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Education

University of Illinois at Chicago Chicago, IL
Doctorate of Occupational Therapy 2012-2014

University of Illinois at Chicago Chicago, IL
Masters of Science in Occupational Therapy 2010-2012

Grand Valley State University Grand Rapids, MI
Bachelors of Science 2007-2010
Behavioral Science and Latin American Studies

Grand Rapids Community College Grand Rapids, MI
Associates of Arts and Science 1997-2001
Occupational Therapy Assisting

Academic Experience

University of Illinois at Chicago Chicago, IL
Clinical Associate Professor / Doctoral Capstone Coordinator 2023-present

Responsibilities: 1) Implement and evaluate capstone process for students and provide support through the capstone experience according to ACOTE standards; 2) teach doctoral level OT students in variety of courses as needed; 3) engage in service and scholarship to enhance the OT profession, college, and university

University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences San Marcos, CA
Senior Faculty Development Specialist 2020-2023

Responsibilities: 1) Work with faculty across five campuses to develop skills and knowledge with best practices for teaching and learning; 2) supervise team of peer support leaders; 3) develop, and implement new faculty training, organize, and report on utility of faculty development programming

University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences Austin, TX and San Marcos, CA
Assistant Professor 2019-2023

Courses taught: Domain of Occupational Therapy, Scholarly Design, Scholarly Implementation and Dissemination, Scholarly Application, Occupational Engagement and

Theories of Practice, Clinical Application of Occupational Therapy in Psychosocial and Community Settings, OTD Seminar 1, Leadership and Advocacy

Grand Valley State University

Assistant Professor

Grand Rapids, MI

2015-2019

Courses taught: Meaningful Living through Occupation, Theoretical Foundations in Occupational Therapy, Professional Socialization in Occupational Therapy, Mental Health Services in Occupational Therapy, Occupational Therapy Research Proposal

University of Illinois at Chicago

Adjunct Clinical Instructor

Chicago, IL

2014-2015

Courses taught: Fieldwork educator for Level I fieldwork in a non-traditional setting

Academic Experience - Master's and Doctoral Capstone Mentorship

University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences

Entry Level OTD capstone projects

- Disability Advocacy in Fashion Design
- Occupational Therapist Role in Addressing Sexuality for Adolescents with Physical Disabilities
- Understanding the Role of OT Practitioners with Parents with Physical Disabilities
- Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning: Toolkit for Faculty Development
- Political Advocacy for Increased Access to Occupational Therapy Services for Vulnerable Populations
- Occupational Therapy's Role in Addressing Sexuality for People with Pelvic Floor Dysfunction
- Occupation-Based Program Promoting Empowerment with Sexuality Awareness for Direct Care Staff Day Programs for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities
- Teaching Sexuality in Occupational Therapy Curriculum: A Toolkit for Best Practices
- Health Providers Training and Toolkit for Addressing Sexuality with the Older Adult with Fatiguing Conditions
- Occupational Therapist's Role in Advocating for Disability Inclusion with Sexuality Education
- Culturally Responsive Care Training for Rehabilitative Healthcare Students: An Expansion of USAHS's Faculty Development Toolkit
- Integrative Training for Rehab Professional's Role with Addressing Sexuality with Patients with Spinal Cord Injuries
- Manual and Treatment Guide for Evidence Based Interventions Related to Sexuality for Acquired Brain Injury Population

- Transportation and Community Engagement for People with Disabilities in Sunland Park, New Mexico
- Measuring clinical competence with LGBTQ+ patients in OT, PT, and SLP students utilizing the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Development of Clinical Skills Scale (LGBT-DOCSS)

Post Professional OTD capstone projects

- International Service-Learning: Training for Global Health Issues, Cultural Responsiveness, and Interprofessional Collaborative Practice
- Sexual Function for Woman Experiencing Pelvic Floor Dysfunction: Multimodal Approach for Intervention with Pregnant and Postnatal Mothers
- Barriers and Facilitators for Teaching Sexuality Based Content in Occupational Therapy Programs: A Qualitative Analysis

Grand Valley State University

Post Professional OTD capstone projects

- Occupational Deprivation and Emotional Well-being of Immigrant Mothers

Master Capstone Research Projects

- The Outcomes of Client-Selected Activities and Co-Occupation in Families Experiencing Homelessness
- The Perceived Benefits of a Client-Centered Leisure Program for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness
- Perceived Outcomes of Community-based Participatory Research with Men Living in Abstinence-based Recovery Housing
- Addressing Toileting Difficulties of Females with Physical Limitations through the Use of a Urinal Designed for Women
- Barriers and Supports to Health Management and Maintenance for United States Firefighters
- The Role of Occupational Therapy with Individuals in the Prison System Preparing for Community Reintegration: A Systematic Review
- The Dating Experience: A Personal, Environmental, and Occupational Perspective for Individuals with and without Physical or Sensory Disabilities
- Factors that Facilitate or Hinder the Teaching of Topics Related to Sexuality in Entry-level Occupational Therapy Programs in the United States
- Identifying Barriers and Facilitators within the Occupation of Voting for People with Disabilities in Grand Rapids, Michigan
- Experiences of Voters with Disabilities in Michigan
- Advocacy-Related Occupations Among People with Disabilities: Assessing Program Outcomes of an Advocacy Workshop

Professional Experience

Your Therapy Source, Occupational Therapist

Austin, TX

Home health therapist	2019-2020
Therapy Network Resources , Occupational Therapist Home health therapist, chart auditor, trainer	Chicago, IL 2012-2015
Glantz Richman Rehabilitation Associates , Occupational Therapist Treatment for mental/physical/cognitive disabilities in forensic setting	Chicago, IL 2013-2014
West Suburban Medical Center , COTA and OTR Sub-acute rehab, acute care rehab	Chicago, IL 2010-2012
Agility Health , Occupational Therapy Assistant Sub-acute rehab and dementia care	Grand Rapids, MI 2005-2009
Heartland Rehabilitation , Occupational Therapy Assistant Sub-acute rehab and dementia care	Muskegon, MI 2003-2005
Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services , Occupational Therapy Assistant In-patient psychosocial rehabilitation	Grand Rapids, MI 2001-2003

Publications

Amaro, A., Griggs-Stapleton, L., & **Summers, J.** (2022, April 14). A Call for Occupational Justice: Amending Medicare Policy. Poster presented at the Virtual OTD Capstone Symposium, University of St Augustine for Health Sciences. Retrieved from <https://soar.usa.edu/otdcapstones-spring2022/11>

Fisher, G., & **Friesema, J.** (2013). Implications of the Affordable Care Act for occupational therapy practitioners providing services to Medicare recipients. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 67(5), 502-506.

Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Lukyanova, V., & **Friesema, J.** (2013). Culturally competent interventions to address obesity among African American and Latino children and youth. *Occupational Therapy in Health Care*, 27(2), 113-128.

Grants

Friesema, J., Grand Valley State University - Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence, \$400, 8/29/2016-10/10/2016, *CSCE Mini-grant*

Summers, J., Grand Valley State University - Graduate School, \$1,7284, 5/7/2018-8/7/2018, *Presidential Research Grant*

Presentations

Peer Reviewed Presentations

Summers, J. (2023, April 15). Evolving our Profession: Understanding Ableism and the Role of Occupational Therapy Clinicians [Conference workshop - short]. Michigan Occupational Therapy Association Spring Conference, Virtual

Miller, N., **Summers, J.**, Shean, A., Maguire, D. (2022, Nov 16). Online Discussion Turns Students into Robots: Can AI Help? [Conference workshop - short]. Online Learning Consortium (OLC) Accelerate Conference, Orlando, FL

Rose, D, Luna, J., **Summers, J.** (2021, Nov 5-6). Legislative Update [Conference workshop - short]. TOTA Annual Conference & Expo, Houston, TX

Summers, J. (2021, Oct-Nov). Best Practices for Use of Exemplars for Assignment Completion [Conference workshop - short]. Lilly Conference, Virtual

Summers, J. (2021, Oct-Nov). Yes, We Can Do That Too! OT Practitioners Addressing Sexuality [Conference workshop - short]. Mountain West OT Annual Conference & Expo, Virtual

Summers, J., Eley, C. (2020, Nov 13-15). Advocacy-Related Occupations: An Evidence-Based Approach to Advocacy [Conference workshop - long]. TOTA Annual Conference & Expo, Virtual

Rose, D, Luna, J., **Summers, J.** (2020, Nov 13-15). Legislative Update [Conference workshop - short]. TOTA Annual Conference & Expo, Virtual

Summers, J., Ontiberos, V., Morwood, C. (2020, Nov 13-15). Yes, We Can Do That Too! OT Practitioners Addressing Sexuality [Conference workshop - short]. TOTA Annual Conference & Expo, Virtual

Summers, J., Kelder, S., Metti, N., Justice, K., Walling, R., Barnhart, K. (2020, March 26-28). A Survey of OT Educators on Sexuality Content [Conference poster]. AOTA Annual Conference & Expo, Boston, MA. <https://www.aota.org/Conference-Events/annual-conference/coronavirus-covid19.aspx> (Conference canceled)

Summers, J., Kelder, S., Metti, N., Justice, K., Walling, R., Barnhart, K. (2020, June 4-5). A Survey of OT Educators on Sexuality Content [Conference poster]. American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT) Annual Conference, Palm Springs, CA (Conference canceled)

Summers, J., Busse, K (2020, June 4-5). Acquired brain injury and sexuality: Supporting individuals with disability through inter-professional collaboration. [Conference workshop]. American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT) Annual Conference, Palm Springs, CA. (Conference canceled)

Rose, D, Luna, J., **Summers, J.** (2019, Nov 1-3). Legislative Update [Conference workshop - short]. TOTA Annual Conference & Expo, Austin, TX

Summers, J., Coombs, R. (2019, Nov 1-3). The Art of Sexuality and Disability [Conference workshop - short]. TOTA Annual Conference & Expo, Austin, TX

Summers, J. (November, 2019). The Art of Sexuality and Disability. Workshop presentation at the Texas Occupational Therapy Association (TOTA) Annual Conference, Austin, TX.

Summers, J. (October, 2018). The Art of Sexuality and Disability. [Conference workshop - short]. Michigan Occupational Therapy Association (MiOTA) Annual Conference, Livonia, MI.

Summers, J. (October, 2018). Participation in Advocacy-Related Occupations among People with Disabilities: Assessing Program Outcomes of an Advocacy Workshop. [Conference workshop - long]. Michigan Occupational Therapy Association (MiOTA) Annual Conference, Livonia, MI.

Summers, J. (June, 2018). The Art of Sexuality and Disability. [Conference workshop - short]. American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT) Annual Conference, Denver, CO.

Summers, J. (June, 2018). Comparative analysis of perceived barriers for dating with able bodied and disabled bodied young adults. [Conference poster]. American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT) Annual Conference, Denver, CO

Caruso, G., **Summers, J.** (2018, April). Barriers and Supports to Health Management and Maintenance for U.S. Firefighters [Conference poster]. AOTA Annual Conference & Expo, Salt Lake City, UT

Summers, J. (2018, April). Voting as an occupation: Understanding OTs role with accessibility to political activities of daily living (pADLs) [Conference poster]. AOTA Annual Conference & Expo, Salt Lake City, UT

Summers, J. (October, 2017). Voting as an occupation: Understanding OTs role with accessibility to political activities of daily living (pADLs). [Conference workshop - short]. Michigan Occupational Therapy Association (MiOTA) Annual Conference, Mackinac Island, MI

Summers, J. (October, 2017). Comparative analysis of perceived barriers and facilitators for occupations associated with dating for people with physical disabilities and abled bodied young adults. [Conference workshop - short]. Michigan Occupational Therapy Association (MiOTA) Annual Conference, Mackinac Island, MI

Friesema, J. (Nov, 2016). Health Literacy Resource Manual: Education, implementation, and advocacy for health literacy concepts in OT practice. [Conference workshop - short]. Michigan Occupational Therapy Association (MiOTA) Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI

Friesema, J. (Oct, 2014). Occupational Therapy and Illinois Mental Health Care: A Vision for the Future. [Conference workshop - short]. Illinois Occupational Therapy Association (ILOTA) Annual Conference, Lile, IL

Friesema, J. (Oct, 2014). Health Literacy Resource Manual: Education and Practical Training for Rehab Therapists. [Conference workshop - short]. Illinois Occupational Therapy Association (ILOTA) Annual Conference, Lile, IL

Friesema, J. (Oct, 2013). Health Literacy: Implications for Occupational Therapists Working with Adults in Physical Rehabilitation Settings. [Conference workshop - short]. Illinois Occupational Therapy Association (ILOTA) Annual Conference, Peoria, IL

Invited Lecture Presentations (select)

Summers, J. (Nov. 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019). OT and OTA: Understanding the relationship from someone who has been on both sides. [Invited Lecture]. Department of Occupational Therapy. Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY

Summers, J. (Oct. 2022). Innovative OT Practice: Addressing Sexuality and Intimacy. [Invited Lecture]. Department of Occupational Therapy. University of Findley. Findley, OH

Summers, J. (Sept. 2021). Sex and Disability. [Invited Lecture]. Pi Theta Epsilon. University of Buffalo. Buffalo, NY

Summers, J. (Oct. 2021). An Overview of Sexuality and Disability [Invited Lecture]. Department of Occupational Therapy. University of Findley. Findley, OH

Summers, J. (Oct. 2021). The Art of Sexuality and Disability [Invited Lecture]. Department of Occupational Therapy. Western Michigan University. Grand Rapids, MI

Summers, J. (Sept. 2019, Oct. 2017). Advocacy and Occupational Therapy [Invited Lecture]. Department of Occupational Therapy. Western Michigan University. Grand Rapids, MI

Summers, J. (Sept. 2019, Oct. 2017). Addressing Health Disparities through Culturally Relevant Scholarship of Practice [Invited Panelist]. Department of Occupational Therapy. University of Illinois at Chicago. Chicago, IL

Goodrich, C., & **Summers, J.** (Dec 2017). Disability Rights Movement and the OT/OTA Role. [Invited Speaker]. Webinar. Michigan Occupational Therapy Association. Virtual

Certifications

NBCOT Certification, # 1054835

California OT license, # 24227 - current

Texas OT license, # 119809 - current

Michigan OT license, # 5201010093

Michigan OTA license, # 5202005974

Illinois OT license # 056009936

Illinois OTA license # 057003419

Professional Associations

Online Learning Consortium	2022-present
American Occupational Therapy Association	2001-present
World Federation of Occupational Therapy	2015-present
Texas Occupational Therapy Association	2019-2022
Michigan Occupational Therapy Association	2015-2019
Illinois Occupational Therapy Association	2010-2015
American Association for Sex Educators, Counselors, and Therapists	2017-2021
National Alliance on Mental Illness	2017-2019
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People	2016-2019

Service

Service to the University

Inclusion, Diversity, Access, and Equity Committee Member University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences	2020-present
Faculty Development Steering Committee Member University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences	2019-2020
Advocacy Club Founder and Faculty Advisor University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences	2019-2022
Academic Advising - OTD students University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences	2019-2020
Academic Advising - MOT students Grand Valley State University	2015-2019
Inclusion Action Committee Member Grand Valley State University	2016-2019
GVSU College Democrats Faculty Advisor Grand Valley State University	2016-2019

Student Occupational Therapy Association Faculty Advisor Grand Valley State University	2016-2019
OT Program Community Engaged Learning Committee Director Grand Valley State University	2017-2019
OT Program Admissions Committee Co-Director Grand Valley State University	2017-2019
Assessment Committee Member Grand Valley State University	2016-2019
Governance Committee Member Grand Valley State University	2017-2019
Summer Health Activities and Professions Exploration Committee Member Grand Valley State University	2015-2017
Service to Professional Organizations	
Political Action Committee Chair Texas Occupational Therapy Association	2020-2022
Advocacy Committee Chair Michigan Occupational Therapy Association	2016-2019
Public Policy Director Michigan Occupational Therapy Association	2015-2019
Telehealth ad hoc Committee Chair Michigan Occupational Therapy Association	2015-2019
Lansing Lobby Day Committee Chair Michigan Occupational Therapy Association	2015-2019
Marketing Committee Chair Allen Cognitive Network	2010-2013
OTA Advisory Board Member Grand Rapids Community College	2003-2009

Service to Community

Secretary Webber Township Fire Department Auxiliary Board	2017-2019
Education Committee Senior Enrichment Day Lake County TRIAD	2015-2018
Voting Task Force Committee member City of Grand Rapids Clerks Office	2019
Parent Group Discussion Facilitator Supporting Emotional Needs of Gifted Children	2013-2014

Honors and Awards

Diversity and Inclusion Award Nomination Board of Directors Awards University of St. Augustine for Health Science	2022
Innovation Award Nomination Board of Directors Awards University of St. Augustine for Health Science	2022
Diversity and Inclusion Award Nomination Board of Directors Awards University of St. Augustine for Health Science	2021
Kimboko Inclusion Award Graduate Student Association Award for Outstanding Faculty Grand Valley State University	2018
Service Award Michigan Occupational Therapy Association	2018
Service Award Michigan Occupational Therapy Association	2017
Legislative Award Michigan Occupational Therapy Association	2016
Student Achievement Award Allied Health Science University of Illinois at Chicago	2015

Lillian B. Torrance Scholarship Award Department of Occupational Therapy University of Illinois at Chicago	2012
W.E VanDoren Scholarship Award Department of Occupational Therapy University of Illinois at Chicago	2011
Lillian B. Torrance Scholarship Award Department of Occupational Therapy University of Illinois at Chicago	2010
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Behavioral Science Department Grand Valley State University	2010
Most Valuable Player Award Pilgrim Manor Retirement Community Agility Health	2007

Continuing Education and Professional Development (fall 2023 only)

Nov/2022, Top 20 Inclusive Classroom Strategies, OLC Accelerate Conference, Orlando, FL

Nov/2022, Moving from Surviving to Thriving: Effective Practices for Addressing Self-Care and Burnout, OLC Accelerate Conference, Orlando, FL

Nov/2022, Beyond the Bean Counting: Creating A Faculty Resource That Optimizes Learning, OLC Accelerate Conference, Orlando, FL

Nov/2022, Meaning Behind the Screen: Leveraging Digital Community Building Tools in Online and Blended Learning, OLC Accelerate Conference, Orlando, FL

Nov/2022, Imagineering Your Course: Applying Authentic Assessment, Storytelling, and Learner-Centered Course Design Principles to Improve Student Motivation, OLC Accelerate Conference, Orlando, FL

Nov/2022, Imagineering Your Course: Pop Secrets! What It Takes to Launch and Scale a Pop-Up Course, OLC Accelerate Conference, Orlando, FL

Nov/2022, Committing to The Future: DEI Strategic Planning to Transform Your Institution, OLC Accelerate Conference, Orlando, FL

Nov/2022, The New Blend: Strategies for Mixing Asynchronous and Synchronous, Online And On-Site, OLC Accelerate Conference, Orlando, FL

