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Barbara L. Kornblau had a vision for the profession. She saw a future where everyone knew what occupational therapy was—and valued it. A world where occupational therapy was so important and so needed in society, that it no longer mattered what any other professions were doing. She saw a world where occupational therapy practitioners addressed societal needs on a population basis, as well as on an individual level, and sat at the policy makers' table to do it.

Dr. Kornblau’s career has included occupational therapy practice, program development in new arenas, education, and public advocacy. She wove her legal knowledge with clinical occupational therapy concepts and shared the resulting tapestry with others. Clinical research related to practice was encouraged and mentored, with the message that as a profession, we all need to provide evidence of our outcomes.

Dr. Kornblau has been known for her continual advocacy and marketing of occupational therapy—explaining occupational therapy’s benefits to policymakers, through media interviews, with community groups and business leaders encouraging programs in new settings, with consumers unfamiliar with occupational therapy, with transitioning educational programs, and with the occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants who needed to move into the new roles and innovative arenas that will carry our profession to 2017. Barbara Kornblau has challenged and inspired us all to participate and give back to occupational therapy, to “tell others who we are and what we do” and to live the Centennial Vision.
ELEANOR CLARKE SLAGLE LECTURESHIP AWARD

JANICE P. BURKE, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Inspiring Occupation: Leadership in Practice, Education, & Scholarship

Dr. Janice P. Burke has made a significant and sustained impact on the profession of occupational therapy, and her exemplary career spans more than three decades. Her master’s thesis, “A Model of Occupational Behaviors: The Evolution of Role, Personal Causation, & Socialization” written over 30 years ago, was integral to the development of a theoretical model that redefined and is still defining the profession and our perception of occupation. Dr. Burke’s leadership in practice, education, and scholarship has notably labeled her a visionary. Her seminal article, “Occupational Therapy After 60 Years: An Account of Changing Identity and Knowledge” encouraged occupational therapists to look beyond the medical model and focus on ordinary ways to explore extraordinary solutions for a more diverse society. Her contributions have made a great impact on the profession, and more importantly on the people living with disabilities and their families.

LINDY BOGGS AWARD

THOMAS F. FISHER, PhD, OTR, CCM, FAOTA
Indianapolis, Indiana

A True Exemplar in Occupational Therapy Advocacy

Thom Fisher is a true exemplar in occupational therapy advocacy. He has made significant contributions to the promotion of occupational therapy in the political arena by organizing and spearheading Indiana’s successful licensure effort 20 years after he spearheaded the state of Kentucky’s successful occupational therapy licensure effort. His career long commitment to occupational therapy advocacy, and his influence on the successful licensure effort in Indiana, prove Dr. Fisher an exemplar who reflects the spirit and intent of AOTA’s Centennial Vision. As an exemplar, he casts a beacon to other occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, and occupational therapy students to take an active role in the legislative process, advocacy, and policy making that affects occupational therapy and those we serve.
AOTA ROSTER OF FELLOWS

Excellence in Gerontology Through Scholarship and Mentorship
Sue Berger, MS, OTR/L, BCG

Faith-Based Empowerment for Community Health Disparities
Shirley A. Blanchard, PhD, OTR/L

Outstanding Contribution in Advocacy and Regulation
Patrick J. Bloom, MA, OTR/L

Exemplary Service and Advancement of Occupational Therapy
Patricia L. Bowyer, EdD, MS, OTR/L

Excellence in Practice, Administration, and Professional Advocacy
Kathleen Hampton Conyers, MEd, OTR/L

Development of Occupational Therapy Practice and Education
Carol A. Doehler, MS, OTR/L

Educator, Evidence-Based Practitioner, Mentor, and Leader
Sandra M. Dunbar, DPA, OTR/L

Outstanding Contributions to Education and Practice
Sharon A. Gutman, PhD, OTR

Visionary Leadership and Promotion of the Profession
Carol H. Gwin, OT/L

Contributions to Research and Intervention in Autism
Claudia List Hilton, PhD, OTR/L, SROT

Scholarship and Professional Promotion of Driving and Aging
Linda A. Hunt, PhD, OTR/L

Outstanding Advocacy and Contributions to the Advancement of Pediatric Practice
Leslie L. Jackson, MEd, OT
Innovative Leadership in Research, Education, and Practice
Kristie Patten Koenig, PhD, OTR/L

Noteworthy Leadership in Professional and Volunteer Service
Jaclyn Faglie Low, PhD, OTR

Noteworthy Leadership in Professional and Volunteer Service
Ann H. Nolen, PsyD, OTR

Excellence in Promoting Geriatric Practice, Education, and Research
Jane Painter, EdD, OTR/L

Exemplary Contributions to Leadership, Mentoring, and Advocacy
Monica L. Robinson, MS, OTR/L

Empowerment of Occupational Therapy Through Disability Policy
Diane L. Smith, PhD, OTR/L

Advancement of Driving and Community Mobility Practice
Wendy B. Stav, PhD, OTR/L, SCDCM

Advancement of Occupational Therapy in Developmental Disabilities
Scott David Tomchek, PhD, OTR/L

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

An Inspirational Advancer of Quality Practice
Sarah Burton, MS, OTR/L

Promoting Family-Centered Practice for Underserved Children
Margaret Kaplan, PhD, OTR

Excellence in Promoting Falls Prevention and Intervention
Jane Painter, EdD, OTR/L

In her systematic review of the effect of automobile modifications on the driving performance of older adults, Marian presented information of extreme value to society and to occupational therapists who are increasingly involved in driving assessment as the population ages. This paper presented needed evidence demonstrating the value of occupational therapy’s role in driving re-evaluation with elderly clients, while at the same time demonstrating occupational therapy’s unique value to the larger society.

M. Carolyn Baum, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA

Dr. M. Carolyn Baum received her BS in Occupational Therapy at the University of Kansas, Lawrence; her MA degree in Health Management at Webster University in St. Louis, MO; and her PhD in Social Work with a concentration in Social Policy and Aging at the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis. Dr. Baum is Professor, Occupational Therapy and Neurology, and Elias Michael Director, Program in Occupational Therapy, at the Washington University School of Medicine.

Dr. Baum has held many professional leadership positions. She served two separate terms as President of the American Occupational Therapy Association; served on the American Occupational Therapy Foundation Board; and previously served as President of the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy. She has also served in numerous offices and commissions over the years for both AOTA and AOTF.

Dr. Baum received the top two honors of the American Occupational Therapy Association. In 1981 she delivered the Eleanor Clarke Slagle Lectureship, and in 1983 she received the Award of Merit. In 1993 she received the AOTF Meritorious Service Award and in 2006 she was inducted into the Academy of Research of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation. Dr. Baum has established herself as a scientist with expertise in aging and chronic disability by focusing on enabling older adults to live independently.
Dr. Carey is founding head of the Division of Neurorehabilitation and Recovery at the National Stroke Research Institute, Melbourne, Australia, and holds an adjunct Professorial appointment at the School of Occupational Therapy, LaTrobe University. Dr. Carey’s major research interest is development of approaches to rehabilitation that are founded on theories of neuroplasticity and learning, and empirically tested for both clinical and neuroanatomical outcomes. The clinical research focuses on the assessment and treatment of somatosensory and motor functions following stroke, and has included development of novel assessments and science-founded approaches to sensory rehabilitation. Dr. Carey has integrated this research with investigating the functional neuroanatomical mechanisms of recovery post-stroke using fMRI and PET.

Nancy Baker has been an Assistant Professor at the Department of Occupational Therapy at the University of Pittsburgh since 2001, where she teaches courses in biomechanical practice and research. In 2000 she received her Doctor of Science in Therapeutic Studies from Boston University, Sargent College. Dr. Baker's research examines workers' health and the physical performance of work tasks, with a focus on computer use and its effect on health. Her research has diverged into two separate but interrelated areas: research on methods to modify work performance to prevent illness or injury; and research that develops methods to reduce work disability in individuals who already have an injury or illness. She was funded by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) to develop an instrument to measure personal keyboarding style, the Keyboard–Personal Computer Style instrument (K–PeCS), and is currently examining the effect of alternative keyboards on workers’ health.
A. JEAN AYRES AWARD

**SHELLEY LANE, PhD, OTR/L**
*Virginia Commonwealth University*
*Richmond, Virginia*

Shelly Lane epitomizes an A. Jean Ayres award recipient, as she has shown true dedication to theories of sensory integration and occupation while linking basic sciences research for the purposes of advancing theory and practice. Her quiet leadership has converted the department of occupational therapy at Virginia Commonwealth University into one of “the best kept secrets in OT.” The energy, collaboration, mentorship, and vision that are present in this department are a reflection of her leadership. She has also shared this same thoughtful expertise and mentorship nationally and internationally through her writing and teaching.

**SUSANNE SMITH ROLEY, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA**
*Pediatric Therapy Network*
*Redondo Beach, California*

Susanne Smith Roley has worked tirelessly to represent the core values and principles of occupational theories in all aspects of her professional life. Susanne has directed the creation of a stellar education program in sensory integration that is now internationally acclaimed; influenced the authorship and direction of significant AOTA official documents, and promoted best practice, particularly in the area of comprehensive and effective interventions with children. Her unyielding vision in the application, development, and testing of theoretical constructs, as well as her incredible range of educational efforts, make her a deserving recipient of the A. Jean Ayres Award.

VIRGINIA SCARDINA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

**TERESA MAY-BENSON, ScD, OTR/L**
*Sensory Processing Institute for Research and Learning*
*Randolph, Massachusetts*

Dr. May-Benson is a highly accomplished clinician with excellent mastery of a wide variety of clinical modalities. In addition, she is a consummate researcher, writer, and educator. Development of her dissertation work on ideation as a clinical assessment tool will be an excellent contribution to the field.
Phyllis Bauer Madachy served with distinction on the AOTF Board of Directors as a public member from 2003 to 2008. During her term, she provided insightful perspectives and keen understanding of leadership roles that added immeasurably to board deliberations; her competence, intellect, and broad understanding of health-related issues have contributed greatly to strategic planning; and she provided insights into the challenges of leadership in county government. Her commitment to high-quality health care has fostered a steadfast effort to support the role of occupational therapy in providing services to individuals with varied needs among the people she serves in Howard County, Maryland; and her grace, eloquence, and warm interpersonal skills have likewise contributed to the evolution of a highly functioning board.
AOTA RETIRED EDUCATOR’S AWARD

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

2009 RETIRED EDUCATOR’S AWARD

- Shirley Kharasch Behr, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA
- Elizabeth Crepeau, PhD, OTR, FAOTA
- Edna Elva Naxon, MOT, OTR
- Peggy Strecke Neufeld, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA
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- Jane P. Rues, EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA
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- Mary Frances Baxter, PhD, LOT
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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.

- **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.

**Award and Recognition Offered by both the American Occupational Therapy Association and the American Occupational Therapy Foundation**

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