

# 2008 AOTA AND AOTF AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Saturday, April 12, 2008

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*Penelope Moyers Cleveland, President, AOTA*

*Ruth Ann Watkins, President, AOTF*

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*Charles Christiansen, Executive Director, AOTF*

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**AOTA Recognitions Committee:** Chairperson, Peter W. Giroux, MHS, OTR/L; Mary Kay Currie, OT, BCPR; Karen Parker Davis, MA, OTR/L; Mary Ellen East, MS, COTA, ROH; Susan B. Tucker, MPH, OTR/L

**AOTF Awards of Recognitions Committee:** Chairperson, Cynthia F. Epstein, MA, OTR, FAOTA; Ann P. Grady, PhD, OTR, FAOTA; and Maralynne D. Mitcham, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA

## AOTA AWARD OF MERIT

Mary Elizabeth Smith Foto, OT, FAOTA, CCM  
Montecito, California

*Ambassador, Diplomat, and Entrepreneur of  
the Profession and Association*



Mary Foto was an entrepreneur early in her career, at a time when it was unusual for an occupational therapist to form his or her own practice. She established a company devoted to providing rehabilitation consultation to payers of therapy, and positioned her work at the center of the healthcare payment system. She became a leader in the development of critical pathways and

in promoting reimbursement on evidence-based practice.

Ms. Foto's belief in the importance of human occupation has continually influenced her practice, as has her commitment to competence and to supporting policy that ensures clients receive the highest quality care possible. She advocates for the profession as she encourages payers to consider the potential of occupational therapy as the most cost-effective intervention option.

Ms. Foto's leadership, volunteerism, and contributions to professional literature have been noted at the local, national and international levels. She has gained recognition for occupational therapy by insurance companies and governmental payment agencies, making services available to all levels of society. Her innovation and forward thinking have made her a true ambassador for the profession, and has provided occupational therapy with a strong position in the health care arena.

## ELEANOR CLARKE SLAGLE LECTURESHIP AWARD

Kathleen Barker Schwartz, EdD, OTR, FAOTA  
San Jose, California

*Historical Scholarship and Education  
Illuminating Our Heritage*



Dr. Kathleen Barker Schwartz has made a significant contribution to the development of the profession's body of knowledge on the history of occupational therapy. She has been instrumental in its elucidation, dissemination, and promotion through her scholarship, professional leadership, and academic teaching. Knowledge of history is vital as our profession continues to refine our practice framework; develop new theories and practice models; and prepare our future vision.

## LINDY BOGGS AWARD

Mary Elizabeth Smith Foto, OT, FAOTA, CCM

Montecito, California

### *Championing Occupational Therapy with Healthcare Decision Makers*



Mary Foto has made immeasurable contributions to the visibility and credibility of occupational therapy in the public policy arena. She has served as co-chair of the Health Care Professional's Advisory Committee (HCPAC) Review Board of the American Medical Association, which assists in the development and valuing of Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes that

are used in payment systems by public and private insurers nationwide. The far-reaching effects on coding and payment policy for occupational therapy services by having someone of Mary's experience and knowledge in this influential position are inestimable. Mary has also been instrumental in spearheading efforts to reform the state of California's workers' compensation system and to create evidence-based treatment guidelines for workers' compensation conditions. Her positive participation has increased the visibility of occupational therapy greatly, and she gives the profession a credible voice at the table as additional changes to the workers' compensation system are proposed.

## AOTA CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Mary J. Hager, MA, OTR/L, FAOTA

Cross Lanes, West Virginia

### *Pioneer for Occupational Therapy in the Community*



Mary Hager is recognized for her substantial contributions as a practicing occupational therapist, as a leader and pioneer in the West Virginia Occupational Therapy Association (WVOTA) and an active participant in AOTA, and for her significant volunteer contributions to her community. Over the past 30 years she has served several times on the Representative Assembly,

held numerous offices in the WVOTA, created scholarship opportunities for OT and OTA students, and worked with others in her hometown of Cross Lanes, West Virginia, to establish a Challenger Baseball Little League in 1989. Through the Cross Lanes Junior Woman's Club, Mary led the way in establishing funding for a handicap-accessible trail in the Kanawha State Forest that is publicized nationally.

# AOTA ROSTER OF FELLOWS



*For Innovation and Leadership  
in Pediatric Education*  
**Susan Bazyk, PhD, OTR/L**



*Significant Contributions to Occupation-Based  
Practice*  
**Denise Chisholm, PhD, OTR/L**



*Exemplary Leadership in Education and  
Interprofessional Practice*  
**Brenda M. Coppard, PhD, OTR/L**



*For Supporting Fieldwork Educators and  
Fieldwork Students*  
**Donna M. Costa, DHS, OTR/L**



*Promoting Practice Through Leadership*  
**Mary G. Falcetti, MA, OTR/L**



*Promoting the Development of  
Occupational Therapy Practice*  
**Debra M. Gibbs, EdD, OTR/L**



*International Sensory Integration and  
Sensory Processing Guru*  
**Diana A. Henry, MS, OTR/L**



*Scholarship in Transformative Education  
for Occupational Therapists*  
**Barbara R. Hooper, PhD, OTR/L**



*Innovation in Teaching, Research,  
and Pediatric Practice*  
**Esther M. Huecker, PhD, OTR/L**



*Outstanding Leadership in the Profession  
in Wyoming*  
**Sheri L. Montgomery, OTR/L**



*Excellence in Education and  
Addressing Health Disparities*  
**Letha J. Mosley, PhD, OTR/L**



*Excellence in Education, Leadership,  
and Mentorship*  
**Denise A. Rotert, PhD, OTR/L**



*Outstanding Leadership in Policy,  
Politics, and Education*  
**Karen Sames, MBA, OTR/L**



*Exemplary Contributions to AOTA,  
OT Practice, and OT Education*  
**Christine Urish, PhD, OTR/L, BCMH**



*For a Legacy of Leadership and Passion  
for the Practice of Occupational Therapy*  
**Paulette Welch, OTD, MAED, OTR/L**



*Exemplary Servant Leader and Innovative Educator*  
**Lawrence Zachow, MA, OTR/L**

## ROSTER OF HONOR



*Exemplary Leadership, Volunteerism, and  
Community Service*  
**Theresa Olivas-De La O, COTA/L**

## RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



*Sensory Processing Measure: Facilitating Team  
Collaboration in School-Based Practice*  
**Tara J. Glennon, EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA**



*Sensory Processing Measure: Facilitating Team  
Collaboration in School-Based Practice*  
**Diana A. Henry, MS, OTR/L**



*Sensory Processing Measure: Facilitating Team  
Collaboration in School-Based Practice*  
**Heather Miller-Kuhaneck, MS, OTR/L**



*Contributions to the Advancement of Occupational  
Therapy in Mental Health and Combat/Operational  
Stress Control*  
**Sharon M. Newton, MAJ, SP, MHS, OTR/L**



## CORDELIA MYERS WRITER'S AWARD

**Shawn Phipps, MS, OTR/L**  
Los Angeles, California



***“Occupational Therapy Outcomes for Clients With Traumatic Brain Injury and Stroke Using the Canadian Occupational Performance Measure,”***  
Shawn Phipps, MS, OTR/L; Pamela Richardson, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA,  
published in the May/June 2007 issue of  
the *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*

This is excellent clinical research using ordinary clinical data to support the efficacy and relevance of occupational therapy. It is a prime example of cooperation between the clinic and academia in an important research endeavor that is within the reach of every practitioner.

## JEANETTE BAIR WRITER'S AWARD

**Suzanne White, MA, OTR**  
New York, New York



*For the article, “OT Cognitive Adaptation: An Intervention in Time Management for Persons With Co-Occurring Conditions,”* published in the June 25, 2007, issue of *OT Practice*

## ACADEMY OF RESEARCH

### **Grace Baranek, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA**

*Associate Professor, Division of Occupational Science  
University of North Carolina  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina*



Dr. Baranek's program of research aims to unravel the nature of sensory processing impairments in young children with autism and related disorders and the effects of these impairments on social engagement and daily activities. She is the Principal Investigator of the Sensory Experiences Project funded by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, as well as

the Early Intervention Project for infants at risk for autism funded by Autism Speaks, and is an investigator on several other grants, centers, and networks. This interdisciplinary translational research connects novel scientific discoveries to practical applications for clinical assessment and intervention. Her work demonstrates the importance of including sensory processing as well as social-communication risk markers for early identification of autism, and has resulted in a new screening tool for 12-month-old infants, the First Year Inventory. Dr. Baranek is the author of numerous journal articles and book chapters, and is an internationally recognized expert in her field. She has served with the National Academy of Science and National Institutes of Health to evaluate evidence-based practices for children with autism.

### **Shula Parush, PhD, OTR**

*Chair of the School of Occupational Therapy of the  
Hebrew University Faculty of Medicine  
Jerusalem, Israel*



Professor Shula Parush completed her graduate studies in occupational therapy at the University of Southern California where she studied under Dr. A. Jean Ayres. She received her PhD in physiology from the Hebrew University Faculty of Medicine and played a central role in the establishment of a graduate program in occupational therapy at the Hebrew University School of Occupational Therapy in Jerusalem, which today offers undergraduate, master's, and doctoral programs. Her main field of research relates to sensory modulation disorders (SMD) using physiological and behavioral correlates and most of the research is conducted within an interdisciplinary team. This approach affords the opportunity to study significant processes related to sensory modulation in depth and from various perspectives. Dr. Parush is involved in the development of assessment tools to investigate children's participation in life occupations.





## **Janet Poole, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA**

*Professor in the Occupational Therapy Graduate Program, School of Medicine at the University of New Mexico*

Albuquerque, New Mexico



Dr. Poole received her bachelor degree in occupational therapy from Colorado State University, her master's degree in Educational Psychology from the University of North Carolina, and her doctorate in motor learning/motor control from the University of Pittsburgh. Her research interests are basically in two major areas: hand impairment and occupational performance in persons

with scleroderma and motor recovery in both the contralateral and ipsilateral upper extremities poststroke. Recently, Dr. Poole received funding from the National Institute of Nursing Research to develop a self-management program for scleroderma, the American College of Rheumatology to examine work ability in persons with scleroderma, and the Veteran's Administration Rehabilitation Research & Development to examine kinematic changes in the ipsilateral upper limb poststroke. She has served on the editorial boards of occupational therapy and interdisciplinary journals.

## **A. JEAN AYRES AWARD**

### **Beatriz Abreu, PhD, OTR, FAOTA**

*Director of Occupational Therapy Department, Transitional Learning Center*

Galveston, Texas



Dr. A. Jean Ayres changed practice with the introduction of sensory integration tests. In a similar way, Dr. Abreu has influenced rehabilitation practice through the introduction of Models of Practice and the use of virtual reality for assessment of functional activities and qualitative and quantitative evidence knowledge dissemination. Dr. Abreu's progressive concepts

are used throughout the world and account for improved collaboration with brain-injured persons instead of viewing clients solely from a cognitive impairment model. Dr. Abreu is recognized in the profession as an elegant researcher, mentor, and clinician.

## **A. JEAN AYRES AWARD**

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### **Roseann C. Schaaf, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA**

*Associate Professor and Vice Chairman in the Department of Occupational Therapy at Thomas Jefferson University  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*



As a scholar of neural and behavioral sciences, Dr. Roseann C. Schaaf is conducting a program of research to study the neural mechanisms of sensory processing and their impact on participation. She lectures extensively in the United States and abroad and has authored numerous articles, chapters, and books on these topics. Dr. Schaaf is a Switzer Fellow of the National

Institute of Disability and Rehabilitation Research and maintains a private practice in which she works with children and families affected by sensory dysfunction.

## **VIRGINIA SCARDINA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

### **Zoe Mailloux, MA, OTR, FAOTA**

*Pediatric Therapy Network  
Redondo Beach, California*



Zoe Mailloux's deep understanding of sensory integration is the foundation of the many innovative clinical programs she has developed. She was integral in developing and standardizing both the Southern California Sensory Integration Tests and the revised Sensory Integration and Praxis Tests and continues to collaborate in research to solidify our understanding of brain-behavior link-

ages. Zoe is a gifted teacher and mentor, who authored and continues to teach principal components of the course now used for certification in sensory integration.



# HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

## **Ann P. Grady, PhD, OTR, FAOTA**

Denver, Colorado

Dr. Grady served on the Board of Directors for 12 years, during which time she served in a variety of leadership roles, including vice president, and on many committees of the Board. Her leadership contributed to the development of a strong strategic base from which to launch AOTF programs at preparing faculty members to move to the master's-level curriculum and her greatest passion, programs in leadership development. Her numerous contributions in support of the Foundation's mission have been long-standing, considerable, and exemplary both as a role model and as a Board member. She has gone above and beyond the normal responsibilities of a Board member.

## **Jane Davis Rourk, OTR/L, BCP, FAOTA**

Durham, North Carolina

Jane Davis Rourk served for 12 years in a variety of leadership roles including that of President from 1997–2003. Her numerous contributions in support of the Foundation's mission have been sustained and exemplary, including providing great leadership during times of growth and change for the AOTF. With competence and grace, Jane led the Board through the development of its current vision and strategic plan. Jane has consistently shown her passion for occupational therapy and provided meritorious service as a member of the AOTF Board of Directors.

## **Donald Lang**

Chicago, Illinois

Don has served as a dedicated Public Member of the Board of the AOTF for 13 years, including 6 as Secretary. He has served in a variety of positions on the AOTF Board giving generously of his time and his considerable abilities, his acumen for financial issues being particularly valuable. He is the founding Chair of the Corporate Leadership Development Committee where he broadened the scope and impact of the Foundation's alliances within the corporate and business community. Don is a committed advocate for the profession of occupational therapy and his numerous contributions in support of the Foundation's mission have been generous, sustained, and exemplary.

# AOTF MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

**Jean Deitz, PhD, OTR, FAOTA**  
Seattle, Washington



Dr. Jean Deitz served on the Foundation's Board of Directors for 7 years as Chair of the Research Advisory Council. When the Council was retired several years ago, she continued her service as the Board's principal voice for scholarship and research. Dr. Deitz was an effective and articulate advocate for the relationship among occupation, participation, and health. Her wealth of knowledge and her interdisciplinary perspective, as both scholar and teacher, were invaluable as the AOTF established its vision grounded in social justice and created the AOTF Institute for the Study of Occupation and Health.

**Reatha Clark King, PhD**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota



Dr. King served for 2 years on the AOTF Board of Directors as a highly respected and effective representative of the public sector. She readily shared her knowledge and expertise from her years in Allied Health Education and in corporate America as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, General Mills Foundation.



# AOTF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

**Wendy J. Coster, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA**  
*Chair, Department of Occupational Therapy and  
Rehabilitation Counseling, Sargent College of  
Rehabilitation Sciences, Boston University*  
Boston, Massachusetts



Dr. Wendy J. Coster is the consummate leader, teacher, and mentor. She served the Foundation with extraordinary skill and commitment as the Catalyst Mentor for the charter leadership mentoring program sponsored jointly by AOTF and the American Occupational Therapy Association. Her many years in academic leadership provided the platform and genius of real-life experience from which Wendy guided and cultivated skills for academic leadership in the next generation of occupational therapy faculty and administrators.

**Helene Polatajko, PhD, OT(C), OT Reg. (Ont.),  
FCAOT**  
*Department of Occupational Science and Occupational  
Therapy, University of Toronto*  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada



Under Dr. Polatajko's stewardship as editor, the Foundation's research journal continued its focus on the study of the role occupation plays in fostering participation and enhancing health. Dr. Polatajko is well known for her research into the understanding of occupation and its enablement, including the development of models of occupation and occupational competence and occupational development and their measurement. Through her leadership, *OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health* moved into the 20th century by converting all of its submission and review processes to an electronic format.

**Janet Craik, OT(C), MSc**  
Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada



Working side by side with Dr. Polatajko, Janet Craik facilitated the transition to electronic processing and provided leadership to ensure that the high publication standards of *OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health* were consistently achieved. Her professional standards and effective communication style promoted and supported the solid working relationships between authors and the Editorial Review Board.

# **AOTF LEADERSHIP COMMENDATIONS**

**Virginia Dickie, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA**

**Perri Stern, EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA**

**Gretchen Stone, PhD, OTR, FAOTA**

Doctors Dickie, Stern, and Stone have each provided outstanding leadership, expertise, and support to the fulfillment of the mission, goals, and objectives of AOTF through their service on the Dissertation Research Grants Committee.

During their term, the committee reviewed 16 applications and through their collective effort the application and review processes were revised and rewritten.

**Elizabeth Crepeau, PhD, OTR, FAOTA**

Dr. Crepeau has provided outstanding leadership and support to the fulfillment of the mission, goals, and objectives of the AOTF through her service as the chairperson of the planning committee for Habits III—Habit and Rehabilitation: Promoting Participation.



## **AOTA RETIRED EDUCATOR'S AWARD**

*The following individuals are being acknowledged for their exceptional leadership and commitment to the advancement of occupational therapy education.*

**Kathryn J. Allen, MS, OTR/L**

**Diana M. Bailey, EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA**

**Judith E. Bowen, MPA, OTR, FAOTA, CHTP**

**Jean Crosetto Deitz, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA**

**Julie McGruder, PhD, OTR/L**

**Nancy Van Slyke, EdD, OTR, FAOTA**

**Judith C. Vestal, PhD, OTR/L**



# 2008 AOTA SERVICE COMMENDATIONS

## **Abreu, Beatriz C.**

Director, Board of Directors, 2005–2008; Member, Cognition Phase I Ad Hoc Panel, January 2007–January 2008

## **Amini, Deborah A.**

Chairperson, Physical Disabilities Special Interest Section, 2005–2008; Member, Commission on Practice, 2007–2008

## **Anzalone, Marie Elena**

Member, Early Intervention Ad Hoc Committee, 2007

## **Argabrite Grove, Rebecca E.**

Vice Chairperson, Affiliated State Association Presidents, 2006–2008; Affiliated State Association Presidents, Representative Assembly, 2006–2008

## **Arnold, Mary Margaret**

Ohio Representative, Representative Assembly, 2005–2008

## **Austin, Darryl John**

Member, Ethics Commission, 2005–2008

## **Barrows, Cynthia Jean**

Member, Commission on Practice, 2005–2008

## **Beckley, Margaret Newsham**

Member, Roster of Accreditation Evaluators, 2002–2005; Member, Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education, 2005–2008; Member, Cognition Phase I Ad Hoc Panel, January 2007–January 2008

## **Beland, Lesley**

OTA Vice Chairperson, Assembly of Student Delegates Steering Committee, April 2007–October 2007

## **Bell, Esther**

BPPC Member, Representative Assembly, 2005–2008

## **Berthelette, Michael Thomas**

Member, Analysis of Two Points of Entry Into the Profession Ad Hoc Committee, 2007

## **Blose, Kay**

Member, Roster of Accreditation Evaluators, 2002–2008

## **Bodison, Stefanie C.**

Chairperson, Sensory Integration Special Interest Section, 2005–2008

## **Bookwalter, Richard Allen**

California President, Affiliated State Association Presidents, 2006–2008

## **Bowyer, Patricia L.**

Chairperson, Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures Committee, Representative Assembly, 2005–2008

## **Brandt, Lea Cheyney**

Member, Ethics Commission, 2005–2008

## **Brown, Alicia**

Mississippi Representative, Representative Assembly, 2005–2007

## **Brownrigg, Susan Marie**

Member, Commission on Practice, 2005–2008

**Buning, Mary Ellen**

Member, Seating & Wheeled Mobility Phase I Ad Hoc Panel,  
October 2007–February 2008

**Burke, Janice P.**

Member, Linkages Between Education, Research, and Practice  
Ad Hoc Group, 2006–2007

**Burkhardt, Ann**

Member, Health and Wellness Phase I Ad Hoc Panel,  
October 2007–January 2008

**Campbell, Jennifer**

Member, Roster of Accreditation Evaluators, 2002–2008

**Carbonneau, Marie L.**

New Hampshire Alternate Representative, Representative Assembly,  
2005–2008

**Carrasco, Ricardo Cruz**

Chairperson, Developmental Disabilities Special Interest Section,  
2005–2008

**Case-Smith, Jane D.**

Chairperson, Outcomes Ad Hoc Committee, January–June 2007

**Caudle, Kathy**

Delaware President, Affiliated State Association Presidents,  
2007–2008

**Ceranski, Sandra**

Member, Cognition Phase I Ad Hoc Panel, January 2006–June 2007

**Chamberlin, Jacquelyn L.**

Ohio Alternate Representative, Representative Assembly,  
2005–2008

**Chiappisi, Heather**

Oregon Representative, Representative Assembly, 2005–2008

**Chisholm, Denise**

Pennsylvania #2 Representative, Representative Assembly,  
2005–2008

**Chovan, Christopher D.**

Member, Seating & Wheeled Mobility Phase I Ad Hoc Panel,  
October 2007–February 2008

**Christiansen, Marianne F.**

Member, OTA Leadership Development Ad Hoc Group,  
July 2007–April 2008

**Clark, David D.**

Florida Representative, Representative Assembly, 2005–2007

**Clark, Florence**

Author, “Obesity and Occupational Therapy Position Paper”

**Clark, Gloria Frolek**

Chairperson, Early Intervention Ad Hoc Committee, 2007;  
Author, “Specialized Knowledge and Skills in Feeding, Eating,  
and Swallowing for Occupational Therapy Practice”

**Clark, Nancy Ellen**

Montana Representative, Representative Assembly, 2005–2008

**Clinger, Jeffery Robert**

Professional Development Coordinator (Education/Research),  
Work & Industry Special Interest Section, 2005–2008

**Coppard, Brenda M.**

Chairperson, Analysis of Two Points of Entry Into the Profession  
Ad Hoc Committee, 2007



**Cosgrove, Jennifer E.**

Member, Roster of Accreditation Evaluators, 2005–2008

**Coster, Wendy J.**

Member, Outcomes Ad Hoc Committee, January–June 2007

**Coyne, Jennifer C.**

Member, Early Intervention Ad Hoc Committee, 2007

**Cullen, Michelle**

New York #2 Alternate Representative, Representative Assembly, 2005–2008

**Davidson, Leslie Freeman**

AOTA's CPT Advisor to the American Medical Association, 2004–2007

**Davis, Kimberly A.**

Maine Representative, Representative Assembly, 2005–2008

**Davis, Diana Rae**

West Virginia President, Affiliated State Association Presidents, 2006–2008

**Deary, Laura**

People Power Co-Chair, Local Conference Committee, August 2007–April 2008

**DeBrakeleer, Betsy**

Member, Ethics Commission, 2005–2008

**DeLany, Janet V.**

Member, Commission on Practice (COP), 2005–2007; Chair-Elect, Commission on Practice, 2007–2008; COP Chair-Elect, Representative Assembly, 2007–2008; COP Chair-Elect, Representative Assembly Coordinating Council, 2007–2008

**Dickinson, Kimberly A.**

Chairperson, Assembly of Student Delegates Steering Committee, 2007–2008; Member, Centennial Commission, 2007–2008

**Dickson, Jewell Josette**

Member, Board Leadership Training Ad Hoc Workgroup, 2007

**Dodson, Matthew Brooks**

Professional Development Coordinator (Communication), Work & Industry Special Interest Section, 2005–2008

**Dombrowski, Lynn Blewett**

Member, Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures Committee, Representative Assembly, 2005–2008

**East, Mary Ellen**

Member, ACOTE Emeriti, 2005–2008

**Eberhardt, Kathryn Melin**

Chairperson, OTA Leadership Development Ad Hoc Group, July 2007–April 2008

**Edson, Tamara**

People Power Co-Chair, Local Conference Committee, August 2007–April 2008

**Edwards, Dorothy**

Member, Outcomes Ad Hoc Committee, January–June 2007

**Falcetti, Mary Geders**

Missouri President, Affiliated State Association Presidents, 2006–2008

**Fisher, Thomas F.**

Member, Outcomes Ad Hoc Committee, January–June 2007

**Fisher, Sybil**

Oregon President, Affiliated State Association Presidents,  
2006–2008

**Flannery, Dina Lyn**

Massachusetts President, Affiliated State Association Presidents,  
2006–2008; Member, Roster of Accreditation Evaluators, 2002–2008

**Fletcher, Sandra**

Tennessee President, Affiliated State Association Presidents,  
2006–2008

**Fox, Kimberly L.**

Public Member, Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy  
Education, 2006–2007

**Francis-Connolly, Elizabeth B.**

Member, Early Intervention Ad Hoc Committee, 2007

**Freedman, Marc**

Student Representative to the Commission on Education, Assembly  
of Student Delegates (ASD) Steering Committee, 2006–2008;  
ASD Liaison, Commission on Education, 2006–2008

**Gaffney, Diane E.**

Member, Analysis of Two Points of Entry Into the Profession  
Ad Hoc Committee, 2007

**Gentry, Tony**

Member, Cognition Phase I Ad Hoc Panel, January 2007–  
January 2008

**Giles, Gordon M.**

Chairperson, Cognition Phase I Ad Hoc Panel, January 2007–  
January 2008

**Giroux, Peter**

Mississippi Alternate Representative, Representative Assembly,  
2007–2008

**Glantz, Coralie H.**

Member, Commission on Continuing Competence and Professional  
Development (CCCPD), June 2002–June 2004, and CCCPD  
Chairperson, July 2006–June 2008; CCCPD Chairperson,  
Representative Assembly, 2006–2008; CCCPD Chairperson,  
Representative Assembly Coordinating Council, July 2006–  
June 2008

**Golden, Kerri A.**

Member, Board for Advanced and Specialty Certification,  
June 2006–October 2007

**Gregorio-Torres, Theresa L.**

Member, Seating & Wheeled Mobility Phase I Ad Hoc Panel,  
October 2007–February 2008

**Griffin, Angi D.**

Member, Linkages Between Education, Research, and Practice  
Ad Hoc Group, 2006–2007

**Griffin, Christina**

Member, BPPC Committee, Representative Assembly, 2005–2008;  
Arizona Alternate Representative, Representative Assembly,  
2007–2008

**Gulick, Kristin Lee**

Hand Subsection Coordinator, Physical Disabilities Special Interest  
Section, 2005–2008

**Hager, Mary J.**

West Virginia Representative, Representative Assembly, 2005–2008

**Hahn, Cindy L.**

Arizona Alternate Representative, Representative Assembly,  
2005–2007

**Harmon, Kay**

Arkansas Representative, Representative Assembly, July 2007–  
November 2007

**Harper, Carol Allison**

Member, Roster of Accreditation Evaluators, 2005–2008

**Hawkins, Cheryl**

Member, Roster of Accreditation Evaluators, 2000–2007

**Haynes, David Allen**

Virginia Alternate Representative, Representative Assembly,  
2005–2008; Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) Program  
Director, Commission on Education, 2005–2007; Chairperson,  
OTA Program Directors' Education Council, 2005–2007

**Hendryx, Holly L.**

OT Vice Chairperson, Assembly of Student Delegates Steering  
Committee, 2007–2008

**Henry, Diana A.**

Professional Development Coordinator (Communication),  
Sensory Integration Special Interest Section, 2005–2008

**Herge, Eileen Adel**

Professional Development Coordinator (Communication),  
Development Disabilities Special Interest Section, 2005–2008

**Hermes, Susan Skees**

Member, Early Intervention Ad Hoc Committee, 2007

**Herold, Connie Jean**

Agenda Chairperson, Representative Assembly, 2005–2008

**Hildenbrand, Wendy Churchill**

Member, Centennial Commission, 2006–2007

**Hines, Debra Ann**

Arizona Representative, Representative Assembly, 2005–2008

**Holland, Ann Carol**

Minnesota Alternate Representative, Representative Assembly,  
2005–2008

**Honaker, DeLana**

Member, Commission on Practice, 2005–2008

**Imara, Saburi**

Treasurer-Elect, Representative Assembly, 2007–2008

**Isaacson, Mary**

Member, Seating & Wheeled Mobility Phase I Ad Hoc Panel,  
October 2007–February 2008

**Jacobs, Karen**

Director, Region I, American Occupational Therapy Political Action  
Committee, 2004–2007

**Javaherian, Heather A.**

Author, "Occupational Therapy Services for Individuals Who Have  
Experienced Domestic Violence"

**Jenkie, Ronald A.**

Alabama Alternate Representative, Representative Assembly,  
2005–2008

**Johnson, Mary-Ellen**

Connecticut President, Affiliated State Association Presidents,  
2005–2008

**Kern, Stephen B.**

Member, Linkages Between Education, Research, and Practice  
Ad Hoc Group, 2006–2007

**Kief, Cindy A.**

Member, Roster of Accreditation Evaluators, 2000–2005; Member,  
Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education,  
2005–2007

**King, Sarah L.**

ASD Liaison to Commission on Practice, 2005–2006

**Kitching, Heather J.**

Hospitality Chair, Local Conference Committee, August 2007–  
April 2008

**Kniepmann, Kathleen M.**

Member, Health and Wellness Phase I Ad Hoc Panel, October  
2007–January 2008

**Krenek, Suzanne M.**

Member, Seating & Wheeled Mobility Phase I Ad Hoc Panel,  
October 2007–February 2008

**Krishnagiri, Sheama**

Member, Roster of Accreditation Evaluators, 1999–2001; Member,  
Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education,  
2001–2008

**Krusen, Nancy E.**

Colorado Alternate Representative, Representative Assembly,  
2005–2007

**Lawrence, Lindsey**

Member, OTA Leadership Development Ad Hoc Group,  
July 2007–April 2008

**Leary, David A.**

Member, Roster of Accreditation Evaluators, 2005–2007

**Lewin, Jeanne E.**

Professional Development Coordinator (Education/Research),  
Development Disabilities Special Interest Section, 2005–2008

**Lin, Susan H.**

Virginia Representative, Representative Assembly, 2005–2008;  
Member, Approved Provider Program Review Committee,  
July 2004–November 2007

**Loukas, Kathryn Marie**

Member, Board Leadership Training Ad Hoc Workgroup, 2007

**Lowenstein, Nancy A.**

Member, Health and Wellness Phase I Ad Hoc Panel, October  
2007–January 2008

**Lucker, Gloria R.**

New York #2 Representative, Representative Assembly, 2005–2008

**Lynch, Amy K.**

Author, “Specialized Knowledge and Skills in Feeding, Eating, and  
Swallowing for Occupational Therapy Practice”

**Mallinson, Trudy Ruth**

Member, Outcomes Ad Hoc Committee, January–June 2007

**Maltchev, Kathy**

Quarterly Editor, Work & Industry Special Interest Section,  
2005–2008

**Marks, Elisa Renee**

Director, Region V, American Occupational Therapy Political Action Committee, 2002–2007

**Mattern, Steve**

Member, Roster of Accreditation Evaluators, 2005–2008

**McClure, Julie Allison**

Colorado Representative, Representative Assembly, 2005–2008

**McNally, Jamie Lea**

Kansas Representative, Representative Assembly, 2005–2008

**Miller-Kuhaneck, Heather**

*Quarterly* Editor, Sensory Integration Special Interest Section, 2005–2008

**Miyahira, Gail K.**

Hawaii Representative, Representative Assembly, 2005–2008

**Montgomery, Sheri**

BPPC Member, Representative Assembly, 2007–2008

**Moon, Terry Ann**

AOTA's Alternate Advisor to the HCPAC Review Board of the American Medical Association, 2004–2007

**Morgan, Christy M.**

Mississippi Representative, Representative Assembly, 2007–2008

**Moriarty, Margaret O.**

Member, Roster of Accreditation Evaluators, 2005–2008

**Mortera, Marianne H.**

*Quarterly* Editor, Physical Disabilities Special Interest Section, 2005–2008

**Mosley, Letha J.**

Member, ACOTE Appeals Board, 2003–2007

**Muir, Sherry Lynne**

Member, Analysis of Two Points of Entry Into the Profession Ad Hoc Committee, 2007

**Muñoz, Jaime P.**

Member, Linkages Between Education, Research, and Practice Ad Hoc Group, 2006–2007

**Nagaishi, Patricia S.**

California #2 Alternate Representative, Representative Assembly, 2007–2008

**Neely, Janet M.**

Board Liaison, OTA Leadership Development Ad Hoc Group, July 2007–April 2008

**Newton, Sharon M.**

Member, Board Leadership Training Ad Hoc Workgroup, 2007

**Nichols, Gerry**

Member, ACOTE Emeriti, 2005–2008

**Oertli, Ernest S.**

Professional Development Coordinator (Education/Research), Physical Disabilities Special Interest Section, 2005–2008

**Orr, Linda L.**

Chairperson, Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) Program Directors' Education Council, 2007–2008; OTA Program Director, Commission on Education, 2007–2008

**Owens, Margaret**

Sergeant At Arms, Representative Assembly, 2007–2008

**Page, Jill Jackson**

Chairperson, Work & Industry Special Interest Section, 2005–2008

**Patria, Lori Ann**

Professional Development Coordinator (Communication),  
Physical Disabilities Special Interest Section, 2005–2008

**Pedersen, Jessica P.**

Chairperson, Seating & Wheeled Mobility Phase I Ad Hoc Panel,  
October 2007–February 2008

**Pharaoh, Raymond G.**

Member, OTA Leadership Development Ad Hoc Group,  
July 2007–April 2008

**Phillips, Margaret Ann**

California #2 Representative, Representative Assembly, 2005–2008

**Phipps, Shawn**

Co-Chair, Local Conference Committee, August 2007–April 2008

**Pitts, Deborah B.**

Member, Outcomes Ad Hoc Committee, January–June 2007

**Polichino, Jean E.**

Chairperson, Linkages Between Education, Research, and Practice  
Ad Hoc Group, 2006–2007

**Presson, Christine M.**

Nevada President, Affiliated State Association Presidents,  
2007–2008

**Provident, Ingrid M.**

Pennsylvania #2 Alternate Representative, Representative Assembly,  
2005–2008

**Pugh, Emily S.**

Florida Representative, Representative Assembly, 2007–2008;  
Florida Alternate Representative, Representative Assembly,  
2005–2007

**Pugh, Sandra F.**

Arkansas President, Affiliated State Association Presidents,  
2007–2008

**Ralph, Michelle**

Member, Roster of Accreditation Evaluators, 2000–2007

**Ransom, Andrea Lee**

South Dakota President, Affiliated State Association Presidents,  
2006–2008

**Reitz, S. Maggie**

Member, Analysis of Two Points of Entry Into the Profession  
Ad Hoc Committee, 2007; Chairperson, Health and Wellness Phase I  
Ad Hoc Panel, October 2007–January 2008

**Rivera, Ana M. Vazquez**

Puerto Rico Alternate Representative, Representative Assembly,  
2005–2008

**Roberts, Pamela**

Co-Chair, Local Conference Committee, August 2007–April 2008

**Robinson, Monica Lee**

Medicare Reimbursement and Documentation Advisor,  
September 2005–September 2007

**Robnett, Regula H.**

Member, Cognition Phase I Ad Hoc Panel, January 2007–  
January 2008

**Rogers, Joan C.**

Director, Board of Directors, 2005–2008; Member, Outcomes Ad Hoc Committee, January–June 2007

**Roley, Susanne Smith**

Chairperson, Commission on Practice (COP), 2005–2008; COP Chairperson, Representative Assembly, 2005–2008; COP Chairperson, Representative Assembly Coordinating Council, 2005–2008

**Sabata, Dory B.**

Member, Board for Advanced and Specialty Certification, July 2006–October 2007

**Sames, Karen**

Minnesota President, Affiliated State Association Presidents, 2004–2008

**Sargant, Letty**

AOTA Liaison to the Coalition of Rehabilitation Therapy Organizations (CRTO), Joint Commission, 2002–2007

**Sava, Deanna Iris**

Member, Commission on Practice, 2005–2008

**Scaffa, Marjorie E.**

Member, Health & Wellness Phase I Ad Hoc Panel, October 2007–January 2008; Author, “Occupational Therapy in the Promotion of Health and the Prevention of Disease and Disability”

**Schell, Barbara B.**

Chair-Elect, Commission on Continuing Competence and Professional Development (CCCPD), Representative Assembly Coordinating Council, 2007–2008; CCCPD Chair-Elect, Representative Assembly, 2007–2008

**Schulz, Trina L.**

BPPC Member, Representative Assembly, 2005–2008

**Scott, Nancy Jeanne**

Minnesota Representative, Representative Assembly, 2005–2008

**Sheffield, Farrell**

Driving/Driver Rehabilitation Network Manager, Physical Disabilities Special Interest Section, 2005–2008

**Shriver, Doris J.**

AOTA's Alternate Advisor to the CPT Editorial Panel of the American Medical Association, 2004–2007

**Shuttleworth, Danielle S.**

Secretary, Assembly of Student Delegates Steering Committee, 2007–2008

**Siebert, Carol**

AOTA Representative to the Coalition of Rehabilitation Therapy Organizations (CRTO), Joint Commission, 2004–2007

**Singleton, Stephanie L.**

New Mexico President, Affiliated State Association Presidents, 2006–2008

**Sparacio, Jill**

Member, Seating & Wheeled Mobility Phase I Ad Hoc Panel, October 2007–February 2008

**Stallings-Sahler, Susan A.**

Quarterly Editor, Development Disabilities Special Interest Section, 2005–2008

**Stephens, Linda Coogle**

Director, Region II, American Occupational Therapy Political Action Committee, 2002–2007

**Stern, Perri**

Member, Roster of Accreditation Evaluators, 2001–2003; Member, Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education, 2003–2007

**Stoffel, Virginia C.**

Chairperson, Board Leadership Training Ad Hoc Workgroup, 2007

**Surfus, Joan**

People Power Co-Chair, Local Conference Committee, August 2007–April 2008

**Talley, Vibeke**

Member, Commission on Practice, 2005–2008

**Thornbury, Neil Coyer**

Kentucky President, Affiliated State Association Presidents, 2005–2007

**Todd, Beth Ann**

South Carolina President, Affiliated State Association Presidents, 2006–2008

**Toglia, Joan M.**

Chairperson, Cognition Phase I Ad Hoc Panel, January 2007–January 2008

**Torre-Rodriguez, Maria Isabel**

Puerto Rico Representative, Representative Assembly, 2005–2008

**Toto, Pamela E.**

Special Interest Section Liaison to Commission on Practice, 2005–2006

**Trolley-Hanson, Alexa**

New Hampshire Representative, Representative Assembly, 2005–2008

**Tully, Patricia E.**

Member, Seating & Wheeled Mobility Phase I Ad Hoc Panel, October 2007–February 2008

**Tully, Virginia T.**

Hawaii President, Affiliated State Association Presidents, 2006–2008

**Uemura, Jeannette Ing**

Hawaii Alternate Representative, Representative Assembly, 2005–2008

**Velozo, Craig A.**

Member, Outcomes Ad Hoc Committee, January–June 2007

**Vermaas, Ludivina Verry**

Idaho President, Affiliated State Association Presidents, 2006–2007

**Voelkerding, Kristi A.**

Member, Commission on Practice, 2005–2008; Member, OTA Leadership Development Ad Hoc Group, July 2007–April 2008

**Voss, Jacqueline Kay**

Member, Linkages Between Education, Research, and Practice Ad Hoc Group, 2006–2007

**Waind, Marsha Ann**

North Dakota President, Affiliated State Association Presidents, 2006–2008





**Wandel, Joyce A.**

Member, Roster of Accreditation Evaluators, 1998–2002; Member, Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education, 2002–2008

**Watling, Renee L.**

Professional Development Coordinator (Education/Research), Sensory Integration Special Interest Section, 2005–2008

**Weaver, Jennifer**

Accessibility Services Chair, Local Conference Committee, August 2007–April 2008

**Webel, Jacqueline R.**

Advocacy & Communications Chairperson, Assembly of Student Delegates Steering Committee, 2007–2008

**Wedemeyer, Miriam P.**

Treasurer, Board of Directors, 2005–2008; Treasurer, Representative Assembly, 2005–2008

**Welch, Heather E.**

Utah President, Affiliated State Association Presidents, 2006–2007

**Welch-Gillen, Wendy**

Recorder, Representative Assembly Leadership Team, 2005–2008; Recorder, Representative Assembly, 2005–2008

**Wilhite, Carla S.**

Member, Health & Wellness Phase I Ad Hoc Panel, October 2007–January 2008

**Williams, Grace Lee**

Virginia President, Affiliated State Association Presidents, 2006–2008

**Wills, Joylynne**

District of Columbia President, Affiliated State Association Presidents, 2007–2008

**Wittbrodt, Elizabeth S.**

Illinois President, Affiliated State Association Presidents, 2006–2008

**Wolf, Timothy J.**

Member, Centennial Commission, 2006–2007; Student Representative to the Representative Assembly, Assembly of Student Delegates (ASD) Steering Committee, 2007–2008; Member, Board Leadership Training Ad Hoc Workgroup, 2007; ASD Representative, Representative Assembly, 2007–2008

**Womack, Jennifer L.**

Member, Board for Advanced and Specialty Certification, August 2006–October 2007

**Wooster, Donna M. Adam**

Alabama Representative, Representative Assembly, 2005–2008

**Wright, Janet Elizabeth**

New Hampshire President, Affiliated State Association Presidents, 2005–2007

**Zee-Chen, Eunice**

Member, Roster of Accreditation Evaluators, 2000–2002; Member, Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education, 2002–2008

**Zoltan, Barbara**

Member, Cognition Phase I Ad Hoc Panel, January 2006–June 2007

## DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS

Each year, AOTA and AOTF recognize and honor colleagues who have made significant contributions to the profession of occupational therapy through an annual nominations process that members are encouraged to be part of. Each organization's respective Recognitions Committee is responsible for reviewing nominations and making final selections from each of the outstanding candidates that are put forward. This tradition is a source of pride within the profession. Additionally, it provides an opportunity to increase public awareness and focus public attention on the contributions not only of individuals but of the profession as a whole. The following is a list of the awards and recognition bestowed by the AOTA and the AOTF for which individuals may be nominated.

### **Awards and Recognitions Offered by the American Occupational Therapy Association**

**AOTA Award of Merit** is the highest Association honor for an occupational therapist. The purpose is to honor members of AOTA who have made an outstanding global contribution to the profession of occupational therapy.

**OTA Award of Excellence** is the highest Association honor for an occupational therapy assistant. The purpose is to honor occupational therapy assistants who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of occupational therapy.

**Eleanor Clarke Slagle Lectureship Award** is an academic honor established as a memorial to Eleanor Clarke Slagle, one of the outstanding pioneers in the profession of occupational therapy. The purpose is to honor a member of AOTA who has creatively contributed to the development of the body of knowledge of the profession through research, education, and clinical practice.

**Lindy Boggs Award** recognizes the significant contributions by an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant in promoting occupational therapy in the political arena by increasing recognition of occupational therapy in federal or state legislation, regulations, and policies or by increasing appreciation and understanding of occupational therapy by elected or appointed officials.

**Health Advocate Award** expresses the appreciation of AOTA for extraordinary contributions of national significance that led to the advancement of health promotion or health care or both.

**Terry Brittell OTA/OT Partnership Award** recognizes an occupational therapy assistant and an occupational therapist who, through their collaborative efforts to promote the profession of occupational therapy, exemplify the professional partnership.

**AOTA Certificate of Appreciation** expresses the appreciation of AOTA for extraordinary contributions to the advancement of occupational therapy.



**AOTA Roster of Fellows** recognizes occupational therapist members of AOTA who, with their knowledge and expertise, have made a significant contribution to the continuing education and professional development of members of the Association.

**AOTA Roster of Honor** recognizes occupational therapy assistant members of AOTA who, with their knowledge and expertise, have made a significant contribution to the continuing education and professional development of members of the Association.

**Recognition of Achievement Award** recognizes occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants who have made notable contributions to the profession and its consumers in a focused area of occupational therapy practice.

**AOTA Service Commendation** recognizes individual members of AOTA who have provided service to the Association and profession through time- or task-limited activities.

**Cordelia Myers Writer's Award** is presented every year to recognize a first-time author (sole author or first author) of a feature article in the American Journal of Occupational Therapy published in the previous year.

**Jeannette Bair Writer's Award** is presented every year to recognize the author(s) of a feature article in OT Practice that inspires occupational therapy practitioners to use their management and leadership skills to create better access to occupational therapy services and to promote the profession.

## **Awards and Recognitions Offered by the American Occupational Therapy Foundation**

**AOTF Leadership Service Commendation** recognizes the outstanding service of those contributing their time, energies, and support to the fulfillment of the Foundation's mission, goals, and objectives.

**AOTF Certificate of Appreciation** recognizes the outstanding service of individuals external to the Foundation who have contributed significantly to the fulfillment of the Foundation's mission, goals, and objectives.

**AOTF Meritorious Service Award** recognizes individuals who have made sustained and exemplary contributions in support of the Foundation's mission.

**Virginia Scardina Award of Excellence**, inaugurated in 2004, recognizes an occupational therapy clinician who has demonstrated sustained commitment, excellence, and/or innovation in sensory integration and brain-behavior relationships in the practice of occupational therapy.

**A. Jean Ayres Award** recognizes up to two occupational therapy practitioners, educators, and researchers each year who have demonstrated sustained commitment to the application, dissemination, development, or testing of theory in occupational therapy.

**Academy of Research** recognizes occupational therapists whose exemplary contributions through research have served to advance the knowledge base of the profession.

**Honorary Life Membership** on the Board of Directors of AOTF recognizes individuals who have made sustained and exemplary contributions in support of the Foundation's mission.

**PTE Mary J. Bridle First Research Award** recognizes and fosters scholarship in the occupational therapy community. The \$250 annual award, established in 1993 by Pi Theta Epsilon, honors the best manuscript for a completed research study that is initiated while the principal investigator is an occupational therapy student.

