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Welcome

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

Diana L. Ramsay, MPP, OTR, FAOTA
President, AOTF

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Outstanding Service and Education in Occupational Therapy

Dr. Paula Kramer’s passionate work since the beginning of her occupational therapy career has focused on serving and improving organizations, educational institutions and professional associations. She has excelled as a professional, clinician, educator, scholar, and volunteer leader. For over 35 years, she has dedicated her service to help articulate a body of knowledge and theory, and to share that knowledge through presentation, publication, teaching, mentoring, and volunteerism.

Early on, she became an active member of her local professional association, joined the pediatric committee, and developed strong working relationships with other therapists in her area. She pursued ongoing professional development in sensory integration, but clearly articulated that she was an occupational therapist who used a sensory integrative frame of reference for intervention.

Paula’s expertise and reputation led her to work with the AOTA Commission on Practice, and involvement with AOTA’s “Training: Occupational Therapy Management in the Schools (TOTEMS)”, and the Roster of Accreditation Evaluators. She has held numerous offices at the state association level, published extensively, and made contributions to many AOTA committees and documents. Dr. Kramer eventually served and became chair of the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy (ACOTE), and was elected to serve as a Director on the AOTA Board of Directors.

Dr. Paul Kramer’s leadership, accomplishments, and service to the occupational therapy profession have inspired others and made her deserving of the AOTA Award of Merit.

Leading the Field of Neurorehabilitation

Dr. Glen Gillen is a scholar who can inspire current and future generations of occupational therapists in this country and abroad, whose proven record has transformed an aspect of our profession and professional identity, and whose name evokes respect and admiration. He is the author or co-author of more than 70 publications, including a series of textbooks that have been translated for international access; a presenter at nearly 150 sessions with 107 as the invited speaker, and three nationally based distinguished lectureships; a principle and co-investigator of research; and an educator exemplar.

Dr. Gillen has an unwavering commitment to our profession as illustrated by his leadership as an educator and as an ambassador infusing occupational therapy in a variety of venues and through his direct service to occupational therapy organizations. His consistent scholarship as a scientist and model builder distinguishes him in our profession. Dr. Gillen’s continuing track record of advancing practice is only matched by those who have already received this honor. Without question, Dr. Gillen is a leader in our field and is most deserving of the Eleanor Clarke Slagle Lectureship Award.
Dr. Pamela Sue Roberts is recognized for her tremendous contributions in advocating for rehabilitation services and occupational therapy on federal, state, and local levels. She has provided input on developing federal legislation and regulatory proposals with the Recovery Audit Contractor Demonstration project. She also continues to contribute to Research Triangle Institute on the Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation (CARE) Tool, which was part of the Phase II CMS Demonstration project.

Dr. Roberts has worked on the local, state, and national levels to effectively lobby for changes in the national roll-out of the Recovery Audit Contractor’s (RAC) project. In conjunction with California Hospital Association, Dr. Roberts has led the strategy sessions for rehabilitation issues, including participation in monthly conference calls with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and meetings with legislators at the local and national levels. She has worked with rehabilitation facilities throughout California, as well as the nation, to develop and have a unified voice for legislative and regulatory action in regards to access to vital health care services, including occupational therapy. Dr. Roberts’ advocacy efforts are critical to occupational therapy as well as to rehabilitation in quality, education, practice, and research. She strives for health care access and coverage for rehabilitation services for Medicare beneficiaries and takes an active role in training, organizing, researching, and advocating for rehabilitation services to have an impact on both state and federal policies, regulations, and legislation.

Dr. Christopher M. Callahan is recognized as a health advocate for his patient centered approach to his work with older adults with dementia and depression. He is also known for his promotion, advocacy, and support for occupational therapy in both clinical and research settings. Dr. Callahan has made many contributions to the health care arena and advocates for the best science and effective interventions for aging adults. His studies focus on the impact of aging and disease on functional life and outcomes. He is committed to developing interventions which maintain and improve everyday function of elders, with a focus on self-management, an approach commonly used in occupational therapy. He has an undying commitment to the mentoring of junior faculty and scientists, not only those in medicine, but also to occupational therapists, at the University of Indiana School of Medicine. Through the many programs that Dr. Callahan oversees, multiple scientists from the health and human service community have been mentored and have launched successful research careers of their own. Dr. Callahan’s passion for advancing health care for aging adults and his inclusion of occupational therapists in his research projects has contributed to the additional numbers of occupational therapy scientists in this field.
Jeffrey L. Tomlinson, OTR, CSW, FAOTA
New York, New York

Tireless Volunteer Advocate for Occupational Therapy

Jeffrey Tomlinson has demonstrated health advocacy at the local, state, and federal legislative level for the past 30 years. From local policy activity in New York City to state and federal statute and regulations for coverage determinations from third party payers, his work and personal commitment are directly responsible for the advancement and protection of occupational therapy.

Most recently, Mr. Tomlinson’s efforts have been instrumental in building support for federal legislative initiatives promoting occupational therapy in the areas of home health and mental health. He has also led the state association’s quest for nearly ten years to revise the state’s occupational therapy practice act. His strategy to protect occupational therapy access for Medicaid beneficiaries reflects a true understanding of the political process through which policy is made. His position has become an innovative approach that will advocate protecting Medicaid coverage of occupational therapy in a growing number of states across the country. Mr. Tomlinson was also instrumental in the introduction and support of the AOTA Medicare Home Health initiative and the new legislative initiative to gain federal recognition of occupational therapy in mental health under the National Health Service Corps. He has advanced and protected the profession at every level of policy, and his support and leadership on policy issues remains crucial to occupational therapy professionals around the country.

Virginia and Roland Dykes
Dallas, Texas

Sustained Philanthropic Service to Occupational Therapy Education

Virginia and Roland Dykes are recognized as co-recipients for their sustained philanthropic service in support of fundraising for scholarships for occupational therapy students. As a couple, Virginia and Roland have for two decades given freely of their talents, time, and resources to promote occupational therapy and occupational therapy education opportunities for students, faculty, and clinicians. In leading by example, Virginia and Roland have created a legacy of leadership, mentorship, and philanthropy that has served to support the advancement of occupational therapy through education.

David D. Gale, PhD, FASAHP
Richmond, Kentucky

Advocate for Allied Health/Occupational Therapy Education

David Gale, Dean of the College of Health Sciences at Eastern Kentucky University, is recognized for his long history of service to the profession of occupational therapy through his involvement and leadership in the American Society of Allied Health Professionals. Dr. Gale’s readiness to support occupational therapy in political, education, and community service has proved to be a significant factor in the growth and development of occupational therapy in the state of Kentucky, as well as regionally and nationally.
AOTA Roster of Fellows

Occupation-Based Focus for Clients and Students
Jeanine Beasley, EdD, OTR, CHT

Leadership in Evidence-Based Physical Rehabilitation Practice
Salvador Bondoc, OTD, OTR/L, BCPR, CHT

Passionate Scholarship for Evidence, Discovery and Innovation
Gerry Conti, PhD, OTRL

Leadership, Innovation, Advancement and Advocacy
Leslie Freeman Davidson, PhD, OTR/L

Research, Leadership and Teaching; Innovative Pediatric Practice
Carole Dennis, ScD, OTR/L

Advancing Advocacy Through Education, Leadership and Scholarship
Gail Fisher, MPA, OTR/L

Outstanding Advocacy and Contributions to Practice
Catherine Gardner, MPA, OT

Promoting Occupational Therapy in Community Mental Health
Kristine Haertl, PhD, OTR/L

Leadership in Advancing Knowledge in Clinical Practice
E. Adel Herge, OTD, OTR/L

Outstanding Advocate and Political Action Leader
Amy Lamb, OTD, BS, OTRL

Advances in Assistive Technology Practice and Assessment
James Lenker, PhD, OTR/L

Consummate Researcher and Teacher in Sensory Integration
Teresa A. May-Benson, ScD, OTR/L

Community Participation and Social Justice Advocate
Nancy Vandewiele Milligan, PhD, OTR/L

Excellence in Research, Education, and Practice
Janet M. Powell, PhD, OTR/L
Leader in Entrepreneurship, Private Practice, and Advocacy
Tammy Richmond, MS, OTR/L

Innovative Program Developer, Educator, and Health Advocate
Cynthia “Cyndy” Robinson, MS, OT/L

Excellence in Occupational Therapy Regulation, Service, and Teaching
Laura Schluter Strickland, EdD, OTR/L, CLT

Scholar and Leader: Occupation, Recovery and Wellness
Margaret Swarbrick, PhD, OTR

Evidence-Based Therapy with Compassion and Collaboration
Eve A. Taylor, PhD, OTR/L

Outstanding Interprofessional Collaboration in Global Health
Debra Tupe, PhD, MPH, MS, OTR/L

Engaged Occupational Therapy to Enhance Community Participation
Jennifer L. Womack, MA, MS, OTR/L

Roster of Honors Award
Excellence in Pediatrics Through Education, Practice and Service
Jeanne M. Rehr, BA, COTA/L

Recognition of Achievement Award
Advocacy through Involvement, Mentorship and Promotion of Quality
Coralie “Corky” Glantz, OT/L, BCG, FAOTA

Advocacy through Mentorship, Promotion of Quality, and Involvement
Nancy Z. Richman, OTR/L, FAOTA

Excellence in Administration and School-Based Practice
Jodie K. Williams, OTR/L, MHA
In this article, Beth Barstow breaks new ground both in research design and knowledge generation that informs practice. Using a qualitative methodology to examine the ecological validity of home assessments that evaluate vision loss is novel, directly relevant to practice, and timely. This unique and important paper will serve as a model for OT researchers, scholars, and educators and provide valuable clinical information about the needs of a growing client population.

As a means of expanding the research agenda of faculty and increasing community involvement of students, the School of Occupational Therapy at Touro University Nevada created a pilot project to prevent childhood obesity in conjunction with the Henderson Nevada Recreational Department. The result: “Healthy Choices for Me,” a program at two local elementary schools that helped kids develop better everyday health habits.

The authors state that occupational therapists are uniquely positioned to identify problems with executive function. They stress the importance of top-down assessments in working with clients who have experienced TBI or a stroke, and provide evidence for the use of specific work-related assessments with this population. Critical executive functions for work performance are described, as is the need for addressing dysfunction in the context of real world demands provided within occupational therapy interventions.
Anita Bundy is Professor and Chair of Occupational Therapy at the University of Sydney in Australia. Her research and scholarly activities have been in two areas: the practice of pediatric occupational therapy and the development of assessments of everyday function. She created two tests of play utilized throughout the world by occupational therapists and other professionals working with children: the Test of Playfulness (ToP) and the Test of Environmental Supportiveness (TOES). She co-authored two tests of off-road driving performance that predict on-road performance: DriveSafe and DriveAware. She currently is the chief investigator on a cluster randomised trial aimed at promoting play to facilitate physical activity and social skills and a co-investigator on a project examining the delivery of therapy services in rural and remote Australia. She is the co-author of two textbooks: Sensory Integration: Theory and Practice and Kids Can Be Kids, A Childhood Occupations Approach.

Sherrilene Classen is an Associate Professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy and Director of the University of Florida’s Institute for Mobility, Activity, and Participation, and holds a position as an Extraordinary Professor at the University of Stellenbosch in South Africa. Dr. Classen is a nationally funded prevention-oriented rehabilitation scientist researching the screening, evaluation, and intervention processes for at-risk older drivers, drivers with neurological conditions (Parkinson’s disease, mild traumatic brain injury, epilepsy), and for adolescent pre-drivers. Dr. Classen studies the use of clinical (off-road) tests, simulated driving technology, on-road driving assessments, and alternative transportation options to driving. She has over 50 peer-reviewed publications, six book chapters, and guest edited three special journal issues related to driving and mobility. She serves on two national Transportation Research Board committees, is an editorial board member of the Canadian Journal for Occupational Therapy, and a Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association and the Gerontological Society of America. Dr. Classen mentors junior faculty, post-doctoral fellows, graduate and undergraduate students in occupational therapy, rehabilitation science, public health, and epidemiology.
Dorothy Farrar Edwards is Professor and Chair of the Department of Kinesiology with appointments in the Departments of Medicine and Neurology in the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. Early and ongoing research collaboration with Dr. Carolyn Baum on the occupational performance in persons with Alzheimer’s disease and stroke led to the development of new measures of occupational performance and activity participation, as well as a better understanding of the impact of cognitive loss on the individuals and their families. A common thread in all of her studies is the multidisciplinary assessment of the elders in context (in their own homes) in order to better understand the factors which support, or fail to support, community living in persons with cognitive impairment due to stroke or Alzheimer’s disease. Dr. Edwards has been continuously funded by NIH since 1993 and is currently funded by NINDS to examine disparities in stroke recovery among African Americans, by NCIMHD to increase participation of under-represented minorities, and by NIA as the Minority Research Satellite Program PI for the Wisconsin Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center.

Annette Majnemer is an occupational therapist with doctoral training in the neurosciences. She is currently the Director and Associate Dean, School of Physical & Occupational Therapy at McGill University. She is co-editor of Physical & Occupational Therapy in Pediatrics and Associate Editor of Developmental Medicine & Child Neurology. Dr. Majnemer is a nominated fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. Her research focuses primarily on the child, family, and environmental factors that influence participation and quality of life in children and youth with developmental disabilities. She is also interested in determining the characteristics that influence rehabilitation service utilization. Populations of primary interest include children and youth with cerebral palsy, congenital heart defects, and those born premature.
Evelyn Jaffe and her golden retriever, Lance, are trained, certified volunteers in SHARE (Special Human-Animal Relationships) in Marin County, California. Two to three times a week for over six years they have enriched the lives of children with special needs, high-risk children, and the elderly at schools, libraries, Community Child-Development Programs, and assisted living and skilled nursing facilities. Ms. Jaffe also works with her special-needs granddaughter, Aliyah, in several community programs including preparing hot meals for those persons in need, bringing library materials to patrons who are homebound, and working with the Task Force on Inclusion.

A. Jean Ayres Award

Dr. Mulligan has devoted much of her career to the study of sensory integration theory and applied intervention. Beginning with her analyses of the original SIPT data through her current work in applied sensory integration intervention, her efforts help inform both occupational science and therapy about how sensory integration theory is critical; both to understanding the development of children, as well as how sensory integration-based occupational therapy plays a distinct and important role in intervention for persons with a variety of disorders that effect functional performance in daily life occupations.

Grace Baranek has demonstrated a sustained commitment to the understanding of unusual sensory features of children with autism and other developmental disabilities through research at both basic and applied levels. She has developed a large research program with an impressive level of funding and publications in occupational therapy journals and top-tier interdisciplinary journals. Her work supports occupational therapy practice with children with autism and is unraveling unique behavioral phenomena (i.e., unusual sensory response patterns) that cause tremendous challenges for children with autism and their families.
AOTF Service Commendation

Nancy Vesper Snyder, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA
Columbus, OH

Nancy Vesper Snyder is an acknowledged leader in occupational therapy. During her tenure as the AOTF Scholarship Selection Committee Chair, she led the changes to a completely online application and review process. In addition, she improved the program and transitioned it from a needs based to a leadership and merit based selection process.

Ms. Snyder served the Foundation generously, completing two terms as President of AOTF from 1969 to 1976 and 1985 to 1989. Under her direction, the AOTF Board of Directors established the AOTF state scholarship program and hired the Foundation's first full-time executive director. In according her the rare designation of Honorary Life Membership, the Board of Directors of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation recognize Ms. Snyder's numerous contributions and distinguished service.

Certificate of Appreciation

Jäné Case-Smith, EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA
Professor & Chair
Occupational Therapy Division
School of Allied Medical Professions
The Ohio State University
Columbus, OH

Dr. Case-Smith served as Editor of OTJR: Participation and Health since winter 2008. Her hard work and commitment to OTJR has brought about an increase in submissions, the publication of two supplements, and needed changes to OTJR's aim and scope. She is Professor and Chair, Division of Occupational Therapy in the School of Allied Medical Professions at the Ohio State University. Among her research interests are pediatric occupational therapy, families of children with disability, and instrument development.

AOTF Meritorious Service Award

Melissa Oliver, MS, OTR/L
Assistive Technology Program Coordinator
McGuire Veterans Administration Medical Center
Richmond, VA

Melissa Oliver served as President of Pi Theta Epsilon (PTE), the National Occupational Therapy Honor Society for over seven years and has served as a member of the Board of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation Board of Directors for two years. During her tenure as PTE President and AOTF Board member, Ms. Oliver has given generously of her time and personal resources, and currently serves as a member of the AOTF Ad Hoc Development Committee.

Ms. Oliver works assisting active duty personnel and veterans with various diagnosis transition back into their life roles. She spent five years of clinical experience in mental health occupational therapy where she developed a wellness program for acute rehabilitation, home evaluation as part of discharge protocol, and developed a sensory program for the geriatric populations. She furthered her clinical skills in working with adults with brain injury in community brain injury programs before coming to the VA Medical Center System.
AOTA 2012 Retired Educator’s Award

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

Susan Ahmad, MS, OTR/L
Deena F. Baenen, MA, LSW, COTA/L
Diana S. Bartels, PhD, OTR
Patricia A. Burtner, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA
Betty Risteen Hasselkus, PhD, OTR, FAOTA
Barbara A. Rider, PhD, OT, FAOTA
Peter Talty, MS, OTR/L

2012 AOTA Service Commendations

Elaine Craddy Adams, OTR
AOTA Advisor, Skilled Nursing Facility Issues, 2011

Tara Cassandra Alexander, OTR/L, CPC
Reviewer, E.K. Wise Scholarship Fund, 2011

Jessica Anderson, MOT, LOTR, CEAS
Member, Affiliated State Association Presidents (ASAP) 2009–2011

Rebecca E. Argabrite Grove, MS, OTR/L
Member, RA Operations and Functions Ad Hoc Committee, 2011–2012

Paul Arthur, BS, COTA
Student Member, ACOTE Educational Standards Review Committee, 2010–2011

Elizabeth Anne Barstow, OTR/L, SCLV
Member, Nominating Committee, 2009–2012

Rebecca Ann Barton, DHS, OTR
Hospitality Chair, Local Conference Committee, Indianapolis, IN, 2011–2012

Germaine Barbara Bauer-Larson, OTR
Author, Occupational Therapy Services in Facilitating Work Performance

Carolyn Baum, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA
Representative, AMA PCPI Stroke Work Group 2011–2012

Mary Frances Baxter, PhD, OT, FAOTA
Chairperson, Representative Assembly Coordinating Council (RACC), 2009–2012
Member, Representative Assembly Operations and Functions Ad Hoc Committee, 2011–2012
Member, Representative Assembly Leadership Team (RALT), 2009–2012
Vice Speaker, Representative Assembly, 2009–2012
Member, Centennial Commission, 2009–2012
Cynthia A. Bell, PhD, MS, OTR/L
North Carolina Representative, Representative Assembly, 2009–2012

Michael Thomas BERTHELETTE, MSM, OTR/L
Member, Response to Intervention (RtI) Work Group, 2011–2012

Jessica J. Bolduc, MS, OTR/L
Member, Affiliated State Association Presidents (ASAP), 2009–2012

Rene L. Bookoff, MA, OTR/L
Maryland Representative, Representative Assembly, 2009–2012

Patricia L. Bowyer, EdD, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA
Quarterly Editor, Early Intervention & School Special Interest Section (EISSIS), 2009–2012

Lori Ellen Breeden, MS, OTR
People Power Co-Chair, Local Conference Committee, Indianapolis, IN, 2011–2012
Member, Affiliated State Association Presidents (ASAP) 2009–2011

Janice Burke, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA
Professional Program Director, Commission on Education, 2009–2010
Member, Centennial Commission, 2009–2012

Ann Burkhardt, OTD, OTR/L, BCN, FAOTA
Author, The Role of Occupational Therapy in End-of-Life Care, 2011

Katherine Ann Burson, MS, OTR/L, CPRP
Representative, AMA-PCPI Adult Major Depressive Disorders Work Group 2011–2012

Linda Ruth Buxell, OTR/L
Member, Affiliated State Association Presidents (ASAP), 2010–2012

Susan Cahill, OTR/L, MEd
Author, Toy Tip Sheet 2011 and Presenter, Pediatric Virtual Chat, 2011

Julie M. Carson, MA, OTR
People Power Co-Chair, Local Conference Committee, Indianapolis, IN, 2011–2012

Roxanne Parcia Castaneda, MS, OTR/L
Member, APP Review Committee, 2004–2011

Dahlia C. Castillo, MS, OTR
Member, Roster of Accreditation Evaluators, 2001–2006
Member, Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education, 2006–2012

Tina J. Champagne, OTD, OTR/L
Chairperson, Mental Health Special Interest Section (MHSIS), 2009–2012
Debra Chasanoff, MEd, OTR/L
Member, ACOTE Educational Standards Review Committee, 2010–2011

Carla A. Chase, EdD, OTR
Quarterly Editor, Home & Community Health Special Interest Section (HCHSIS), 2009–2012

Denise Chisholm, PhD, OTR/L
Member, Representative Assembly Operations and Functions Ad Hoc Committee, 2011–2012

Wanda I. Colon, PhD, OTR/L
Member, Nominating Committee, 2009–2012

Jennifer Campbell Coyne, BHS, COTA/L
Member, ACOTE Educational Standards Review Committee, 2010–2011.

Catherine Sue Csanyi, MA, OT
Member, Response to Intervention (RtI) Work Group, 2011–2012

Jennifer Davis, MS, OTR/L
Louisiana Representative, Representative Assembly, 2011–2012

Kate Elizabeth DeCleene, OTD, MS, OTR/L

Janet V. DeLany, DEd, OTR/L, FAOTA
Chairperson, Representative Assembly Operations and Functions Ad Hoc Committee, 2011–2012

LuAnn Demi MS, OTR/L
Reviewer, E.K. Wise Scholarship Fund, 2011

Carol Ann Doehler, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA
Member, ACOTE Emeriti, 2009–2012

Anna Domina, OTD, OTR/L
Reviewer, E.K. Wise Scholarship Fund, 2011

Nancy Robert Dooley, PhD, OTR/L
Reviewer, E.K. Wise Scholarship Fund, 2011

Kathryn Melin Eberhardt, MAEd, COTA/L, ROH
Member, Nominating Committee, 2009–2012

Rhonda Tapp Edwards, MS, OTR/L
Kentucky Alternate Representative, Representative Assembly, 2010–2012
Kentucky Representative, Representative Assembly, 2009–2010
Member, Representative Assembly Operations and Functions Ad Hoc Committee, 2011–2012
Melanie Thomas Ellexson, DHSc, MBA, OTR, FAOTA
Author, Occupational Therapy Services in Facilitating Work Performance, 2011

Steven C. Eyler, MS, OTR/L
Vermont Representative, Representative Assembly, 2009–2012

Joanne Phillips Estes, MS, OTR/L
Education Representative, Ethics Commission, 2009–2012

Linda S. Fazio, PhD, OTR/L, LPC, FAOTA
Member, ACOTE Educational Standards Review Committee, 2010–2011

Jennifer J. Ferguson
Member, RA Operations and Functions Ad Hoc Committee, 2011–2012

Heidi Christine Fischer, MS, OTR/L
AOTA Quality Consultant, 2010–2011

Thomas Fisher, PhD, OTR, CCM, FAOTA
Director, Board of Directors, 2009–2012

Donna Flowers, BS, OTR/L
Professional Development Coordinator (Education/Research), Home & Community Health Special Interest Section (HCHSIS), 2009–2012

Jennifer L. Fogo, PhD, OTR
People Power Co-Chair, Local Conference Committee, Indianapolis, IN, 2011–2012

LaVonne F. Fox, PhD, OTR/L
Reviewer, E.K. Wise Scholarship Fund, 2011

Gloria Frolek Clark, PhD, OTR/L, BCP, FAOTA
Member, Response to Intervention (RtI) Work Group, 2011–2012
Author, Occupational Therapy Services in Early Intervention and School-Based Programs, 2011

Jamie Marie Geraci, MS, OTR/L
Vice-Chairperson, ACOTE Educational Standards Review Committee, 2010–2011

Terry Ellen Giese, MBA, OT/L, FAOTA

Laura N. Gitlin, PhD
Representative, AMA-PCPI Dementia Measure Development Work Group, 2011–2012

Coralie “Corky” Glantz, OT/L, BCG, FAOTA
Director, Board of Director, 2009–2012
Tara J. Glennon, EdD, OTR/L, BCP, FAOTA
Chairperson, Administration & Management Special Interest Section (AMSIS), 2009–2012

Kerri A. Golden, EdD, OTR/L, BCMH
Pennsylvania #1 Alternate Representative, Representative Assembly, 2009–2012

Susan K. Goszewski, MSM, OTR
Member, Affiliated State Association Presidents (ASAP), 2010–2012

Brendan Gould, MT, BS, OTA
Vice-Chairperson, Assembly of Student Delegates Steering Committee, 2011–2012

Luella Marie Grangaard, MS, OTR/L, CHT
California #1 Representative, Representative Assembly, 2009–2012

Karla Weatherford Gray, LICSW, MSW, OTR/L
Professional Development Coordinator (Communication), Mental Health Special Interest Section (MHSIS), 2009–2012
Representative of The Joint Commission 2006–2011

Susan Grogan, OTR/L
Member, Affiliated State Association Presidents (ASAP), 2010–2012

Constance D. Guercin, OT/L
Member, APP Review Committee, 2004–2011

Susan Lynn Haiman, OTR/L, FAOTA
Pennsylvania #1 Representative, Representative Assembly, 2009–2012

Dorothy Sue Handley-More, MS, OTR/L
Professional Development Coordinator (Communication), Early Intervention & School Special Interest Section (EISSIS), 2009–2012

Mallory Hensley Duncan, OTD, OTR/L
Student Representative to the Commission on Education, Assembly of Student Delegates Steering Committee, 2010–2012
ASD Representative, Commission on Education, 2010–2012

Irene Louise Herden, MBA, OTR/L, FAOTA
Member, Nominating Committee, 2009–2012

Janice Diane Hinds, MS, OTR
Member, Affiliated State Association Presidents (ASAP), 2006–2011

Deborah Lynn Hinerfeld, OTR/L, BCP
Georgia Representative, Representative Assembly, 2009–2012
Member, RA Operations and Functions Ad Hoc Committee, 2011–2012
Debra Ann Hines, MA, OTR/L
Chairperson, Credentials Review and Accountability Committee (CRAC), 2009–2012
Member, Representative Assembly Leadership Team (RALT), 2009–2012

Suzanne E. Holm, MA, OTR, BCPR
Member, Board and Specialty Certification Committee, 2007 –2011

Donna M. Homenko, RDH, PhD
Public Member, Ethics Commission, 2009–2012

Moses N. Ikiugu, PhD, OTR/L
South Dakota Representative, Representative Assembly, 2009–2012

Dyhalma Irizarry, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA
Member, Affiliated State Association Presidents (ASAP), 2010–2012

Mary Kay Isaacson, EdD, OTR/L, ATP
Oklahoma Representative, Representative Assembly, 2009–2012

Carole Kennedy Ivey, PhD, OTR/L
Member, Response to Intervention (RtI) Work Group, 2011–2012

Mack Ivy, MOT, OTR
Author, The Role of Occupational Therapy in End-of-Life Care, 2011

Meenakshi Balkrishna Iyer, PhD, OTR/L
Reviewer, E.K. Wise Scholarship Fund, 2011
Member, Centennial Commission, 2009–2012

Leslie Lynn Jackson, MEd, OT, FAOTA
Chairperson, Early Intervention & School Special Interest Section (EISSIS), 2009–2012
Member, Response to Intervention (RtI) Work Group, 2011–2012
Author, Occupational Therapy Services in Early Intervention and School-Based Settings, 2011

Carmen Jackson, MA
Public Member, Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education, 2009–2012

Heather Andrea Javaherian-Dysinger, OTD, OTR/L
Author, Occupational Therapy Services for Individuals Who Have Experienced Domestic Violence

Kathleen Ruth Kannenberg, MA, OTR/L, CCM
Author, The Role of Occupational Therapy in End-of-Life Care, 2011
Member, ACOTE Educational Standards Review Committee, 2010–2011

Angie K. Kidd, COTA, CAPS
Accessibility Services Chair, Local Conference Committee, Indianapolis, IN, 2011–2012
Sarah A. King, MS, OT/L
Member, Affiliated State Association Presidents (ASAP), 2006–2011

Arlene Vanessa Kinney, Med, OTR/L
Member, Roster of Accreditation Evaluators, 2009–2012

Jane A. Koomar, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA
Professional Development Coordinator (Research/Education), Mental Health Special Interest Sections (MHSIS), 2009–2012

Jan F. Kress, Med, OTR/L
Member, Affiliated State Association Presidents (ASAP), 2009–2012

Sheama Seshagiri R. Krishnagiri, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA
Member, ACOTE Emeriti, 2008–2012

Christine Lynn Kroll, MS, OTR
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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 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, 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.

Jeanette 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.

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.

AOTF/Patterson Award for Community Volunteerism is co-sponsored by the Patterson Foundation of St. Paul, MN. This award 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.

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.

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.

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

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