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Florence A. Clark, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA  
President, AOTA

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President, AOTF

Program

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Susan B. Tucker, Chairperson, Recognitions Committee

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AOTA Award of Merit

Penelope A. Moyers Cleveland,
EJD, OT, BCMH, FAOTA
Dean
St. Catherine University
Henrietta Schmoll School of Health and Graduate College
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Influential Scholar, Educator, and Leader in Occupational Therapy

Penelope A. Moyers Cleveland has influenced the profession of occupational therapy for the past 35 years as a practitioner, innovator, scholar, educator and leader. She demonstrates outstanding global contributions to the profession based on her early innovative work in substance abuse intervention and the competency programs offered to occupational therapy practitioners through the AOTA Board and Specialty Certification Programs, which were established under her leadership as the founding chair of the AOTA Commission on Continuing Competency and Professional Development. Her contributions are further demonstrated by her understanding of the scope of occupational therapy through authorship and co-authorship of both editions of the Guide to Occupational Therapy Practice.

In addition, Dr. Moyers Cleveland makes a significant impact on the professional lives of entry level and post-professional occupational therapy students, occupational therapists, faculty members, and other disciplines, which is demonstrated through her leadership roles as a faculty member, program director, program chair, and dean at three different institutions of higher learning.

Dr. Moyers Cleveland also served in numerous state and national occupational therapy volunteer roles. From 2007 to 2010, she was AOTA President, and during her term she firmly established a legacy of leadership for the profession by launching leadership development programs for faculty, program directors, new practitioners, and middle managers in line with the AOTA Centennial Vision. Her engaging style of professional presentations and interpersonal relationship-building contributed significantly as well to increases in AOTA membership, readiness and capacity to participate in leadership roles, focus on evidence-based practice application, and increased engagement and participation in advocacy and policy development.

Dr. Moyers Cleveland offers humanized, highly thoughtful, and practical insights to meet practice, research, education and leadership challenges. Her numerous accomplishments, awards, written and oral professional presentations, and service to the profession of occupational therapy makes Dr. Penelope Moyers Cleveland most deserving of AOTA’s highest honor, the AOTA Award of Merit.
Eleanor Clarke Slagle Lectureship Award

Maralynne D. Mitcham, PhD, OTRL, FAOTA
Charleston, South Carolina

Innovation in Education, Interprofessionalism, and Faculty Development

Dr. Maralynne Mitcham is a pioneer in the development of occupational therapy education. Her work has inspired hundreds of faculty members to harness the power of community-campus partnerships and interprofessional collaboration to enhance the education of future occupational therapists. Her professional platform in academic education has focused on innovation through education, inter-professionalism, and faculty development.

She has generated new academic knowledge for advancing professional education by integrating theory into practice and incorporating interprofessional education into occupational therapy curricula. She has provided innovative perspectives for implementing the integration of educational components that are anchored through a curriculum design, enrichment of existing coursework, and early adoption of international distance education. She has also brought about significant developments by fostering the transition to graduate entry level education, collaborating across international borders, and leading the way in changing an institution’s culture.

The breadth of Dr. Mitcham’s impact is far reaching and her efforts have had direct benefit for academic faculty members at occupational therapy educational programs at home and abroad, paving the way for successive generations of practitioners for our profession as a whole. Dr. Mitcham’s ability to influence, support, and mentor faculty members and their students is a hallmark of her lifelong career in academia.

Lindy Boggs Award

Paul Fontana, OTRL, FAOTA
Lafayette, Louisiana

Tirelessly Advocating for OT and Encouraging Others

Paul Fontana receives the Lindy Boggs Award for his tireless enthusiasm in promoting the profession to elected officials, consumers, insurance companies, and businesses; as well as his effective encouragement to AOTA members to participate in legislative and political initiatives that are important to the profession.

In many instances, Paul Fontana has educated legislators and other key government officials about the importance of occupational therapy. He has developed and maintained personal relationships with these individuals and routinely attends town hall meetings, meet-and-greet events at his place of business for candidates for state, federal, and local offices. He invites and shares his approach with other therapy practitioners to mentor them to advocate legislatively and, when called to action by the AOTA Federal Affairs staff, he has historically responded and actively involved others in his grass-roots efforts.

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Mr. Fontana is generous with his time, his knowledge and his spirit and is a recognized leader and advocate for occupational therapy around the country. He has a record of achievement as a past chair of the American Occupational Therapy Political Action Committee (AOTPAC) and has provided numerous keynote and general session addresses about political advocacy across the country at state occupational therapy conferences and to various OT and OTA schools in the past ten years. In addition to his face-to-face encouragement to other AOTA members to become involved and advocate for the profession, he has published several articles over the years to do this as well, thus reaching even more AOTA members. Mr. Fontana's political advocacy actions and his ability to ignite the spark of advocacy in others has been a benefit to members of AOTA as well as to our profession.

**AOTA Roster of Fellows**

- **Leadership in Occupational Therapy Education and Practice**
  - Barbara Brockevelt, PhD, OTR/L

- **Leader in Emerging Practice, Advocacy, and Education**
  - Jana Cason, DHS, OTR/L

- **Inspirational Practitioner, Leader, Teacher, and Geriatric Scholar**
  - Carrie Ciro, PhD, OTR/L

- **Exemplary Leadership in Research and Professional Education**
  - Leora Comis, MPA, OTR/L

- **Exemplary Leadership Serving and Promoting the Profession**
  - Mary Kay Currie, OT/L, BCRP

- **Advancing Occupational Therapy Through Research**
  - Amy Darragh, PhD, OTR/L

- **Excellence in Fieldwork Education and Professional Development**
  - Mary Evenson, OTD, MPH, OTR/L

- **A Scholar Serving the Profession and Society**
  - Jyothi Gupta, PhD, OT(Ed), OTR/L

- **Innovation in Neonatal Practice and Education**
  - Tsu-Hsin Howe, PhD, OTR
Excellence in Teaching, Advocacy, and Mentoring
Lynn Elin Jaffe, ScD, OTR/L

Leadership, Scholarship, and Education in Developmental Disabilities
Tracy Jirkovic, PhD, OTR/L

Making a Difference Through Kindness and Compassion
Kuzhilethu Kshepakaran, Med, OTR/L, CAPS

Excellence in Gerontological Research and Leadership
Natalie Leland, PhD, OTR/L, BCQ

Leadership in Education and Excellence in Advocacy
Helene Lohman, OTO, OTR/L

Contributions in Health Policy Research and Rehabilitation Outcomes
Trudy Mallinson, PhD, OTR/L, NZROI

Professional Development, Global Education, and Innovative Research
Susan Merrill, PhD, OTR/L

Leadership in Mental Health Advocacy, Education, Scholarship
MaryBeth Merryman, PhD, OTR/L

Advocacy, Outreach and Professional Leadership for Children
Susan Orloff, OTR/L

Excellent Contributions in Driving and Community Mobility
Susan Pierce, OTR/L, SCDCM, CORS

Excellence in Interprofessional Scholarship, Education and Practice
Ashwini Rao, EdD, OTR

Contributions to Research Outcomes and Community Engagement
Timothy Reistetter, PhD, OTR

Contributing to Knowledge Through Research and Publications
Martin Rice, PhD, OTR/L
Infusing Social Participation Into Occupational Therapy Practice
C. Douglas Simmons, PhD, OTR/L

Excellence in Cognitive Research, Education, and Practice
Joan Toglia, PhD, OTR/L

Outstanding Contributions in Service and Professional Development
Lesly Wilson, PhD, OTR/L

Excellence in Pediatric Practice and Advocacy
Janet Wright, MS, OTR/L

Roster of Honors
Excellence in Leadership, Practice, Education, and Professional Service
Melissa Tilton, COTA/L

Recognition of Achievement Award
Excellent Contributions in Driving and Community Mobility
Carol Blackburn, OTR/L, CORS

Outstanding Contributions in Handwriting Research and Education
Denise Donica, DHS, OTR/L, BCP

Pioneer in School-Based Practice
Mary Hager, MA, OTR/L, FAOTA

Excellence, Commitment, and Contributions to Fieldwork Education
Beth Rollinger, MHA, MS, OTR/L

Feeding, Eating, and Swallowing Disorders in Infants and Children
Linda Schubert, MA, OTR/L, SCFES (awarded posthumously)
Outstanding Mentor

Barbara Prudhomme White, PhD, OTR/L
West Newbury, Massachusetts

Excellence in Student Mentorship

Barbara Prudhomme White, Associate Professor at the University of New Hampshire, is recognized for her excellence as a mentor for students. Dr. Prudhomme White is characterized by her students as a constant scaffold and resource, who embodies the definition of a mentor. She is described as a coach whose door is always open—responsive, supportive and encouraging. Her advocacy has helped students establish career-building networks and interviews with journalists. Her guidance and dedication has also led to conference presentations and posters by her students. As one student said, "Barb generously makes her resources my resources." In addition to teaching and advising OT and occupational science students, Dr. Prudhomme White is an advisor to the University of New Hampshire (UNH) Pre-Medical honor society and works with the TRIO Ronald E. McNair Scholars program, a government-funded program that assists under-represented, first generation and lower income students in the pursuit of graduate education. She has mentored three TRIO students directly and up to 20 indirectly on an annual basis. Dr. Prudhomme White has demonstrated skill and devotion in the mentoring and professional development of countless occupational therapists in the making, and promises to influence many more to come.

Cordelia Myers Writer’s Award

Carolyn C. Stoller, MS, OTR/L, RYT
Sharon, Massachusetts


In this article, author Carolyn Stoller provides important research that is both timely and much needed because it examines the effectiveness of an occupational therapy intervention designed to help military personnel with combat stress syndromes. The rigorous research design used a randomized controlled trial and outcome measures with established psychometric properties. This study is one of the first to find support for occupational therapy in the reduction of post-traumatic stress. It is also one of the first occupational therapy studies to examine how the profession can help returning veterans and active duty military. As such, the study addresses a great and growing societal need.
Jeanette Bair Writer’s Award

Catherine Verrier Pierso, MS, OTR/L
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Tracey Vause Earland, MS, OTR/L
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

E. Adel Herge, OTR, OTR/L
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Meeting the Needs of Caregivers of Persons With Dementia: An Important Role for Occupational Therapy, OT Practice. 17 (5), 8–12.

Demonstrating a comprehensive understanding of the very timely and pressing issue of caring for the caregivers of persons with dementia, and through writing that is clear, concise, and readable, the article describes how occupational therapy practitioners can help families understand dementia, set up or modify daily routines, provide training on effective strategies to manage difficult behaviors, and teach family caregivers ways to reduce their own stress and take care of themselves.

Special Interest Section Quarterly Writer’s Award

Marnie Renda, MED, OTR/L, CAPS, ECHM
Cincinnati, Ohio


The author provides a timely and concise overview of products, which help older adults age in place. Ms. Renda’s insights are both practical and useful to many audiences, from the occupational therapy practitioners interested in this practice area to older adults and their caregivers who are searching for ways to remain safely in their own homes or support them in doing so. Ms. Renda also substantiates why occupational therapy practitioners are ideally suited to providing gerontechnology services. Besides understanding the relationship between good health and engaging in meaningful and productive occupations, practitioners have the ethical grounding, the knowledge to navigate health care and payment systems, and the experience in matching assistive technology to individuals in many environments.
Kenneth J. Ottenbacher, PhD, OTR, FAOTA
University of Texas Medical Branch
Galveston, Texas

Kenneth J. Ottenbacher is the Russell Sheen Moody Distinguished Chair in Neurological Rehabilitation, Professor and Director, Division of Rehabilitation Sciences, Director, Center for Rehabilitation Sciences; and Senior Associate Dean for Graduate Research Education in the School of Health Professions at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB). Dr. Ottenbacher is among the most productive and highly recognized occupational therapy scientists in the history of the profession and is well recognized outside occupational therapy within the community of rehabilitation scientists in the United States.

Dr. Ottenbacher has received widespread recognition both in the United States and internationally. His productivity has been remarkable, not just in comparison with other prestigious scientists in occupational therapy, but also in comparison with well-recognized scientists in neurorehabilitation, medical rehabilitation, and the therapeutic sciences. His curriculum vitae lists more than 200 refereed publications and his work has been cited widely by scientists from many disciplines. He is a widely sought consultant, reviewer, and speaker who shares his talents internationally. He has been consistently funded through federal granting agencies for nearly 30 years, garnering tens of millions of dollars of research support for the fortunate universities with which he has been affiliated, including the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the State University of New York at Buffalo, and for nearly 20 years the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. He currently serves as Principal Investigator or Co-PI for nearly $20 million dollars in federal research support.

Dr. Ottenbacher was a recipient of one of the first doctoral fellowships awarded by the American Occupational Therapy Foundation. He served as the second editor of the Occupational Therapy Journal of Research and was selected as charter member of the AOTF Academy of Research in 1964. He is a fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association and a recipient of its prestigious Award of Merit. He is also a Fellow of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, where he received the prestigious Edward Loran Award in 2010.

Following his recruitment to the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston in 1994, Dr. Ottenbacher assumed the challenge of creating the first doctoral program in rehabilitation science to be approved by the Higher Education Coordinating Board in Texas. His tireless efforts at mentoring and building the program did not waver even in the face of devastating Hurricane Ike, which caused significant damage to the City of Galveston and the University in 2008. Dr. Ottenbacher has been a constant and dedicated advocate and mentor for building research capacity in occupational therapy. He is the principal investigator in one of two very successful, federally funded national training programs dedicated to rigorously preparing career scientists in occupational and physical therapy. In 2010, Dr. Ottenbacher was recognized by his university as a leading scientist and is the inaugural holder of the Russell Sheen Moody Distinguished Chair in Neurological Rehabilitation. He is married to Dr. Margaret Ottenbacher, a clinical scientist and nurse practitioner and has two daughters who are also pursuing successful careers. In his spare time, Dr. Ottenbacher runs marathons and enjoys hiking and traveling. He is known and respected by his colleagues as a humble, generous, professional, kind, and uncompromisingly ethical human being.
Christine Helfrich received her bachelor's degree in occupational therapy and Spanish from Cleveland State University and her post-professional master's degree in occupational therapy and her doctoral degree in public health from The University of Illinois at Chicago. She is a fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association. Her research has produced seminal work in the areas of domestic violence and homelessness that has shaped the role of occupational therapy with these populations. Her research includes needs assessment, intervention development, effectiveness and feasibility studies, using a participatory action research approach with peer involvement. She is the principle investigator on her third field initiated project funded by the National Institute for Disability and Rehabilitation Research investigating the efficacy of a life skills intervention designed to increase residential stability among adults with disabilities who are homeless. Dr. Helfrich is the author of numerous journal articles and book chapters and a recognized expert in intervention research.

Stephen Page is Associate Professor in the Division of Occupational Therapy in the College of Medicine at The Ohio State University Medical Center. He is also Director of the Motor Recovery Laboratory (the "RehabLab™"). Additionally, he is author of over 85 peer-reviewed articles, and speaker who has made over 150 national and international professional presentations. Dr. Page has also served as principal investigator of over $6,000,000 in extramurally-funded research grants funded by the National Institutes of Health, the American Stroke Association, and other organizations, and has held uninterrupted extramural funding for over a decade. Virtually all of his work focuses on restoring language and movement function after stroke.

Dr. Page has a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Tennessee and a Master of Occupational Therapy degree from the University of Findlay. He also completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, the nation's #2 ranked rehabilitation hospital. He has received numerous awards for his work, including being named a fellow of the American Stroke Association in 2006 and receiving the HealthCare Hero Award in 2007 which is given annually by the Cincinnati Business Courier to recognize outstanding work with the uninsured. In October 2006, Dr. Page received the first Deborah Wilkerson Early Career Award, presented by the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine,
and in 2007 received both a certificate of appreciation for his work from the American Occupational Therapy Association and Outstanding Paper award from the Ohio Physical Therapy Association. Other recognitions include the Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award from Xavier University’s Department of Occupational Therapy, the first Peter J. Sharp Visiting Professor in Neurological Rehabilitation from Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at Cornell Weill Medical Center, and the Distinguished Member Award from the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine.

Sylvia Rodger, B.Occ, Th.MEd, St, PhD
University of Queensland
Queensland, Australia

Sylvia Rodger is Professor within the Division of Occupational Therapy at School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at The University of Queensland. She is internationally known as a researcher and scholar in pediatric occupational therapy, focusing on child and family care, from both a clinical perspective and in terms of undergraduate and postgraduate student education. In addition, she has had 30 years of experience as an academic teacher at all levels. She has taught scholarship and research interests in curriculum development and reform, professional competencies, interprofessional education, curriculum mapping, and the integration of theory and practice in professional clinical programs.

Dr. Rodger is an ALF Fellow, a recipient of the Australian Learning and Teaching (ALT) Fellowship. Her clinical research interests include cognitive interventions for children with Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD) and Asperger syndrome, early intervention and play for children with autism spectrum disorders, family-centered practice, the impact of disability on families, pediatric occupational therapy service delivery, and occupation-centered and evidence-based practice. She has written four books, 22 book chapters, and 164 national and international peer-reviewed journal articles and many commissioned reports.

Dr. Rodger receives ongoing competitive research funding of more than $2.5 AUD million in grant funds. Approximately $500,000 has been allocated to an evaluation of a teaching and learning project from competitive State and Commonwealth Government research grants and contract research that fund through sources such as Families and Communities Services, Housing and Indigenous Affairs, Centre of National Research on Disability and Rehabilitation Medicine (CONROD), Australian Learning and Teaching Council (ALTc), and Office of Teaching and Learning (DEEWR). She is an advisor to the Australian Government on service provision and funding for autism interventions. Dr. Rodger has received numerous awards and citations for excellence in teaching and the 2009 Mary Rankine Wilson Award OT AUSTRALIA for Professional Excellence and the 2011 Occupational Therapy Australia National Sylvia Docker Award for her contribution to research and education within occupational therapy in Australia.
AOTF Award for Community Volunteerism

Fengyi Kuo, DHS, OTR, CPRP
Indiana University
Indianapolis, Indiana

Since 2008, Dr. Kuo has been actively involved in the Burmese refugee community in Indianapolis, the largest in the United States. Because of her involvement and contributions as an occupational therapist, she was invited to join the Burmese Community Center for Education (BCCCE) and Burmese American Community Institute (BACI) to lead their programming in support of Burmese refugees’ access to health care and their transition to American life. Dr. Kuo launched the Upward College Program which assists Burmese high school students overcome their language barrier and culture shocks as they prepare for higher education or employment. Dr. Kuo also started the first health and human services fair for the refugee community which conducts developmental screenings for Burmese children. Through Dr. Kuo’s contributions, BACI has served more than 500 Burmese refugees. Her volunteerism has allowed for occupational therapy to be recognized as a professional discipline helping this underserved population to become self-sufficient. Additionally, she has represented her profession to congressional offices, international organizations, and the United Nations in New York, citing human rights violations in Asia.

A. Jean Ayres Award

Patricia L. Davies, PhD, OTR, FAOTA
Colorado State University
Fort Collins, Colorado

Patricia L. Davies’ career spans three decades as a therapist, educator, and researcher, demonstrating her steadfast commitment to the application, development and testing of theory in occupational therapy. Her recent work has made substantial translational contributions that advance scientific knowledge related to sensory integration theory. She was elected to the AOTF Academy of Research in 2010. In addition to this research, Dr. Davies is an interdisciplinary scholar and dynamic force in increasing the prominence of occupational therapy scholarship beyond the field of occupational therapy demonstrated by her collaboration with partners outside occupational therapy on federally-funded projects addressing brain computer interfaces, obesity prevention in children, and post-secondary success for students with disabilities.
Virginia Scardina Award of Excellence

Mary L. Schneider, PhD, OTR/L
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Madison, Wisconsin

Mary L. Schneider is Professor Emeritus of Occupational Therapy and Psychology and Investigator at the Harlow Primate Laboratory at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. For over two decades, Dr. Schneider studied the developmental and health-related effects of prenatal stress, fetal alcohol exposure, and sensory processing disorder (SPD) in a nonhuman primate model. Her research has been continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health. She was elected to the AOTF Academy of Research in 1998. As a highly successful occupational therapist and scientist, Dr. Schneider epitomizes a public image of occupational therapy as "a science-driven, evidence-based" profession.

AOTF Meritorious Service Award

Sharon G. Ryan, OTR
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Sharon G. Ryan's experience as an occupational therapist, and her extensive volunteer service in higher education and the community, provided her with valuable experiences and keen insights that she generously shared with the American Occupational Therapy Foundation Board of Directors. Her understanding of leadership roles added immeasurably to board deliberations and were reflected in her service as vice president for two terms.

Ms. Ryan's dedications to occupational therapy and to the goals of the Foundation are evident in her generous personal giving to support the Foundation initiatives to advance the profession. Her willingness to assume special leadership assignments in support of board initiatives ranging from the creation of a development council to transitions in governance were exemplary. Her generosity and dedication to the profession culminated in partnering with AOTF to establish the Robert and Sharon Ryan Endowed Scholarship.
Mark C. Sullivan’s insightful perspectives and keen understanding of leadership roles have added immeasurably to board deliberations. His experiences as a leader in providing affordable access for individuals with physical limitations has provided useful guidance in strategic planning, board recruitment, and financial management. Mr. Sullivan’s dedication to occupational therapy has been evident in his enthusiastic personal and professional support for Foundation initiatives to advance the profession. His perspectives as a public member from outside occupational therapy have contributed immensely to the evolution of a highly functioning board.

Nancy Baker, ScD, MPH, OTR/L
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Catana Brown, PhD, OTR, FAOTA
Midwestern University
Glendale, Arizona

Kristie P. Koenig, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA
New York University
New York, New York

Janet M. Powell, PhD, OTR/L
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington

Each year since 2009, Nancy Baker (since 2007), Catana Brown, Kristie Koenig, and Janet Powell reviewed applications to the Dissertation Research Grant Program of the AOTF Institute for the Study of Occupation and Health. This program was unique to the field of occupational therapy as it specifically sought to promote the development of qualified occupational therapy researchers who enrolled in programs that value strong mentorship and who were dedicated to advancing science in occupational therapy. These grants were available to occupational therapists whose dissertation research directly contributed to the AOTA-AOTF Occupational Therapy Research Agenda. This rigorous multi-part application was based in part upon the structure of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) research grant application. The committee reviewed applicants’ abstracts and research plans, budgets, university doctoral programs as well as reference letters, curriculum vitae from mentors, and the applicants’ publications and papers.
2013 Retired Educators Award

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

Beatriz C. Abreu, PhD, OTR, FAOTA
Diana J. Baldwin, MA, OTR/L, FAOTA
Theresa Chop, MS, OTR/L
Virginia A. Dickie, PhD, OTR, FAOTA
Sandra J. Edwards, MA, OTR/L, FAOTA
Barbara J. Hemphill, DMn, OTR, FAOTA, FMOTA
Elizabeth S. Kohler, EdD, OTR/L
Suzanne M. Pelouquin, PhD, OTR, FAOTA
Hermine Deutch Plotnick, MA, OTR/L
Mary L. Schneider, PhD, OTR/L
Kathleen Barker Schwartz, EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA
Pamela K. Shaffner, MS, OTR/L
Gretchen V.M. Stone, PhD, OTR, FAOTA
Joyce R. Titus, MHS, OTR/L
Patricia B. Trossman, EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA
Kimberly A. Vogel, EdD, OTR/L

2013 AOTA Service Commendations

Stephania A. Acord-Vira, MOT, OTR/L
Reviewer, E.K. Wise Scholarship, 2012
Valerie S. Adams, MA, OTR/L
Member School System Phase II Panel, 2011–2013
Tara C. Alexander, OTR/L, CPC
Reviewer, E.K. Wise Scholarship, 2012
Charles D. Allison, Jr., MS, OTR/L, ATP, CDRS
Member, Affiliated State Association Presidents (ASAP), 2011–2012
Debbie A. Amini, EdD, OTR/L, CHT
Author, The Role of Occupational Therapy in Wound Management, 2012
Author, Fieldwork Level II and Occupational Therapy Students: A Position Paper, 2012
Member, Scholarship & Research in Education Task Group, 2012
Jessica Anderson, MOT, OTR/L
Member, Affiliated State Association Presidents (ASAP), 2009–2012
Sara M. Androya, OTA
Vice-Chairperson, Assembly of Student Delegates Steering Committee, 2012–2013
Arameh Anvarizadeh, BSOT, MOT, OTD
Member, Representative Assembly Recruitment Ad Hoc Committee, 2012–2013
Rebecca E. Argabrite Grove, MS, OTR/L
Member, Volunteer Leadership Development Committee (VLDC) Formation Working Group, 2012–2013
Asha V. Asher, MA, OTR/L, MED, FAOTA
Member, School System Phase II Panel, 2011–2013
Grace T. Baranek, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA
Member, Research Advisory Panel, 2012
Stephen Barbour, MA, OTR/L
Member, Ad Hoc Emerging Leaders Development Committee, 2010–2013

Peggy P. Barco, MS, BSW, OTR/L
Member, Driving and Community Mobility Phase II Panel, 2012–2013

Julie D. Bass, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA
Member, Research Advisory Panel, 2012

Janis E. Battan, OTR/L, MA
Washington Representative, Representative Assembly, 2010–2013

Amy Battles-Borkowski, COTA/L
Rhode Island Representative, Representative Assembly, 2010–2013

Carolyn Baum, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA
Member, Research Advisory Panel, 2012
Chairperson, Increasing Federally Funded Research Task Group, 2011–2012

Deann L. Bayerl, MS, OTR/L
Member, Low Vision Phase II Panel, 2012–2013

Caroline A. Beals, MS, COTA/L
Member, Affiliated State Association Presidents (ASAP), 2011–2012

Ben P. Bell, OTR/L
Alaska Representative, Representative Assembly, 2010–2013

Christine R. Berg, PhD, OTR/L
Member, Blueprint Adoption & Dissemination Task Group, 2012

Wanda Berg, PhD, OTR/L
North Dakota Representative, Representative Assembly, 2010–2013

Andrea M. Bilics, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA
Chairperson-Elect, Commission on Education, 2012–2013
Member, Scholarship & Research in Education Task Group, 2012

Terri L. Black, COTA/L, ROH
Member, Affiliated State Association Presidents (ASAP), 2011–2012

Ada Boone Hoerl, MA, COTA/L
Member, Faculty Shortages Task Group, 2011–2012
Reviewer, Middle Managers Program, 2011–2013

Hector L. Borroto, MBA, OTR/L, CAPS
Reviewer, E.K. Wise Scholarship, 2012

Joanne M. Bortone, EdD, OTR/L
Member, Faculty Shortages Task Group, 2011–2012

Sudip Bose, MD, FAACEP, FAEEM
Consumer Advisor, Board of Directors, 2010–2013

Alfred G. Bracciano, EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA
Author, Physical Agent Modalities, 2012

Lea Cheyney Brandt, OTR/L, MA, OTR/L
Member, Blueprint Adoption & Dissemination Task Group, 2012

Sarah Rae Bream, MA, OTR/L
Member, Ad Hoc Emerging Leaders Development Committee, 2010–2013

Deborah Dauterive Bueche, LOTR, CHT
Member, Affiliated State Association Presidents (ASAP), 2010–2013

Janice Burke, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA
Chairperson, Scholarship & Research in Education Task Group, 2012
Member, Future of OT Education Ad Hoc, 2011–2013
Patricia Martin Capone, BS, COTA-L, ROH
Member, ACOTE Ementi, 2010–2013

Kristine M. Carandang, OTR
Reviewer, E.K. Wise Scholarship, 2012

Mandie D. Carden, MS, OTR/L, CPPR
Arkansas Representative, Representative Assembly, 2010–2013

Fran Carlin-Rogers
Consumer Member, Representative Assembly, 2010–2013.

Theresa Marie Carroll, OTD, OTR/L
Member, Transition Work Group, 2012–2013

Jennifer Anne Carton Wade, MOT, OTR/L
Reviewer, Middle Managers Program, 2011–2013

Jana Cason, DHS, OTR/L
Author, Telehealth Position Paper, 2013

Danila Joy Cepa, DHS, OTR/L
Member, Register of Accreditation Evaluators, 2004–2013

Tina J. Champagne, OTD, OTR/L
Author, Cognition, Cognitive Rehabilitation, and Occupational Performance, 2012

Pei Fen Chang, PhD, OTR
Member, COE Fieldwork Task Force, 2012

Elizabeth Marie Chiariello, PhD, MS, OTR/L
New York #1 Representative, Representative Assembly, 2010–2013
Member, Representative Assembly Electronic Communication Ad Hoc Committee, 2012–2013

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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 in which members are encouraged to be included. 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 in 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.

Gary Kielhofner Emerging Leader Award recognizes an occupational therapy practitioner (clinician, educator, or researcher) who has demonstrated emerging leadership and/or extraordinary service early in his or her occupational therapy career.

Outstanding Mentor Award recognizes occupational therapy practitioners (clinician, educator, or researcher) who have demonstrated outstanding mentoring of a student, colleague, or employee in a sustained partnership in practice, academic, or research contexts wherein mutual respect, guidance, and knowledge is shared.

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

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.

Special Interest Section Quarterly Writer’s Award is presented every year to recognize the contributor(s) to the Quarterly newsletters by rewarding excellence in writing that also demonstrates the use of research and/or best practice to advance the profession of occupational therapy.

Retired Educator’s Award acknowledges exceptional leadership and commitment to the advancement of occupational therapy education.

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

Awards and Recognitions Offered by the American Occupational Therapy Foundation

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

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.

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.
AOTF Award for Community Volunteerism recognizes an individual or group of occupational therapists and/or occupational therapy assistants who demonstrate commitment, excellence and/or innovation in providing community-based volunteer services using occupational therapy skills.

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

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.

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 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.

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.

Award and Recognition offered by both the American Occupational Therapy Association and the American Occupational Therapy Foundation

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