
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Robin A Jones

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE	COMPLETION DATE	FIELD OF STUDY
Madison Area Technical College	A.S.	1980	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Loyola University at Chicago	B.S.	1985	Instructional Technology
DePaul University	MPA	1995	Public Services Administration

A. Personal Statement

I serve as the Director of the Great Lakes ADA Center located within the Institute on Disability and Human Development at the University of Illinois at Chicago. I have worked in the field of disability policy for the past 40 years with prior experience working to deliver services directly to individuals with disabilities through the establishment and leadership within an Independent Living Center for 5 years as well as a direct service provider in the role as an occupational therapy assistant for 6 years. I possess leadership qualities that have enabled me to successfully design and carry out a program of training and technical assistance that promotes voluntary compliance with applicable civil rights laws. I have spearheaded numerous projects at the local/state and national level in collaboration with other organization with the goal of enhancing the quality of information available to assist individuals who are both protected under the ADA but also have responsibilities under the law. I have held and currently hold positions of leadership on task forces addressing the barriers and supports needed to enhance the employment outcomes of persons with disabilities including revision of policies and procedures at the State and local level.

Positions and Employment

1998-present	Instructor, Department on Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois at Chicago
1991-present	Project Director and Principal Investigator, Great Lakes ADA Center, Department on Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC).
1988-present	Non-Salaried Clinical Faculty, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois at Chicago.
1991	Assistive Technology Specialist, Assistive Technology Unit, University of Illinois at Chicago,
1988-91	Executive Director, Progress Center for Independent Living, Oak Park, Illinois.
1986-88	Assistant to the Head, Clinical Associate and Coordinator of Graduate and Undergraduate Admissions, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois at Chicago
1984-86	Senior Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago
1980-84	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago

Other Experience and Professional Memberships

2022-present	Member, Illinois Access and Functional Needs Advisory Committee, Illinois Emergency Management Agency
2021-present	Member, Disability Employment Technical Assistance Center Representative Workgroup, Administration on Disability, U.S. Health and Human Services
2021-present	Peer Coach for the RISE Peer eLearning Community, Administration on Disability, U.S. Health and Human Services
2021-present	Member, Disability Employment Technical Assistance Center, Grantee Representative Work Group, Administration on Disability, U.S. Health and Human Services
2021-present	Advisory Committee Member, Immigrant and Refugee-Led Capacity Development Network of Illinois
2021-present	Member, Advisory Committee, Morhic Software System, Raising the Floor, University of Maryland College Park
2020-present	Secretary, Illinois Occupational Therapy Association
2016-present	Member, Advisory Board, National Organization of Nurses with Disabilities (NOND)
2016-present	Member, Advisory Board, Chicagoland and Business Leadership Network

2014-20 Strand Advisory, Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA)
 2017-20 Co-Chairperson, City of Chicago Mayor's Task Force on Employment of Persons with Disabilities

2013-17 Advocacy Director, Illinois Occupation Therapy Association
 2013-17 Member, State of Illinois Attorney General's Office Disability Advisory Committee
 2010-17 Co-Chairperson, Illinois Taskforce on Employment and Economic Opportunity for Persons with Disabilities

2014-16 President, NARRTC (organization representing NIDILRR funded grantees)
 2014-15 Member, Chicago Cultural Accessibility Consortium
 2013-15 Member, Secretary of State, Accessible Consortium
 2011-15 Member, City of Chicago Accessibility Code Advisory Committee
 2011-14 Member, Illinois Inclusion Team, Serve Illinois (AmeriCorps)
 2010-13 State of Illinois Representative, American Occupation Therapy Association
 2009-12 Accessible Technology Advisor, City of Chicago Disability ADA Self-Evaluation Team, City of Chicago

2008-09 Member, Chicago 2016 Olympic Bid Committee. Serve on several subcommittees related to the accessibility of events/activities

2005-07 Member, United Way of Metropolitan Chicago Disability Task Force
 2005-06 Member, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development (DCEO), Small Business Development Centers Disability Initiative Advisory Board

2004-08 Secretary, National Board for the Certification of Occupational Therapy
 Chairperson, Supply Side Work Group, Mayor's Task Force on Employment of People with Disabilities

2002-05 Customizing Employment for People with Disabilities Advisory Council, Chicago Workforce Development Board

2003-05 Member, National Board for the Certification of Occupational Therapy
 2001-10 Secretary, American Occupational Therapy Association
 1998-01 Chairperson, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures Committee, American Occupational Therapy Association

1992-98 COTA Representative, Representative Assembly, American Occupational Therapy Association,
 1986-89 COTA Representative, Representative Assembly, American Occupational Therapy Association
 1884-94 Member, Illinois Licensure Board, Department of Professional Regulation, State of Illinois
 1981-84 Secretary, Illinois Occupational Therapy Association
 1979-81 OTA Student Member, Commission on Practice, American Occupational Therapy Association,
 1979-81 ASCOTA OTA Vice Chair, American Occupational Therapy Association

Honors

2017 Commendation Award, NARRTC
 2015 Leaders and Legacy Society Inductee, American Occupational Therapy Foundation
 2014 Terry Brittell Award for OTA/OT Partnership, American Occupational Therapy Association
 2008 Accessible Cities Alliance 2008 Ambassador of the Year Award, City of Joliet, IL
 1999 HealthSouth Rehabilitation Award, American Occupational Therapy Foundation
 1986 Roster of Honor, American Occupational Therapy Association
 1986 Award of Excellence, American Occupational Therapy Association
 1983 Public Awareness Award, Illinois Occupational Therapy Association
 1982 COTA of the Year Award, Illinois Occupational Therapy Association

Selected Peer-Reviewed Publications

Y., Hofstra, A., Berquist, S., Gould, R., & Jones, R. (2022). Barrier-removal plans and pedestrian infrastructure equity for people with disabilities. *Transportation Research Part D: Transport and Environment*, 109, 103356. doi:<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.trd.2022.103356>

Role: Co-Investigator

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Role: Co-Investigator