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Thank You to Our Session and Poster Presenters

OTAC expresses its sincere appreciation to the 2018 Annual Conference & Expo session 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 session and poster presenters.

Terminology

Not all terms may be referenced in the Presenter Directory

ABA	Applied Behavioral Analysis
ADHD	Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
AOTA	American Occupational Therapy Association
AOTF	American Occupational Therapy Foundation
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder
CA-LEND	California Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities
CBOT	California Board of Occupational Therapy
CIPN	Chemotherapy-induced Peripheral Neuropathy
CSU	California State University
DIR-FCD	Developmental Individual Difference-Foundational Capacities for Development
DMV	Department of Motor Vehicles
LANA	Lymphology Association of North America
LSVT	Lee Silverman Voice Treatment (Parkinson's disease)
NDT	Neruo-Developmental Treatment
NIDRR	National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NMES	Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation
OTAC	Occupational Therapy Association of California
OTD	Doctorate of Occupational Therapy
OTFP	Occupational Therapy Faculty Practice
RSD	Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy
SCERTS	Social Communication/Emotional Regulation/Transactional Support
SIPT	Sensory Integration and Praxis Tests
WISC-IV	Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children – Fourth Edition
WRAP	Wellness Recovery Action Plan



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

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Asha Asher, MA, OTR/L, SCSS, FAOTA, has provided school-based therapy services in four countries over 40 years and has worked as a part-time lecturer. Asher has presented internationally, nationally, and locally, and has several publications on topics pertaining to school-based therapy. She received two Fulbright awards (South Asia) to promote collaboration between occupational therapy and special education in schools. Asher has volunteered for AOTA with the Developmental Disabilities Special Interest Section, the autism task force, and the school system specialty certification panel.

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Esther Bae, MA, OTR/L, graduated from the University of Los Angeles with a Bachelor of Arts in sociology and from the University Southern California and with a Master of Arts in occupational therapy. She is currently an occupational therapy doctoral candidate at the University of Southern California. Bae has been an active participant in anti-trafficking work since 2013. In 2015 she co-founded the Dwelle Collaborative, a nonprofit organization that provides occupational therapy intervention services to survivors of sex trafficking, where she currently manages operations.

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Peggy Barrett, OTR/L, LMFT, has been an occupational therapy practitioner for over 30 years working with adults as well as a marriage and family therapist with a private practice. She has a background in Jungian Psychology with an emphasis on play and creativity as a catalyst for healing. She regularly presents workshops at conferences on creativity and play.

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Traci Bean, MA, CCC-SLP, has worked in the field of special education for nearly 20 years as a speech-language pathologist, a regional director of a non-public agency (NPA) in the state of California, and currently as the director of telehealth and online services for the same NPA. Bean has worked collaboratively with occupational therapy practitioners both in schools and clinics, and online. Her expertise in utilizing telehealth for special education and therapeutic service continues to help bring high quality, evidence-based services to students and patients throughout the United States both in rural and urban settings.

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Elizabeth Belliveau, OTR/L, graduated from Dominican University in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science in occupational therapy. She began Pediatric Pathways in 2009 and has spent 16 years attending seminars across the country to attain information on the most current and relevant techniques and therapeutic strategies to help her young clients achieve success. She has taken countless professional courses in the area of sensory processing/sensory integration and has received training from the most well respected and knowledgeable therapists, psychologists, and doctors in the field of pediatrics. Belliveau has extensive experience treating all neurobiological disorders of childhood, using approaches such as the H.O.P.E. Method, iLs, therapeutic listening, S.O.S. approach to feeding, and astronaut training, to name a few. She is dedicated to understanding and successfully treating the root cause of the rampant disorders that children

are being diagnosed with every day. To that end, after witnessing a colleague and dear friend cure her son of autism using the Gut and Psychology Syndrome (GAPS) diet, she completed her certification as a GAPS practitioner in 2014. This training has allowed her to more effectively guide her families in making dietary decisions that will assist in healing, sealing, and nurturing their child's gut and its microbiome.

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Fredlyn Berger, OTR/L, HTC, SWC, SIPT Cert., a practicing occupational therapist with an extensive career of 40+ years, has experienced the full spectrum of practice settings and all ages from premature birth to geriatric level. She has been involved in providing treatment and developing programs in acute care hospitals, outpatient programs, rehab centers, home health agencies, and private clinics. In 2003, Berger launched Every Child Achieves, which has grown to become one of the largest early intervention programs in Southern California.

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Miki Bernal, MA, OTR/L, CHT, has a unique background as an occupational therapy practitioner. She has worked in mental health settings treating adults with varying diagnoses including major depression, psychosis, and destructive behaviors. She has also treated pediatric populations who suffered from psychosis, autism, and abuses. The abused children often displayed symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The experience of working in mental health settings allowed her, as a certified hand therapist, to have a deeper understanding of patients who also display symptoms of PTSD after a trauma resulting in a hand injury.

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Sharon Bertrand, OTR/L, is a private practitioner occupational therapy practitioner with over 25 years of experience, mostly in pediatrics. Bertrand owned a multi-disciplinary therapy clinic and specializes in integrating various treatment modalities: NDT, sensory integration, craniosacral, myofascial, therapeutic listening, tactile integration / brushing program, vestibular training / astronaut program. She developed the newest Pediatric Occupational Profile Mandala and presents workshops to therapists and teachers about occupational performance in the classroom, sensory regulation with sensory integration and mental health issues, Preventative RTI (Response to Intervention), dysphagia, oral-motor skills and feeding therapy, and fine motor development for effective handwriting.

Session 73, Saturday, October 27 - 2:30pm to 4:00pm



Thorne Bertrand, has been program director/co-owner for Helping Hands Therapies, an occupational therapy, speech therapy, and physical therapy clinic in Novato, CA for the last nine years. He comes from 20 years in the technology industry (software development, sales, marketing, support, and training). Thorne has been trained and certified in life and career coaching, as well as crisis intervention/suicide prevention counseling. He also does the technical programming, videography, and sound for all Bertrand Therapy - Helping Hands Live presentations.

Session 73, Saturday, October 27 - 2:30pm to 4:00pm



Rachel Bishop, BA, OTS, will be receiving her Master of Science in Occupational Therapy from San Jose State University in December of 2018. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from Arizona State University in global studies, with an emphasis on conflict resolution and religion. Bishop is passionate about the topic of occupational justice and how occupational therapy practitioners can increase access to resources and systems of care for a diverse array of clients. She is interested in working in mental health and excited to join her colleagues in presenting their capstone research on the lived experience of homeless mothers at the 2018 OTAC Annual Conference.

Session 71, Saturday, October 27 - 2:30pm to 4:00pm



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

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

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Lauren Bojorquez, PT, DPT, has been a physical therapist for 10 years with clinical expertise with inpatient, outpatient, and community-based therapy. She worked at Leaps & Bounds Pediatric Therapy providing treatment in schools and homes, as well as, hippotherapy. Within the past 8.5 years, she has worked at the Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) and specializes in treatment with patients with neurodevelopmental impairments, post-NICU graduates, orthopedic impairments, as well as the oncology population. She has been a guest speaker at Mt. Saint Mary University, Loma Linda University, and Cerritos College. Bojorquez has been an integral team member of the outpatient rehab team for pre- and post-surgical interventions for patients with brachial plexus palsy including aquatherapy. She values collaboration with families and continually finds resources in the community to connect with other families.

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

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Erwin Borja, OTR/L, received his Bachelor of Science in occupational therapy at San Jose State University. He completed his Master of Arts in occupational therapy at the University of Southern California (USC) and is a current Doctor of Occupational Therapy student at USC. As a doctoral student, Borja's focus has been on developing an occupational therapy service program to promote academic success and well-being for students at the community college level.

Session 32, Friday, October 26 - 10:00am to 11:30am



Kasey Brady, OTS, is a graduate student in the Master of Occupational Therapy program at the University of St. Augustine, San Marcos. She received her Bachelor of Arts in psychology at San Diego State University. During her time working before graduate school, Brady gained experience working with children through behavioral therapy and at an inclusion school setting. She is currently an officer for the University of St. Augustine's Student Occupational Therapy Association as an OTAC Student Delegate and actively participates in campus events. Brady's clinical interests include mental health populations and neurological rehabilitation.

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Shannon Brady, DPT, PT, is a doctor of physical therapy and is board certified in pediatric physical therapy. She has been working with the Los Angeles Unified School District since November of 2015. She received her Doctorate in Physical Therapy from the University of Southern California in 2014 and completed her undergraduate education at Boston University in 2009.

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Anne Bravo, MSOT, OTR/L, works as a school-based occupational therapy practitioner for Los Angeles Unified School District. She is originally from Washington DC, and completed her undergraduate education at New York University. She received her MSOT from California State University, Dominguez Hills in the spring of 2015.

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Barbara Brewer, COTA/L, has been practicing occupational therapy in a variety of medical settings for 45 years: inpatient psychiatry, acute hospital, inpatient/outpatient rehab, home health, skilled nursing, and community rehab exercise groups. She has been involved in home exercise videos through Flintfit.com. Her specialty training includes cancer rehab/recovery and John Barnes Myofascial Release. Brewer has developed an easy form Tai Chi that can be performed seated or standing, designed for a multitude of patient populations with a focus on balance training and core strengthening. It has been used successfully for many years in neuro/cancer rehab and more recently during Myofascial Release retreats.

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Activity D, Saturday, October 27 - 7:30am to 8:00am



Danielle Burt, OTS, is a current occupational therapy student at Stanbridge University. She received a bachelor's degree in applied exercise science from the University of New England. Burt has experience working in geriatrics, outpatient clinics, and acute care. She became interested in occupational therapy after being a caregiver for her grandmother.

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Vivian Chang, MA, OTR/L, is an occupational therapy practitioner having received master's degree from USC in 2017 and is currently completing her OTD residency at City of Hope National Medical Center. Her doctoral project is focused on creating an occupational therapy protocol for patients receiving hematological cancer treatment as well as conducting a quality improvement study to gather data regarding patient and caregiver discharge readiness after stem cell transplantation. Aside from her role as a doctoral resident, Ms. Chang is also employed at City of Hope as an occupational therapy practitioner where she provides skilled services to patients across the lifespan diagnosed with various types of cancer.

Session 33, Friday, October 26 - 10:00am to 11:30am



Genie Charvet, OTD, OTR/L (WA), has worked as an occupational therapy practitioner for over 30 years in a variety of practice settings. She received her post-professional Master of Science from San Jose State University in 2008 and her OTD from Loma Linda University in 2015. She homeschooled her five children (including one with a disability) from kindergarten through high school. Her experiences as a homeschooling parent and connection with other parents through local, state, and national homeschool organizations, inspired her research on homeschoolers and led to the development of the Homeschool OT Screener. She has worked in the Kent School District for 11 year and is currently the president of the Washington Occupational Therapy Association (WOTA). She has presented at the AOTA Conference, WOTA Conference, ATIA Conference, Washington Speech Language Hearing Association Conference, and Washington Homeschool Convention.

Session 118, Sunday, October 28 - 3:15pm to 4:45pm



Scott Chikumi, OTS, is a second year Masters of Occupational Therapy student at Loma Linda University School of Allied Health. Advocating for change through engagement in occupation, he is currently in his second year as the Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA) Alumni Relations Chair.

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Jessica Choi, MA, OTR/L, obtained a bachelor's in psychology from UCLA in 2012 and graduated with a Masters in Occupational Therapy from USC in 2017. She developed expertise working in the area of primary care occupational therapy during her level 2 fieldwork experience at the USC Occupational Therapy Faculty Practice, Keck outpatient hospital clinics, and USC's Interprofessional Geriatric Assessment Program. She also worked extensively with adults with mental illness and substance abuse diagnoses during her level 2 fieldwork at Butler Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island. Currently, her primary focus is on developing and implementing a primary care occupational therapy program informed by Lifestyle Redesign ® for Kaiser Permanente in Inglewood, California as part of her residency for her clinical Occupational Therapy Doctorate from USC.

Session 76, Saturday, October 27 - 2:30pm to 5:45pm



Janice Kishi Chow, MA, DOT, OTR/L, holds a master's and a clinical doctorate degree in occupational therapy with thesis and capstone work focused on occupational engagement during bereavement and at the end of life, respectively. Her clinical experience spans 22 years in physical medicine settings and includes 14 years specializing in hospice and palliative care.

Session 92, Sunday, October 28 - 9:30am to 11:00am



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

Session 72, Saturday, October 27 - 2:30pm to 4:00pm



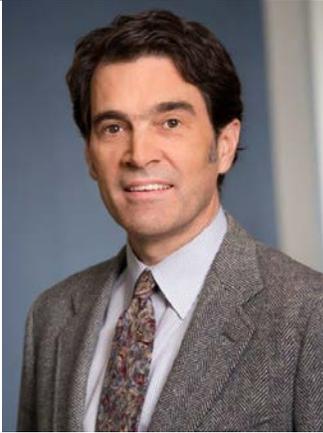
Ellen Wleklinski Collins, MS, OTD, OTR/L, CBIS, is an adventurous, enthusiastic occupational therapy (OT) practitioner who is making a big difference in the lives of her clients. Collins is passionate about OT leadership and advocacy: she is the former OT vice chair for the AOTA ASD Steering Committee, panelist presenter at the 2016 and 2017 AOTA Annual Conference, and a proud USC Trojan. Her specialty practice area is adult inpatient neuro-rehab.

Session 65, Saturday, October 27 - 10:00am - 11:30am



Kacie Conn, BS, OTS, grew up in North Lake Tahoe, CA and received her Bachelor of Science in human development and family studies from the University of Nevada Reno. She was introduced to occupational therapy while working with children with disabilities and quickly fell in love with the profession. Conn is a student in the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program at San Jose State University and will be graduating in December 2018.

Session 71, Saturday, October 27 - 2:30pm to 4:00pm



Shaun Conway, OTR, is a certified occupational therapy practitioner who currently serves as senior director of external and regulatory services for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. (NBCOT®) where he has worked for over 24 years. In this capacity, he is currently responsible for the oversight of organizational functions related to state regulation, international regulatory services, and community outreach.

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Cynthia Cooper, MFA, MA, OTR/L, CHT, has practiced hand therapy for 39 years and has published chapters in numerous hand therapy and occupational therapy textbooks and journals. She is the editor of Fundamentals of Hand Therapy: Clinical Reasoning and Treatment Guidelines for Common Diagnoses of the Upper Extremity. Cooper has presented many times at national and international meetings of occupational therapy and hand therapy organizations. She was an invited overseas guest speaker in Hong Kong in 2015. She was endowed by ASSH to volunteer with hand surgeons and hand therapists in La Paz, Bolivia, in 2015, and was endowed by AAHS to do volunteer work in Ghana, Africa, in 2017. Cooper has developed a program to treat CIPN and has published and presented on this topic at national and state meetings. She is currently a co-investigator on a CIPN study with colleagues at Virginia Piper Cancer Institute in Arizona.

Session 13, Friday, October 26 - 8:15am to 9:45am



Laura M. Cox, MA, OTR/L, is an occupational therapy doctoral candidate at the University of Southern California (USC). She works as a resident in the primary clinics of Keck Medicine of USC where she collaborates with physicians and provides consultations to their patients. Cox also spends part of her residency at the USC Occupational Therapy Faculty Practice, providing Lifestyle Redesign® services to patients with chronic conditions and co-facilitating a CDC Diabetes Prevention Program. She earned a Bachelor of Science in kinesiology at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and a Master of Arts in occupational therapy at USC. She has pursued an interest in academia through her roles as a classroom assistant for several graduate-level courses, such as neuroscience, kinesiology, leadership capstone, and quantitative research.

Session 76, Saturday, October 27 - 2:30pm to 5:45pm



Talitha Cox, MA, OTR/L, is an occupational therapy practitioner with 14 years of experience working in pediatrics, primarily at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA). She has 13 years of experience in the Rheumatology Clinic at CHLA, where she helps provide multidisciplinary care for children with rheumatic diseases. Her passion for this area of practice and the people affected led to growing involvement in the rheumatology community. She specializes in care for children with rheumatic diseases, participates in research, and she attends and presents regularly at conferences. Cox volunteers for the Arthritis Foundation and Scleroderma Foundation, and the Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals (ARHP), a division of the American College of Rheumatology. At CHLA, she helped develop the pain rehabilitation program. She now has seven years of experience working with children who have primary pain diagnoses and is continually learning and sharing information about this much-needed area of practice

Session 35, Friday, October 26 - 10:00am to 11:30am



Rebecca Cunningham, OTD, OTR/L, received her master's and doctorate in occupational therapy at USC, and a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from the University of California, San Diego. Her clinical residency was completed at the USC Occupational Therapy Faculty Practice, where she focused on further development of the Lifestyle Redesign® program for individuals with multiple sclerosis. As a clinical faculty member, Cunningham works with clients to improve the self-management of chronic conditions, including multiple sclerosis, chronic pain, chronic headaches, and mental health diagnoses, and is a member of the USC Multiple Sclerosis Multidisciplinary Team.

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Summer Dabbs, OTS, is currently an occupational therapy student at Stanbridge University. She graduated from California State University Fullerton with a bachelor's in liberal studies. While working as an instructional assistant in autism designated classrooms, providing in-home therapy as an ABA therapist, and as a stepmom to an amazing little boy with autism, Dabbs saw firsthand the benefits of occupational therapy. A career in occupational therapy was a dream for her that she will soon turn into reality.

Session 97, Sunday, October 28 - 11:15am to 12:30pm



Yasaman Danesh-Panahi, OTS, is in her second year of the Masters of Occupational Therapy program at Loma Linda University. She serves as the class liaison in the Student Occupational Therapy Association where she updates her class with current events, community news, and leads events that bring awareness to the occupational therapy profession. She has experience in pediatrics, hand therapy, and inpatient and acute rehabilitation. Prior to her education in occupational therapy, she received her Bachelor of Arts in psychology at the University of California Los Angeles. She expects to graduate in June 2019. As a new graduate her hope is to work as a pediatric OT in early intervention home health, school system, and clinics. She wants to become certified in equine-assisted therapy and sensory integration, as these are her passions and she believes in the impacts they present.

Session 118, Sunday, October 28 - 3:15pm to 4:45pm



Narayana Darst, BA, is a master's candidate and dietetic intern at the University of Southern California (anticipated graduation May 2019). Building on 10 years of public health experience working in the California State University system, Darst's research focuses on clinical nutrition and eating disorders among under-served populations including transgender and gender non-conforming youth, children on the autism spectrum, and children with special healthcare needs. They received their Bachelor of Arts in critical theory and cultural studies, with a concentration in transgender studies, from Scripps College.

Session 47, Friday, October 26 - 1:00pm to 3:00pm



Jayson Davies, OTR/L, is the co-founder of OTschoolhouse.com and the associated OT School House Podcast where he and his co-host discuss school-based OT topics and interview other OTs and stakeholders in the field. Since 2012, Davies has worked in schools and has taken on the opportunity to develop an occupational therapy program within a district both as a function of general and special education. He also currently serves as a member of the Occupational Therapy Association of California (OTAC) Political Action Committee (PAC) where he helps to raise funds to support legislative efforts and spread awareness about California legislation related to occupational therapy. In 2014, Davies earned his Certification in Sensory Integration and Praxis Tests (SIPT) to better serve his students.

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Lauren Davis, MS, has worked as the lead teacher in an upper elementary special day class at Villa Esperanza Services for the past five years. She is passionate about teaching children with special needs and loves the challenge of differentiating lesson plans and discovering different ways to provide students that are non-speaking a way to communicate and voice their thoughts. She values education and works to motivate students and create a fun classroom environment. Currently she supervises seven paraprofessionals and is responsible to train these staff on best practices to educate diverse learners. She collaborates closely with occupational therapy practitioners, speech pathologists, behavior specialists, physical therapists, adaptive physical educators, as well as her students' parents. She enjoys challenging children to try their best and helping them gain a love for learning.

Session 83, Saturday, October 27 - 4:15pm to 5:45pm



Kaylene de Bord, BS, OTS, is an occupational therapy student at San Jose State University.

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Celso Delgado, Jr., OTD, OTR/L, serves as an appointed faculty at USC's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA). Delgado is also a clinical instructor of the Mental Health Practice Immersion in the USC Chan Division's entry-level professional educational program. He has primarily provided occupational therapy services to at-risk populations in community-based settings.

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Aimee Levine Dickman, MA, OTR/L, SEP, is an occupational therapy practitioner and a Somatic Experiencing Practitioner. She works at UCLA's Neuropsychiatric Hospital where she co-created the Trauma Informed Care Sensory Program, and The Camden Center Dual Diagnosis PHP/IOP. She is also in private practice. Dickman's background as a bodyworker and yoga instructor (25 years), as well as an early career as a Broadway dancer, influence her work. She is a dynamic speaker and presents nationally and internationally on sensory and trauma informed practices. Her work springs from her quest to find joy and ease in everyday activities.

Session 53, Saturday, October 27 - 8:15am to 9:45am



Erin Dolin, EdD, OTR/L, is an occupational therapy practitioner with over 17 years of experience as a practitioner working with students in educational, hospital, and clinical settings. She is passionate about the role of OT in the education setting which inspired her to pursue and complete her Doctorate in Educational Leadership. She holds several certifications in specialty areas including sensory integration, the Perceptual Enrichment Program, therapeutic listening, and Handwriting Without Tears Level I. Additionally, she has taught as an adjunct faculty member with the department of physical therapy at California State University, Fresno since 2005 and currently is a national presenter for Handwriting Without Tears. She provides professional learning presentations on the neuroscience of learning to educational organizations including CASCWA and Master Teacher conferences. Dolin serves on the OTAC Board of Directors as the Region 4 Director and the OTAC School-based Subcommittee OT credential initiative. She also serves on the AOTA State Leaders of Education committee.

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Eric Duarte, OT/L

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Wayne Dysinger, MD, MPH, is a preventive and family medicine physician who currently serves as chief executive officer for Lifestyle Medicine Solutions, a new model primary care concept that is built on Lifestyle Medicine. He is also chair of the American Board of Lifestyle Medicine and medical director of the Complete Health Improvement Program (CHIP). He is an active faculty at Loma Linda University and consults, teaches, and participates in research on Lifestyle Medicine issues around the world. Dysinger was previously chair, Department of Preventive Medicine, Loma Linda University. He is a past president of the American College of Lifestyle Medicine, is on the board of the American College of Preventive Medicine, and has worked in various capacities with the American Medical Association and the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research. Dysinger earned his MD from Loma Linda University School of Medicine (1986) and his MPH from Loma Linda University School of Public Health (1990).

Session 95, Sunday, October 28 - 9:30am to 12:30pm



Emily Ecklund, MOT, OTR/L, graduated from Westmont College in Santa Barbara, CA with a Bachelor of Science in kinesiology in 2009 and Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, CA with a Masters in Occupational Therapy in 2017. She is actively involved with women in the sex industry as a leader of support groups and a resource for sex trafficking survivors. She is currently an emerging leader within AOTA.

Session 31, Friday, October 26 - 10:00am to 11:30am



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

Session 60, Saturday, October 27 - 8:15am to 5:45pm



Ernie Escovedo, OTD, OTR/L, CES, CA, graduated from San Jose State University in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science in occupational therapy, and earned his post-graduate Doctorate in Occupational Therapy from Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions in 2014. His early career included work in head injury, spinal cord injury, general rehabilitation, and case management. He has worked in skilled nursing facility (SNF) post-acute care from 1992 to present, in roles which include director of rehabilitation, area manager of operations, and regional education training coordinator. In 2004 he joined Accelerated Care Plus (ACP) where he provided clinical instruction and continuing education to occupational and physical therapy practitioners, and speech and language pathologists in multiple topics, which include biophysical agent essentials; pain management; contracture management; chronic heart failure; virtual reality augmented therapy; progressive exercise with elastic bands; and aerobic exercise with the aging adult. In 2010 Escovedo assumed the role as regional consultant for clinical services, and in 2018 became the regional manager of operations for ACP in the western states. He is an adjunct faculty member at Sacramento City College OT Assistant program and serves on the OT Assistant Advisory Board.

Session 116, Sunday, October 28 - 1:30pm to 4:45pm



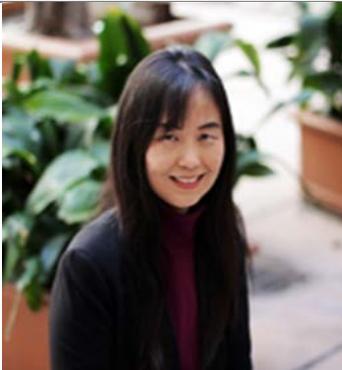
Annaliese Espinosa, OTR/L, has been practicing occupational therapy in the area of physical disabilities at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center for over 10 years. She co-leads and develops programming for an outpatient Adult Brain Injury Day Rehabilitation Program, a collaborative and interdisciplinary team focused on client-centered care and community re-entry. Espinosa also specializes in vision impairments after neurological dysfunction and assists with staff training and mentorship in order to promote a greater understanding of vision re-training within the department. As the liaison for the Neuro Optometry Clinic, she coordinates collaboration between neuro-optometrists, patients, and staff in order to provide client-centered care and specialized vision re-training. Espinosa is Neuro-IFRAH and PAM certified.

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Mary Evert, MBA, OTR/L, FAOTA, ScD (Hon), served as president of the California Board of Occupational Therapy (CBOT) and chaired CBOT's Committee on Disaster Preparedness/Response. She also served as president of the Occupational Therapy Association of California and the American Occupational Therapy Association, as well as a USA Delegate to the World Federation of Occupational Therapists. She also has the distinction of serving as the deputy assistant secretary of health at the Department of Health and Human Services during the Reagan Administration, the highest position ever held by an occupational therapy practitioner in any federal administration.

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Shan-Pin Fanchiang, OTR/L, PhD, is an education coordinator at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center (Rancho). She offers clinical research independent study course for OT graduate students at USC. Her clinical work focuses in self-management occupation for people with Parkinson's disease, movement disorders, or diabetes. She is passionate in lifelong learning, measuring what people do, the impact of illness in doing, and the impact of learning in doing. Consequently, she has worked on the scale 'Empowered-To-Act Consistently' (ETAC) for learners to estimate practical application of new learned knowledge. She initiated and chaired the Rancho Medical Consumer Health Information Program, an intranet-based program for patient education and implemented a field-testing process to estimate actionable knowledge for patient education information materials. She serves as a patient safety education officer for Rancho and the Patient Safety Committee and represents Rancho for the DHS Endocrinology Workgroup at the LA County, Department of Health Services.

Session 57, Saturday, October 27 - 8:15am to 11:30am



Laura Ferrari, OTD, OTR/L, established an occupational therapy practice at Gateway's Hospital and Mental Health Center's Forensic Community Treatment Program (FCTP). She graduated with her MA and OTD from USC. In addition to her work at FCTP, Ferrari serves as an occupational therapy practitioner at Gateway's Hospital and Mental Health Center's Crisis Residential Treatment Program (CRTP).

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Katherine Fischer, OTS, is a third-year occupational therapy student who will graduate in June 2019 from Loma Linda University (LLU). For the past two years, she has served as an OTAC student delegate for LLU's Student Association of Occupational Therapy. She has a strong passion for neurorehabilitation and aspires to work with individuals with degenerative diseases in the future. She has thoroughly enjoyed this research process and is very grateful for the opportunity it provided to collaborate with her fellow professors and classmates.

Session 10, Friday, October 26 - 8:15am to 9:45am



Lucía Floríndez, PhD, is a student at the Occupational Science Program at the Mrs. T. H. Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy. Her research interests merges the worlds of occupation, wellness, and public health. Academically, she received her BA from USC in 2008 in the fields of international relations, Spanish, and public health, and her master's in communication from USC in 2011. Professionally, she served for five years as the bilingual project manager and patient liaison for a federally funded research grant exploring the use of a lifestyle intervention to prevent the development of medically serious pressure ulcers in ethnically diverse, community-dwelling individuals with a spinal cord injury. For her doctoral research immersion, she is the bilingual project coordinator for the SADE Study at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, looking at the impact of sensory adapted dental environments on enhancing the oral care experiences of children with autism during dental cleanings.

Session 20, Friday, October 26 - 8:15am to 11:30am



Judith Freeman, MA, OTR/L, has worked in the field of pediatrics since 1968, working across the childhood age spectrum, from birth to adolescence, with a population diverse in diagnosis, ethnicity, and living styles. Freeman has taught both locally and nationally to parent and professional groups, with topics covering sensory integration, feeding, and different aspects of developmental challenges. For the past 15 years, she has applied occupational therapy theories and paradigms to an ever increasing client population of infants and children with feeding challenges.

Session 3, Thursday, October 25 - 8:45am to 12:00pm



Courtney Gampe, MOT, OTR/L, graduated from Chatham University in Pittsburgh, PA in 2015 with a Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT). Upon graduation, she explored multiple occupational therapy settings via full-time positions and travel therapy including early intervention, school-based pediatrics, home health, and skilled nursing. Gampe has focused on geriatrics in skilled nursing for the past two years with *interface rehab, inc.*, where she began her career as a director of rehab in Los Angeles. She has since grown within the company and is currently a rehab clinical program specialist who oversees clinical program development and education.

Session 50, Friday, October 26 - 1:00pm to 3:00pm



Darla Gary, BA, OTS, will be receiving her master's from San Jose State University in December 2018. She holds a bachelor's in liberal arts from Sarah Lawrence College, and has spent over 10 years working in various positions with individuals needing support due to special needs or life crises. Gary is honored to participate in OTAC in support of her capstone project looking at the lived experience of homeless mothers. She is thrilled and excited to be starting her career surrounded by such an amazing OT community.

Session 71, Saturday, October 27 - 2:30pm to 4:00pm



Clare Giuffrida, PhD, MS, OTR/L, C/NDT, FAOTA, is program and research consultant, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department, Rush University, Chicago, Illinois. She also acts as a resource liaison between early intervention programs and community pediatric practices within Chicago. Giuffrida scholarly contributions include national and international presentation and publications within occupational therapy, rehabilitation medicine, and exercise science. Using practice based evidence (PBE) methodology as a core foundation for her research, she is focused on extending PBE methods to examine efficacious pediatric practices. In her early practice years, Giuffrida had the opportunity to support the dissemination of Dr. Jean Ayres' theory and research as an instructor of sensory integration theory with Dr. Ayres, as well as, with other nationally designated sensory integration faculty. She participated in SIPT normative data collection and developed a construct validity study supporting SIPT usage. Within her primary role, educator, she coordinated several sensory integration certification courses at different universities to support further the dissemination of sensory integration practices with the hopes of integrating this approach within mainstream occupational therapy graduate education.

Session 60, Saturday, October 27 - 8:15am to 5:45pm



Kimberly Goldstein, OTR/L, is an occupational therapy practitioner, currently completing her doctoral residency in the specialty area of pediatric mental health. Originally from New York, she traveled across the country to attend the University of Southern California for her undergraduate and graduate studies. As part of her doctoral residency, she participated in the California Leadership and Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) program, where she became empowered to advocate for the clients she serves. Goldstein is passionate about helping others, especially those facing disparities in care.

Session 47, Friday, October 26 - 1:00pm to 3:00pm



Elizabeth Gomes, MS, OTR/L, is director for quality and clinical development for Burger Rehabilitation where her focus is on teaching and training in many clinical areas. She has worked for 30 years as an occupational therapy practitioner in the area of geriatrics, including program development and extensive training of OTs, PTs, and SLPs in the areas of dementia, falls and balance, driving assessment, incontinence, and other areas necessary for the well-being of seniors. Her passion is helping all elders to remain as independent as possible despite any health challenges.

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Don Gordon, PhD, OTR/L, has been studying behavior for more than 30 years. His studies began in 1980 at the University of California at Santa Cruz where he researched animal behavior and psychobiology attaining a degree in biology in 1984. After graduating with a second degree in English literature in 1989 he attended the University of Southern California, graduating with an MA in occupational therapy in 1994. Gordon went on to work in psychiatry, physical rehabilitation, and acute care while engaging in his doctoral studies in occupational science, completing a PhD in 2002. Since 2000 he has worked in both physical disabilities and psychiatric settings providing him with a unique experiential background to understand the intersection of the world of mental health with physical disabilities practice. Gordon has also taught a wide variety of classes for the University of Southern California Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy. He is currently on the faculty at the University of Southern California department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy where he teaches and works in acute care.

Session 114, Sunday, October 28 - 1:30pm to 4:45pm



Kathleen Gorman, OTD, OTR/L, is an occupational therapy practitioner working in brain injury and amputee rehabilitation at the Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System in Palo Alto, CA. She received her bachelor's in psychology from Xavier University and doctoral degree in occupational therapy from the University of Toledo. She has presented at international human trafficking conferences and been published for advocating the role of occupational therapy in anti-trafficking efforts. She is participating in AOTA's Emerging Leaders Program Development.

Session 31, Friday, October 26 - 10:00am to 11:30am



Caitlin Greene, OTD, OTR/L, CLT, is an assistant professor of clinical occupational therapy at the University of Southern California (USC). Her practice areas include lymphedema management for inpatient and outpatient populations, geriatric interprofessional care, and post-surgical orthopedics at Keck Medical Center of USC. She has worked in inpatient and outpatient care.

Session 94, Sunday, October 28 - 9:30am to 11:00am



Juliana Gutierrez, MA, OTR/L, is an occupational therapy practitioner with over 30 years of experience working with the pediatric population with various diagnoses and ages. She is currently working with adults within the autism spectrum disorder. She received her undergraduate degree in occupational therapy from the University of Nuestra Señora del Rosario in Bogotá, Colombia, and later completed her Masters of Art at the University of Southern California (USC). In May, 2018, she will receive her clinical doctorate degree at USC. Gutierrez has an advanced practice certification in feeding and swallowing. She is also a certified clinician in sensory integration theory, evaluation, and treatment, as well as in NeuroDevelopmental Treatment approach. She currently works as a clinical supervisor at Therapy West, Inc. and has lectured nationally and internationally.

Session 98, Sunday, October 28 - 11:15am to 12:30pm



Ashley Halle, OTD, OTR/L, graduated from USC with a bachelor's in health promotion and disease prevention studies and a minor in occupational science. She continued at USC to pursue a master's in occupational therapy as well as a Doctorate of Occupational Therapy. Her doctoral work focused on interprofessional primary health care, which continues to be an area of passion and expertise. Halle currently balances various teaching, administrative, and clinical responsibilities at the USC Chan Division. These roles include providing patient care in primary health care settings, teaching and training students,

generating and supporting innovative work in primary care, and collaborating on various interprofessional projects. She is passionate about student learning, interprofessional education and collaborative practice, transforming primary health care environments to best meet the needs of patients and populations, and expanding occupational therapy's role in primary health care to help people live happier, healthier, and more meaningful lives.

Session 76, Saturday, October 27 - 2:30pm to 5:45pm



Mary Hallway, OTR/L, NDTA Certified OT Instructor, received her Bachelor of Science with honors in occupational therapy from Western Michigan University and has over 35 years of experience specializing in pediatrics in medical, educational, and community-based settings. She has completed advanced training in both NDT and is SIPT certified. Hallway is a certified NDTA Occupational Therapy Instructor. She is an internationally recognized educator, clinician, and consultant who teaches a variety of NDTA basic and advanced courses as well as a variety of short courses including Blending Approaches in Pediatrics extensively throughout the United States and internationally. Hallway is the owner of The Children's Therapy Center, a private practice, in Orange County, CA. She has published several articles including Handling with Care or Handling Carefully in parent articles about NDT and has co-authored the book Combining Neuro-Developmental Treatment and Sensory Integration Principles: An Approach to Pediatrics.

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Susan Hannibal, BS, OTS

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Deborah Haratoonian, OTS, is a Master of Occupational Therapy Student at Loma Linda University. She completed her Level I Fieldwork in 2017 at Glendale Adventist Medical Center; outpatient neurological rehabilitation and Kids Therapy Made Simple; pediatric outpatient. She expects to graduate in June 2019 and hopes to specialize in pediatric neurological rehabilitation. Her practice and research interests are in neurology, pediatrics, and advocacy. As an active member of the SUPER Stroke Team (Students United in the Prevention, Education and Recognition of strokes), she raises public awareness on health issues while advocating for the role of occupational therapy in stroke rehabilitation. She has traveled to Armenia and recognized a gap in occupational therapy within their healthcare system. This inspired her as an Armenian-American to pursue her doctorate in OT with a focus in program development to enable children with sensory, developmental, and cognitive disabilities to become successful in their daily activities in Armenia.

Session 118, Sunday, October 28 - 3:15pm to 4:45pm



Joseph Hawthorne, ACSM-CPT, RBT, AKC, owner of Pasadena's Copper Moose Fitness is a strength, conditioning, and nutrition success coach.

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Kate Hayner, EdD, OTR/L, received two BS degrees from Western Michigan University in behavioral psychology and occupational therapy. She received an MA in clinical psychology from Eastern Illinois University and a doctorate in counseling psychology from the University of San Francisco. She is currently an associate professor and the chair of the Occupational Therapy Department at Samuel Merritt University. Her areas of practice in occupational therapy have been quite varied: hospital-based rehabilitation, home health care, work with pediatrics to adults, psychiatric work, work hardening, private practice, and of course teaching. Hayner's specialty has been working with the adult to geriatric population with neurological problems and shoulder injuries. She is a full-time chair and faculty member but continues to treat clients privately. Her research interests have been 1) shoulder taping for the subluxed shoulder, 2) the effectiveness of constraint induced movement therapy with post stroke patients, and 3) measuring teaching effectiveness.

Session 51, Saturday, October 27 - 8:15am to 9:45am



Kyle Heebner, OTR/L, from a very young age himself, has always had a passion in helping kids. He has worked as a pediatric occupational therapy practitioner since 2001, specializing in school-based services. He now has an amazing team of practitioners at HM (Health Management) systems providing early intervention and school-based services. Services are tailored to each unique child to increase their independence as needed to function throughout their daily activities and to help the child and family meet their goals.

Session 50, Friday, October 26 - 1:00pm to 3:00pm



Ariel Hegedus, MA, CCC-SLP, is a speech language pathologist (SLP) who has worked with people with special needs for over 10 years, following her work in environmental advocacy and women's rights. She has worked for the past seven years at Villa Esperanza Services in Pasadena, CA, serving a diverse population of toddlers and their families, school-aged children, and young adults with moderate-severe disabilities, with a focus on autism spectrum disorder and augmentative and alternative communication (AAC). Hegedus brings DIR-FCD (Developmental / Individual / Relationship- Foundational Capacities for Development) principles to her therapeutic approach, helping each client's growth through building relationships and supporting their individual needs.

Session 83, Saturday, October 27 - 4:15pm to 5:45pm



Sherry Hite, MOT, OTR/L, is the Occupational Therapy Department manager at City of Hope National Medical Center, one of the leading National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers in the U.S. Her practice is focused exclusively on the oncology setting, and she is a frequent speaker on the crucial and expanding role of OT in oncology. Hite is involved in various research studies and manages doctoral-level research and quality improvement projects. She serves on the Cognitive Rehabilitation Task Force for the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine and has presented at the state and national level on topics including cognitive impairments in oncology, comprehensive breast cancer rehabilitation, and addressing sexuality concerns in oncology. Her current research areas include the use of prehabilitation in surgical oncology, improving multidisciplinary geriatric oncology care, and the use of telemedicine in a breast cancer recovery program.

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Jennifer Hong, OTS, is a level II fieldwork student at the University of Southern California Kortschak Center for Learning and Creativity in Los Angeles. She is completing her master's in occupational science and occupational therapy at USC. Prior to finding occupational therapy, Hong earned a bachelor's in special education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and taught for three years at Franklin Middle School in Champaign. Her background as a special educator includes classroom management, developing and delivering culturally relevant curricula, and case managing students diagnosed with mild/moderate disabilities.

Session 62, Saturday, October 27 - 10:00am - 11:30am



Judy Hopkins, OTD, OTR/L, CLE, has 23 years of experience as an occupational therapy practitioner and she has worked at Children's Hospital Los Angeles for over 20 years. Her areas of expertise include pediatric feeding and swallowing, modified barium swallow studies, lactation education and support, acute care and assessment and intervention with high risk infants. Passionate about working with children with feeding disorders, Hopkins enjoys sharing her medical knowledge and intervention strategies with occupational therapy practitioners and other professionals through national and regional conferences and workshops.

Session 67, Saturday, October 27 - 10:00am - 11:30am



Seung Woo Hwangbo, MOTS, is a current Occupational Therapy Doctorate student studying at the USC Mrs. T. H. Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy. He obtained a Bachelor of Science in occupational therapy and Master of Science in Occupational Therapy from Yonsei University, South Korea. He is currently a doctoral resident of the Global Initiatives team within the Division and is supporting both local and international students for the Externship opportunity. Hwangbo has ambitions to be a globally impacting polymath researcher, educator, and clinician.

Session 81, Saturday, October 27 - 4:15pm to 5:45pm



Antonietta Iannaccone, OTS, recently received her master's from the Chan Division of Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy at the University of Southern California. She has had a lifelong interest in education and is working towards being a professor of occupational therapy. Iannaccone spent two semesters studying pedagogy literature and disability perspectives with regards to simulation experiences used in education and is passionate about bridging the gap between these bodies of knowledge.

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Lynette Ingram, OTR/L, SWAL, CLE, is a pediatric occupational therapy practitioner with 30 years of experience. She has worked for Los Angeles County California Children's Services (CCS) for most of her career. She has also worked in hospital and school-based settings. In addition, Ingram currently works part-time for Harbor Regional Center, providing occupational therapy services to children zero to three years of age with Down Syndrome. She is the mother of 14 year old boy-girl twins and her daughter has Down Syndrome. She started adapting clothing for her daughter to improve her independence with dressing and toileting, as she learned how to sew in OT school many years ago. She has shared her techniques with families she serves at CCS and has been encouraged by these families to share this information with others on a larger scale.

Session 110, Sunday, October 28 - 1:30pm to 3:00pm



Praveen Injeti, OT/L, MFT, has been practicing occupational therapy for the past 16 years with a specialty in mental health. He obtained his bachelor's at Loma Linda University and then attended Brandman University where he received a Master of Art in psychology with a focus on marriage and family therapy. He continues to practice as an occupational therapy practitioner, however merges the knowledge from marriage and family education to provide treatment to his clients. Injeti is currently enrolled in Grand Canyon University pursuing a doctorate in cognitive psychology. He is currently the supervisor and lead occupational therapist at Loma Linda Behavioral Medicine Center (LLUBMC) as well an adjunct faculty at the Loma Linda University Occupational Therapy department. His clinical practices focuses on the pediatric population. At the university, his teaching focuses on the subject of Occupational Therapy Mental Health and is a fieldwork educator.

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

Session 44, Friday, October 26 - 1:00pm to 3:00pm



Heather Javaherian, OTD, OTR/L, has been practicing in occupational therapy for over 20 years. In 2004 she received her doctorate in occupational therapy with a focus in domestic violence from Creighton University. Javaherian is currently an associate professor and program director of the Masters of Occupational Therapy Program at Loma Linda University. Her teaching emphasis involves research, evidence-based practice, education, community program development, and health promotion. Javaherian enjoys community practice, supervises interns at a domestic violence agency, and oversees various program development projects in domestic violence, lifestyle and health, and mental health. Javaherian regularly uses the Kawa Model as a therapeutic tool in her community-based practice. She has extensive experience presenting at regional, state, and national conferences.

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Amy Jensen, OTR/L, is the director of occupational therapy at Villa Esperanza Services. She has worked in pediatric practice since 2013, with a specialized interest in pediatric mental health and dual diagnosis. She became an occupational therapy practitioner after working for a professional theater company and artist's studio in Berlin, Germany that produced the artwork of adults with developmental disabilities. At Villa Esperanza, she serves school-aged children and young adults with moderate to severe developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorders, as well as toddlers and their families receiving early intervention. Jensen teaches adaptive swimming lessons and water safety at the Rosebowl Aquatics Center, where she also swims on the Masters competition team. She first learned about the DIR-FCD model during a residency with the CA-LEND leadership program at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. She worked with local master clinicians and school administrators to bring DIR-FCD training to Villa.

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Maureen (Mo) Johnson, MS, OT/L, C/NDT, is a graduate of San Jose State University, where she received her bachelor's and post-professional master's in occupational therapy. Johnson is currently pursuing her PhD in education with a focus on learning, instruction, and innovation. She has worked with a variety of patient populations primarily focused on individuals with neurologic impairments. Johnson has worked at Rancho Los Amigos, as an OT and a neuro educator/clinical specialist, and Scripps Memorial Hospital with a focus on inpatient rehabilitation, acute care, and outpatient neuro. Additionally, she has worked in the Peace Corps in Paraguay. Currently Johnson is core faculty at the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences where she teaches anatomy applied to occupation, patient care management, neuroscience, and assistive technology.

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Rayya Jones, is a working mother attending community college to obtain a degree in nursing. She is also the mother of two beautiful girls who are 10 and one year of age. Her oldest daughter has right hemiplegic cerebral palsy. She a mother who is always trying to find simple ways to adapt her daughter's clothing that is cost-effective and as easy as 1-2-3.

Session 110, Sunday, October 28 - 1:30pm to 3:00pm



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

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Kelcie Kadowaki, MA, OTR/L, graduated from the University of California, San Diego with a bachelor's in human development and literature, and completed a master's in occupational therapy at USC. She is currently pursuing a doctorate in occupational therapy at USC while completing a residency at the USC Occupational Therapy Faculty Practice. Kadowaki primarily works with clients in the college student, health coaching, pain management, and mental health Lifestyle Redesign® programs. She is passionate about the expansion of occupational therapy's role in health and wellness for the undergraduate and graduate student populations.

Session 72, Saturday, October 27 - 2:30pm to 4:00pm



Leslyn Keith, OTD, OTR/L, CLT-LANA, has a clinical Occupational Therapy Doctorate with an emphasis on lymphedema and obesity. She was certified as a lymphedema therapist in 2000 and became LANA-certified in 2001. Keith has started four lymphedema therapy programs in California including two in private practice. In addition to treating lymphedema and other lymphatic disorders, she currently researches, consults, and lectures on lymphedema, lipedema, and obesity nationally. She is an instructor for the Klose Training lymphedema therapy certification program.

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Shannon Kelly, MS, OTR/L, is an accomplished, passionate practitioner based in San Luis Obispo, CA. She works in hospital-based acute care, and has experience in inpatient rehab, pediatrics, and school-based occupational therapy. She is passionate about leadership, and as a member of the AOTA Assembly of Student Delegates Steering Committee, she participated in conferences as a panel moderator, presenter, and coordinator of student programming.

Session 65, Saturday, October 27 - 10:00am - 11:30am



Lynn Kim, MA, OTD, OTR/L, is a three-time USC graduate, earning a Bachelor of Arts in cinematic arts from USC in 2010, a Master of Arts in occupational therapy from USC in 2016, and a Doctor of Occupational Therapy in 2017. Kim works at the City of Hope National Medical Center, primarily with the hematology population undergoing stem cell transplants. Her doctoral work focused on the development of an OT-specific assessment and treatment protocol for sexuality, and she has presented at the state and national levels on this topic. She is passionate about incorporating psychosocial care into daily clinical practice and has been recently trained in applying cognitive behavioral therapy in cancer supportive care.

Session 45, Friday, October 26 - 1:00pm to 3:00pm



Heather Kitching, OTD, OTR/L, is the academic fieldwork coordinator and an instructor at California State University, Dominguez Hills. She has more than 27 years of experience in acute rehabilitation and, more recently, acute medical-surgical care. Kitching completed her clinical doctorate degree at the University of Southern California and has experience both in clinical teaching as well as classroom instruction. She has held many elected and appointed positions within the Occupational Therapy Association of California and is currently president of the Association.

Activity G, Sunday, October 28 - 7:30am to 9:15am



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

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Diana Gantman Kravetsky, OTD, MS, OTR/L, AP, began her pediatric therapy career as a speech therapist with a Master of Science in speech pathology, education, and child development from Minsk State Pedagogical University in Belarus. Later, in the United States, she obtained her entry-level occupational therapy degree from the University of Pittsburgh and post-professional Doctor in Occupational Therapy from the Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions. Her extensive experience of working with infants, children, and adolescents spans very diverse settings. Kravetsky worked in the capacity of an occupational therapy coordinator and supervised both administrative and therapeutic staff. She developed new treatment programs, served as a consultant for the occupational therapy center-based programs, camp programs for children with special needs, and a primary care practice settings. She has experience in conducting clinical research and continuing education courses. Kravetsky has presented in occupational therapy at the local and national levels. Currently, she is teaching full-time in the MSOT and OTD programs at West Coast University.

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Dragana (Anna) Krpalek, PhD, OTR/L, is an associate professor at Loma Linda University. She completed her PhD at the University of Queensland, Australia after which time she spent a year in Haiti working as a clinical coordinator. Currently, she focuses on teaching research and neuro-rehabilitation. Alongside her work at the university, Krpalek has been providing primary care services at Loma Linda Family Medicine for the past three years.

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Denise Lau, OTR/L, MOT

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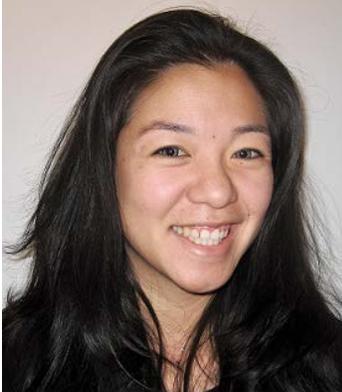
Gyeombi Lee, OTS, is a second-year occupational therapy student attending University of Southern California (USC). Her interest in the value and contribution of occupational therapy in interprofessional care teams began when she went on her first medical mission trip to Haiti through Global Medical Missions Alliance in 2014. Since then, she served as an executive board member in USC's Student-Run Clinic and was part of Interprofessional Geriatrics Curriculum where she had the opportunity to work closely with students from various professions and advocate for the role of OT within an interprofessional care team. Lee hopes to be part of a team providing comprehensive healthcare to underserved and marginalized populations in the US and developing countries.

Session 16, Friday, October 26 - 8:15am to 9:45am



Myungjae Lee, MOTS, recently graduated from Loma Linda University with a Master of Occupational Therapy in April, 2018. She graduated from USC with a BS in health promotion and disease prevention in 2014. Lee has great interests and passion in hand therapy and mental health and has completed her fieldwork in both settings. She aspires to utilize holistic and occupation based approach in all interventions to assist her patients live independent and meaningful lives.

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Ingrid Leu, OTD, OTR/L, has had an interest in mental health since she was a student at the University of Southern California. She is currently working on developing the occupational therapy program at Exodus Recovery, which provides psychiatric treatment services in hospital-based inpatient and outpatient programs in Los Angeles County. She supervises Level I and Level II students from different universities in order to increase exposure and pique interest in mental health. Leu also co-founded the Greater Los Angeles Mental Health Practice Network, whose goal is to provide education and support mental health occupational therapy practitioners while advocating for occupational therapy's distinct role in mental health practice. Leu is current serving as the Occupational Therapy Association of California's Region 2 director and teaches at Stanbridge University.

Session 97, Sunday, October 28 - 11:15am to 12:30pm



Cherylín Lew, OTD, OTR/L, attended the University of Southern California and earned a bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in occupational therapy. She also earned a master's in educational psychology with a pupil personnel services credential in school psychology. Lew practiced in a variety of areas, including pediatrics, school-based practice, rehabilitation, home health, mental health, and outpatient services. She also is certified in sensory integration and neurodevelopmental treatment. Over the last 14 years, Lew has worked in school administration working in public schools as an assistant principal, principal, and coordinator of special education. Currently, she is working as a director of special education in Pasadena Unified School District.

Session 66, Saturday, October 27 - 10:00am - 11:30am



Jessica Lin, OTS, is a third-year occupational therapy student at Loma Linda University (LLU) and will graduate in June 2019. She completed her fieldwork at LLU East Campus inpatient rehabilitation with general orthopedics conditions and at the Inland Caregiver Resource Center for home health with neurological conditions. Since 2017, she has served the LLU Student Activities and worked closely setting up events for the San Bernardino community. She is passionate to work in neurorehabilitation and at a community-based practice in the future.

Session 10, Friday, October 26 - 8:15am to 9:45am



Tabitha Lin, OTS, is a graduate student at the USC Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy. At USC, Lin is an occupational therapy co-chair in the Student-Run Clinic, an interdisciplinary program that promotes inter-professional learning and collaboration and provides primary healthcare to homeless clients. Due to her volunteering experience with socioeconomically disadvantaged communities, Lin's interests lie in occupational justice and its application to health systems and policies in her future practice. In her level II fieldwork, a community-based site for young mothers aging out of foster care, she promoted client self-determination through time management, emotional self-regulation, and floor time play. Lin is also passionate about promoting client engagement in therapy and provider education and cultural sensitivity, shown in her involvement in the ETAC study at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. She hopes to complete an OTD in physical rehabilitation and to integrate socioeconomically-tailored interventions into her residency project.

Session 57, Saturday, October 27 - 8:15am - 11:30am



Natalie Loera, MA, OTR/L, is a post-professional doctoral candidate at the University of Southern California Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy. She is completing her doctoral residency at the Anaheim Elementary School District, with a focus on school-based mental health and political advocacy.

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Lauren Lopez, MA, OTR/L, is a post-professional doctoral candidate at the University of Southern California Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy. She completed her doctoral residency with the Occupational Therapy Association of California as the advocacy resident, working closely with its lobbying firm, to focus on grassroots and political advocacy.

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Flavio Guzman Magana, BS, OTS, was born in Mexico and came to the United States at the age of six. He is currently working on his master's. Despite the obstacles he faced because of being a first-generation, low-income, undocumented student, he graduated Magna Cum Laude and with departmental honors from California Lutheran University. At Cal Lutheran, Magana was a leader in starting the first ever MEChA club, worked closely with the Center for Equality and Justice, helped establish a union, and spent a semester in Washington, DC interning with an immigrants' rights organization. As an undocumented student he faced many obstacles in trying to obtain a college education and found there were limited resources for students like him. His experiences, combined with his belief in the power of education, led him to pursue a career in education and advocacy. Magana has been an educator for over six years and has served over 10,000 students in various roles. He has a passion for supporting and advocating for traditionally underrepresented students.

Session 20, Friday, October 26 - 8:15am to 11:30am



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. She is currently a test author and project director for the development and international normative data collection of the Evaluation in Ayres Sensory Integration (EASI). Mailloux is also an adjunct associate professor at Thomas Jefferson University, Department of Occupational Therapy and a co-founder of the Collaborative for Leadership in Ayres Sensory Integration (CLASI). 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.

Session 7, Thursday, October 25 - 1:00pm to 5:00pm



Donna Mann, OTD, BSOT, Dip ABLM, OT/L (WA), is associate dean for the College of Health Science and Public Health, interim chair of Public Health and Health Services Administration, and associate professor of Occupational Therapy at Eastern Washington University. She holds a bachelor's and a post-professional doctoral degree in occupational therapy from Loma Linda University and a master's in education from Eastern Washington University where she conducts research in two areas – the role and efficacy of occupational therapy in the management of executive dysfunction for successful school role performance and the role and efficacy of occupational therapy in lifestyle medicine practice from which she has developed the Dynamic HEALT²H Model for NCDs. Mann holds certification in Lifestyle Medicine and is the first occupational therapy practitioner in the country to hold Diplomate status through the American Board of Lifestyle Medicine. She has presented locally, regionally, and nationally on the topic of occupational therapy's role in lifestyle medicine and has been a member of the American College of Lifestyle Medicine since 2010.

Session 95, Sunday, October 28 - 9:30am to 12:30pm



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

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Heather Martin is the executive officer of the California Board of Occupational Therapy (CBOT), which has the mission to regulate occupational therapy by serving and protecting California's consumers and licensees.

Session 63, Saturday, October 27 - 10:00am - 11:30am



Sabrina McCarley, MBA-SL, OTR/L, CLIPP, is currently employed as a director of clinical operations with RehabCare/Kindred Rehabilitation Services and is responsible for practitioner mentoring, training, program development, continuing education development, quality assurance, compliance, and regulatory support for 200 SNF/IL/AL facilities/rehab contracts and agencies in California, Nevada, Arizona, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Indiana, Kentucky and New Mexico.

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Session 52, Saturday, October 27 - 8:15am to 9:45am
Session 66, Saturday, October 27 - 10:00am to 11:30am
Session 70, Saturday, October 27 - 2:30pm to 4:00pm
Session 79, Saturday, October 27 - 4:15pm to 5:45pm
Session 99, Sunday, October 28 - 11:15am to 12:30pm
Session 116, Sunday, October 28 - 1:30pm to 4:45pm



Guy McCormack, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, is serving as the interim program director for the University of the Pacific, Sacramento, California. He worked in the capacity of chair for over 14 years and as an occupational therapy faculty member, practitioner, and researcher for over 40 years. He is currently working as an occupational therapy consultant. McCormack has published widely and presented numerous papers at state, national, and international professional conferences.

Session 49, Friday, October 26 - 1:00pm to 3:00pm



Jenna Mele, OTD, OTR/L, CCM, RYT, works in long-term care, assisted living, and home health, and volunteers with the Alzheimer's Greater Los Angeles. After focusing on integrating yoga into the pediatric setting during her doctorate work, her grandmother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Her career focus shifted from children with developmental delays to adults living with cognitive declines. She brought her passion for wellness and health to her work with people experiencing memory problems. Mele has worked directly with the aging population for the past seven years and specializes in facilitating quality of life for people living with dementia. She lectures in the community and local universities, and currently uses her background as an occupational therapy practitioner, care manager, and yoga

teacher to engage individuals and care partners to maximize their quality of life.

Session 2, Thursday, October 25 - 8:45am to 12:00pm



Zari Morales, OTS, is a second-year occupational therapy student attending the University of Southern California (USC). As a student at USC, she was involved in USC's Student-Run Clinic as a clinic site coordinator and as a part of USC's Interprofessional Geriatrics Curriculum where she had the opportunity to work with students in other professional programs. There she learned about the value of interprofessional health care and how to advocate for both OT and patients. She realized her interest in working and collaborating on interprofessional teams as a future occupational therapy practitioner providing services to the people of Los Angeles County and beyond.

Session 16, Friday, October 26 - 8:15am to 9:45am



Rashelle Nagata, OTD, OTR/L, is currently staffed as the only occupational therapy practitioner on an interdisciplinary team at the USC Kortschak Center for Learning and Creativity. Nagata specializes in facilitating the behavioral health modification of college students with ADHD, anxiety, and depression, in order to promote academic success and positive lifestyle habits and routines. She is passionate about empowering occupational therapy practitioners to boldly enter this role-emerging field of working on college campuses using holistic, client-centered, occupation-based interventions.

Session 62, Saturday, October 27 - 10:00am - 11:30am



Bonnie Nakasuji, OTD, OTR/L, FAOTA, has been an occupational therapy (OT) practitioner for over 45 years. She is currently the co-owner of a pediatric private practice clinic, Therapy West, Inc. and pLAy Studio, associate part-time faculty and disabilities specialist at Santa Monica College, and adjunct associate professor of occupational therapy at the University of Southern California (USC). Her clinical doctoral project focused on education as a means to improve disability awareness in Ghana, West Africa and has been the lead coordinator responsible for taking OT students from the University of Southern California to complete a Level I Fieldwork or a leadership externship in Ghana every year since 2005. Her international focus on disability awareness education extended to Mali, Cameroon, and Togo, which helped to propel an interest in understanding the cultural barriers and cultural opportunities that impact effective collaboration and learning between professionals of African and Western cultures.

Session 58, Saturday, October 27 - 8:15am to 11:30am

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Alexis Nalbach, OTS, is currently a second-year master's student at USC Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy program. Formerly, she achieved her Bachelor of Arts in sociology with a minor in care, health, and society at the University of Arizona. She has completed several fieldwork rotations in the areas of pediatrics and adult rehabilitation. Through her fieldwork experience, Nalbach has become passionate about OT's role in primary care. As a part of an elective course, OT 590, she is currently assisting Shan-Pin Fanchiang, OTR/L, PhD, in her research in medication self-management for patient care with resources and applications. Nalbach is planning on continuing her education at USC in the OTD program to further develop her clinical expertise in the area of primary care.

Session 57, Saturday, October 27 - 8:15am to 11:30am



Douglas Nelson, MS, OTR/L, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in psychology from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2005, and received a Master of Science in occupational therapy from California State University of Dominguez Hills in 2011. He has worked at City of Hope Hospital for seven years, serving patients of all ages and in both inpatient and outpatient settings. He is the primary therapist on the pediatric and adult hematology units, and assists patients with chemotherapy-induced cognitive impairments in the outpatient setting. He assisted in the creation of City of Hope's current Delirium Prevention and Management policy, and has presented to physicians and other hospital staff on topics including the unique role that occupational therapy can play for pediatric oncology patients.

Session 50, Friday, October 26 - 1:00pm to 3:00pm



Jennifer Nguyen-Poon, OTS, is currently pursuing a Master of Science in occupational therapy at Stanbridge University in Irvine, CA. She graduated from San Jose State University with a bachelor's in occupational therapy and minor in psychology. Nguyen-Poon has unofficially been an OT a majority of her life, even if she didn't realize it. Her father had his leg amputated as a result of the Vietnam War and she strived to become his support system to help enhance his quality of life. Since the age of six, she developed devices to increase his independence. Fast forward 20 years later, she has spent the past decade serving others and working in nursing facilities/health clinics.

Session 97, Sunday, October 28 - 11:15am to 12:30pm



Karen Ni, OTD, OTR/L, is an occupational therapy practitioner with specialty training in animal assisted therapy. She is the owner of SunDog Therapy. She received her bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees in occupational therapy from the University of Southern California. She completed her doctorate residency at Dogwood Therapy Services, Inc. in Albuquerque, New Mexico where she integrated animal assisted therapy as a motivating therapeutic modality in occupational therapy treatment. Ni has acquired continuing education in dog behavior, training, handling, and welfare, and in developing animal assisted therapy programs. She has presented on animal assisted interventions at conferences throughout the world including those hosted by Animal Assisted Intervention International (AII), the American Occupational Therapy Association (OTA), and the Occupational Therapy Association of California (OTAC). She is also a field representative for Paws With a Cause, where she conducts assistance dog evaluations, provides client education, and facilitates the placement of assistance dogs.

Session 6, Thursday, October 25 - 1:00pm to 4:00pm



Raymond Nubla, OTS, is a Master of Occupational Therapy student at the University of St. Augustine, San Marcos. He received his Bachelor of Arts in kinesiology at Sacramento State University. Prior to his graduate school acceptance, Nubla gained experience working with children with feeding disorders in a clinical setting. He currently serves as an OTAC Student Delegate for the University of St. Augustine's Student Occupational Therapy Association. Nubla's clinical interests include populations experiencing developmental disabilities and the implementation of occupational therapy services to the homeless population.

Session 41, Friday, October 26 - 1:00pm to 3:00pm



Kristen Nxumalo, OTD, OTR/L, CLT, is an assistant professor of clinical occupational therapy at the University of Southern California. She has been an acute care therapist practicing at Keck Medical Center of USC for the past three years. Her specialty practice areas include heart failure and lymphedema management. Nxumalo works in both the inpatient and outpatient settings

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Erin O'Donnell, OTD, OTR/L, earned her master's and clinical Occupational Therapy Doctorate from USC in 2013 and 2014, respectively. She completed her OTD residency at Therapy West & pLAY Studio, under the supervision of Bonnie Nakasuji, OTD, OTR/L, FAOTA. She joins Nakasuji's Ghana team at Mephibosheth Training Center whenever she can and was inspired by the children there to focus her doctoral research and program development on educational support for children with disabilities in developing countries. O'Donnell has worked closely with Nakasuji and Mariko Yamazaki, OTD, OTR/L, to help facilitate the continued growth of occupational therapy in Ghana. They have also been exploring the significance of culture in the field of occupational therapy. O'Donnell has actively and enthusiastically been applying Nakasuji's theory of cultural fluidity to her practice as a school-based therapist in Los Angeles.

Session 58, Saturday, October 27 - 8:15am to 11:30am



Abby Parana, OTR/L, has been a school-based occupational therapy practitioner for nearly 10 years and has always known the importance of accessing public education. One of her strongest mentors has been her elementary school art teacher and grandmother who was the first to teach her the importance and value of the creative process. Parana carries her grandmother's influence via the use of arts and crafts as therapeutic tools for students to engage in and achieve successful outcomes. She values the importance of teacher collaboration in order to provide the "just right challenge" for students learning at any ability level. Bringing her playful and artistic spirit, as the co-founder, she looks forward to providing even more innovative and creative strategies to the OT School House Community where she blogs and co-hosts the OT School House Podcast.

Session 75, Saturday, October 27 - 2:30pm to 4:00pm



Daniel Park, OTD, OTR/L, is an assistant professor at the Mrs. T. H. Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy at the University of Southern California (USC). He holds a clinical Doctorate of Occupational Therapy and Master of Arts in occupational therapy, both from USC. He has also earned a Master of Social Welfare (Health Services Specialization) from the University of California, Los Angeles, a Master of Education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and a Bachelor of Science in human development from Cornell University. At the USC Chan Division, Park directs the Division's Global Initiatives and oversees multiple large international projects, including the Division's student and faculty exchange programs and the Summer Occupational Therapy Immersion program. He was previously a clinical occupational therapist at Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center (Burbank,

CA) where he developed and launched the Outpatient Occupational Therapy Program at the Roy and Patricia Disney Family Cancer Center, designed specifically for the lifestyle and occupational performance needs of cancer survivors.

Session 81, Saturday, October 27 - 4:15pm to 5:45pm



Samantha Parnelli, OTS, is a graduate student currently enrolled within the Master of Occupational Therapy program at Loma Linda University. She shares her passion, advocacy, and service to others as a representative for the Assembly Student Delegates. She additionally serves as the community service vice president for the School of Allied Health Professions. As a military child, Parnelli has a rooted interest in working with the veteran community.

Session 101, Sunday, October 28 - 11:15am to 12:30pm



Sharon Pavlovich, MAM, COTA/L, is an assistant professor at Loma Linda University; vice president on the California Board of Occupational Therapy; Harvard Macy Scholar (2014 student); Harvard Macy Scholar (2015 Faculty Mentor); and doctoral student at USC Rossier School of Education.

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Session 63, Saturday, October 27 - 10:00am - 11:30am



Paul Penoliar, OTD, OTR/L, C/NDT, has been an occupational therapy practitioner for 18 years with a specialization in neurological disorders. He has extensive experience working with the adult and geriatric populations in a variety of settings ranging from tertiary care hospital facilities to community rehabilitation. He graduated from the University of Southern California Chan Division of Occupational Therapy program in 2000. He has a clinical doctorate degree in OT from Creighton University graduating in 2016 with an emphasis in neurology and the professoriate. He is currently researching the effects of combining the neurodevelopmental treatment framework and modified constraint-induced movement therapy to improve occupational performance for clients with motor control issues. He received an award from the Los Angeles Police Department Chief of Police in 2002 for provisions of rehabilitation services in the care of an injured police officer. Since 2010, he has served as an adjunct professor and clinical instructor in the Department of Occupational Therapy for California State University, Dominguez Hills teaching courses in conditions and interventions for adults with physical disabilities.

In addition, Park serves as the international program coordinator for the department developing international internship and cultural experience programs in Bulgaria and Mexico. Lastly, he is the director of occupational therapy services for the City of Carson, California - Joseph B. Jr. and Mary Anne O'Neal Carson Community Stroke Center.

Session 61, Saturday, October 27 - 8:15am to 5:45pm



Fabiola Prasetio, OTS, is a master's of occupational therapy student at Loma Linda University. She received her Bachelor of Arts in psychology from California State University, San Bernardino with a minor in communications. Currently, Prasetio serves as president of her class and has been involved in community service and global outreach. She has worked alongside the Students for International Mission Service (SIMS) to provide occupational therapy services within community clinics and in-home to the Saraburi province in Thailand. Her experience through community outreach and research as a student has inspired her to pursue occupational therapy with a focus on mental health. She is expected to graduate in 2019 and hopes to use her interpersonal and professional skills to give back to her community of San Bernardino.

Session 34, Friday, October 26 - 10:00am to 11:30am



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

Session 12, Friday, October 26 - 8:15am to 9:45am



Douglas Rakoski, OTD, OTR/L, ATP, is an assistant professor and director of the Therapeutic Technology Program at Loma Linda University Medical Center. He has served as clinical specialist in assistive technology for the University of Michigan Health System managing the Computer Assisted Therapy Program. Rakoski worked for six years at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center where he specialized in spinal cord injury and performed assistive technology evaluations at the Center for Applied Rehabilitation Technology (CART). His research experience includes participation in a NIH grant on implantable electrodes in stroke survivors and a NIDRR grant on mobile arm support development.

Session 10, Friday, October 26 - 8:15am to 9:45am



Lindsey Reeves, OTD, OTR/L, works as an assistant professor of clinical occupational therapy at the USC Occupational Therapy Faculty Practice. She completed her master's and doctorate in occupational therapy at USC. Her clinical residency was completed at the USC Occupational Therapy Faculty Practice, where she practiced Lifestyle Redesign®. Her doctoral work consisted of growing the pain management program and creating a 10-week Lifestyle Redesign® Fibromyalgia Treatment and Support Group. As a clinical faculty member, Reeves works with clients in the chronic pain, chronic headache, college student and ergonomic programs, and is a member of the USC Chronic Pain and Chronic Headache Multidisciplinary Teams. She has presented on her occupational therapy work with chronic pain populations at multiple conferences, including the American Headache Society, the USC Pain Symposium, and the AOTA Mental Health Specialty Conference. Reeves received her bachelor's in environmental science from UCLA.

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Joyce Rioux, EdD, OTR/L, SCSS, is the assistant director of therapies at Capitol Region Education Council in Connecticut. She has over 35 years' experience in school system practice. At the local level, Rioux has actively advocated for the publication of current occupational therapy guidelines in Connecticut's educational programs. At the national level, serves as chair for AOTA's Board for Advanced and Specialty Certification. She presents at local, state, and national conferences on topics specific to school therapy practice and professional development.

Session 19, Friday, October 26 - 8:15am to 11:30am



Heather Roesse, OTD, OTR/L, holds a full-time faculty appointment in the Master of Occupational Therapy program for Loma Linda University. Her current teaching emphasis is physical rehabilitation, with a concentration on neurocognitive and movement disorders. She provides services and consultation for a community-based setting which serves persons with neurological impairment and their family caregivers. She has obtained certifications in NDT for adults with hemiplegia, LSVT Big, and Beckman oral motor therapy.

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Aja Roley, MA, OTR/L, is an occupational therapy practitioner specializing in child development, sensory integration, visual impairment, autism, and special education. She received her master's in occupational therapy and sciences from the University of Southern California. She is currently pursuing her clinical doctorate in occupational therapy at Thomas Jefferson University. Roley has received advanced training in Ayres® Sensory Integration (ASI) and the administration and interpretation of the Sensory Integration and Praxis Test. She currently works as a treating clinician at a private pediatric clinic, as well as a consultant and independent evaluator for school districts across Southern California. Roley teaches workshops and courses in ASI through her private practice and in association with the Collaborative for Leadership in Ayres Sensory Integration (CLASI). She volunteers her time as a field-tester for the international normative data collection of the Evaluation in Ayres Sensory Integration (EASI). Through her work, she hopes to create pathways for awareness and understanding of people with varying abilities, while also promoting participation and meaningful engagement for all.

Session 7, Thursday, October 25 - 1:00pm to 5:00pm



Arezou Salamat, OTD, OTR/L, is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy at Loma Linda University. She received her doctorate in occupational therapy with a focus in childhood trauma from Loma Linda University. Her emphasis in teaching and research are infants, children and youth, childhood trauma, sensory integration, and community mental health as well as K-12 mental health. Salamat has extensive experience presenting locally and nationally in the areas of childhood trauma and health promotion as well as providing support and trainings for social services in San Bernardino County Department of Children and Family Services.

Session 101, Sunday, October 28 - 11:15am to 12:30pm



Samantha Santos-Cucalon, BA, OTS, is a graduate student completing her master's in occupational therapy from San Jose State University. She believes that tending to one's mental health can have profound effects on the physical body. Santos-Cucalon has experience in a range of therapeutic spaces that include stroke survivors, teenage yogis, homeless mothers, those with mental illness and the aged. She is currently working in mental health on an outpatient basis in the San Francisco Bay Area with adults experiencing depression, schizoaffective disorder, and bipolar disorder. She is a certified yoga teacher and lover of the woods - both of which she hopes to incorporate into therapy whenever possible.

Session 71, Saturday, October 27 - 2:30pm to 4:00pm



Robin Schlundt-Bodien, MA, OTR/L, graduated from USC Department of Occupational Therapy in 2000. She began her career at USC University Hospital, working in rehabilitation and psychiatry. In 2002, she transitioned to the pediatric population, where she has devoted the last 16 years of her career. Schlundt-Bodien has provided therapy within the community, clinic, and public-school settings for the pediatric and adolescent populations. She is the owner of Playtime Solutions, a pediatric practice, providing therapy services using a whole person approach. She is deeply interested in supporting wellness for caregivers of individuals with special needs and illness. Her interests include topics such as compassion, resiliency and wellness programs, positive psychology, meditation, neurofeedback and ADHD. She holds a RY-200 yoga certification and actively studies and integrates mindfulness and meditation into her personal and professional lives. She has lectured on topics of compassion fatigue and resiliency, ADHD, self-regulation, as well as a variety of in-services on skill specific tools for writing.

Session 114, Sunday, October 28 - 1:30pm to 4:45pm



Winifred Schultz-Krohn, PhD, OTR/L, BCP, FAOTA, has over 35 years' experience working as an occupational therapy practitioner. She is Board Certified in Pediatrics (BCP) by the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) and is advanced practice approved in swallowing (SWC) by the California Board of Occupational Therapy. She served on the Pediatric Panel of the AOTA Board for Certification for several years and served on the panel to develop the AOTA Specialty Certification in School Systems. Schultz-Krohn is the department chair and a professor of occupational therapy at San Jose State University where she teaches courses in pediatrics, neurorehabilitation, and research methods. Schultz-Krohn's scholarly interests include pediatric occupational therapy with expertise in early intervention, school-based practice, family centered intervention, the needs of children and families in

homeless shelters, feeding problems, and neurological rehabilitation.

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Brandon Seigel, executive director, brings over 15 years of experience in executive management and helping support strategic growth to private practices while empowering a workforce to achieve optimum clinical outcomes. For the past eight years, Seigel has been empowering an interdisciplinary team of over 100 clinicians inclusive of occupational therapy practitioners, physical therapists, speech language pathologists, and home care specialists in Southern California. In addition, he is a frequent guest lecturer and keynote speaker for occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech language pathology programs and conferences throughout the country. Seigel is passionate about empowering the next generation of healthcare professionals to overcome the obstacles that are impacting our current healthcare environment.

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Erica Sequeira, OTS, is a second-year graduate student at the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences (USAHS) in San Marcos, California. She earned a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences at the University of California, Riverside. Sequeira has pursued an interest in working with the geriatric population to assist them with increasing their quality of life. She is an active member of USAHS's Student Occupational Therapy Association. She currently expresses her passion for creativity as fundraising chair for her school and hopes to continue this passion by designing an assistive universal device for populations in need.

Session 41, Friday, October 26 - 1:00pm to 3:00pm



Kathleen Shanfield, MS, OTR/L, CVE, ATP, has focused most of her professional career around evaluating and treating clients with various disabilities in the use of assistive technology, as well as practicing general occupational therapy. She has over 35 years of experience working in a variety of settings. Shanfield currently works at the Center for Applied Rehabilitation Technology (CART) program at Rancho and provides evaluation and training for assistive technology for clients with physical disabilities that limit performance in school, home, and work settings. She is also involved in a research program investigating Brain Computer Interface in coordination with Cal Tech and USC. She is also a part-time instructor at Cal State Dominguez Hills OT program, teaching the assistive technology class.

Session 30, Friday, October 26 - 10:00am to 11:30am



Ashley Uyeshiro Simon, OTD, OTR/L, MSCS, is an assistant professor of clinical occupational therapy at the Mrs. T.H. Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy at the University of Southern California. She uses the Lifestyle Redesign® technique to help people with chronic conditions change their daily habits and routines to improve their function, quality of life, and condition self-management. Simon specializes in treating people with chronic pain, headaches, post-concussive syndrome, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease, and works closely with many multidisciplinary teams to create comprehensive care for her patients. She also conducts ergonomic evaluations for patients, as well as employees of USC, and is a faculty in residence at USC.

Session 43, Friday, October 26 - 1:00pm to 3:00pm



Jerilyn (Gigi) Smith, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, has been an occupational therapy practitioner for over 35 years. She received her bachelor's and post-professional master's in occupational therapy from San Jose State University (SJSU), and earned a PhD in health sciences from Touro University International. Smith is an associate professor at SJSU where she teaches courses in practice areas, professional development, and research. She serves as a faculty advisor for student research projects and is the graduate admissions coordinator and advisor for the Occupational Therapy Program. Smith has written several chapters in well-respected occupational therapy textbooks and has lectured locally, nationally, and internationally. She has been an active member of both AOTA and OTAC; she currently serves on the OTAC Board of Directors as an elected officer in the position of secretary. Her clinical experience includes working with adults with neurological disorders in a variety of practice settings and she currently works with children zero to three years old in early intervention home care.

Session 15, Friday, October 26 - 8:15am to 9:45am



Linsey Smith, OTD, OTR/L, was born in the United States and grew up in Europe and in Hong Kong. She completed her undergraduate, master's, and clinical doctorate degrees at the University of Southern California and is now assistant professor of clinical occupational therapy, providing support for the USC Chan Division's Sensory Integration, Engagement, and Family Life Initiative. Smith has also been a practicing clinician in an outpatient pediatric clinic setting for six years, and has experience in mentoring clinicians, managing program enrollment, and coordinating fieldwork placements. Her teaching at USC focuses primarily on autism, sensory integration, lifespan development, and school-based occupational therapy practice settings. Her doctoral work focused on program evaluation and quality improvement for group social skills programming.

Session 44, Friday, October 26 - 1:00pm to 3:00pm



Jennifer St. Jude, is an author, lecturer, and disabilities advocate. She holds a bachelor's in social work and has an Adult Education Teaching Credential. She now lives in Southern California and is the mother of two daughters on the autism spectrum; she was also diagnosed with autism after a lifetime of difficulties. St. Jude has written extensively on the topic of adults and children with autism as well as speaks at professional conferences and universities. She is the co-author of a book called "What Every Autistic Girl Wishes Her Parents Knew" and is an independent consultant specializing in solutions for children and adults with challenging symptoms and behaviors. Her personal journey of hope and healing offers a unique prospective into this uncharted topic of woman, girls, and the autism spectrum.

Session 98, Sunday, October 28 - 11:15am to 12:30pm



Marlene Steele, COTA/L, MHA/Ed, CBIS, is the disease management coordinator for Advanced Home Health and has been an instructor at Sacramento City College in the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program for 23 years. Prior to Advanced Home Health she worked for Rehab Without Walls as a program director/clinical coordinator and admissions manager. She has been a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) for 26 years and graduated from Sacramento City College in the program in which she currently teaches in. She has her master's in healthcare administration with a specialty in health education from the University of Phoenix. Steele has worked as a COTA/L in many settings from acute hospital, skilled nursing, home health, outpatient, and school-based pediatrics. She is the Region 5 director for the Occupational Therapy Association of California.

Session 36, Friday, October 26 - 10:00am to 11:30am



Virginia (Ginny) Stoffel, PhD, OT/L (WI), BCMH, FAOTA, is immediate past president (2013-2016) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). In this capacity she chaired the Association's Board of Directors. She also served as AOTA's vice president and in that role she was responsible for the organization's strategic planning activities and chaired its Centennial Vision commission. Stoffel is currently an associate professor in the Department of Occupational Science & Technology at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. An AOTA member since 1975, Stoffel earned a PhD in leadership for the advancement of learning and service from Cardinal Stritch University in 2007, an MS in educational psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1983, and a BA in occupational therapy from St. Catherine's in 1977. Stoffel has worked on numerous leadership and service projects with AOTA and the American Occupational Therapy

Foundation (AOTF). She has served on the AOTA Specialties Board establishing Board Certification in Mental Health. Among many publications, Stoffel co-authored the mental health text, *Occupational Therapy in Mental Health: A Vision for Participation*. Her areas of expertise include mental health, substance abuse and recovery, psychosocial aspects of wellness and everyday life, capturing lived experience using photovoice methods, leadership, leadership development, and servant leadership.

Session 37, Friday, October 26 - 3:15pm to 5:15pm
Session 112, Sunday, October 28 - 1:30pm to 4:45pm



Esther Suh, OTR/L, is an OT practitioner with a focus on community-based and mental health services. She is currently working in the nonprofit sector as co-founder and director of the Dwelle Collaborative, assisting survivors of trafficking to provide them with opportunities to thrive using OT-based services. She holds a Master of Arts in occupational therapy from USC and cosmetology license through Paul Mitchell. Suh is using her experiences in the OT and beauty industry to build resiliency for women who have experienced oppression and institutional dependency to transition them into a life of meaningful independence to be part of a free society.

Session 31, Friday, October 26 - 10:00am to 11:30am



Daniel Swiatek, OTD, OTR/L, is a full-time clinician at Torrance Memorial Medical Center in Torrance, California. He has over 20 years' experience as an occupational therapy practitioner and has worked in acute, skilled nursing, and home health. He specializes in geriatrics.

Session 99, Sunday, October 28 - 11:15am to 12:30pm



Boguslawa (Bo) Syrotiak, MOT, MBA, OTR/L, is interim director of therapy services and occupational therapy practitioner at Anaheim Regional Medical Center, Anaheim, CA. She is a second-year PhD student at the School of Occupational Therapy, Texas Woman's University, Dallas, TX. She holds a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy, California State University Dominguez Hills, Carson, CA; Master of Arts in Business Administration, Department of Business Administration and Economics, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt an der Oder, Germany; and advance practice certifications in physical agent modalities and hand therapy.

Session 84, Saturday, October 27 - 4:15pm to 5:45pm



Tracy Tang, OTS, is a second-year occupational therapy student attending the University of Southern California (USC). Her interest in interprofessional dynamics stemmed from her volunteer experience with hospice, where she attended weekly interdisciplinary meetings and saw how the unique expertise of each discipline contributed to the overall team. During her time at USC, she served as clinic site coordinator for USC's Student-Run Clinic, an organization of different health students who see underserved patients from Skid Row. During clinic, she managed two interprofessional teams of OT, PA, PharmD, and MD students. Tang is also a research assistant for USC's OT Faculty Practice, where she works with clinical outcomes data to determine the effectiveness of Lifestyle Redesign®.

Session 16, Friday, October 26 - 8:15am to 9:45am



Lisa Test, OTD, OTR/L, is the coordinating therapist for the OT and PT Program at Los Angeles Unified School District. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in ergonomics from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and master's and clinical doctorate degrees in occupational therapy and occupational science from USC. With professional interests in children with developmental disabilities, sensory integration, autism, play, and school-based practice, she is recognized as a leader in occupational therapy possessing extensive experience in the delivery of interventions for children with disabilities. She has presented both nationally and internationally on application of sensory integration in the schools, clinical reasoning, and assessment and intervention of children with diverse needs. She serves on the OTAC Practice, Ethics and Reimbursement Committee and Ethics and co-chairs the School-based Practice Subcommittee and the OT School Credential Initiative.

Session 60, Saturday, October 27 - 8:15am to 5:45pm

Session 66, Saturday, October 27 - 10:00am to 11:30am



Jermain Tezeno, BS, DPT, OT/L, graduated from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette with a Bachelor of Science in sports medicine. He completed his Master of Occupational Therapy at the University of St. Augustine with a concentration in hand therapy. As a dual degree student, he completed his Doctor of Physical Therapy at the University of St. Augustine. Tezeno has remained dually credentialed in both occupational and physical therapy and has practiced for 12 years. He has been a traveling occupational and physical therapist for Protocol Healthcare for over four years. He has served in clinical and managerial positions with experience in the adult population within acute care, acute inpatient rehab, skilled nursing facilities, home health, and orthopedics and neurological outpatient. He has served as a clinical instructor for several occupational and physical therapy schools since 2008.

Session 50, Friday, October 26 - 1:00pm to 3:00pm



Michelle Thakur, MOT, OTR/L, is the director of therapeutic recreation at Crestwood Neurobehavioral Treatment Center in Fremont, CA, and the co-founder of HelloShift, the number one hospitality collaboration mobile application. Previously she founded Sprokkit, a marketing technology agency, conducted usability research for brands like Amazon and eBay, and was the lab coordinator for a brain imaging team at Stanford Medical School. Thakur is passionate about using experiential learning and the neurofunctional approach to promote role competency, occupational performance, and wellness. She received her Master in Occupational Therapy from Samuel Merritt University and her BA in psychology with highest honors from UC Berkeley.

Session 51, Saturday, October 27 - 8:15am to 9:45am



Heather Thomas, PhD, OTR/L, is associate professor of the Occupational Therapy Doctorate and Masters in OT Program at West Coast University in Los Angeles. She has a long history of working in occupational therapy education, as full-time faculty at Loma Linda University for 10 years and then in 2013 she moved over to West Coast University where she helped develop the MSOT program. She has presented at international, national, and state conferences, and has been involved in providing OT services in Haiti since the devastating earthquake in 2010. She has served in a variety of leadership positions with the Occupational Therapy Association of California, Los Angeles OT Leadership Forum, Los Angeles City, and AOTA. She is the author of the top selling activity analysis text book "Occupation-Based Activity Analysis," which is used across the world. She is the recipient of the 2016 Occupational Therapy Association of California Award of Excellence.

Session 18, Friday, October 26 - 8:15am to 11:30am



Kendall Tillman, OTS, is a second-year occupational therapy student at the University of Southern California. She received her Bachelor of Arts in kinesiology with an emphasis in fitness and health promotion from Colorado Mesa University in May 2016. Tillman's interest in the delivery of culturally sensitive healthcare services to diverse individuals was sparked during her studies abroad at the University of Western Sydney in Sydney, Australia in 2015. This experience, coupled with her recent trip with Bonnie Nakasuji's team to Mephibosheth Training Center in Ghana, has facilitated her ability to engage in reflective questioning.

Session 58, Saturday, October 27 - 8:15am to 11:30am



Cecilia Tran, OTS, completed her undergraduate degree in psychology and sociology at the University of California, Irvine as well as her Master in Occupational Therapy at the University of Southern California. Tran is currently a doctoral candidate at USC completing her OTD residency in primary care at a federally qualified health center in Orange County, CA. Here, she sees patients with low income and low health literacy both individually and in group settings to promote independence with their health management. She collaborates with medical and behavioral health providers to support patients with chronic conditions such as diabetes, obesity, hypertension, and behavioral health comorbidities. Trans has a professional interest in working in health promotion and wellness among underserved populations.

Session 76, Saturday, October 27 - 2:30pm to 5:45pm



Sue Trautman, MA, OTR/L, has a background in occupational therapy and special education. While she has worked in a variety of settings including rehabilitation, neonatology, and home health, pediatrics has been constant throughout her career. Until recently, she worked in the private practice she founded in Pasadena, California that serves children from birth through teens in their homes, at school, or in the clinic. Trautman's passion is sensory integration and she has lectured extensively on this topic and taught specialty certification courses throughout the world over the last 20 years. She has developed many sensory rich environments for schools and clinics and is on the Professional Advisory Board for Shane's Inspiration, who create boundless playgrounds. Trautman served on the Southern California Board of Autism Speaks for several years. She is closely involved with many aspects of the Ayres Sensory Integration 2020 Vision and has assisted with development of test materials and coordinated field and pilot testing for the Evaluation in Sensory Integration (EASI). She is currently teaching Ayres Sensory Integration through the Collaborative for Leadership in Ayres Sensory Integration (CLASI).

Session 7, Thursday, October 25 - 1:00pm to 5:00pm



Laura Trimble, OTR/L, received a BS in psychology with a biology emphasis from the University of California, Davis in 2011. She completed a Master of Occupational Therapy at Samuel Merritt University in 2016. Trimble currently works full-time at Kentfield Hospital in Marin, CA, a long-term acute care hospital. She is particularly interested in neurological rehabilitation and working with the geriatric population.

Session 51, Saturday, October 27 - 8:15am to 9:45am



Marie Umeda, OTS, is working on receiving a Master of Occupational Therapy at Loma Linda University and is expected to graduate in 2019. She received a Bachelor of Arts in graphic design from California State University, Long Beach. She is an active member of various Japanese-American youth leadership and cultural programs in the greater Los Angeles area. Her strong involvement in Japanese-American community's youth groups, volunteer experience at a pediatric outpatient clinic, and school-based fieldwork experience has inspired her to work with the pediatric population. She is currently working on providing an integrative basketball clinic for children with developmental disabilities through the framework work of sensory integration.

Session 34, Friday, October 26 - 10:00am to 11:30am



Samantha Valasek, OTD, OTR/L, is an assistant professor of clinical occupational therapy for the USC Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy. She currently practices at the USC Occupational Therapy Faculty Practice, where she specializes in Lifestyle Redesign® and works with clients to improve their self-management of a variety of chronic conditions, including obesity, diabetes, chronic pain, chronic headaches, depression, and anxiety. She is also involved in the expansion of OT's role in health and wellness, particularly in primary care settings where she collaborates closely with family medicine physicians and other interprofessional teams to enhance client care and educate the next generation of practitioners. Valasek graduated from USC with a master's and doctorate of occupational therapy.

Session 1, Thursday, October 25 - 8:45am to 12:00pm

Session 40, Friday, October 26 - 1:00pm to 3:00pm



Vicky Vu, MA, OT/L, MBA, BCP, CPAM, has been an occupational therapy practitioner since 1995 with clinical expertise in developmental movement assessment, neurodevelopmental treatment, feeding and swallowing, and infant massage. She worked at California Children Services for 14 years working with children with neuromuscular deficits including cerebral palsy, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, spinal cord injuries, and brachial plexus palsy. Vu was also an instructor at Santa Ana College in the OTA program focusing on activities analysis lab and physical disabilities. In 2013, she joined the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit developmental team at the Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) where she has gained in depth knowledge of medically fragile babies including babies in the Small Baby Unit. Vu is also working alongside Dr. Amber Leis in developing the brachial plexus palsy clinic at CHOC. She is board certified in pediatrics, certified in physical agent modalities, certified Vital Stim NMES, certified lactation educator counselor, and certified pediatric and neonatal touch and massage.

Session 111, Sunday, October 28 - 1:30pm to 3:00pm



Rebecca Wall, BS, OTS, is currently finishing the residency portion of her Occupational Therapy Doctorate from Nova Southeastern University (NSU). She earned Bachelor of Science in kinesiology with an emphasis in exercise science from California State University Northridge, and after graduating, gained three years of experience working as an aide in adapted physical activity centers, and occupational therapy, physical therapy, and cardiac rehabilitation clinics. During her time at NSU she has been a part of a research team analyzing if domain correlations exist between the SIPT and the WISC-IV, with the goal of increasing communication between disciplines to formulate the best treatments for children, and to better understand the standardized assessments and overlap that exists between disciplines. After completing her residency, she intends to work with the pediatric population and has a special interest in sensory integration, early intervention, research, and how play skills are affected by various environments, especially adapted playgrounds.

Session 117, Sunday, October 28 - 3:15pm to 4:45pm



Rani Waterman, OTD, OTR/L, AMPS, has come to occupational therapy as a second career. After graduating from Northwestern University with a degree in theatre, she worked for 12 years as an actor, circus performer, and rhetoric coach for performers and nonperformers. She recently completed her master's and doctorate in occupational therapy through University of Southern California and now works in acute care at Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

Session 67, Saturday, October 27 - 10:00am to 11:30am



Aaron Weis, OTD, OTR/L, is a recent graduate of the Doctor of Occupational Therapy program at Loma Linda University. He has been an occupational therapy practitioner for three years and enjoys working in the in-patient rehabilitation and home health settings.

Session 14, Friday, October 26 - 8:15am to 9:45am



Andrea Weller, OTS, is an occupational therapy student at the University of Southern California. She received her Bachelor of Science in human development with a minor in psychology at the University of California, Davis in 2016. Currently, she also works as an academic mentor in the USC Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy Global Initiatives program to support current international students in the division and expand the division's relationships with the occupational therapy community worldwide. Weller completed her externship at Mephibosheth Training Center with Bonnie Nakasuji, PhD, OTR/L, and her team in February of 2018 where she began her path towards understanding and applying concepts of cultural fluidity.

Session 58, Saturday, October 27 - 8:15am to 11:30am



Chuck Willmarth, CAE, is associate chief officer of health policy and state affairs at the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). He has over 25 years of experience managing state legislative and regulatory issues including almost 20 years with AOTA. AOTA's State Affairs Group advances the Association's public policy goals and objectives at the state level. He works closely with state occupational therapy associations on a variety of state issues including state regulation of occupational therapy, scope of practice, and payment policy issues such as workers' compensation and Medicaid. Willmarth is leading AOTA's advocacy work on the implementation of healthcare reform at the state and federal levels. Prior to healthcare reform, he led AOTA's advocacy efforts with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid as AOTA's director of reimbursement and regulatory policy for five years.

Session 52, Saturday, October 27 - 8:15am to 9:45am

Session 70, Saturday, October 27 - 2:30pm to 4:00pm



Lora Woo, OTD, OTR/L, is part-time faculty as a lecturer in the Occupational Therapy Department of California State University Dominguez Hills where she teaches the ethics course for students in the master's program in occupational therapy. She is also the occupational therapy educator coordinator for the Medical Therapy Program of California Children's Services in Los Angeles County. Her clinical, administrative, and educational experience spans 30 years, including clinician at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center and Children's Hospital Los Angeles, as well as, skilled nursing facilities and adult out-patient clinic. She co-authored a chapter, *Tensions regarding the processes associated with decision-making about intervention*, published in the text, *Ethics in child health: Principles and cases in Neurodisability*, MacKeith Press.

Session 77, Saturday, October 27 - 2:30pm to 5:45pm



Vanessa Yanez, MS, OTR/L, earned a Bachelor of Science in cognitive sciences from the University of California, Irvine, and a Master of Science in occupational therapy from California State University, Dominguez Hills. She is a licensed occupational therapy practitioner and currently works at City of Hope National Medical Center, working with the cancer population, particularly, with individuals diagnosed with hematological cancers and undergoing bone marrow/stem cell transplants. As a clinician and a prior transplant recipient herself, Yanez is passionate and dedicated to helping individuals with cancers resume meaningful occupations and improve quality of life. Her current work and research focuses on improving psychosocial care, body image, and sexual health in oncology.

Session 45, Friday, October 26 - 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Poster Presenters

Conference poster presentations will be held during the Saturday Exhibit Hall (Activity E), in the Pasadena Convention Center on Saturday, October 27, 2018, from 11:30am - 2:00pm. The poster presentations are divided in two groups; Group A (11:30am – 12:30pm) and Group B (1:00pm – 2:00pm). Each presenter's group letter is noted in parenthesis after their name and designation.

Ani Abramhamian, BA, OTS (B)
Naomi Achondo, OTD, OTR/L, SWC (B)
Sara Alexander, OTS (B)
Sanam Amini, OTS (A)
Heather August, OTS (A)
Grace Baranek, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA (B)
Eizelle Barrientos, OTS (B)
Kelsey Baskovich, BS, OTS (B)
Madeline Bauer, OTS (A)
Aryana Behmardian, OTS (B)
Peter Behr, OTS (B)
Lisa Benjamin, OTS (B)
Michele Berro, MA, OTR/L (B)
Rachel Bishop, BA, OTS (B)
Torrey Blake, OTS (B)
Chantelle Bond, OTS (B)
Elizabeth Borre, CTRS, OTS (B)
Amy Brown, MA, OTR/L (B)
Cathlin Burkey, OTS (B)
Adam Cahn, OTS (B)
Jacqueline Elizabeth Cantrell, OTS (B)
Natalie Carrillo, OTS (B)
Sharon Cermak, EdD, OTR/L (A/B)
Megan Chang, PhD, OTR/L (A/B)
Arlon Chau, OTS (B)
Grace Cho, OTS (A)
Connie Chu, MA, OTR/L (A)

Kacie Conn, BS, OTS (B)
Cristina Cummings, OTS (A)
Jennifer Daine, OTS (B)
Ronald Dallatorre, OTR/L (A)
Akemi Davies, MA, OTR/L (B)
Kaylene de Bord, BS, OTS (B)
Celso Delgado Jr., OTD, OTR/L (A)
Lisa Deshaies, OTR/L, CHT (B)
Nicolette D'Esposito, OTS (B)
Martina Dualan, OTS (A)
Jeni Dulek, OTD, OTR/L, CFWE (B)
Anna Fearer, OTS (B)
Vhernna Fernandez, OTS (B)
Jacob Gantan, OTS (A)
Diana Gantman, OTD, MS, OTR/L, AP (B)
Darla Gary, BA, OTS (B)
Brooke Gehris, OTS (B)
Kelly Gehris, OTS (B)
Hannah Gibeson, OTS (B)
Chelsea Golding, OTS (B)
Cathy Lynn Gonzales, OTS (A)
Nancy Grundl, OTS (B)
Anna Hade Shaver, BA, OTS (B)
Lauren Hastings (Teague), MA, OTR/L (B)
Laura Hess, PhD, OTR/L (B)
Grace Ho, OTD, OTR/L (B)
Casey Honath, OTS (A)
Breanna Howell, MA, OTR/L, OTD (B)
Carol Huang, OTS (B)
Cindy Jaeger, OTR, MS, SWC (B)
Morgan Jardon, OTS (B)
Elena Javier, OTS (A)
Molly Jow, OTS (B)
Megan Karpf, OTS (B)
Erin Kastelz, OTS (A)
Kimberley Keagan Banuelos, OTS (B)
Kellie Khuu, OTS (A)
Regina Kim, OTS (B)
Maggie King, MA, OTR/L (A)
Elissa Lee, OTS (A)
Celeste Li, BA, OTS (B)
Yvette Lozano, OTA (B)
Erin Lubniewski, OTS (A)
Anicha Malloy, OTS (A)
Caitlin McAvoy, OTS (A)
Decerie Mendoza, OTS (A)
Alexandra Moini, OTS (A)
Alyssa Moore, OTS (B)
Jonathan Moore, OTS (B)
Katherine Moore, OTS (B)
Erin Murray, OTD, OTR/L (A)

Rashelle Nagata, OTD, OTR/L (B)
Karen Ni, OTD, OTR/L (A)
Lily Nichols, OTS (B)
Anadee Nikte, MS OTR/L (A)
Luini Ornelas, MA, OTR/L (B)
Sarah Pashby, OTS (B)
Sadie Phan, OTS (B)
Rebeca Poore, OTS (B)
Drusilla Potts, OTS (A)
Casey Primeau, OTS (A)
Justin Pring, OTS (A)
Erica Pueblos, OTS (B)
Ken Radomski, MA, OTD Resident, OTR/L (B)
Jessica Raimondo, OTR/L (A)
Cristina Ranches, OTR/L (A)
Jaclyn Rose, OTS (A)
Elisabeth Russ, MM, OTS (B)
Malia Sako, OTS (A)
David Saldana, B.S., OTS (A)
Samantha Santos, BA, OTS (B)
Gabriela Saucedo, OTS (A)
Winifred Schultz-Krohn, PhD, OTR/L, BCP, SWC, FAOTA (B)
Emily Schulze, OTD, OTR/L (B)
Sheila Shirazi, PT (B)
Allison Smith, PhD, OTR/L, BCP, SWC (B)
Creig Smith, OTS (B)
Jerilyn (Gigi) Smith, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA (A/B)
Molly Smith, OTS (B)
Jane Song, OTS (B)
Leah Stein Duker, PhD, OTR/L (A)
Stephanie Sterner, OTS (B)
Erica Strutner, OTS (A)
Tracy Tang, OTS (A)
Ivy Torres, OTS (A)
Tamara Turner, OTS, PAPHS (A)
Alison Ulie, OTS (A)
Leslie Walker, OTR/L (A)
Miriam Wasserman, OTR/L (A)
Julia Wilbarger, OTR/L (B)
Naomi Wong, OTS (A)
Kira Woods, OTS (A)
Susana Wyatt, MA, OTR/L (A)
Tracy Ye, OTS (A)
Kelly Yerby, OTS (B)
Sherry Younesi, OTAS (A)
Brittany Yung, OTS (B)
Elizabeth Zepeda, OTS (A)
Jesse Zhao, OTS (B)