settings; hospital, community clinics, schools and agency consultation. Novak's focus has consistently been on supporting the eating experience, providing intervention for all ages, from infants in the NICU and early intervention programs through treating teenage eating disorders.

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Sandra Okada OTR/L, MSC, CDRS, is the director of the Occupational Therapy Driver Rehabilitation Program at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center/Rancho Research Institute, Inc. She has 34 years of experience in the field of occupational therapy with the last 18 years in the field of driver rehabilitation. Okada is an occupational therapy practitioner, a gerontologist, and a Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist. She is currently the president of the California chapter of The Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists.

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Jazminne Orozco, OTD, OTR/L, has provided community-based mental health services to children and families living in the south central area of Los Angeles during the last two years of her career. She has recently joined the clinical faculty at the University of Southern California (USC) where she has been appointed to USC's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) to provide mental health services to children and families focusing on wellness and healthy lifestyle.

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Jean Pacifico-Banta, OTR/L, has been an occupational therapy practitioner for more than 14 years and has practiced in the areas of early intervention and school-based practice. Presently, Pacifico-Banta works for the Los Angeles Unified School District as a senior occupational therapist. In addition to her supervisory role, she supports program development for students with moderate to severe disabilities. This has been an area of focus for Pacifico-Banta both in her current position and past professional endeavors. She received her undergraduate degree in Psychology from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and her master's and clinical doctorate in Occupational Therapy from the University of Southern California.

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Karen Park, OTD, OTR/L, SWC, CLE, earned a bachelor's in Human Development from the University of California, San Diego and master's and doctorate degrees in Occupational Therapy from the University of Southern California. She has extensive experience in pediatric practice for the past 13 years in feeding and swallowing, sensory integration, and early intervention within clinic, home, and school settings. She holds a certification in the SIPT and Advanced Practice in swallowing assessment, evaluation and intervention (SWC) in the state of California. Park is a clinical instructor and the academic coordinator of fieldwork education for pediatrics in the Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy at the University of Southern California (USC). She currently teaches in the pediatric immersion curriculum within the Division at USC and has given guest lectures on topics related to the challenges with maintaining healthy weight in the pediatric population of clients with special needs as well as pediatric wellness.

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Dana Patikamanant, MA, OTR/L, currently works as an occupational therapy practitioner at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in the neuro-rehabilitation system of care. She works primarily with stroke survivors across the care continuum (inpatient and outpatient). Patikamanant is actively involved in various program development projects including developing education modules to address stroke risk factors and stroke prevention strategies. She is also active in community activities serving various positions in the annual Stroke and Wellness Fair sponsored within Rancho.

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Shawn Phipps, PhD, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA, is the Chief Quality Officer and Associate Hospital Administrator at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. Dr. Phipps is responsible for strategic planning, quality improvement, directing the implementation of key hospital-wide strategic initiatives, leadership development, driving the development of effective and efficient systems of patient-centered care across the continuum, and engaging all levels of the organization in creating a culture and commitment to quality improvement and innovation. He oversees the hospital's accreditation programs with The Joint Commission (TJC) and the Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), and provides oversight of the Quality Resource Management Department, the Infection Control Department, and the Risk Management Department.

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Dr. Phipps also served as an Occupational Therapy Supervisor and Clinical Specialist at Rancho from 1998 – 2008. From 2008 – 2011, Dr. Phipps served as a Therapy Manager at California Children’s Services in the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, where he managed a staff of therapists, therapy assistants, and support staff in medical therapy units throughout Los Angeles County. Dr. Phipps also co-developed a leadership development program, lead the strategic planning process, and the execution of key strategic initiatives.

Dr. Phipps completed his PhD in Healthcare Administration with a focus on healthcare leadership, management, strategic planning, and the utilization of research methodologies to measure organizational performance and patient outcomes.

Dr. Phipps has also served two consecutive elected terms as the President of the Occupational Therapy Association of California (2008 – 2012), was inducted as a Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association (2011), has published and presented extensively around the world, has been the recipient of several awards and achievements, and was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Occupational Therapy Association (2012 – 2015).

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Whitney Pike, OTR/L, CLT, has been an occupational therapy practitioner for 20 years. For the past 16 years, she has worked at Keck Hospital of USC. Her areas of practice have focused on acute care and acute rehabilitation. She has previously presented at the OTAC Annual Conference on occupational therapy’s role in lung transplantation and mechanical circulatory support.

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Deborah Pitts, PhD, OTR/L, BCMH, CPRP, is an assistant professor with the University of Southern California’s Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy. She has developed an expertise in the philosophy and practice of psychiatric rehabilitation. She weaves her expertise in the area of schizophrenia, psychosocial rehabilitation, and community support programs into her interest in how occupation influences the “lived experience” of recovery for persons labeled with psychiatric disabilities. Pitts has provided consultation to local and statewide providers of community-based psychiatric rehabilitation services in California. She has conducted numerous workshops and published in the occupational therapy, psychiatric rehabilitation, and mental health literature on these topics as well. She has chaired or served on several American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) committees, including

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the Mental Health Special Interest Section (MHSIS), the Board Certification in Mental Health workgroup, and ad hoc work groups focused on the mental health practice issues. She currently serves as the AOTA representative to the WFOT's Mental Health Special Interest Group, and she chairs the OTAC Ad Hoc Committee on OTs as LMHPs. She was the 2011 recipient of the Occupational Therapy Association of California's Practice Award in acknowledgement of her long standing commitment to advocating for the role of occupational therapy in mental health.

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Samia Rafeedie, OTD, OTR/L, CBIS, is an occupational therapist and assistant professor of clinical OT in the Division of OS & OT at USC. She has been on faculty since 2008 and is responsible for teaching the Adult Physical Rehabilitation Immersion, as well as the Kinesiology course. Samia completed her clinical doctorate in 2006 and focused on adult learning styles and pedagogy as a capstone experience and went on to teach at The Ohio State University and Towson University prior to returning to Los Angeles. Her primary practice area has been with adults in physical rehabilitation settings, as well as the older adult populations in extended care facilities and skilled nursing facilities. She uses humor and compassion as therapeutic tools to connect with her clients and students alike. Samia considers herself a generalist practitioner with a passion for developing occupation-centered experiences for her clients and has had her certified brain injury specialist certification since 2008.

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Chantelle Rice, CDE, OTD, OTR/L, is the director of the University of Southern California Occupational Therapy Faculty Practice where she also sees patients in the Lifestyle Redesign® programs, including weight management, diabetes, college students, health coaching, and pain and headache management. Having witnessed firsthand the power of lifestyle change, Rice believes in prevention and management of chronic conditions, and her clients exemplify the way wellness approaches to health can increase the quality of everyday life. She recently became a Certified Diabetes Educator® (CDE®) and frequently presents at both the state and national levels on occupational therapy's role in diabetes management.

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Jessica Richman, OTD, OTR/L, currently works with at-risk, economically disadvantaged youth in a community-based mental health setting in Los Angeles County. She works with transition age youth in a full service partnership model, providing individual and group therapy services. Richman completed both her master's and doctorate in occupational therapy at the University of Southern California in 2013 and 2014, respectively. Although mental health is her passion, she enjoys working in pediatrics as well.

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Tammy Richmond, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA, is an Occupational Therapist and Exercise Physiologist with an extensive clinical background in rehabilitation, wellness, management, and technology. She is the CEO and founder of Go 2 Care, Inc, an online telehealth company that provides education, consultation and virtual physical and occupational therapy services. She serves on the Telehealth Ad Hoc Committee for American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), and is Vice President of the Telerehab Special Interest Group for the American Telemedicine Association (ATA). Tammy has authored multiple publications and lectures on various aspects of clinical practice, management and telehealth.

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Caryn Roach, MA, OTR/L, graduated from the University of Southern California's Occupational Therapy program in August 2013 with her master's and in August 2014 with an OTD. She recently completed her OTD residency at Keck Hospital of the University of Southern California (USC) and USC Norris Cancer Hospital, focusing on the adolescent and young adult oncology population. She has previous clinical experience in outpatient mental health at APAIT Health Center; sensory integration and early intervention at Therapy West, Inc., and pLay Studio; inpatient adult mental health at Maui Memorial Medical Center; hand rehabilitation at California Hand Therapy; and inpatient acute rehabilitation at Keck Hospital of USC. Roach was co-president of the Alpha Eta Chapter of Pi Theta Epsilon from 2012-2013 where she helped organize events such as the OT/PT Forum, mentor/mentee program, and Occupational Therapy Extravaganza. She continues to focus on the oncology population and extends her commitment to fighting cancer through organizations such as Concern Foundation, First Descents, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team In Training, and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

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Pamela Roberts, PhD, MSHA, OTR/L, SCFES, CPHQ, FAOTA, is the manager of rehabilitation and neuropsychology at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA. She has worked throughout the continuum of care as a clinician, administrator, educator, and researcher, and has been instrumental in the development and implementation of system changes as well as rehabilitation programs across the continuum of care within large academic medical centers. She also teaches at the University of Southern California, and guest lectures at other local universities. Roberts is a national FIM trainer and consultant for Uniform Data System in Buffalo, NY, and a CARF surveyor for CARF (Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities). She is involved in the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, American Occupational Therapy Association, National Quality Forum-Membership Partnership for Post Acute Care/Long Term Care quality measures and All-Cause Admissions and Readmissions Steering Committee, past chair of the California Hospital Association Center for Medical Rehabilitation Services, and currently serves on the California Hospital Association Post Acute Care board. Roberts has served as principal and co-investigator on a variety of research projects and has provided a variety of workshops and consultations on rehabilitation and health services research topics regionally, nationally, and internationally.
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Bryan Saavedra, OTR/L, has been an occupational therapy practitioner for more than 16 years. After earning his bachelor's in Occupational Therapy in 1998, he immediately began working as an occupational therapy practitioner in an orphanage in the Philippines providing services to children with mild to moderate to severe disabilities. He received his ATP (Assistive Technology Professional) certification from RESNA (Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America) in 2001 and focused more on specializing in assistive technology solutions and augmentative and alternative communication access. Saavedra has worked for the Los Angeles Unified School District since 2003 starting with the Assistive Technology/Augmentative Alternative Communication Program conducting OT/AT assessments, consultations and services, as well as training and conducting presentations to district staff. He is currently a clinical advising therapist for assistive technology providing support to staff, and services to children with special needs.
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Arezou Salamat, OTD, MOT, OTR/L, is an assistant professor at Loma Linda University (LLU), Department of Occupational Therapy. Her emphasis is in working with young children and their families in the areas of sensory processing, school-based services, and infant mental health. Through the LLU Department of Occupational Therapy, Salamat currently works in the Countywide Screening, Assessment, Referral and Treatment (SART) program and providing occupational therapy services for infants and young children who experienced maltreatment or prenatal exposure to narcotics and alcohol. She is certified in theory and intervention in utilizing sensory integration as well as administration and interpretation of the Sensory Integration and Praxis Test. She is certified in infant massage and has extensive training in infant neurodevelopmental treatment. Salamat believes in empowering caregivers and identifying strategies to support meaningful relationships through community integrations and active participation in daily routines to promote overall health and well-being of a child and community inclusion.

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Gayle San Marco, OTR/L, CDRS, is the coordinator of the Driver Preparation Program at Northridge Hospital Medical Center and has been working in the field of driver rehabilitation for more than 20 years. She has made local and national presentations in the area of driver rehabilitation and the medically at-risk driver. San Marco is the current chair of the OTAC Ad Hoc Committee on Driver Rehabilitation. In this capacity she supports the role of OTAC in promoting the emerging practice area of driver rehab and participated in California's Strategic Highway Safety Program in cooperation with the DMV, CHP and various agencies involved with driver safety for our maturing population.

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Jennifer Sato, MA, OTR/L, has been employed as an occupational therapy practitioner with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) since 1999. Currently, she is a senior school therapist with LAUSD. Sato was a grant recipient of the University of Southern California School-Based Occupational Therapy Training Project and graduated from the University of Southern California in 1999, and in 2002 she received SIPT certification. Prior to becoming a senior school therapist, she was assigned to one of the Integrated Comprehensive Autism Programs (ICAP), provided clinic-based services in one of the District's sensory integration therapy rooms, and was part of the preschool assessment teams.

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Winifred Schultz-Krohn, PhD, OTR/L, BCP, SWC, FAOTA, has more than 30 years of experience as an occupational therapy practitioner working with individuals, primarily infants and children, with feeding disorders. She is Board Certified in Pediatrics by the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) and has advanced practice in swallowing by the California Board of Occupational Therapy. She served on the Pediatric Panel of AOTA for Board Certification in Pediatrics for several years and currently is a member of the AOTA Commission of Continuing Competence and Professional Development (CCCPD). Schult-Krohn has also served as a member of the ASPIIRE (Association of Service Providers Implementing IDEA Reforms) cadre of AOTA disseminating information about revisions to the federal law related to early intervention and school based practice: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). She is a professor of occupational therapy at San Jose State University where she teaches courses in pediatrics, neuro-rehabilitation, and research methods. Her 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 continues to practice in pediatric occupational therapy on a part-time basis at a non-profit clinic where she sees infants and children with feeding disorders and provides services at a family homeless shelter on a pro bono basis every summer. Schultz-Krohn is the co-editor of the 6th and 7th Edition of Pedretti's *Occupational Therapy: Practice Skills for Physical Dysfunction* textbook in addition to authoring well over 20 articles and chapters. She serves on the editorial board of the *Occupational Therapy Journal of Research* and the *Journal of Occupational Therapy in Early Intervention and Schools*. She is also a past recipient of two OTAC awards: Award of Excellence and the OT Practice Award.

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Kathleen Shanfield, OTR/L, MS, has been an occupational therapy practitioner for more than 30 years, and has worked primarily with assistive technology with a variety of populations and settings. She currently works at the Center for Rehabilitation Technology (CART) at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in Downey, CA. She also teaches the assistive technology (AT) course for occupational therapy students at California State University, Dominguez Hills. Shanfield advocates for keeping AT simple, yet effective, and accessible and available to everyone.

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Jerilyn (Gigi) Smith, PhD, OTR/L, SWC, has more than 25 years of experience as an occupational therapy practitioner working with individuals, primarily adults, with dysphagia. She has advanced practice 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 assistant professor of occupational therapy at San Jose State University, she teaches courses in physical disabilities, including adult dysphagia, multicultural healthcare, and independent living skills. Smith continues to practice clinically and is currently working with infants and children with various developmental delays and feeding issues. She is also co-chair of the OTAC Student Leadership Committee, and has served the association in many other roles.

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Jennifer Snyder, MPH, OTAC Lobbyist, is a partner in Capitol Advocacy, LLC, one of Sacramento's premier lobbying firms. She has 20 years of legislative and advocacy experience with an emphasis on health and human services issues in California. She has a bachelor's in political science and a master's in public health administration. Snyder's legislative career was spent in the California State Senate for five years as a legislative consultant specializing in health and education issues. She then served as the legislative director for the California Association of Health Facilities and the California Alliance of Child and Family Services. In 2000, she was hired by the California Hospital Association to spearhead their psychiatric hospital advocacy program. Snyder joined Capitol Advocacy in 2003, and became a partner in 2006. She has since worked with a broad range of clients on a wide array of issues in the legislative, administrative, and regulatory settings.

Session 23 – Friday, October 17, 2014 8:30am – 11:30am

Alexis Sobel, MS, OTR/L, graduated with a master's in occupational therapy from Cal State University, Dominguez Hills and has been practicing occupational therapy for three years. Her experience includes acute care, long-term acute care, and acute inpatient rehab, including Polytrauma and Comprehensive (neurological disorders) within the active duty OIF/OEF soldier/older adult Veteran

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population. Sobel's experience also includes skilled nursing, outpatient for the geriatric population within the independent living community, and outpatient hand therapy. Her current professional interests/goals include neuro-developmental therapy, volunteer occupational therapy services abroad, advocacy and involvement in state and national occupational therapy associations.

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(Student Track)***



Diana Su-Erickson, OTR/L,

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Daniel Swiatek, OTR/L, has 17 years experience as an occupational therapy practitioner. He is a graduate of Creighton University in Omaha, NE and began his career in acute care. He later transitioned into geriatrics, working in both rural home healthcare and in SNF/LTC facilities in the Nebraska, Iowa, and Missouri. Swiatek relocated to California in 2001 to take a position in Los Angeles at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where he worked in the acute and intensive care units. He later joined Hallmark Rehabilitation in Los Angeles and worked as a director of rehabilitation. In 2011 he became a multisite rehab specialist for Hallmark and currently provides clinical and operational support to Hallmark skilled nursing facilities in the Los Angeles area.

Session 80 – Sunday, October 19, 2014 8:30am – 10:00am



Lisa A. Test, OTD, OTR/L, has been an occupational therapy practitioner for more than 25 years. She has advanced training in sensory integration and developmental disabilities. Her focus for the past several years has been in school-based practice where she is currently the coordinating therapist for Los Angeles Unified School District. Test has been extensively involved in the past and current Guidelines for OT and PT in the CA Public Schools.

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Heather Thomas, PhD, OTR/L, is associate professor and curriculum developer at West Coast University in Los Angeles. She has presented on multiple topics for OTAC and AOTA in the past and is currently serving as a California AOTA Regional Representative. She has also held OTAC leadership positions. She continues to practice occupational therapy with adults with physical disabilities, as well as doing research in this area. She is also the author of a top selling activity analysis text book.

***Session 72 – Saturday, October 18, 2014 2:30pm – 5:30pm and
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Gina Tucker-Roghi, MHS, OTR/L, has served geriatric clients throughout her career, and specializes in the needs of persons with cognitive disabilities. As a therapy resource for Ensign Services, she trains therapists in an abilities care approach based on the Cognitive Disabilities Model. Tucker-Roghi is an AOTA certified Fieldwork Educator and has partnered with local universities to provide rich Level II Fieldwork experiences to students in the skilled nursing rehabilitation programs that she supports.

Session 73 – Saturday, October 18, 2014 2:30pm – 5:30pm



Ashley Uyeshiro, OTD, OTR/L, received her Doctorate of Occupational Therapy at the University of Southern California (USC), and completed her residency at the USC Occupational Therapy Faculty Practice doing Lifestyle Redesign® interventions. She is the lead occupational therapy practitioner for the pain management and chronic headache lifestyle programs. Uyeshiro is the occupational therapy representative on both the USC Pain Team and Headache Team. She also works with clients in the weight management and college student populations. As a faculty member at the USC Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, Uyeshiro teaches the Optimal Living with Multiple Sclerosis elective in the OT professional program. She is also a certified pet therapy handler.

Session 86 – Sunday, October 19, 2014 8:30am – 11:30am



Nicolaas van den Heever, OTD, BOT, OTR/L, has spent the last 29 years in health care as a clinician, consultant, rehabilitation director, hospital administrator, and university professor. He has been an international speaker in occupation-based practice, functional vision and cognitive retraining, and return-to-driving. Currently he is the founding dean/program director of the MSOT program at West Coast University, and he previously served on the OTAC Board of Directors. At this year's Conference he is being honored with the OT Practice Award.

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Lisbeth Vega, OTD, OTR/L, is a pediatric occupational therapy practitioner in the Los Angeles Unified School District. She has a diverse background of experience including working in the clinic and home settings for children under the age of three as well as with adults and teenagers with spinal cord injuries. She received her bachelor's in Fine Arts from California State University of Los Angeles to become a graphic designer. After her cousin introduced her to occupational therapy, Vega began volunteering at a sensory clinic in Torrance, CA, where she found her career calling. She went on to obtain her master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Southern California. Very recently she starting bringing gardens to children with special needs in schools.

Session 76 – Saturday, October 18, 2014 2:30pm – 5:30pm



Ana Verran, MA, OTR/L, received a master's in Occupational Therapy from the University of Southern California. She has 36 years of experience as an occupational therapy practitioner. For the past six years she has worked in the California Department of Rehabilitation's Mobility Evaluation Program evaluating the driving potential and assistive technology needs of people with disabilities.

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Nicole Walter, MSOT, OTR/L, is currently employed as an occupational therapy practitioner at Cedars-Sinai. Her professional interests include physical disabilities with emphasis on neurological and vision rehabilitation as well as process improvement on surgical and orthopedic units.

Session 39 – Friday, October 17, 2014 2:00pm – 3:00pm



Jennifer Weaver, MA, OTR/L, is a graduate from the University of Southern California with a Master of Arts in Occupational Therapy. Since graduation, she has worked full time as a primary occupational therapist in acute rehabilitation treating people with traumatic brain injury, CVAs, major multiple trauma, cardiac and pulmonary conditions as well as but not limited to orthopedic conditions. She has also implemented a research study collaborating with West Virginia University investigating community reintegration following a Traumatic Brain Injury. Currently, she is working towards her Certification as a Brain Injury Specialist. She is passionate about occupational therapy and currently serves as OTAC's Student Leadership committee co-chair hoping to inspire more students to become active leaders.

***Session 28 – Friday, October 17, 2014 10:30am – 11:20am
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Myka Winder, OTD, OTR/L, is a clinical faculty member who works in Lifestyle Redesign®. She works with a variety of different populations including college students, chronic pain and headaches, and weight management. In addition to clinical care, Dr. Winder teaches in the Division's occupational therapy graduate professional program as well as in the undergraduate curriculum. She also advises the occupational therapy honors society for graduate students. Dr. Winder greatly enjoys partnering with clients to meet their goals for wellness and lifestyle management.

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Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L, went to occupational therapy school at USC from 2009 to 2011 for his masters. He is currently studying his clinical doctorate degree in OT at USC. Bill is currently serving as the OTD representative at the OT Student Council at USC. He has been a regular participant in #OTalk, #Occhat, and #OTalk2US since January 2012 and has hosted 3 #OTalk's during this span.

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Session 98 – Sunday, October 19, 2014 3:00pm – 4:30pm



Mariko Yamazaki, OTD, OTR/L, earned her Master of Arts and Doctorate of Occupational Therapy at the University of Southern California. She has a passion for exploring cultural dynamics, international work, and occupational justice, which inspired her doctoral capstone project: developing a partnership with community-based rehabilitation workers in Ghanaian villages to support older children with disabilities as they transition from a residential school back to their home villages. Yamazaki's doctoral work helped her to understand the importance of occupation as it relates to social and physical access, roles and routines, and the significance of cultural context. She returned to Ghana for the sixth time in March 2014, where she co-coordinated a two-week leadership externship trip for 32 USC occupational therapy students and 12 practitioners with Dr. Bonnie Nakasuji, OTD, OTR/L. She works full-time at Professional Child Development Associates (PCDA) specializing in Ayres Sensory Integration. She enjoys using this approach along with a DIR/Floortime approach in clinic-based, school-based, and home-based therapy. She is a member of PCDA's Interdisciplinary Feeding Team and Interdisciplinary AAC team. She also works per diem at Keiro Nursing Home, a facility of Keiro Senior HealthCare, the largest healthcare provider serving the Japanese American community with a cultural focus on respecting elders.

Session 24 – Friday, October 17, 2014 8:30am – 11:30am and

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Stephanie Yang, MA, OTR/L, received her graduate degree in occupational therapy from the University of Southern California (USC) and has been working as an occupational therapy practitioner for seven years. She currently works at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in Downey, CA in the outpatient occupational therapy clinic treating a variety of patients with physical disabilities and Lifestyle Redesign® needs.

**Session 51 – Saturday, October 18, 2014 8:30am – 10:00am and
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POSTER PRESENTATIONS

There are two groups. Posters can be viewed on Saturday, October 18, 2014. Group A: 11:30am – 12:30pm and Group B: 1:30pm – 2:30pm in the Exhibit Hall.

A Case Study of the Abilities Care Approach

Gina Tucker-Roghi, MHS, OTR/L

“A Matter of Balance” Program for Older Adults

Kitsum Li, OTD, OTR/L; Adrienne Angeles, OTS; Leslie Hollaway, OTS; Tiffany Lau, OTS; Victoria Reyes, OTS

Assessing Validity of the Preschool Kitchen Task Assessment

Emily Veith Fry, OTS; Hayley Gilligan, OTS; Liza Henty-Clark, OTS; Jennifer Weissensee, OTS

The Bridge/Adapt Program: A Systematic Cognitive Rehabilitation Curriculum

Kitsum Li, OTD, OTR/L; Amy Bennett, OTS; Julie Bergen, OTS; Abigail Lafrenz, OTS; Natalie Repin, OTS

DiversOT: Supporting Diversity in OT Through Mentorship

Alyssa Concha, OTS; Brenda Covarrubias, OTS; Carlos Cruz, OTS; Jesus Diaz, OTD, OTR/L; Michelle Medina, OTD, OTR/L

Driving Stress and Occupational Limitations Among OIF/OEF Returnees

Eric J. Hwang, PhD, OTR/L; Claudia G. Peyton, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA; David K. Kim, MS, OTR/L; Kristine K. Nakama-Sato, MS, OTR/L; Amy E. Noble, MS, OTR/L

Establishing Conditioned Place Preference in Typically Developing Children

Barbara Thompson, PhD; Kelsey Helgesen, OTS; Leah Hiller, OTS; Sandy Takata, OTS

Every Minute Counts: Diabetes Management in Primary Care

Karen Duddy, MHA, OTR/L, OTD (Cand 2015); Jana LaMarca, OTD, OTR/L; Kristin Pressler, MA, OTR/L

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The Evolving Role of OT in a Pediatric MDA Clinic

Janis Kitsuwawa-Lowe, MA, OTR/L

The Fall Risk Evaluation Tool (FRET)

Kitsum Li, OTD, OTR/L; Mikaela Conlon, OTS; Irene Leung, OTS; Desiree Shaver, OTS; Melanie Shea, OTS

Family, Food, Fun: A Recipe for Wellness

Denise Wong Calizar, MA, OTR/L

First-Generation Peer Mentors Experiences

Stacy Frauwirth, MS, OTR/L; Jessica Taylor, OTS; Tiffany Torres, OTS; Cindelle Leyson, OTS

Fundamentals of Vision Rehabilitation

Suzanne Lai, OTD, OTR/L

Goal Attainment Scaling to Measure Sensory Integration Goals

Winifred Schultz-Krohn, PhD, OTR/L, BCP, SWC, FAOTA; Julia Doolittle, BS, OTS; Kathleen Matthews, BS, OTS

Helping Individuals with Disabilities Incorporate Healthier Lifestyle Habits

Michal S. Atkins, MA, OTR/L, PAM, HTC; Alison M. Cogan, MA, OTR/L; Allison Chu, OTD, OTR/L, PAM; Priscilla Park, OTD, OTR/L

Helping Parents of Children with Autism Understand Occupational Therapy

Noelle Bakken, OTS; Kelly Calton, OTS; Molly Hyland, OTS; Shannon Landau, OTS

Inclusion of Superficial Physical Agents in California OT Curriculum

Donna Breger Stanton, OTD, OTR/L, CHT, FAOTA; Ivonne Calle, MOTS; Catherine Cooper, MOTS; Lara Leventhal, MOTS; Irlanea Luna, MOTS; Brent Rohrbach, MOTS

Influence of the Occupational Self Assessment (OSA) on Clinical Practice

Carly R. Cooper, DScOT, OTR/L

Interprofessional Collaboration Between Occupational Therapists and Registered Nurses

Dr. Eira Klich-Heartt, DNP, CNS, CNL; Ruth Ramsey, EdD, OTR/L; Bethany Loy, OTS; Holly Micheff, OTS; Kelly Nguyen, OTS; Vince O'Brien, OTS

Lifestyle Redesign[®] for Young Adults with ADHD: Providing Occupational Therapy Support Services in Higher Education

Carlin Daley, OTD, OTR/L

Making Group Therapy Meaningful for Transition Age Youth

Jessica Richman, OTD, OTR/L

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The Meaning of Leisure Pursuits to Homeless Mothers

*Winifred Schultz-Krohn, PhD, OTR/L, BCP, SWC, FAOTA; Lea Endo, BS, OTS;
Christine Louthan, BS, OTS; Wendy Nicklaus, BS, OTS*

Neurofeedback: A Virtual Context Intervention for Children with Autism

*Guy L. McCormack, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA; Robyn Araujo, MOTS; Veronica Ortega,
MOTS; Maggie Tatevosyan, MOTS; Michael Tsujimoto, MOTS*

Occupational Therapy and Integrative Holistic Medicine: A Pilot Program

Michele Berro, MA, OTR/L; Michelle Young, OTD, OTR/L

Participants' Perceptions of Factors in Preventing Falls

*Kitsum Li, OTD, OTR/L; Rajvinder Bains, OTS; Jaclyn Fok, OTS; Nadine Marcelo, OTS;
Tamara Vileshina, OTS*

PediApp Finder: A Mobile Application Database of Pediatric Apps

*Julia Wilbarger, PhD, OTR/L; Adrienne LeBlanc, MSOT; Sara Pro, MSOT; April
Wastjutin, MSOT; Robert Williams, MSOT*

Pediatric Feeding: Skills, Competency and Function

Lisa Ann Olsen, OTD, OTR/L

Rancho Work Enterprises: Rebuilding Lives One Skill at a Time

Denise Ha, OTR/L, CBIS

Remediating Symptoms of Chemo Brain Through Occupational Therapy

*Guy L. McCormack, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA; Takuma Kishimoto, MOTS; Constance
Baker-Cohn, MOTS; Christine Van Gorkum MOTS*

Sensory Integration Intervention Effects on Core Autism Behaviors

*Erna Blanche, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA; Barbara Thompson, PhD; Gabriela Galaz, OTS;
Elizabeth Franco OTS*

Sensory Integration Treatment: Effects on Autism Spectrum Disorder

*Erna Blanche, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA; Alexandra Alger OTS; Gabriela Galaz Lacoa,
OTS; Clara Zambruno, OTS*

Standardized Patients in Occupational Therapy Education

Andrea Battle, OTS; Jessica Borceguin, OTS; Joanna Dizon, OTS; Lai Zan Saechao, OTS

Taking Control: Facilitating Self-Management for SCI Patients

Jennifer Bashar, MS, OTR/L; Ina Gomez, MA, OTR/L; Tiffany Yoshida, CTRS, RT I

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Therapeutic Listening and Bilateral Coordination in Typically Developing Children
Julia Wilbarger, PhD, OTR/L; Shanee Ben-Haim, OTS; Cassie DeBonis, OTS; Jane Schwartz, OTS; Amy Smith-Schwartz, OTS

Therapists' Perceptions of Cultural Competency
Julie B. Kornbluth, MA, OTR/L

The USC Student-Run Clinic: Interdisciplinary Student Research
Lindsay R. Miller, OTS; Solange H. Ku, OTS