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Join us for the 2019 AOTA Annual Conference & Expo and connect with your colleagues from around the world, get fresh perspectives, and deepen your understanding of the profession—all in the timeless and unique city of New Orleans.

With more than 1,600 educational and poster sessions, exceptional speakers, and an Expo Hall filled with the latest products and opportunities, the 2019 AOTA Annual Conference & Expo—the largest gathering of occupational therapy professionals in the world—is the not-to-miss event of the year.

Earn up to 24 contact hours in one convenient location while taking in the latest evidence-based solutions to the challenges you and your clients face on a daily basis. Learn from leaders in the profession and return to your practice with new ideas to improve patient outcomes, advance your career, and simply be inspired. Whether you are a student, new to the profession, or an experienced occupational therapy professional, this Conference is for YOU!

**Experience the Incomparable City of New Orleans**

Soak up 300 years’ worth of stories, celebrations, and one-of-a-kind culture in the “Big Easy.” Steeped in European traditions and Caribbean influences, New Orleans calls curious minds to sweet sounds and savory aromas. With more than 1,300 restaurants, the city offers one of the most inconceivable—and incredibly diverse—concentrations of innovative dining and unforgettable cuisine in the world. Because most of the city’s restaurants, attractions, tours, accommodations and event venues are within walking distance of each other, it’s easy to get around New Orleans, making it the perfect setting for the 2019 AOTA Annual Conference & Expo.

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—let the good times roll!

See you in New Orleans!
General Sessions & Special Events

International Breakfast (CE)
Patricia J. Scott, PhD, MPH, OT, FAOTA
Measurement of Occupational Participation Across Populations and Disability Groupings
A priority of the World Health Organization is to establish a measure of participation, the results of which can be aggregated across populations and disaggregated across disability categories. This is a huge opportunity for occupational therapy. In this presentation, the work of occupational therapists from 8 countries is used to establish the Role Checklist Version 3 as a solution consistent with the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF). The Role Checklist, based on MOHO, has been translated using cross-culturally valid guidelines in six languages, with many more in progress. Examples of how roles vary across these 8 countries and how the findings influence occupational therapy treatment will be highlighted.
$40 per person.

Welcome Ceremony & Keynote (CE)
Dr. Grace Damman is a Bay-area physician whose car was hit head on by another driver as she crossed the Golden Gate Bridge. After awaking from a long coma with massive internal injuries and 17 fractures, she spent the next year in rehabilitation facilities. Grace and her former partner Fu Schroeder, will share how occupational therapy supported their journey of recovery, caregiving, and adjusting to life with a disability. Their remarkable story is captured in the award-winning documentary, States of Grace, which follows Grace’s recovery for 4 years after she returns home.

$35 per person. Includes light refreshments.

AOTF State of the Science Symposium (CE)
Caregiving and Family Matters: OT Contributions to Enhancing Health, Quality of Life, and Participation
This Symposium will present four exemplars of current caregiver and family-centered occupational therapy research programs representing issues across the lifespan, clinical conditions, intervention contexts, and sociocultural dimensions of health and participation. Consideration will be given to units of analysis, scientific rigor, stakeholder engagement, measurement challenges, and the full range of positive and potentially detrimental outcomes.

$35 per person. Includes light refreshments.

AOTF Breakfast with a Scholar (CE)
Alan Hobson
Mt. Everest Summiteer and Cancer Survivor
Climb Back from Cancer!
From the top of the world to the bottom, Alan Hobson used hard-won lessons learned on Everest to regain an elite level of fitness after a stem cell transplant. To help other cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers, he shares the perspective that his “Inner Everests” have dwarfed the outer one…Success isn’t about height. It’s about depth—the depth of our experiences and the depths to which we must sometimes reach to climb back from our setbacks in life.
$65 per person. Includes breakfast.

Vision 2025: A Powerful Past is Key to A Bold Future
Take a trip back in time to learn how our powerful past has shaped the future of the occupational therapy profession. This interactive presentation will stimulate your thinking about what we can expect to see and experience in the years to come and how occupational therapy practitioners can contribute to a bold future with Vision 2025.
Farewell Presidential Address (CE)
Amy J. Lamb, OTD, OT/L, FAOTA  
Be Bold: A Call to Action for Occupational Therapy
Surrounded by changes and opportunities, the profession of occupational therapy finds itself at a tipping point. We all have the power to make a difference. What bold action can you take to create meaningful change?

Inaugural Presidential Address (CE)
Wendy Hildenbrand, PhD, MPH, OTR/L, FAOTA  
Let’s Start Here: Relationships, Resilience, Relevance
As a profession, occupational therapy is navigating choppy waters and shifting sands in health care and education arenas, academic environments, and service delivery and payment systems. While the direction of changing tide is not always predictable or desired, the response to change is ours to own —collectively. In her Address, Wendy Hildenbrand proposes the “new 3 R’s” and challenges us to return to the “basics” of our profession, specifically the shared professional characteristics needed to move us forward. It is time to reset our focus on restoring and creating meaningful yet strategic relationships, embracing our collective strength and capacity for personal and professional resilience, and committing to innovative “doing” to assure our relevance as a health and human service profession and a member-focused Association. Let’s get back to basics!

Eleanor Clarke Slagle (CE)
Ellen S. Cohn, ScD, OTR, FAOTA
Asserting Our Competence and Affirming the Value of Occupation With Confidence
Throughout the years, leaders in the profession have challenged us to affirm the value of occupational therapy and to substantiate what we do. Occupational therapy practitioners have always focused on what most matters to clients, now called client-centered or patient-centered practice. We have also focused on client function to enable participation in everyday life. In a welcome shift, society’s views about health and meaning-making are becoming more congruent with the long-standing ideals of occupational therapy. Now, more than ever, we have a powerful opportunity to communicate our competence. But how do we assert our competence and the complexity of occupation with confidence? This lecture will draw on the conceptual foundations of theories about competence and confidence and provide examples from research literature, practitioner and client narratives, and popular culture to illustrate the factors that enable us to effectively demonstrate the value of occupational therapy.

Big N Easy
Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler! Let the good times roll with AOTPAC in NOLA. Join us for the party on Saturday night. Immerse yourself in the flavors of the Big Easy. With music, dancing, culture, and snacks, experience AOTPAC Night in the Birthplace of Jazz. Join your friends, colleagues, leaders, and Association staff. Dress to the nines (in costume) and bring your Mardi Gras mask, or come as you like and we will provide the mask for you. There will be a cash bar and light refreshments. Enjoy our 2nd annual Wine Tasting for a little bit more, and a sommelier will discuss the flavors and unique differences of the selected wines.

Join us and let your hair down for this rollicking good time. Your ticket purchase is a voluntary contribution to support the political and legislative purposes of AOTPAC. Tickets: $40, plus $10 optional wine tasting. Students: $25, plus $5 optional wine tasting.

Conference Charity
Eden House is a movement to eradicate the trafficking and selling of human beings. They create systemic change through youth prevention, education, and legislative advocacy; and recovery and reentry services for victims, including long-term shelter. For victims of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation, Eden House offers a long-term residential program informed by a holistic approach to recovery that includes outreach, housing, food, mental and physical health care, job training, education, legal services, and spiritual support. For the community, Eden House provides public policy support, advocacy services, and prevention education for at-risk girls and for adolescents in general. Our goal is to create change on both the systemic and the individual levels to provide solutions in the struggle to end human trafficking and to assist victims who have been hurt in systems of trafficking.

Visit Eden House at booth #1551 in the Expo Hall.
**2019 AOTA/EBS Knowledge Bowl**
Ten university and college teams comprised of entry-level OT students will be given the opportunity to prepare for the NBCOT examination through a fun game show format competition. Show your school spirit, cheer for your team, and most importantly, prepare for the NBCOT exam! All students will benefit from attending.

**Ask YOUR AOTA Expert**
Back by popular demand, visit the Ask YOUR AOTA Expert kiosk in AOTA Central to get your questions answered directly (one on one) by AOTA staff members. The full schedule of AOTA Experts will be available on the Conference app.

**Conversations That Matter**
These highly popular sessions are back for New Orleans.

**Posters**
Posters are always an important part of the Conference experience. Look for improvements to the layout this year. Posters are now grouped by Primary Topic Category, which makes it easier to find the posters most relevant to your practice area/interests.

**Private Practice Workshops**
Always dreamed of starting your own private practice? Learn how to make this dream a reality by attending these two new exciting workshops: The Secret To Creating Efficiency In Your Private Practice And Unlocking Your Freedom From All Your Success, and Starting a Private Practice: A Niche Market Approach. Full session descriptions are available on the Conference app.

**Additional Conference Highlights**

Here are just a few benefits and reasons why you don’t want to miss out on the app:

- Access the Conference schedule and customize your agenda
- See all the speakers, read their bios, and view their handouts
- Check out the exhibitors and easily locate their booths through an interactive map
- Get important updates and exciting offers through Push Notifications
- See who’s attending and share contact information by networking with other attendees

The app will be live at the end of January with the most up-to-date conference information!

Download it by going to https://crowd.cc/s/1bb6 or view the desktop version at https://crowd.cc/aota19. For more information, tips, and tricks go to www.aota.org/conferenceapp.
Educational Sessions

23 Pre-Conference Institutes & Seminars

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Primary Categories Represented

- Academic & Education (includes Fieldwork)
- Children & Youth
- Developmental Disabilities
- General & Professional Issues
- Home & Community Health
- Mental Health
- Productive Aging
- Rehabilitation & Disability
- Sensory Integration & Processing
- Work & Industry
- Assessment/Measurement
- Prevention & Intervention (e.g., Efficacy)
- Translational Research (e.g., Effectiveness)
- Basic Research
- Health Services Research

1,400 Posters

REGISTER BY MARCH 5 TO SAVE!
Institutes require an additional fee and advance registration. Each institute provides in-depth continuing education at a fraction of the cost of comparable professional development. Seminars also require an additional fee and advance registration.

### REHABILITATION & DISABILITY

**Institute 001**
Evaluating Occupational Performance: The Performance Assessment of Self-care Skills (PASS)
Recognized in the 2018 Slagle Lecture as a preeminent tool for achieving Vision 2025, the PASS is a client-centered, performance-based tool for assessing occupational performance and planning occupation-based interventions. In addition to learning how to administer and score the PASS, you will develop an individualized plan to successfully implement the PASS in your clinical practice.

**Institute 002**
Evaluation and Treatment of Upper Extremity Musculoskeletal Impairment in Adults With Neurological Conditions
This institute will include an overview of the anatomy and biomechanics of the shoulder complex. Participants will learn implementable evaluation and treatment techniques to address pain and other common musculoskeletal conditions after neurological injury. Task-specific interventions will be emphasized to improve occupational performance.

**Institute 019**
Virtual Reality Immersion Lab: Therapeutic Use of Virtual Reality in Occupational Therapy
Although desktop virtual reality is commonplace in research and clinics, immersive virtual reality is relatively new to mainstream occupational therapy. It is being used to improve motor skills, balance, cognition, perception, pain management, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder. In this hands-on institute, you will learn to evaluate and adapt four commercial immersive virtual reality systems and integrate their use with evidence-based treatment strategies for occupation-based goals.

### PRODUCTIVE AGING

**Institute 003**
Experiencing the Built Environment as an Older Adult With Vision Loss—an Experiential Encounter.
This interactive institute will provide advanced concepts in the area of environmental audit. Participants will experience being immersed into the built environment, as experienced by older adults with vision loss, and then reflect on that experience as they explore evaluation and intervention strategies to increase visibility and promote occupational participation.

**Institute 004**
Best Practice in Dementia Care: Optimizing Performance, Activity Engagement, and Quality of Life for People Living With Dementia and Their Caregivers
The institute will discuss the etiology of dementia, describe key models for understanding functional limitations and behavioral symptoms, and discuss evidence-based assessment and intervention strategies. Participants will apply this material to real practice examples and be able to implement the strategies in their own practice settings.

**Seminar 001**
CarFit Technician Training Plus Event Coordinator Training
CarFit is an educational program developed in collaboration with AAA, AARP, and AOTA. This training includes lecture and hands-on learning at vehicles in a “conference modified” event. Education strategies will be offered for conducting meaningful conversations about safety by addressing medical conditions affecting person-to-vehicle fit (e.g., reduced neck flexibility, painful surgery sites, or diminished stature) through compensation techniques or use of basic equipment that is beneficial for both drivers and passengers. No experience in driver rehabilitation is required.

### WORK & INDUSTRY

**Institute 005**
Job Analysis, Functional Job Descriptions, and Ergonomic Risk Assessment: Key Skill Sets to Promote Work Performance and Participation
Come expand your task analysis skills to help clients meet their goals related to work participation! In this institute, participants will learn how to select and use a variety of job analysis methods, write functional job analyses, and identify ergonomic risk factors. These skills enhance your ability to select and provide clinic-based and work site interventions to promote work participation for people experiencing injury, disease, or disability.

**Institute 006**
Innovative Strategies to Integrate Standardized Patients Into Occupational Therapy Curriculum
The use of standardized patients in clinical simulation can enhance student learning in a supportive environment to prepare students for fieldwork and entry level practice. The purpose of this institute is to provide participants with resources and instructional strategies to support integration of best practices in simulation using standardized patients in occupational therapy curricula.

**Institute 007**
Becoming an Academic Fieldwork Coordinator
This institute provides participants with the necessary knowledge and tools to support the establishment and maintenance of an academic fieldwork program. Topics include ACOTE® compliance, database management, establishing fieldwork sites, SARA, and student issues, with time allotted for Q&A. This institute supports AOTA’s Vision 2025. Fieldwork education is vital to maximizing health, well-being, and quality of life for all people, populations, and communities. AOTA’s Centennial Vision. Fieldwork education is vital to creating a diverse workforce that can meet society’s occupational needs. (AOTA, 2006).

**Institute 008**
Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Institute and Mentoring Program
Participants will learn how to systematically study the effectiveness of their teaching and learning strategies through the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL). Participants will design a small study related to one self-identified teaching and learning challenge. After the institute, participants will finalize their study design and carry it out over the next year, while being supported by a mentored SoTL inquiry community that meets in a virtual context.

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Institute 010
Optimizing Pediatric Outcomes by Combining Sensory Integration With Evidence-Based Interventions
The diagnostic and sociocultural issues in the present health care delivery environment have resulted in increasingly more complex professional practice. This institute focuses on a model of clinical reasoning and an analysis for combining sensory integration intervention approaches with other practice models that can be used with a variety of diagnoses in pediatric occupational therapy practice.

Institute 021
Increasing Access and Occupational Engagement With GoBabyGo
This institute will introduce the GoBabyGo approach to early childhood power mobility (ECPM). A brief lecture will describe the current evidence for ECPM, common barriers, and effective solutions to those barriers. Attendees will participate in a project to modify ride-on toy cars for local children.

Institute 011
Authentic Partnering With Autistic Individuals: Designing Meaningful Research for Improving Practice
This institute will give participants the opportunity to not only understand authentic autistc engagement in all aspects of the research process, but also receive specific support in drafting and reviewing their own research and/or practice programs by session leaders who also have autism; as well as professionals who have experience in authentic collaborative research activities. Specific opportunities for meaningful partnership in client centered research will yield translatable outcomes.

Institute 012
What’s in Your Toolbox? Do it Yourself (DIY) Clinical Research
Have a research idea but not certain how to implement it in your clinical setting? AOTA has identified the need for a stronger link between education, research, and practice. Be that link by developing concrete research methods for an idea you’re passionate about. The tools, activities, worksheets, logistical feedback, and overall content of this institute will activate your inner researcher and turn a research idea into a realistic research project.

Institute 013
The Pediatric Private Practice Survival Boot Camp: Exploring the Anatomy of a Successful Pediatric Occupational Therapy Practice!
Did you know 20% of small businesses fail in their first year, 30% of small businesses fail in their second year, and 50% of small businesses fail after 5 years? These statistics are substantially higher for pediatric private practices and growing by the day. From building a successful business model to managing cash flow with insurance funding, private practice owners are more challenged than ever. This institute is designed to unlock the core competencies of private practice.

Institute 014
Quality Institute: Improving the Quality and Defining the Value of Occupational Therapy in Your Setting
This institute will build upon a basic understanding of quality improvement, providing practitioners with resources and the AOTA quality strategy. Using clinical examples, experts will present the basics of quality improvement, including OT-sensitive processes and key client outcomes. Presenters will identify resources for clinical leaders to implement quality improvement. Attendees will have the opportunity to plan a quality project specific to their setting and receive feedback.

Institute 017
Reiki Level I: A Complementary and Integrative Health Modality Used With Occupational Therapy; Certificate Provided
Reiki reduces pain, facilitates stress reduction, enhances relaxation, and promotes healing during client-centered treatment. Reiki incorporated into OT can improve a client’s occupational performance. AOTA has supported the use of complementary modalities in occupation-based treatment since 2005. Attunement to Reiki energy, hand positions, significant experiential practice, billing, marketing, research, and extensive OT resources and references will be provided. Level I certificate presented to attendees.

Institute 018 (8:00 am–5:00 pm)
(AOTF) Manuscript Writing Academy
Peer-reviewed manuscripts remain a primary method of translating and communicating scientific findings and advancing practice. However, formal instruction in writing for publication is infrequent in academic programs. In this institute, OTJR Editorial Board members will identify best practices in manuscript writing, submission, and revision, and facilitate activities to practice these skills. Attendees will actively learn the attributes, and the review, critique, and revision of a successful manuscript.

Institute 020
Occupational Therapy’s Role of Human Trafficking: Answering the Call to Action
The occupational therapy (OT) profession actively seeks to address the unique needs of human trafficking survivors and to build evidence that OT intervention is necessary for comprehensive healing using a collaborative interprofessional approach. This session will explore the distinct value of OT to enable healthy occupational participation in survivors of trafficking.

Institute 015
The Opioid Crisis and the Role of Occupational Therapy
This institute will focus on the current U.S. opioid crisis and how it has developed. The risk factors for becoming addicted to opioids will be described, along with the signs and symptoms of addiction and overdose. An overview of the various treatment approaches used with opioid addiction will be presented along with assessments utilized. The potential expanded role for occupational therapy will be discussed, particularly in terms of providing non-pharmacological approaches to pain management.

Institute 016
Occupational Therapy in Primary Care: Moving Together to Move Forward
Despite the belief that occupational therapy practitioners should be working in primary care, employment in this setting is still minimal with many practitioners feeling ill prepared. This institute will provide a collaborative environment where attendees will address current barriers to practice and create proposals that can be used to create primary care practices for attendees. Existing evidence will be reviewed and collaborative partnerships will be formed to help attendees engage in practice-based research.
# Registration, Hotel, & Travel

## Early Registration Closes: Tuesday, March 5

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### Online: Visit [www.aota.org/conference](http://www.aota.org/conference).

### Mail: Obtain a registration form at [www.aota.org/conference](http://www.aota.org/conference).

### Telephone: Call 800-729-2682, 9:00 am–5:00 pm EST, Monday–Friday.

### Housing Deadline: Monday, March 4, 2019

**Housing is OPEN!** A list of hotels and policies is available by visiting [www.aota.org/conference](http://www.aota.org/conference).

Reserving a room in the AOTA room block is an important way to support the Association and ultimately keep overall meeting costs as low as possible. To receive AOTA's discounted rates, room reservations must be made through Conference Direct Housing. Individual hotels will not accept reservations at our group rate through any other method.

### Housing Alert—Beware of Housing Pirating Companies

AOTA has approved Conference Direct Housing to coordinate all hotel reservation requests for the AOTA 2019 Annual Conference & Expo. If you are contacted by any housing company other than Conference Direct Housing, recognize that they are not endorsed by AOTA and, despite their claims, they do not have access to our negotiated discounted rates. AOTA Housing does not initiate calls to sell sleeping rooms, and under no circumstances is a full non-refundable payment at time of reservation required.

### Travel Information

The brand new Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY) serves the New Orleans area and is located 11 miles from downtown.

Discounted airfare is available for the 2019 Annual Conference & Expo through Delta airlines. Reservations and ticketing are available via [www.delta.com/meetings](http://www.delta.com/meetings). Select Book Your Flight, which will bring you to the Book A Flight page. Enter the meeting code (NMSFJ) in the box provided.

Reservations may also be made by calling our Delta Meeting reservations at 800-328-1111 Monday through Friday, 7:00 am–7:00 pm CT.

### Shuttle

Shuttle service will be provided Wednesday, April 3, 2019, through Sunday, April 7, 2019. Shuttle routes and boarding locations are subject to change at any time without notice. Attendees should check the sign in the hotel lobby and shuttle flyer once onsite for the most current information. For more information regarding routes and boarding locations, visit [www.aota.org/conference](http://www.aota.org/conference).
Conference Program Guide
Prior to Conference, complete session descriptions and event information will be available at www.aota.org/conference, including a PDF of the Conference Guide. The Conference Guide will be distributed on site at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center during the registration hours listed below. Registered attendees will receive a copy in their tote at check-in.

Schedule

**Tuesday, April 2**
7:00 am–7:00 pm  Registration Open (Sheraton)

**Wednesday, April 3**
7:00 am–7:00 pm  Registration Open (Sheraton)
10:00 am–7:00 pm  Registration Open (Convention Center)
12:00 pm–6:30 pm  Pre-Conference Institutes & Seminars
7:00 pm–8:30 pm  PTE Faculty Advisors’ Workshop
7:30 pm–9:00 pm  SIS Networking Reception

**Thursday, April 4**
6:45 am–7:00 pm  Registration Open (Convention Center)
7:30 am–9:00 am  First-Timers’ Orientation
8:00 am–11:30 am  Educational Sessions
8:30 am–10:30 am  Poster Session #1
11:00 am–1:00 pm  Poster Session #2
12:00 pm–1:30 pm  PTE Alumni Reception & Poster Session
12:00 pm–3:30 pm  Education Sessions
1:30 pm–3:00 pm  PTE Annual Business Meeting
1:30 pm–3:30 pm  Poster Session #3
4:15 pm–5:30 pm  Welcome Ceremony & Keynote Address
5:30 pm–8:30 pm  Expo Hall Opening & Reception

**Friday, April 5**
6:45 am–7:30 am  Fitness Event
7:00 am–9:00 am  AOTF Breakfast with a Scholar
7:00 am–5:30 pm  Registration Open (Convention Center)
8:00 am–11:30 am  Educational Sessions
9:00 am–11:00 am  Poster Session #4
9:00 am–5:00 pm  Expo Hall Open

**Saturday, April 6**
7:30 am–5:30 pm  Registration Open (Convention Center)
8:00 am–11:30 am  Educational Sessions
9:00 am–11:00 am  Poster Session #7
9:00 am–1:30 pm  Expo Hall Open
11:45 am–12:30 pm  Inaugural Presidential Address
1:00 pm–3:00 pm  Poster Session #8
1:30 pm–3:00 pm  Annual Business Meeting
1:30 pm–5:00 pm  Educational Sessions
5:00 pm–6:30 pm  Knowledge Bowl (Students-Only)
5:30 pm–6:30 pm  Annual Awards & Recognition Ceremony
6:45 pm–7:45 pm  Annual Awards & Recognition Reception
7:30 pm–10:30 pm  AOTPAC Night

**Sunday, April 7**
7:30 am–11:15 am  Registration Open (Convention Center)
8:00 am–11:00 am  Educational Sessions
**Thank you!**

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