

Curriculum Vitae

Mansha Mirza, PhD, OTR/L

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EDUCATION/TRAINING

Northwestern University, Chicago, IL.

Aug 2010 – Aug 2012

Degree: Master of Science in Health Services and Outcomes Research

Capstone Project: Individual, household, and community-level correlates of social participation for low-income children with disabilities: An ecological analysis using Making Connections Survey Data

Project Mentors: Dr. Joe Feinglass, PhD, Research Professor, Division of General Internal Medicine and Institute for Healthcare Studies, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University

Dr. Allen W. Heinemann, PhD, ABPP (RP), FACRM

Professor, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University

University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Aug 2004 – Dec 2009

Degree: PhD in Disability Studies

Dissertation Title: Global ethnography with disabled refugees: Combining individual narratives with systems and policy analysis

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Joy Hammel, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, Associate Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois Chicago
James Charlton, MA, Research Assistant Professor, Department of Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois Chicago
Dr. Glenn Fujiura, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois Chicago
Dr. Nirmala Erevelles, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Educational Leadership, Policy, and Technology Studies, The University of Alabama
Dr. Khalid Koser, PhD, Director, New Issues in Security Course, Geneva Centre for Security Policy

University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Aug 2002 - Jul 2004

Degree: Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (OT)

Thesis title: The Impact of Consumer-Focused Assistive Technology Delivery with People with Intellectual Disabilities

Thesis Committee: Dr. Joy Hammel, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, Associate Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois Chicago
Dr. Marcia Finlayson, PhD, OT(C), OTR/L, Associate Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois Chicago
Dr. Tamar Heller, PhD, Professor and Head, Department of Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois Chicago

University of Mumbai, Mumbai, India

Jun 2001 - May 2002

The National Resource Center for Inclusion – India

(An organization affiliated with the Roehrer Institute of Canada and working toward inclusive education)
Degree: Diploma in Education of the Physically Handicapped (Children with Developmental Disabilities)
Dissertation title: Efficacy of Sensory Integration Therapy on Social Behaviors and Academic Performances of Children with Sensory-Integrative Dysfunction based on Parents' and Teachers' Perspectives

University of Mumbai, Mumbai, India
Seth G.S. Medical College & KEM Hospital
Degree: Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy

Oct 1997 - May 2001

OTHER TRAINING

Developing Students' AI Literacies **Oct 2024**
Center for the Advancement of Teaching Excellence, University of Illinois Chicago

Policy Brief Writing Workshop **March 2023**
Scholars Strategy Network and Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, University of Illinois Chicago

Teaching Tidbits Workshop: Equitable Discussions & Active Learning **Nov 2022**
Center for the Advancement of Teaching Excellence, University of Illinois Chicago

Policy 101 Storytelling Workshop **Jan, Feb 2020**
Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, University of Illinois Chicago

Policy 101 Workshop: Story of Your Research **Nov 2018**
Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, University of Illinois Chicago

Write Out!: Writing Retreat with Mentoring from a Writing Coach **June 2015**
Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, University of Illinois Chicago

Postdoctoral Grant Writing Seminar **Jan-May 2014**
Institute for Healthcare Research and Policy, University of Illinois Chicago

Best Plus, ESL Test Administrator **Mar 2014**
Center for Applied Linguistics

Health Equity Leadership Institute **May 2013**
Collaborative Center for Health Equity, University of Wisconsin, Madison

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

Registered Occupational Therapist licensed in the state of Illinois: License # 056.008864

National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy: Certification # 255723

Certified leader in The Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, Stanford University
Patient Education Research Center, (Certified: January 9, 2010; Renewal: March 21, 2014)

EMPLOYMENT

Professor (With Tenure) Department of Occupational Therapy University of Illinois Chicago Chicago, Illinois	Sept 2024-Present
Associate Professor (With Tenure) Department of Occupational Therapy University of Illinois Chicago Chicago, Illinois	Sep 2019 – Aug 2024
Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) Department of Occupational Therapy University of Illinois Chicago Chicago, Illinois	Jan 2013 – Aug 2019
Postdoctoral Fellow Integrated Fellowship in Health Services Research Institute for Healthcare Studies Fienberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University Chicago, Illinois Directors: Allen Heinemann, PhD; Jane L. Holl, MD, MPH	Aug 2010 – Aug 2012
Visiting Research Specialist & Project Coordinator Department of Occupational Therapy University of Illinois Chicago Chicago, Illinois Select grant related activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Improving Measurement of Medical Rehabilitation Outcomes: Enhancing the NIH Toolbox's Accessibility and Usability to Support the Inclusion of People with Disabilities in Health Research</i> PI: Susan Magasi, PhD Funder: National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (Rehabilitation Research and Training Center) ○ <i>Healthy Homes & Communities: Examining How Managing the Environment Influences the Health and Participation of People with Intellectual Disabilities</i> PI: Joy Hammel, PhD, OTR/L Funder: National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (Rehabilitation Research and Training Center) 	Feb 2010 – Jul 2010
Disability Specialist Disability Resource Center University of Illinois Chicago Chicago, Illinois Director: Roxanna Stupp, MS	Mar 2010 – Jun 2010
Information Access Consultant Disability Resource Center University of Illinois Chicago Chicago, Illinois Director: Roxanna Stupp, MS	Sep 2006 – Dec 2009
Program Evaluator, Housing Counseling Program Access Living Center for Service, Advocacy and Social Change for people with Disabilities	May – Jun 2007

Chicago, Illinois

Director: Marca Bristo, BS

Executive Assistant, Society for Disability Studies

Oct 2004 – Jun 2007

Department of Disability and Human Development

University of Illinois Chicago

Chicago, Illinois

Executive Officer: Joy Hammel, PhD

Research Assistant

Sep 2002 – Sep 2006

Department of Occupational Therapy,

University of Illinois Chicago

Chicago, Illinois

Select grant related activity:

- *Assistive Technology and Universal Design solutions and interventions for persons ageing with Developmental Disabilities*
PI: Joy Hammel, PhD, OTR/L, Tamar Heller
Funder: National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (Rehabilitation Research and Training Center)
- *Community Living and Participation - Examining and Effecting Social Change: A Social Action Project for persons with disabilities transitioning out of Nursing Homes*
PI: Joy Hammel, PhD, OTR/L, Carol J.Gill, PhD
Funder: National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research; University of Illinois Chicago Great Cities Institute
- *The Alternative Financing Technological Assistance Project - An Evaluation of Outcomes Across States*
PI: Joy Hammel, PhD, OTR/L, Marcia Finlayson, PhD
Funder: National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research.
- *Addressing Issues of Accessible & Affordable Housing in the Urban Community for People with Disabilities*
PI: Joy Hammel, PhD, OTR/L, Janet Smith, PhD
Funder: UIC Great Cities Institute

Research Assistant

Jun 2003 – Aug 2003

Access Living, Great Lakes ADA Center, Department of Occupational therapy

University of Illinois Chicago

Chicago, Illinois

Occupational Therapist

Jul 2001-Jul 2002

The Multiple Sclerosis Society of India

Mumbai, India

AWARDS, HONORS, RECOGNITIONS

Center for Health Equity in Cognitive Aging, University of Illinois Chicago

Mentor Excellence Award, 2025

College of Applied Health Sciences, University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, IL

Researcher of the Year, 2024

American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine

- Service Commendation for Leadership Role in International Interdisciplinary Special Interest Group,

2021

- Service Commendation for Leadership Role in International Interdisciplinary Special Interest Group, 2022

Department of Occupational Therapy

- Educator of the Year Award Nominee, 2022
- Educator of the Year Award Nominee, 2023

Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

- Social Policy and Engagement Fellow, 2018-19

Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

- 2017 Faculty Scholar Spotlight

College of Applied Health Sciences, University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

- 2017 Humanitarian of the Year Award

University of Wisconsin-Madison and University of Maryland, Madison, Wisconsin

- 2013 Health Equity Leadership Institute Scholar

International Center for Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, Illinois

- 2010 Illinois Distinguished Qualitative Dissertation Award, Experimental Category, May 2010

University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

- 2010 Achievement Award (College of Applied Health Sciences) in recognition of outstanding personal and professional achievements
- Provost's Award for Graduate Research, Spring 2008
- UIC Graduate Fellowship, August 16th 2004 to August 15th 2005; August 16th 2007 to August 15th 2008
- Chancellor's Student Service Award, April 2005 in recognition of outstanding volunteer service to the university and community

Health & Medicine Policy Research Group, Chicago, IL

Chicago Area Albert Schweitzer Fellowship (May 2008- May 2009)

Society for Disability Studies

- Service Award for Outstanding Service Contributions to the Society, June 2005.
- Service Award for Outstanding Service Contributions to the Society, June 2006.
- Service Award for Outstanding Service Contributions to the Society, June 2007.

All India Occupational Therapists' Association

- Awarded Gold Medal for the Best Occupational Therapy Graduate of the year in February 2002 at the 39th Annual National Conference of the All India Occupational Therapists' Association

Seth G.S. Medical College and K.E.M. Hospital, Mumbai, India

- Awarded Silver Jubilee Cash Prize in January 2002 for securing the top rank at the Third Year B Sc. Occupational Therapy exam held in May 2001.

L.T.M. Medical College and L.T.M.G. Hospital, Mumbai, India

- Certificate of Merit in January 2002 for securing the top rank at the Third Year B Sc. Occupational Therapy exam held in May 2001.

University of Mumbai, India

- Oct 1998 - First Class with Distinction in First Year B.Sc. – Occupational Therapy, Ranked First in University of Mumbai
- Oct 1999 - First Class in Second Year B.Sc. – Occupational Therapy, Ranked First in University of Mumbai
- May 2001 - First Class in Third Year B.Sc. – Occupational Therapy, Ranked First in University of Mumbai

Miscellaneous

- Featured in Marquis Who's Who in America, 2009 & 2010

FUNDED RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Co-Investigator

- Innovative Cognitive-Motor Training for Prevention of AD/ADRD: Leveraging Technology into CogXergaming.”

Funder: National Institute on Aging

Dollar amount: \$200,000

Principal Investigator

- Planning Early for Aging and Caregiving with Ease: Meeting the Information Needs of Dementia caregivers (PEACE of MIND)

Funder: Illinois Department of Public Health

Dollar amount: \$99,554

Principal Investigator

- Aging Services Inclusive of Asian American Networks – ASIAAN

Funder: Administration for Community Living

Dollar amount: \$620,198

Principal Investigator (Co-PI: Pilat)

- Telerehabilitation Disparities For Patients With Limited Proficiency

Funder: Community Health Advocacy (CHA) program

Dollar amount: \$74,056

Principal Investigator

- The Three Rs – Refugees, Rights, and Resettlement (SSRC Research AMP Partner Site)

Funder: Social Science Research Council (SSRC)

Dollar amount: \$30,000

Primary Mentor (PI: Arias)

- Preserving function and preventing cognitive decline: Culturally adapting the IPROACTIF program for Latinx older adults – Year 1 Pilot for Center for Health Equity in Cognitive Aging - Joining Population Science and Health Promotion

Funder: National Institute on Aging

Dollar amount: \$46,160

Principal Investigator

- Piloting the IPROACTIF intervention to preserve independence and functioning – Year 2 Pilot for NIH Midwest Roybal Center for Health Promotion and Translation

Funder: National Institute on Aging

Dollar amount: \$79,948

Site Co-Principal Investigator (PI: Magaña; Site Co-PI: Suarez-Balcazar)

- **PODER:** Promoting Obesity prevention among children with Developmental disabilities and families through Engaged Research

Funder: Administration for Community Living, NIDILRR, HHS

Dollar amount: \$765,680.

Principal Investigator

- Improving Language Access in Health and Social Services: Research to Action

Funder: University of Illinois Chicago, Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy

Dollar amount: \$ 9,510

Principal Investigator

- Walking the talk: Language access in rehabilitation services

Funder: University of Illinois Chicago College of Applied Health Sciences

Dollar amount: \$19,336

Co-Principal Investigator (PI: Hasnain)

- Partners of Refugees in Illinois Disability Employment

Funder: Administration for Community Living, NIDILRR, HHS

Dollar amount: \$598,875.

Principal Investigator

- Piloting an Occupational Therapy Intervention in a Primary Care Clinic

Funder: The American Occupational Therapy Foundation

Dollar amount: \$ 49,998

Principal Investigator

- Promoting Language Equity for Medicaid Beneficiaries in Illinois

Funder: The Sociological Initiatives Foundation

Dollar amount: \$ 19,911

Principal Investigator

- Parents Activated to Research, Educate, Navigate, and Transform Service Systems (PARENTS)

Funder: University of Illinois Chicago, Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy

Dollar amount: \$ 4,780

Co-Principal Investigator

- Promoting Participation among Latino Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders

Funder: The American Occupational Therapy Foundation

Dollar amount: \$ 41,349.00

Principal Investigator

- Lost in translation: Role of language translators in cross-cultural substance abuse communication with refugee communities

Funder: University of Illinois Chicago, Chancellor's Discovery Fund Award; additional match from the Office of the Dean of the College of Applied Health Sciences.

Dollar amount: \$ 60,000.00

Principal Investigator

- Individual, household, and community-level correlates of social participation for low-income children with disabilities: An ecological analysis using Making Connections Survey Data

Funder: National Institute of Disability and Rehabilitation Research Switzer Fellowship.

Dollar amount: \$ 65,000.00

Principal Investigator

- Disability and Health-related Needs in Refugee Camps: Assessment of Needs and Access to Services

Funder: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Department of Policy Development and Evaluation Services.

Dollar amount: \$ 2,000.00

Principal Investigator

- Refugee Communities: Disability, Health, & Inclusion Partnership Project

Funder: The Northwestern University Clinical and Translational Science Institute (NUCATS) Community-Engaged Research Center (CERC)

Dollar amount: \$ 9,987.00

Additional Funding for manuscript development: \$ 1,500.00

Co-Investigator

- People with Disabilities Speak Out on Health Care Disparities: A Qualitative Study of Medicaid Beneficiaries' Primary Care Experiences

Principal Investigators: Judy Panko-Reis, Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago, and Susan Magasi, Dept. of Medical Social Sciences, Feinberg School of Medicine

Funder: The Northwestern University Clinical and Translational Science Institute (NUCATS) Community-Engaged Research Center (CERC)

Dollar amount: \$ 30,000

PUBLICATIONS

PUBLISHED/IN PRESS: PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES (student names underlined; community partner names starred)

Segev-Jacobovski, O., **Mirza, M.**, & Rozen, D. (Forthcoming). Connections among daily occupational participation, diabetes self-management, and quality of life. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 49(4).

Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Yu, A.P.L., Brown, S., Brown-Hollie, J., Crostley, A.*, Parra-Medina, D., Saenz, M., **Mirza, M.**, Velasquez, A., Vanegas, S., & Magaña, S. (2025). A conceptual model for co-developing a culturally tailored intervention for Latina immigrant caregivers of children with disabilities. *American Journal of Community Psychology*. 10.1002/ajcp.12789. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ajcp.12789>

Yu, A. P. L., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Errisuriz, V. L., Parra-Medina, D., Zhang, M., Lee, P. C., Zeng, W., Mirza, M., Brown-Hollie, J., Yespica Mendoza, E., Brown, S., Vanegas, S., Heydarian, N., & Magaña, S. (2025). PODER Familiar: A culturally tailored health intervention for Latino families of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. *Journal of Applied Research in Intellectual Disabilities*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jar.70048>

Mirza, M., Trimboli, C., Hartman, J., Gamble, A., Rfat, M., Bentley, J., Gross, M., Alheresh, R., Hussein, Q., & Markos, T. (2024). Examining barriers to rehabilitation and addressing rehabilitation needs among persons with forced migration experiences: Interdisciplinary perspectives. *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, 105(9), 1793–1806. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apmr.2024.05.002>

Trimboli, C., Abdo, S., **Mirza, M.**, Black, M., Smith, Y., Christopher, C., & Huot, S. (2023). Global perspectives on migration and forced displacement: Theory, research, and practices for enacting an occupation-based approach. *Journal of Occupational Science*, 31(1). 10.1080/14427591.2023.2246980.

Magaña, S., Errisuriz, V. L., Yu, A. P-L., Heydarian, N., Zeng, W., **Mirza, M.**, Vanegas, S., Brown, S., Parra-Medina, D., & Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2023). Associations between parenting strategies and BMI percentile among Latino children and youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities. *Frontiers in Pediatrics*, 11, 1189686. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fped.2023.1189686>

Alve, Y. A., Islam, A., Hatlestad, B., & **Mirza, M.** (2023). Participation in Everyday Occupations Among Rohingya Refugees in Bangladeshi Refugee Camps. *The American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 77(3), 7703205060. <https://doi.org/10.5014/ajot.2023.050006>

Xu, Y., Chen, F., **Mirza, M.**, & Magaña, S. (2023). Culturally adapting a parent psychoeducational intervention for Chinese immigrant families of young children with autism spectrum disorder. *Journal of Policy and Practice in Intellectual Disabilities*, 20(1), 58– 72. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jppi.12432>

Mirza, M., Brown-Hollie, J. P., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Parra-Medina, D., Camillone, S., Zeng, W., Garcia-Gomez, E., Heydarian, N., & Magaña, S. (2022). Interventions for Health Promotion and Obesity Prevention for Children and Adolescents with Developmental Disabilities: A Systematic Review. *Review Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*, 1–24. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40489-022-00335-5>

Mirza, M., Keating, E., Krischer, A., & Pinto, J. (2022). Care coordination Experiences of Low-Income Parents of Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs: An Exploratory Study. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, 33(4), 1925–1948. <https://doi.org/10.1353/hpu.2022.0146>

Mirza, M., Harrison, E. A., Quiñones, L.* , & Kim, H. (2022). Medicaid Redetermination and Renewal Experiences of Limited English Proficient Beneficiaries in Illinois. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, 24(1), 145–153. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10903-021-01178-8>

Epley, E., Wolske, J., Lee, J., **Mirza, M.**, & Fisher, G. (2021). Habits and health promotion in occupational therapy: A scoping review. *Annals of International Occupational Therapy*, 4(4):e269–e277. <https://doi.org/10.3928/24761222-20210921-04>

♦ Suarez-Balcazar, Y., **Mirza, M.**, Errisuriz, V. Zeng, W., Brown, J., Vanegas, S., Heydarian, N., Parra-Medina, D., Morales, P., Torres, H., & Magana, S. (2021). Impact of COVID-19 on the Mental Health and Well-Being of Latinx Caregivers of Children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 18(15), 7971. <https://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/18/15/7971/htm>

♦ This publication was selected by NIDILRR (funder) to be featured in the Research in Focus Newsletter of the National Rehabilitation Information Center. It was also translated into Spanish.

Mirza, M., Harrison, E. A., Miller, K. A., & Jacobs, E. A. (2021). Indicators of Quality Rehabilitation Services for Individuals with Limited English Proficiency: A 3-Round Delphi Study. *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, 102(11), 2125–2133. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apmr.2021.04.020>

Mirza, M., Harrison E., Bentley J., Chang, H-C., Birman, D. (2020). Language Discordance in Mental Health Services: An Exploratory Survey of Mental Health Providers and Interpreters. *Societies*, 10(3), 66; <https://doi.org/10.3390/soc10030066>

Jaiswal, A., Aldersey, H. M., Wittich, W., **Mirza, M.**, & Finlayson, M. (2020). Factors that influence the participation of individuals with deafblindness: A qualitative study with rehabilitation service providers in India. *British Journal of Visual Impairment*, 40(1), 3–17. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0264619620941886>

Mirza, M., Gecht-Silver, M., Keating, E., Krischer, A., Kim, H., & Kottorp, A. (2020). Feasibility and Preliminary Efficacy of an Occupational Therapy Intervention in a Primary Care Clinic. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 74(5):7405205030. <https://doi.org/10.5014/ajot.2020.039842>

Mirza, M., Harrison, E.A., Roman, M., Miller, K.A. & Jacobs, E.A. (2020) Walking the talk: understanding how language barriers affect the delivery of rehabilitation services, *Disability and Rehabilitation*, 44(2), 301-314. doi: 10.1080/09638288.2020.1767219

Mirza, M., Magaña, S., Stoffel, A., Xu, Y., & Kim, Y. (2020). Piloting a family-centered intervention for promoting participation among Latino children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: A comparison of two delivery modes. *Annals of International Occupational Therapy*, 3(2), 57-67.

Glassgow, A.E., Gerges, M., Atkins, M., Martin, M., Caskey, R., Sanders, K., **Mirza, M.**, Van Voorhees, B., Kim, S. (2019) Exploring racial disparities in mental health diagnoses and neighborhood disorganization among an urban cohort of children and adolescents with chronic medical conditions, *Health Equity*, 3(1), 604–611, DOI: 10.1089/heq.2019.0085.

Lee, D., Heffron, J., & **Mirza, M.** (2019). Content and effectiveness of interventions focusing on community participation after stroke: A systematic review. *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, 100(11), 2179-92. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apmr.2019.06.008>.

Jaiswal, A., Aldersey, H., Wittich, W., **Mirza, M.**, & Finlayson, M. (2019). Using the ICF to examine contextual factors that influence participation of people with deafblindness in India. *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, 100 (12), P2324-2333. doi: 10.1016/j.apmr.2019.03.010.

Jaiswal, A., Aldersey, H.M., Wittich, W., **Mirza, M.**, & Finlayson, M. (2019). Meaning and experiences of participation: A phenomenological study with persons with deafblindness in India. *Disability and Rehabilitation*, 42(18):2580-2592. doi: 10.1080/09638288.2018.1564943.

Suku, S., Soni, J., Martin, M.A., **Mirza, M.** Glassgow, A.E., Gerges, M., Van Voorhees, B.W. & Caskey, R., (2019). A multivariable analysis of childhood psychosocial behavior and household functionality. *Child: Health, Care and Development*, 45(4):551-558. doi: 10.1111/cch.12665.

Mirza, M., Hasnain, R., & Duke, K. (2018). Fostering community-academic partnerships to promote employment opportunities for refugees with disabilities: Accomplishments, dilemmas, and deliberations. *Societies*, Special Issue on Supporting Health and Psychosocial well-being for Refugees and Asylum Seekers, 8(3), 86; <https://doi.org/10.3390/soc8030086>

Harrison, E. & **Mirza, M.** (2018). An online training to prepare occupational therapy students to work with clients with limited English proficiency and interpreters. *Journal of Occupational Therapy Education*, 2(3). <https://doi.org/10.26681/jote.2018.020309>

Mirza, M., & Harrison, E. (2018). Working with clients with limited English proficiency: Mapping language access in Occupational Therapy. *Occupational Therapy in Health Care*, 32(2):105-123. doi: 10.1080/07380577.2018.1434722.

Jaiswal, A., Aldersey, H., Wittich, W., **Mirza, M.**, & Finlayson, M. (2018). Participation experiences of people with deafblindness or dual sensory loss: A scoping review of global deafblind literature. *PLoS ONE*, 13(9): e0203772, <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0203772>

Mirza, M., Harrison, E., Chang, H-C., Salo, C. D., & Birman, D. (2018). Community perspectives on

substance use among Bhutanese and Iraqi refugees resettled in the United States. *Journal of Prevention and Intervention in the Community*, 46(1):43-60. doi: 10.1080/10852352.2018.1385956.

Suarez-Balcazar, Y., **Mirza, M.** & Garcia-Ramirez, M. (2018). Health disparities: Understanding and promoting healthy communities. *Journal of Prevention & Intervention in the Community*, 46(1), 1-6, doi: 10.1080/10852352.2018.1386761

Mirza, M., Krischer, A., Stolley, M., Magana, S., & Martin, M (2018). Review of parental activation interventions for parents of children with special healthcare needs. *Child: Care, Health, and Development*, 44(3):401-426. doi: 10.1111/cch.12554.

Mirza, M., Harrison, E., Chang, H-C, Salo, C. D., & Birman, D. (2017). Making sense of three-way conversations: A qualitative study of cross-cultural counseling with refugee men. *International Journal of Intercultural Relations*, 56, 52-64, doi: 10.1016/j.ijintrel.2016.12.002.

Mirza, M., & Kim, Y. (2017). Neighborhood effects on social participation of children with and without disabilities. *Review of Disability Studies: An International Journal*, 13(2), 1-19.

Mirza, M. & Kim, Y. (2016). Insurance coverage for rehabilitation therapies and association with social participation outcomes among low-income children. *Journal of Healthcare for Poor and Underserved*, 27(2):427-39. doi: 10.1353/hpu.2016.0071.

Salkas, K., Magaña, S., Marques, I., & **Mirza, M.** (2016). Spirituality in Latino families of children with autism spectrum disorder. *Journal of Family Social Work*, 19(1): 38-55. Doi: 10.1080/10522158.2015.1114060.

Mirza, M., Kim, Y., Stoffel, A., Carroll, T., & Magaña, S. (2015). Social participation and disability among children from underserved immigrant and non-immigrant households. *Occupational Therapy in Healthcare*, 29(4):411-28. doi: 10.3109/07380577.2015.1037944.

Hammel, J., Magasi, S., **Mirza, M.**, Preisner, K., Fischer, H., Peterson, L., & Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2015). A Scholarship of Practice Revisited: Creating Community-engaged Occupational Therapy Practitioners, Educators, and Scholars. *Occupational Therapy in Healthcare*, 29(4):352-69.

Suarez-Balcazar, Y., **Mirza, M.** & Hansen, A.M. (2015). Unpacking University-Community Partnerships to Advance Scholarship of Practice. *Occupational Therapy in Healthcare*, 29(4): 370-82. doi: 10.3109/07380577.2015.1037945.

Mirza, M. (2015). Disability-inclusive healthcare in humanitarian camps: Pushing the boundaries of disability studies and global health. *Disability and the Global South*, 2(1), 479-500.

Gossett Zakrajsek, A., **Mirza, M.**, Chan, N., Wilson, T., Karner, M., Hamel, J. (2014). Supporting institution-to-community transitions for people with psychiatric disabilities: Findings and implications from a participatory action research project. *Disability Studies Quarterly*, 34(4).

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Mirza, M. (2012). Occupational upheaval during resettlement and migration: Findings of global ethnography with refugees with disabilities. *OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health*, 32 (1), 6-14.

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Mirza, M. & Hammel, J. (2011). Crossing borders, Pushing boundaries: Disabled refugees' experiences of community and community participation in the US. *Research in Social Science & Disability, Special Issue: Disability and Community*, 6, 157-186. 10.1108/S1479-3547(2011)0000006010

Mirza, M. (2011). Disability and humanitarianism in refugee camps: The case for a traveling supranational disability praxis. *Third World Quarterly, Special Issue: Disability in the Global South*, 32 (8), 1527-1536.

Mirza, M. (2011). Disability and cross-border mobility. Comparing resettlement experiences of Cambodian and Somali refugees with disabilities. *Disability & Society, Special Issue: Disability: Shifting Frontiers and Boundaries*, 26(5), 521-535.

Mirza, M. (2010). Resettlement for disabled refugees. *Forced Migration Review. Theme issue on Disability and Displacement*, 35, 30-31.

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Mirza, M., Magaña, S., Stoffel, A., & Kim, Y. (2017). *Promoting Home and Community Participation among Latino Children with ASD.* 3rd Annual Autism, Behavior, And Complex Medical Needs – Downstate (ABCD) Conference, April 28, O’ Fallon, IL.

Mirza, M., & Harrison, E. (2016). *Staying Ahead of the Demographic Curve: Strategies and Resources for Cross-Language Clinical Communication.* COTEC-ENOTHE Congress, June 15-19, Galway, Ireland.

Mirza, M., (2016). *Experiences of Low-Income Black and Latino parents of Children with Special Healthcare Needs: A Mixed Methods Study.* Fifth Occupational Therapy Summit of Scholars, May 21- 22, Pittsburgh, PA.

Mirza M., & Harrison E. (2016). *Working with Limited English Proficient Clients and Interpreters: Practical Skills for Clinicians*. Schweitzer 20th Anniversary Conference, April 29 Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M., & Kim, Y.S. (2015). *Place Matters: Participation Disparities at the Intersections of Disability and Poverty*. The 28th Annual Conference of the Society for Disability Studies, June 10-13, Atlanta, GA.

Mirza, M., Harrison, E., Chang, H-C., Birman, D., & Salo, C. D. (2015). *Facilitating Three-Way Conversations: Understanding Best Practices in Mental Health Communication and Interpretation with Refugee Communities*. Workshop presented at the North American Refugee Health Conference: Health Means the World to Us, June 4-6, Toronto, Canada.

Mirza, M., Magaña, S., Stoffel, A., Vazquez, E., & Kim, Y. (2015). *Promoting Participation among Latino Children with ASD: Feasibility, Evaluation and Pilot-testing of a Community-Based, Family-Centered Intervention*. Fourth Occupational Therapy Summit of Scholars, April 30-May 2, Los Angeles, CA.

Mirza, M., Harrison E., Chang, H-C, Simon, C., & Birman, D. (2015). *Substance Use Conversations with Refugee Communities: Dialogue, Debate and Dilemmas*. UIC Minority Health Conference, University of Illinois Chicago, April 9th, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M., Harrison E., Chang, H-C, Simon, C., & Birman, D. (2015). *Substance Use in Refugee Communities: Is There a Problem and How Do We Approach It?* 2015 Illinois Minority Health Conference: Health Matters: Creating and Sustaining Healthy Communities, March 23-24, Lisle, IL.

Mirza, M., Harrison, E., Simon, C., Chang, H-C, Birman, D., Al Mdehati, S.*, Gurung, C.*, & Iqbal, N. (2014). *Lost in Translation: Cross-Cultural Substance Abuse Communication with Refugee Communities*. National Refugee Immigrant Conference, October 23-24, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M., & Magasi S. (2014). *Social Justice, Disability Rights, and Participation*. The 27th Annual Conference of the Society for Disability Studies, June 11-14, Minneapolis, MN.

Mirza, M. (2014). *Disability, Forced Migration, and the Geopolitics of Transnational Mobility*. Canadian Disability Studies Association (CDSA-ACEI) 11th Annual Conference, May 28-30, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada.

Mirza, M., Kim, Y., Stoffel, A., & Carroll, T. (2014). *Comparing Social Participation Outcomes and Determinants for Children With and Without Disabilities from Immigrant And Non-Immigrant Families: Recommendations for OT Practice and Research*. Third Occupational Therapy Summit of Scholars, May 9-10, Philadelphia, PA.

Bayldon, B., Block, D., Brown, J., Dave S.S., Ford-Paz, R., Glusman, M...**Mirza, M.** et al. (2014). *Supporting Journal Article Writing for Community-Academic Partnerships: Strategies from Northwestern's Center for Community Health*. Community-Campus Partnership for Health, May 3, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M., & Kim, Y. (2014). *Social Participation Disparities and Determinants for Low-Income Children With and Without Disabilities*. 36th National Association of Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers Annual Meeting and Conference, April 24-25, Alexandria, VA.

Bartlett, C., Dix, A.*, Hebert, E.*, & **Mirza, M.** (2014). *Reviewing Programs and Standards of Care for Refugees with Disabilities and Chronic Illnesses*. 2014 Illinois Minority Health Conference: Access+Treatment=Healthy Communities, March 25-27, Itasca, IL.

Hasnain, R., **Mirza, M.**, Alvarado, F.*, Pak, J.*, Kozuleh, J.*, Taradash, J.*, & Zhang, J. (2013). *EmployABLE: Access to Business-development and Links to Employment for disabled refugees*. 2013 National Refugee and Immigrant Conference: Issues and Innovations, October 10-11, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M. (2013). *Role of Socioeconomic Factors and Healthcare Access in the Social Participation of Low-Income Children with Disabilities*. The 26th Annual Conference of the Society for Disability Studies, June 26-29, Orlando, FL.

Mirza, M. (2013). *Assessing Person-Environment-Occupation Interactions: Individual and Contextual Correlates of Social Participation for Low-Income Children With and Without Disabilities*. Second Occupational Therapy Summit of Scholars, May 10-11, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M. (2012). *Access to Health and Rehabilitation Care for Children and Youth With Disabilities Living in Displacement Camps*. Creating New Futures: Children, Youth, Disability and Situations of Forced Migration, November 28-30, The University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia.

Hasnain, R., **Mirza, M.**, Matthews, B.*, Neibauer, A.*, Hebert, E.*, & Alvarado, F.* (2012). *Mobilizing Asian Americans and Refugees with Disabilities: Introducing an Outreach Framework*. 2012 National Refugee and Immigrant Conference: Issues and Innovations. October 18-19, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M., & Luna, R.* (2012). *Building a Community-Academic Partnership to Investigate and Address Disability Disparities in Refugee Communities in Chicago*. 2012 Minority Health in the Midwest Conference, School of Public Health, University of Illinois Chicago. February 24, Chicago, IL.

Magasi, M., Block, P., Harniss, M., **Mirza, M.**, & Rasley, M. (2012). *Computerized Assessment of Cognitive Function: Accessibility and Accommodations for People with Disabilities*. 40th Annual Meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, February 15-18, Montréal, Québec, Canada.

Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Balcazar, F., Hasnain, R., Oberoi, A., **Mirza, M.**, & Luna, R.* (2011). *Health Issues among Immigrants with Disabilities*. Immigrant Health Conference, School of Public Health, University of Illinois Chicago. December 8, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M., Hasnain, R., Luna, R.D.*, Pak, J.J.*, Brunton, S., Zhang, J., & Silverman, E.* (2011). *Systems Change Initiatives for Addressing Health and Disability Needs of Refugees*. 2011 National Refugee and Immigrant Conference: Issues and Innovations. November 7- 8, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M. (2011). Choices and dilemmas: Cross-language research with Somali and Cambodian refugees with disabilities. Panelist and Panel Chair, *Found in Translation: Reflexivity, Positionality, and Meaning-Making in Cross-Language Research with People with Disabilities*. 7th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry. May 18–21, Urbana-Champaign, IL.

Mirza, M. (2011). Borderland Expeditions: Reflections on intersectional research and action in refugee and humanitarian situations. Part of Workshop 405, *Disciplinary Intersections of Medical Anthropology, Occupational Therapy and Science, Disability Studies, and Public Health*. 91st Annual Conference & Expo of the American Occupational Therapy Association. April 14-17, Philadelphia, PA.

Mirza, M. (2010). *Service Needs and Service Gaps among Refugees with Disabilities Resettled in the United States. Findings from an Ethnographic Study*. 87th Annual Conference of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine. October 21-23, Montreal, Canada.

Mirza, M. (2010). *Different Pathways, Similar Destinations? Somali and Cambodian Refugees Talk about Being Disabled and Displaced in Changing Times*. 23rd Annual Conference of the Society for

Disability Studies. June 2-5, Philadelphia, PA.

Mirza, M. (2009). *Strategic Humanitarianism: US Refugee Resettlement Policy and Refugees with Disabilities*. 5th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, May 21-23, Urbana-Champaign, IL.

Mirza, M. (2009). *Narratives of Disability and Development: A Global Ethnography Approach*. 69th Annual Conference of the Society for Applied Anthropology, March 17-21, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Mirza, M. (2008). *Crossing Borders, Transcending Communities: Experiences of Refugees with Disabilities*. 58th Annual Conference of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, July 31-August 2, Boston, MA.

Gossett, A., **Mirza, M.**, & Barnds, A. (2008). *Supporting Diversity in the Built Environment: A Best Practice Case Study of the Intersection Between Access, Universal Design and Sustainability*. International Conference on Aging, Disability and Independence, February 21-23, St. Petersburg, FL.

Mirza, M., & Luna, R.* (2007). *Addressing the Needs of Refugees and Immigrants with Disabilities*. 2007 Refugee and Immigrant Conference, October 22-23, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M. (2007). *Border Patrol: Disability and the Practice of Migration Control*. 20th Annual Conference of the Society for Disability Studies, May 31-June 2, Seattle, WA.

Mirza, M. (2007). *Clipped wings? Disability and Migration Discourse*. 77th Annual Conference of the Eastern Sociological Society, March 15-18, Philadelphia, PA.

Kramer, J., Magasi, S., **Mirza, M.**, & Shevil, E. (2006). *Building Alliances: Occupational Therapy and Disability Studies*. 2006 Annual Conference of the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association. September, September 21-23, Springfield, Illinois.

Mirza, M., Gossett, A., & Chan, N (2006). *Community Access and Participation: A Participatory Action Research Project with People With Psychiatric Disabilities*. UPENN Collaborative on Community Integration of Individuals with Psychiatric Disabilities: State of the Knowledge National Conference Promoting Community Integration for People with Psychiatric Disabilities, September 19-21, Philadelphia, PA.

Gossett, A., **Mirza, M.**, & Chan, N (2006). *Participatory Action Research and Praxis: Mechanisms to Challenge Community-Based Service Provision and Public Policy for People with Psychiatric Disabilities*. 19th Annual Conference of the Society for Disability Studies, June 14-17, Washington DC.

Mirza, M. (2006). *War and Peace in the Global Village: Tales of Afghanistan and its Global Citizenry*. 19th Annual Conference of the Society for Disability Studies, June 14-16, Washington DC.

Barnds, A., Gossett, A., & **Mirza, M.** (2006) *Beyond Access: An Interdisciplinary Analysis of the Intersection Between Accessibility, Sustainability and Universal Design*. Planners Network Conference, June 8-11, Chicago, IL.

Chan, N., Gossett, A., & **Mirza, M.** (2006). *Community Participation for People with Psychiatric Disabilities: Challenging Systemic Barriers to Service Provision and Building Supportive Systems through Participatory Action Research*. Canadian Disability Studies Association 3rd Annual Conference, May 27-28, Toronto, Canada.

Gossett, A. Chan, N., & **Mirza, M** (2006). *Combining Qualitative Research Methodologies with Grassroots Advocacy to Influence Community-Based Service Provision for People with Psychiatric*

Disabilities. Second International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, May 4-6, Urbana-Champaign, IL.

Mirza, M., & Hammel, J. (2006). *Consumer-Directed Goal Planning in Assistive Technology Services for People Aging with Intellectual Disabilities*. 2006 AOTA Annual Conference & Expo, April 27-30, Charlotte, NC.

Mirza, M., & Hammel, J. (2006). *The Impact of Consumer-Directed Assistive Technology for People with Intellectual Disabilities*. AAMR of Illinois' Annual Conference, March 3, Naperville, Illinois.

Mirza, M., & Hammel, J. (2006). *Consumer-Directed Goal Planning in Assistive Technology Services for People Aging with Intellectual Disabilities*. International Conference on Aging, Disability and Independence, February 2-4, St. Petersburg, FL.

Mirza, M., Anandan, N., Hammel, J., & Madnick, F.* (2005). *Information Technology Access for People with Disabilities Transitioning from Institutional Life to Community Living: A Pilot Project Challenging the Digital Divide*. 18th Annual Conference of the Society for Disability Studies, June 8-12. San Francisco, CA.

Mirza, M., & Hammel, J. (2004). *Consumer-Directed Occupational Therapy for Aging Developmentally Disabled Individuals*. The 17th Annual Midwest Dean's Occupational Therapy Research Conference, March 20. Chicago, IL.

PEER REVIEWED POSTER PRESENTATIONS (student names underlined; community partner names starred)

Mirza, M., Pilat, C.*, Kim, H., & Pham, J. (2025). *Telerehabilitation Service Delivery for Patients with Limited English Proficiency: A Mixed Methods Study*. INSPIRE 2025, the Annual American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference & Expo, April 2-5, Philadelphia, PA.

Segev-Jacobovski, O., **Mirza, M.**, & Rozen, D. (2025). *It is Worth Being Optimistic to Achieve Better Diabetes Outcomes*. INSPIRE 2025, the Annual American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference & Expo, April 2-5, Philadelphia, PA.

Arias, D., **Mirza, M.**, & Fischer, H. (2024). *Preliminary Efficacy of an Occupational Therapy Intervention to Prevent Functional Decline among Older Adults with Chronic Diseases*. Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, November 13-16, Seattle, WA.

Suarez-Balcazar, Y., **Mirza, M.**, Hollie-Brown, J., Saenz, M., & Velasquez, A. (2024). *Social Determinants of Health, Maternal Quality of Life, and Family Functioning among Latinx Families of Children with IDD*. Midwest Eco-Community Conference, November 2, Chicago, IL.

Errisuriz, V.L., Magaña, S., Parra-Medina, D., Vanegas, S., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., **Mirza, M.**, & Heydarian, N. (2023). *Physical activity and accelerometer wear time compliance among a sample of Latino children with intellectual and developmental disabilities*. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, November 12-15, Atlanta, GA.

Mirza, M., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., & Brown, J. (2023). *Promoting Healthy Lifestyles Among Latinx Families of Children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD): The Role of Occupational Therapy*. 100th Annual Conference of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, October 30-November 2, Atlanta, GA.

Mirza, M., Fischer, H., & Arias, D. (2023). *Promoting Social Participation among Older Adults with Chronic Disease: Identifying Modifiable Targets for Occupational Therapy Intervention*. 100th Annual

Conference of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, October 30-November 2, Atlanta, GA.

Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Brown, J. & Mirza, M. (2023). *Understanding Obesity Among Latinx Families of Children with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities: The Role of OT*. INSPIRE 2023, the American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference & Expo, April 20-23, Kansas City, MO.

Epley, E., Wolske, J., Lee, J., **Mirza, M.**, & Fisher, G. (2023). *Habits & Health Promotion in OT: A Scoping Review*. INSPIRE 2023, the Annual American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference & Expo, April 20-23, Kansas City, MO.

Xu, Y., Chen, F., Liu, X., Qiu, C.R., Wu, Z., **Mirza, M.**, & Magaña, S. (2023). *Patterns of Maternal Communicative Behaviors among low-income Chinese immigrant mothers of children with Autism- A exploratory study*. MOLA: Meeting on Language in Autism, March 9-11, Durham, NC.

Mirza, M., Brown, J., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Parra-Medina, D., Camillone, S., Zeng, W., Garcia-Gomez, E., Hayderian, N., & S., Magaña, S. (2022). *Interventions for Health Promotion and Obesity Prevention for Children and Adolescents with Developmental Disabilities*. 99th Annual Conference of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, November 6-11, Chicago, IL

Errisuriz, V.L., Parra-Medina, D., **Mirza, M.**, Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Vanegas, S., Heydarian, N., & Magaña, S. (2022). *Exploring Prevalence and Social Determinants of Obesity Among Latinx Children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, November 6-9, Boston, MA.

Mirza, M., & Marquez, H. (2022). *Enabling Income Generating Occupations for Refugees with Disabilities: Formative Evaluation of the PRIDE Program*. 18th World Federation of Occupational Therapists Congress, 27-30 August 2022, Paris.

Mirza, M., Brown, J., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Errisuriz, V., Zeng, W., Hayderian, N., Parra-Medina, S., Magaña, S., Camillone, S., Garcia-Gomez, E. (2022). *Understanding and Addressing the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Latinx Families & Children with Developmental Disabilities*. INSPIRE 2022, the American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference & Expo, March 31-April 3, San Antonio, TX.

Brown, J., **Mirza, M.**, Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Torres, H., Morales, P., Zang, W., Errisuriz, V., Magana, S., Camillone, S., Garcia-Gomez, E., Parra-Medina, D., & Vanegas, S. (2021). *Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Latinx Families and Children with Developmental Disabilities: Role of Occupational Therapy*. 2021 Occupational Therapy Summit of Scholars, June 23-26, virtual event.

Mirza, M., Hasnain, R., Duke, K., Murthy, S., & Almukhtar, S. (2019). *Formative Evaluation of a Multifaceted Vocational Rehabilitation Program for Refugees with Disabilities*. 96th Annual Conference of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, November 5-8, Chicago, IL.

Hasnain, R., Murthy, S., Duke, K., **Mirza, M.**, & Gharib, A.* (2019). *Empowerment through Education and Employment: A Demonstration Project with Refugees with Disabilities in Illinois*. 41st National Association of Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers Annual Conference, April 23-24, Arlington, VA.

Fischer, H., **Mirza, M.**, Arias, D., Duke, K., Gecht-Silver, M. & Ferlin, A. (2019). *Collaborative Interprofessional Practice for Chronic Disease Management in Primary and Specialty Care*. INSPIRE 2019, the American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference & Expo, April 4-7, New Orleans, LA.

Mirza, M., Harrison, E., & Roman, M. (2019). *Walking the Talk: A Mixed Methods Study Exploring Language Access in Physical Rehabilitation Services*. INSPIRE 2019, the American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference & Expo, April 4-7, New Orleans, LA.

Mirza, M., Papadimitriou, C., & Kucukboyaci, N. E. (2018). *Preparing the Rehabilitation Workforce to Meet the Needs of Refugees and Asylees with Disabilities*. 95th Annual Conference of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, September 30 - October 3, Dallas, TX.

Jaiswal, A., Aldersey, H., Wittich, W., **Mirza, M.**, & Finlayson, M. (2018). *Contextual Factors that affect Participation of Adults with Deafblindness in Indian Society: A Qualitative Study*. Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology Annual Meeting, April 29-May 3, Honolulu, HI.

Mirza, M., Gecht-Silver, M. & Kottorp, A. (2017). *Piloting an Occupational Therapy Intervention in a Primary Care Clinic*. 6th Annual Occupational Therapy Summit of Scholars, June 2-3, Boston University, Boston, MA.

Mirza, M., Krischer, A., Magaña, S., Stolley, M., & Martin, M. (2016). *Systematic Review of Parental Activation and Related Interventions for Parents of Children with Special Healthcare Needs*. 2016 American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference & Expo, April 7-10, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M., Stolley, M., Pinto, J., & Krischer, A. (2016). *Experiences of Low-Income Black and Latino Parents of Children with Special Healthcare Needs: A Mixed Methods Study*. 2016 American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference & Expo, April 7-10, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M., Stoffel, A., Vazquez, E., & Magaña, S. (2016). *Promoting Participation among Latino Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Pilot Feasibility Study*. 2016 American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference & Expo, April 7-10, Chicago, IL.

Magaña, S., **Mirza, M.**, Stoffel, A., & Vazquez, E. (2015). *A Community-Based, Culturally Sensitive Intervention for Promoting Participation Among Latino Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)*. 2015 American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference & Expo, April 16-19, Nashville, TN.

Mirza, M., Harrison, L., Duke, K., Salo, C., Birman, D., & Chang, Hui-Ching (2015). *Staying Ahead of The Demographic Curve: Strategies and Resources For Working with Limited English Proficient Clients*. 2015 American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference & Expo, April 16-19, Nashville, TN.

Mirza, M., & Kim, Y. (2014). *Insurance Coverage for Rehabilitation Therapies: Assessment of Coverage Rates and Association with Social Participation Outcomes among Low-Income Children With and Without Disabilities*. 3rd Occupational Therapy Summit of Scholars, May 9-10, Philadelphia, PA.

Mirza, M., Luna, R.*, Mathews, B.*, Hasnain, R., Hebert, E.*, Neibauer, A.*, & Mishra, U.D.* (2013). *Barriers to Healthcare Access among Refugees with Disabilities and Chronic Health Conditions Resettled in the US Midwest*. Health Disparities at the Intersection of Race, Ethnicity, and Disability: A National Conference, April 25-26, Washington, D.C.

Keller-Kramer, J., Magasi, S., **Mirza, M.**, Nepveux, D., & Shevil, E. (2006). *Building Alliances Disability Studies and Occupational Therapy: Graduate Student Perspectives*. 2006 American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference & Expo, April 27-30, Charlotte, NC.

Mirza, M., Hammel, J., Magasi, S. (2004). *Accessing Information Technology as A Social Action Tool for Moving Out of the Nursing Home to the Community: A Participatory Action Research Project*. 17th

Annual Midwest Dean's Occupational Therapy Research Conference, March 20, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M., Hammel, J., Magasi, S. (2003). *Accessing Information Technology as A Social Action Tool for Moving Out of the Nursing Home to the Community: A Participatory Action Research Project*. International Conference on Aging, Disability and Independence. December 4-6, Washington, D.C.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (student names underlined, community partner names starred)

Mirza, M. (2025, April). *The Power of Faces: A Look at the Global Refugee Crisis*. Invited Panelist, UIC Global Health Colloquium in observance of World Health Day, April 7, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M. (2024, September). *Advancing Equity: Innovative Strategies for Language Access and Health Literacy in Latino Healthcare*. Invited Panelist, Cultural Event: Hispanic Heritage Month. UI Health Office of Diversity and Community Health Equity, September 30, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M. & Bhowmik, M. (2024, May). *Asian Americans and Social Connections*. Invited Presenter, Social Connection Across the Older Adults' Equity Collaborative. Older Adults Equity Collaborative, New York Academy of Medicine, May 20, virtual event.

Mirza, M. (2023). *Disability Equity Policy Initiatives' Symposium on Structural Barriers to Financial Well-Being and Economic Opportunity for Immigrants with Disabilities*. Invited Panelist, The Urban Institute, Washington, D.C., July 11, virtual event.

Mirza, M. (2023). *Telehealth for Refugees: Opportunities and Challenges*. Invited Presenter, Illinois Department of Public Health's Refugee Health Program Webinar Series, Chicago, IL, December 6, virtual event.

Mirza, M. (2023). *Occupational Therapy for Aging and Chronic Disease Treatment to Preserve Independence and Functioning*. Invited presentation for undergraduate students and faculty, Tokyo Metropolitan University, January 26, Japan, Tokyo.

Mirza, M. (2023). *Community-based Occupational Therapy with Immigrants and Refugees in the US*. Invited presentation for visiting program seminar, Tokyo Metropolitan University, January 23, Japan, Tokyo.

Mirza, M. (2023). *Evidence Based Occupational Therapy*. Invited presentation for graduate and international occupational therapy students, Tokyo Metropolitan University, January 21, Japan, Tokyo.

Mirza, M. (2022). *Supporting the Economic Empowerment of Refugees with Disabilities Resettled in the US*. Invited panelist at the 2022 Immigrant Services Providers Network Conference, November 4, St. Louis, Missouri.

Mirza, M. (2022). *Disability in the Context of Humanitarian Confinement: Conversance, (Mis)Conceptions and Contestations*. Association of French Anthropologists Study Day, Contemporary Forms of Humanitarian Containment, June 17, Nice, France.

Mirza, M., Fischer, H., Gecht-Silver, M. (2022). *Promoting Safe Mobility through Primary Care Occupational Therapy*. Northwestern Memorial Hospital Mobility Conference, June 3, 2022, virtual event.

Mirza, M. (2022). *Occupational Therapy Services for Children with Disabilities*. Invited presentation, the Arc of Illinois, April 12, 2022, virtual event.

Mirza, M. (2022). *War and Resettlement: The Strenuous Journey of Disabled Refugees*. Invited Panelist, Migration, Resettlement, and Displacement – IV, www.tellmeyourstory.biz in association with Global South Colloquium, University of Victoria, January 9, 2022, virtual event.

Mirza, M. (2021). *Growing Scholarship: Early- and Mid-Career Perspectives*. Invited Panel Moderator, 2021 Occupational Therapy Summit of Scholars, June 23-26, virtual event.

Mirza, M. (2021). *Equity and Justice in Occupational Therapy Scholarship*. Invited Panelist, 2021 Occupational Therapy Summit of Scholars, June 23-26, virtual event.

Mirza, M. (2021). *Piloting the IPROACTIF Program to Preserve Functioning and Prevent Cognitive Decline*. Primary Care Learning Collaborative, June 1, virtual event.

Mirza, M., & Hasnain, R. (2021). *Building Service Capacity and Addressing Service Needs Among Refugees with Disabilities in Illinois*. UIC Global Health Colloquium, May 5.

Mirza, M. (2020). *Health Disparities Research with Refugees and Immigrants*. Webinar presentation, Health Equity Research Seminar, Midwestern University, November 13.

Mirza, M. (2020). *A Decade of Research with Refugees with Disabilities*. Voices from the Research Community, Webinar presentation in commemoration of World Refugee Day Chicago, June 19, 2020.

Mirza, M. (2020). *Research and Advocacy Supporting Language Equity for Medicaid Beneficiaries in Chicago*. UIC Global Asian Studies Colloquium Series, University of Illinois Chicago, March 9th, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M. (2019). *Walking the Talk: Mapping a Research Agenda for Language Access in Rehabilitation Services*. Invited presenter at Research Uncorked: Lightning Talks by Applied Health Sciences and School of Public Health Faculty at the University of Illinois Chicago, January 23, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M. (2018). *Language Equity for Medicaid Beneficiaries in Illinois*. 2018 ICIRR Policy Symposium – Building Towards our Future, Instituto del Progreso Latino, October 6, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M. (2018). *Working with Families with Limited English Proficiency and Language Interpreters: Practical Skills for Service Providers*. Remote presentation for staff at L.I. Against Domestic Violence, April 17, Central Islip, NY.

Mirza, M. (2018). *Managing Interpreters and Providing Services to Patients with Limited English Proficiency*. Invited presenter at the workshop ‘Weaving Cultural Relevance and Appropriate Linguistic Programming into Health, Health Care and Social Services’, for Compañeros en Salud at Presence Mercy Medical Center, March 13, Aurora, IL.

Mirza, M. (2018). *Language Equity for Medicaid Beneficiaries in Illinois*. Illinois Refugee Mental Health Task Force Meeting, January 11, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M., Gecht-Silver, M., & Kottorp, A. (2017). *Piloting an Occupational Therapy Intervention in a Primary Care Clinic*. Boston University Pi Theta Epsilon-Omicron Chapter AOTF Intervention Research Grant Recipient Webinar Series, May 2.

Mirza, M., Stoffel, A., Magaña, S., & Kim, Y. (2017). *Promoting Home and Community Participation among Latino Children with ASD*. Boston University Pi Theta Epsilon-Omicron Chapter AOTF Intervention Research Grant Recipient Webinar Series, May 1.

Mirza, M., Harrison, E., Chang, H-C., & Birman, D. (2017). *Improving Access to Mental Health Services for Limited English Proficient Refugees: Findings from a Mixed Methods Research Study*. World Health Day Event, April 4, UIC School of Public Health, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M., Harrison, E., Chang, H-C, Birman, D., & Salo, C. (2017). *Creating Linguistically Accessible Mental Health Services: Understanding Experiences and Training Needs of Providers And Interpreters*. Illinois Refugee Mental Health Task Force Seminar Series, March 17, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M. (2017). *Experiences of Low-Income Black and Latino Parents of Children with Special Healthcare Needs: A Mixed Methods Study*. UIC Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy Lunch Time Lecture Series – Health and Disability: Government Policy and Community Interventions. February 8, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M. (2016). *Addressing Language Barriers in the Provision of Social Services*. Enhancing the cultural responsiveness of ACF Services. Webinar Discussion 4 – Part I: Skills Development. Administration of Children and Families, June 8.

Mirza, M. (2014). *Lost in Translation: Language Barriers and Healthcare Disparities in the United States*. Grand Rounds, Rush University Medical Center, December 16, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M. (2014). *Narratives: Navigating the Research Journey*. Invited Panelist, Third Occupational Therapy Summit of Scholars, May 10, Philadelphia, PA.

Bartlett, C., Dix, A*, Hebert, E.*, & **Mirza, M.** (2014). *Reviewing Programs and Standards of Care For Refugees with Disabilities and Chronic Illnesses*. The Chicago School of Professional Psychology Presentation Series for National Public Health Week. April 10, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M., & Matthews, B. (2013). *Refugee communities: Disability, Health, & Inclusion Partnership Project. Getting the word out!* Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities Collaborative Dissemination Workshop, April 17, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M. (2012). *Refugee Resettlement in The United States and Refugee Families Experiencing Disabilities and Complex Medical Needs*. Guest Lecture Series, Chapin Hall, University of Chicago, January 31, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M. (2011). *Disability, Displacement and Humanitarian Dilemmas*. Center for Forced Migration Studies Faculty Working Group, Northwestern University. May 10, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M. (2011). *Disability in Dzaleka Refugee Camp*. Access Living, Center for Service, Advocacy and Social Change for People with Disabilities, March 25, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M. (2011). *Service and Advocacy in Chicago-area Communities: Challenges and Opportunities*. Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellows Program, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group, February 17, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M. (2010). *From Somalia and Cambodia to Chicago: Living with a Disability Across Changing Landscapes*. Access Living, Center for Service, Advocacy and Social Change for People with Disabilities, January 7, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M. (2010). *Surviving Conflict, Displacement, and Migration: Findings of Ethnographic Research with Refugees with Disabilities*. Institute for Healthcare Studies Seminar Series, Northwestern University, March 18, Chicago, IL.

Kramer, J., Magasi, S., Shevil, E. & **Mirza, M.** (2007). *Building Alliances Between Disability Studies and Occupational Therapy*. Department of Occupational Therapy, Midwestern University, May 2, Downer's Grove, IL.

OTHER ORAL PRESENTATIONS (student names underlined; community partner names starred)

Mirza, M., Celestine, A., & Pham, J. (2024). *Fostering Equity in Aging Services for Diverse Older Adults and Their Caregivers*. 6th Occupational Therapy Scholarship of Practice Day Lecture Series at the University of Illinois Chicago, March 7, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M., Kwekel, H., Ram, V., & Alimi, E. (2020). *Community Collaborations to Meet the Occupational Needs of Immigrants and Refugees*. 6th Occupational Therapy Scholarship of Practice Day Lecture Series at the University of Illinois Chicago, November 5, virtual event.

Homan, W., Gecht-Silver, , **Mirza, M.** & Fischer, H. (2020). *Occupational Therapy Services at UV Family Medicine Center: Today and Tomorrow*. UIH Grand Rounds, Department of Family Medicine, University of Illinois Chicago, May 6, Chicago, IL.

Black, M., Leflore, A., Krischer, A. & **Mirza, M.** (2019). *Trauma-Informed Occupational Therapy Practice*. 5th Occupational Therapy Scholarship of Practice Day at the University of Illinois Chicago, March 22, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M., & Gecht-Silver, M. (2018). *Addressing the Functional Health of Patients with Chronic Disease*. Clinicians' Meeting, Department of Family Medicine, University of Illinois Chicago, March 28, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M., & Gecht-Silver, M. (2018). *Role of Occupational Therapy in Chronic Disease Management in Primary Care*. 4th Occupational Therapy Scholarship of Practice Day at the University of Illinois Chicago, April 6, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M., Hilado, A.*, Dix, A.*, Black, M.*, Shebeck, M.*, & Harrison, E. (2017). *Community Networks and Interdisciplinary Supports to Address Mental Health Needs of Refugees*. Scholarship of Practice Lecture Series, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois Chicago, October 9, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M., Fisher, G., Gecht-Silver, M., Kottorp, A., & Lukaszewski, K. (2017). *Occupational Therapy in Primary Care: Creating Pathways and Building Evidence*. 3rd Occupational Therapy Scholarship of Practice Day at the University of Illinois Chicago, March 10, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M. (2016). *Practicing Client-Centered Care with Limited English Proficient Clients: Issues and Challenges*. 2nd Occupational Therapy Scholarship of Practice Day at the University of Illinois Chicago, March 4. Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M. (2015). *Health Services Research for Equity in Healthcare Access and Outcomes*. Inaugural Occupational Therapy Scholarship of Practice Day at the University of Illinois Chicago, March 30. Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M. & Kim, Y. (2014). *Determinants of Social Participation among Low-Income Children With and Without Disabilities: Implications for Occupational Therapy*. Scholarship of Practice Lecture Series, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois Chicago, March 31, 2014.

Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Hasnain, R., **Mirza, M.**, & Luna, R.* (2012). *Health Issues among Immigrants with Disabilities*. Scholarship of Practice Lecture Series, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois Chicago, April 2, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M. (2009). *Research, Service and Advocacy with Disabled Refugees: Tales from Albany Park*. Scholarship of Practice Lecture Series, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois Chicago, April 6, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M., & Nguyen, T. (2008). *Supporting Students with Disabilities in Higher Education: The Role of Occupational Therapists*. Scholarship of Practice Lecture Series, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois Chicago, October 6, Chicago, IL.

Kramer, J., Magasi, S., **Mirza, M.**, Nepveux, D., & Shevil, E. (2006). *Building Alliances Between Disability Studies and Occupational Therapy: Graduate Student Perspectives*. Scholarship of Practice Lecture Series, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois Chicago, April 17, Chicago, IL.

Brundage, K., Hohulin, D., **Mirza, M.** (2003). *WIA Youth Agencies Accessibility Evaluation – An Overview*. University of Illinois Chicago, Department of Disability and Human Development, July 10, Chicago, IL.

Bordelon, K., Farmer-Smith, K., Gonzalez, L., Miller, S., **Mirza, M.**, (2003). *Promoting Asset Based Development: A Guide to Educational and Economic Development Resources in Westside Communities*. University of Illinois Chicago, College of Urban Planning and Policy, April 25, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M. (2003). *An Empowerment Approach to Self-Advocacy for Community-Based Long-Term Supports*. University of Illinois Chicago, Department of Disability and Human Development, April 28, Chicago, IL.

OTHER POSTER PRESENTATIONS (student names underlined; community partner names starred)

Mirza, M., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Brown, J., Saenz, M., & Rosas, N. (2023). *Promoting Healthy Lifestyles Among Latinx Families of Children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD): The Role of Occupational Therapy*. Poster presented at the 2023 College of Applied Health Science Research Day, November 8, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M., Fischer, H., Arias, D., & Celestine, A. (2023). *Promoting Social Participation among Older Adults with Chronic Disease: Identifying Modifiable Targets for Occupational Therapy Intervention*. Poster presented at the 2023 College of Applied Health Science Research Day, November 8, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M., Brown, J., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Parra-Medina, D., Camillone, S., Zeng, W., Garcia-Gomez, E., Hayderian, N., & S., Magaña, S. (2022). *Interventions for Health Promotion and Obesity Prevention for Children and Adolescents with Developmental Disabilities*. 2022 College of Applied Health Science Research Day, November 2, University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M., Gecht-Silver, M. & Kottorp, A. (2016). *Piloting an Occupational Therapy Intervention in a Primary Care Clinic*. 2016 College of Applied Health Science Research Day, November 16, University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M., Harrison, E., Duke, K., Salo, C., Birman, D., & Chang, Hui-Ching (2015). *Staying Ahead of the Demographic Curve: Strategies and Resources for Working with Limited English Proficient Clients*. 2015 College of Applied Health Science Research Day, November 4, University of Illinois Chicago,

Chicago, IL.

Magaña, S., **Mirza, M.**, Stoffel, A., & Vazquez, E. (2015). *A Community-Based, Culturally Sensitive Intervention for Promoting Participation among Latino Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)*. 2015 College of Applied Health Science Research Day, November 4, University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M., & Kim, Y. (2014). *Insurance Coverage for Rehabilitation Therapies: Assessment of Coverage Rates and Association with Social Participation Outcomes among Low-Income Children With and Without Disabilities*. 2014 College of Applied Health Science Research Day, November 5, University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M., Luna, R., Mathews, B., Hasnain, R., Hebert, E., Neibauer, A., & Mishra, U.D. (2013). *Barriers to healthcare access among refugees with disabilities and chronic health conditions resettled in the US Midwest*. Poster presented at the 2014 College of Applied Health Science Research Day, November 5, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Mirza, M., Luna, R.*, Mathews, B.*, Hasnain, R., Hebert, E.*, Neibauer, A.*, & Mishra, U.D.* (2013). *Barriers to Healthcare Access among Refugees with Disabilities and Chronic Health Conditions Resettled in the US Midwest*. Poster presented at the Center for Community Health Groundbreaking, May 15, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL.

MEDIA COVERAGE

The Language Equity – Medicaid Access for Immigrants study was cited in a report titled ‘Improving Access to Medicaid for People with Limited English Proficiency’ published by the National Immigration Law Center, April, 2024. <https://www.nilc.org/issues/health-care/improving-access-to-medicaid-for-people-with-limited-english-proficiency/>

The ‘Aging Services Inclusive of Asian American Networks’ project was one of five aging and disability projects featured in the 2023 UIC Department of Disability and Human Development Annual Report, December 2023. <https://cms.ahs.uic.edu/disability-human-development/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2024/01/DHD-annual-report-online-1323.pdf>

The ‘Aging Services Inclusive of Asian American Networks’ project was featured as a news story on the UIC College of Applied Health Sciences website, October 23, 2023. https://issuu.com/uic.ahs/docs/ahsmag_1314_final

Professional profile was featured on @themasalachaiOT as part of Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, May 19, 2022. <https://www.instagram.com/p/Cdvr07BO9sM/?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y%3D>

The ‘Partners of Refugees in Illinois Disability Employment’ program was the focus of J. Carey’s UIC Today article titled ‘Building bridges for Chicago refugees with disabilities’, May 19, 2019. <https://ahs.uic.edu/disability-human-development/news/building-bridges-for-chicago-refugees-with-disabilities/>

Events organized as part of the ‘Language Equity – Medicaid Access for Immigrants’ project were featured on the Chicago Community Trust Fund’s Facebook Page, February 28, 2018.

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=10155908263122797&set=g.2026853284252046>

The ‘Partners of Refugees in Illinois Disability Employment program’ was one of 15 representative community-academic partnerships included in UIC's application for the Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement in, September 28, 2018.

<https://today.uic.edu/uic-to-pursue-carnegie-community-engagement-classification/>

Interviewed for the Disability Visibility Projects’ podcast on ‘Disabled Refugees’, August 27, 2018.

<https://disabilityvisibilityproject.com/2018/08/27/ep-32-disabled-refugees/>

The Language Equity – Medicaid Access for Immigrants project was featured in a press release from the Chicago Community Trust Fund, June 27, 2018. <https://www.cct.org/stories/acting-up-awards-power-37-bright-ideas-for-stronger-communities/>

The ‘Partners of Refugees in Illinois Disability Employment’ program was featured in the UIC Applied Health Sciences Magazine article titled ‘Beam with PRIDE’, Summer, 2017.

https://issuu.com/uic.ahs/docs/ahs_magazine_summer_2017_final_digi

The ‘Lost in Translation’ project was featured as the cover story of UIC Applied Health Sciences Magazine 2013-14 edition. https://issuu.com/uic.ahs/docs/ahsmag_1314_final

Townhall conducted as part of the ‘Refugee Communities: Disability, Health, & Inclusion Partnership Project’ was featured in J-L. Opihory & K. Fawcett’s NU Medill News Portal article titled ‘Illinois Sparking a Refugee Health Care Revolution’, December 19, 2012.

<https://blog.globalhealthportal.northwestern.edu/2012/12/illinois-sparking-a-refugee-health-care-revolution/>

Policy brief developed as part of the ‘Refugee Communities: Disability, Health, & Inclusion Partnership Project’ was featured in E. Fortino’s Progress Illinois article titled ‘Refugee Community Faces Major Barriers When Seeking Disability And Health Services, Report Finds’, October 18, 2012.

MENTORED STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Student: Claudia Castillo, PhD Student, Disability Studies

Title: TBD

Award(s): 2025 DHD/OT Black and Latinx scholarship award

Student: Chelsea Wallaert, PhD Candidate, Disability Studies

Title: Exploring Meaning Making of Disability and Development Among Families Enrolled in the Early Intervention Program: An Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis Study

Award(s): 2025 Barbara Loomis Scholarship, 2025 Award for Graduate Research, 2025 Ann & Edward Page-El, M.D. Scholarship

Student: Randa Abdelrahim, PhD Candidate, Disability Studies

Title: An Exploratory Study of The Capabilities of Arab American Caregivers of Older Adults With Chronic Illnesses

Award(s): 2020 Provost’s Graduate Research Award, 2020-2021 Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy Dissertation Research Grant, 2021 Institute on Disability and Human Development Student Research Award

Student: Yue Xu, PhD Candidate, Disability Studies

Title: Culturally Adapting and Piloting a Psychoeducational Autism Intervention for Chinese

Immigrant Families

Award(s): 2019 Dean's Scholar Fellowship, 2019 Ann & Edward Page-El, M.D. Scholarship, 2021 Institute on Disability and Human Development Student Research Award

Student: Marissa Roman, Undergraduate Pre-OT student

Title: Language Access in Rehabilitation Services

Award(s): Spring 2019 Chancellor's Undergraduate Research Award

Student: Aster (Elizabeth) Harrison, PhD Candidate, Disability Studies

Title: Experiences of Bisexual+ Women with Chronic Pain: An Interpretive Phenomenological Analysis

Award(s): 2018 Ethel Louise Armstrong Dissertation Research Support Fund, 2019 Anne Hopkins Scholarship, 2020 Award for Occupational Therapy Doctoral Education and Research

Student: Yue Xu, PhD Candidate, Disability Studies

Title: Planning for Better Physical and Mental Health of the Whole Family

Award(s): Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellowship 2018-2019

Student: Amy Krischer, Post-Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy student

Title: Let's Play Together! Programming for Parents and Children

Award(s): Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellowship 2016-2017

Student: Amy Krischer, Post-Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy student

Title: The Development and Implementation of a Trauma-Informed Care Training for Occupational Therapists

Award(s): 2017 Award for Occupational Therapy Doctoral Education and Research

Student: Aster (Elizabeth) Harrison, Post-Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy student
Title: Rainbow Welcome, a support group for LGBT refugees, asylum seekers and asylees in the Chicagoland area
Award(s): Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellowship 2015-2016

Student: Aster (Elizabeth) Harrison, Post-Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy student
Title: Training Occupational Therapy Students to Collaborate with Limited English Proficient (LEP) Clients and Interpreters
Award(s): 2016 Award for Occupational Therapy Doctoral Education and Research

Student: Manako Yabe, PhD Candidate, Disability Studies
Title: Healthcare Providers' and Deaf Patients' Perspectives on Video Remote Interpreting: A Mixed Methods Study
Award(s): 2014 Annie Hopkins Scholarship, 2015 Carlos Drazen Memorial Scholarship, 2015 AHS Scholarship Fund Award, Chancellor's Graduate Research Award 2017-18

Student: Neha Iqbal, Undergraduate Pre-OT student
Title: Psychoeducational Supports for Immigrant Families Raising Children with Neurodevelopmental Disabilities
Award(s): Fall 2015 Chancellor's Undergraduate Research Award

Student: Rikki Ostrowski, Undergraduate Pre-OT student
Title: Measuring the Well-Being of Parents with Children Diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (Capstone Project Reader)
Award(s): UIC Honors College Capstone, 2015

Student: Neha Iqbal, Undergraduate Pre-OT student
Title: Family Centered Occupational Therapy Interventions for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder
Award(s): UIC Honors College Capstone, 2014

TEACHING

INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE

OT 607: Research Foundations for Evidence-based Practice 1: Examining client factors and interventions
Sole instructor, August 2022-Present
Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois Chicago

OT 636: Research Foundations for EBP 3: Knowledge Synthesis for Clinical Practice
Lead instructor, August 2023-Present
Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois Chicago

OT 510: Research Methods in Occupational Therapy
Co-instructor, August 2013-December 2015
Lead instructor, August 2015-December 2021
Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois Chicago

OT 563: Disability and Global Health
Sole instructor, January 2015-Present
Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois Chicago

DHD 401: Foundations of Disability & Human Development
Co-instructor, August 2007 – December 2007
Department of Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois Chicago

12th Annual Interdisciplinary Case Study for Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Human Nutrition Students
Group-facilitator, November 2006
Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois Chicago

OT 526: Assistive Technology and the Environment
Lab Assistant, June 2004
Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois Chicago

GUEST LECTURES:

OT 626: Population Health and Community Participation
“Examining Social Determinants of Health and Designing Community Based and Population Level Interventions with Refugee, Asylum Seeking, and Immigrant Communities”
May 24, 2023
Entry-level Doctor of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois Chicago
Contact: Joy Hammel (hammel@uic.edu)

OTS 204: Topics in Emerging Practice Areas
“Occupational Therapy with Refugees and Asylum Seekers”
April 13, 2021; April 4, 2022; April 10, 2023
Entry-level Doctor of Occupational Therapy, Tufts University
Contact:

DHD 592: Interdisciplinary Disability Studies Research Seminar
“Disparities Research with Immigrants and Refugees”
February 3, 2022
Department of Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois Chicago
Contact: Dr. Kelly Hsieh (hsieh@uic.edu)

DHD 592: Interdisciplinary Disability Studies Research Seminar
“Disability Advocacy with Immigrants and Refugees”
February 14, 2019
Department of Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois Chicago
Contact: Dr. Fabricio Balcazar (fabricio@uic.edu)

DHD 202: Disability, Health, and Society
“Healthcare Needs of Refugees with Disabilities”
May 1, 2018; May 30, 2019
BS in Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois Chicago
Contact: Brian Grossman (brg@uic.edu)

OT 528: Race, Culture, and Health Disparities
“Health Disparities among Refugees and Asylum Seekers”
February 13, 2017; February 26, 2018; February 17, 2021; April 13, 2022; April 10, 2023

Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois Chicago
Contact: Yolanda Suarez-Balcazar (ysuarez@uic.edu)

OT 528: Race, Culture, and Health Disparities
“Future of Health Disparities Research”
April 24th, 2017
Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois Chicago
Contact: Yolanda Suarez-Balcazar (ysuarez@uic.edu)

DHD 501: Disability Studies I
“Integrating Health in Disability Studies”
September 20, 2016; November 21, 2017
Disability Studies, University of Illinois Chicago
Contact: Dr. Sarah Parker Harris (skparker@uic.edu)

HAO 585.01: Disability Studies and OT
“Community, Occupation, Justice and Participation”
April 11, 2016
Department of Occupational Therapy, SUNY, Stony Brook
Contact: Dr. Pamela Block (pamela.block@stonybrook.edu)

AH 210: Introduction to Rehabilitation Sciences
“Disability, displaced populations, and humanitarian networks”,
March 8, 2016
BS in Rehabilitation Science, University of Illinois Chicago
Contact: Rooshey Hasnain (roosheyh@uic.edu)

DHD 203: Disability in World Cultures
“Disability, displaced populations, and humanitarian networks”
October 29, 2015; October 18, 2016; October 17, 2017; October 16, 2018; October 8, 2019; October 2020; October 2021
BS in Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois Chicago
Contact: Robert Gould (rgould3@uic.edu)

OCC 510: Occupational Therapy Perspectives in Ethics and Multiculturalism
“Lost in translation: Language barriers and healthcare disparities in the United States”
November 10, 2014; November 12, 2015
Department of Occupational Therapy, Rush University Medical Center
Contact: Dr. Mary Stoykov (Mary_Stoykov@rush.edu)

DHD 501: Disability Studies I
“Global Perspectives on Disability Justice”,
October 28, 2014; October 27, 2015
Disability Studies, University of Illinois Chicago
Contact: Dr. Sarah Parker Harris (skparker@uic.edu)

DHD 592: Interdisciplinary Disability Studies Research Seminar
“Balancing passion with practicality: An alumna's account of life after the PhD”
September 10, 2014
Department of Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois Chicago
Contact: Dr. Carol Gill (cg16@uic.edu)

HAX 665.01: Disability, Participation and Justice
“Social justice and participation for disabled refugees”
March 31, 2014
Department of Occupational Therapy, SUNY, Stony Brook
Contact: Dr. Pamela Block (pamela.block@stonybrook.edu)

OT 528: Race, Culture, and Health Disparities
“Refugee and Immigrant Health Disparities”
March 7, 2013; March 20, 2014; February 15, 2016
Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois Chicago
Contact: Yolanda Suarez-Balcazar (ysuarez@uic.edu)

KINES 594: Physical Activity interventions in diverse populations
“Health Promotion and Physical Activity in Refugee Migrants”
February 25, 2013; February 16, 2015
Department of Kinesiology, University of Illinois Chicago
Contact: David Marquez (marquezd@uic.edu)

Public Health 393: Health & Human Rights
“Access to Health for Disabled Refugees in Malawi”
February 28, 2012
Program in Public Health, Northwestern University
Contact: Juliet Sorensen (J-Sorensen@law.northwestern.edu)

OT 510: Research in Occupational Therapy
“Community-Based Participatory Research”
October 10, 2012
Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois at Chicago
Contact: Dr. Susan Magasi (smagas@uic.edu)

ASAM 290: Disability and Mental Health Disparities in Pan Asian-American Communities
“Asian Refugees with Disabilities and Resettlement Issues in Illinois”
November 15, 2011
Asian American Studies, University of Illinois Chicago
Contact: Dr. Rooshey Hasnain (roosheyh@uic.edu)

DHD 561: Disability & Community Participation: Policy, Systems Change, and Action Research
“Participatory Techniques in Rapid Ethnography”
February 18, 2011.
Department of Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois Chicago
Contact: Dr. Joy Hammel (hammel@uic.edu)

Global Health 390: Disability & Global Health
“Disability, Displaced Populations and Humanitarian Networks”
May 4, 2010; May 22, 2012; November 5, 2013; November 17, 2015
Global Health Studies, Northwestern University
Contact: Dr. Debjani Mukherjee (d-mukherjee@northwestern.edu)

M3 - Ethical, Legal and Social Implications of Medicine (ELSI) Conferences for Third Year Medical Students; Expert Panelist

October 29, 2010; March 18, 2011; August 19, 2011; October 28, 2011
Medical Humanities and Bioethics Program, Northwestern University
Contact: Myria Knox (knox@northwestern.edu)

JOUR 390-0: Connecting with Immigrant and Multi-ethnic Communities
“Health concerns among refugee and displaced populations”,
November 17, 2010
Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University
Contact: Prof. Jack Doppelt (j-doppelt@northwestern.edu)

OT 510: Research in Occupational Therapy
“Ethnographic Research with Refugees with Disabilities”
September 18, 2009; September 22, 2010; September 21, 2011
Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois Chicago
Contact: Dr. Marcia Finlayson (marciaf@uic.edu)

DHD 592: Interdisciplinary Disability Studies Research Seminar
“Ethnographic Research with disabled Somali and Cambodian Refugees living in Chicago”
October 7, 2009
Department of Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois Chicago
Contact: Dr. Carol Gill (cg16@uic.edu)

DHD 546: Qualitative Methods in Disability Research
“Narratives of Disability and Displacement: Ethnography with Refugees with Disabilities”
April 23, 2009
Department of Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois Chicago
Contact: Dr. Carol Gill (cg16@uic.edu)

OTHER TEACHING

ATLAS.ti (qualitative data analysis software) 101 Training with multiple research teams
November 25, 2008; January 12, 2010; June 7, 2010.
Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois Chicago
Department of Disability & Human Development, University of Illinois Chicago

Training Workshops for Chicago-area Refugee Service Providers on Access to Community Resources for Refugees with Disabilities.
August 2008-May 2009
World Relief, Chicago

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Life Member, ‘All India Occupational Therapists’ Association’.

Member, American Occupational Therapy Association

Member, World Federation of Occupational Therapy

Member, American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine

PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC SERVICE

6th Occupational Therapy Summit of Scholars Peer Reviewer	2017
2015 American Occupational Therapy Association Conference & Expo Peer Reviewer	2014
20th Annual Conference of the Society for Disability Studies Peer Reviewer	2008
Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities, Northwestern University, Institute for Clinical and Translational Sciences Grant Reviewer	2012
American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, International Networking Group, Executive Committee Chair Elect	2023-2025
American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, International Networking Group, Executive Committee Member at large	2020-2023
American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, International Networking Group, Refugee Empowerment Task Force Chair/Co-chair	2020-Present
American Occupational Therapy Foundation, Scientific Advisory Council Member, Scientific Review Group	
American Occupational Therapy Foundation Grant Reviewer, Postdoctoral Fellowship	2024
American Journal of Community Psychology Peer Reviewer	2024
American Journal of Occupational Therapy Peer Reviewer	2020
Annals of International Occupational Therapy Member of Editorial Board	2017-2020
Australian Occupational Therapy Journal Peer Reviewer	2021
Societies – Open Access Sociology Journal Guest editor, Special Issue on ‘Supporting Health and Psychosocial well-being for Refugees and Asylum Seekers’	2017-2018

BMC Health Services Research Peer Reviewer	2019; 2020
BMC Psychiatry Peer Reviewer	2013
BMJ Open Access Peer Reviewer	2016
Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Grant Reviewer	2023
Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy Peer Reviewer	2006; 2009; 2016
Disabilities Peer Reviewer	2024
Disability & Rehabilitation Peer Reviewer	2011
Disability & Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology Peer Reviewer	2010; 2013
Disability Studies Quarterly Peer Reviewer	2006; 2007; 2021
Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness Peer Reviewer	2013; 2014
German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development Grant Reviewer, Young Scientists' Program	2018
Global Health Research & Policy Peer Reviewer	2017
Health Education and Behavior Member, Guest Editorial Board	2022-Present
Hindawi Peer Reviewer	2023
Human Development, Disability, and Global Change Peer Reviewer	2011
Illinois Minority Health Conference Peer Reviewer and Member, Planning Committee	2015; 2016
International Migration Review	2018

Book Reviewer	
Journal of Cross Cultural Gerontology Peer Reviewer	2013
Journal of Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness Peer Reviewer	2013
Journal of Health Education and Behavior Member, Guest Editorial Board	2022-2025
Journal of Human Development, Disability & Social Change Peer Reviewer	2011
Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved Peer Reviewer	2015; 2016; 2021
Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health Peer Reviewer	2014, 2017, 2019
Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies Peer Reviewer	2016
Journal of Pediatric Neurology Peer Reviewer	2016
Journal of Prevention and Intervention in the Community Peer Reviewer, Co-Guest Editor of Special Issue	2015
Journal of Refugee Studies Peer Reviewer	2014
Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute Grant Reviewer	2018
PLOS Global Health Peer Reviewer	2022
PLOS One Peer Reviewer	2014; 2015
Progress in Community Health Partnerships Peer Reviewer	2015
Refuge Peer Reviewer	2012
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant Reviewer	2021
Royal College of Occupational Therapists Grant Reviewer	2022

Scandinavian Journal of Occupational Therapy Peer Reviewer	2018
Societies – Open Access Sociology Journal Peer Reviewer	2016
Societies – Open Access Sociology Journal Member of Editorial Board	2022-Present
World Medical and Health Policy Peer Reviewer	2014
Women’s Health Issues Peer Reviewer	2014

Community Service

American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Member, International Networking Group Refugee Empowerment Task Force	2018-Present
American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Co-chair, International Networking Group Refugee Empowerment Task Force	2020-Present
Applied Health Sciences Student Council University of Illinois Chicago Disability Studies Representative	2008-2009
Coalition of African, Arab, Asian, European & Latino Immigrants of Illinois 2006 Research Consultant	
Disability and Immigration Taskforce of Illinois Member	2022-Present
Disability Studies Student Council, University of Illinois Chicago Member	2007
Health and Medicine Policy Research Group Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellows Program Chicago, IL Fellow for Life, Academic Mentor	2013-Present
Illinois Refugee Mental Health Task Force Chicago, IL Member, Chair of working committee on language access and advocacy	2015-2019
Illinois Refugee Health Taskforce Chicago, IL Member Convener of the sub task force on Disability and Chronic Health Issues among Refugees	2013-2019
Immigrants with Disabilities Rights Collaborative, Access Living of Metro Chicago Chicago, IL Steering Committee Member	2009-2010
Jane Addams Senior Caucus Research Consultant	2004
Regional Health Care Safety Net Initiative, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group Chicago, IL Representative on Disability Issues	2009

The “ACTIVATE!” Program, Amnesty International U.S.A. **2004**
Chicago, IL
Human Rights Educator

World Relief **2007**
Volunteer (English as Second Language Tutor for incoming refugees)