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Education

University of Illinois Chicago Doctorate of Occupational Therapy	Chicago, IL 2012-2014
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University of Illinois Chicago Masters of Science in Occupational Therapy	Chicago, IL 2010-2012
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Grand Valley State University Bachelors of Science Behavioral Science and Latin American Studies	Grand Rapids, MI 2007-2010
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Grand Rapids Community College Associates of Arts and Science Occupational Therapy Assisting	Grand Rapids, MI 1997-2001
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Academic Experience

University of Illinois Chicago Doctoral Capstone Coordinator	Chicago, IL 2023-present
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Responsibilities: 1) Implement and evaluate capstone process for students and provide support through the capstone experience according to ACOTE standards; 2) teach doctoral level OT students in variety of courses as needed; 3) engage in service and scholarship to enhance the OT profession, college, and university

University of Illinois Chicago Clinical Associate Professor	Chicago, IL 2023-present
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Courses taught: Occupation-Based Models of Practice, Best Practices in Management and Program Development, Curriculum Design in Occupational Therapy Education, Occupational Therapy Process: Application I and II, Interprofessional Collaborative Practice in HIV Prevention and Care, Empowering Intimacy: Disability and Sexuality in Contemporary Culture, Interprofessional Collaborative Practice in HIV Prevention and Care

University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences Senior Faculty Development Specialist	San Marcos, CA 2020-2023
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Responsibilities: 1) Work with interdisciplinary faculty across five campuses to develop skills and knowledge with best practices for teaching and learning; 2) supervise team of peer

support leaders; 3) develop, and implement new faculty training, organize, and report on utility of faculty development programming

University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences

Assistant Professor

Austin, TX and San Marcos, CA

2019-2023

Courses taught: Domain of Occupational Therapy, Scholarly Design, Scholarly Implementation and Dissemination, Scholarly Application, Occupational Engagement and Theories of Practice, Clinical Application of Occupational Therapy in Psychosocial and Community Settings, OTD Seminar 1, Leadership and Advocacy

Grand Valley State University

Assistant Professor

Grand Rapids, MI

2015-2019

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

University of Illinois at Chicago

Adjunct Clinical Instructor

Chicago, IL

2014-2015

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

Academic Experience - Master's and Doctoral Capstone Mentorship

University Illinois Chicago

Entry Level OTD capstone projects

- Aligning Asynchronous Learning with Evidence-Based Teaching Practices
- What's Next? An Analysis on the Effectiveness of Integrating Occupational Therapy Theory into a Forensic Mental Health Reintegration Class
- Beyond Pain: Bridging Awareness of Pelvic Floor Dysfunction and Sexual Trauma Through Evidence-Based Management and Empowered Intimacy
- Enhancing Sexual Health Education for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Through Staff and Caregiver Involvement
- Strengthening Health Literacy in Acute Care: Implementing Health Literacy Universal Precautions to Improve Patient-Provider Communication at UI Health

Post Professional OTD doctoral projects

- Sexuality and Intimacy After Burn Injury: The Occupational Therapy Practitioner's Role

University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences

Entry Level OTD capstone projects

- Training Staff Members and Caregivers on Utilizing Allen Cognitive Levels to Aid Individuals Living with Alzheimer's and Dementia to Maintain Activities of Daily Living
- Enhancing Intimacy for Women with Spinal Cord Injuries
- Disability Advocacy in Fashion Design
- Occupational Therapist Role in Addressing Sexuality for Adolescents with Physical Disabilities
- Understanding the Role of OT Practitioners with Parents with Physical Disabilities
- Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning: Toolkit for Faculty Development
- Political Advocacy for Increased Access to Occupational Therapy Services for Vulnerable Populations
- Occupational Therapy's Role in Addressing Sexuality for People with Pelvic Floor Dysfunction
- Occupation-Based Program Promoting Empowerment with Sexuality Awareness for Direct Care Staff Day Programs for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities
- Teaching Sexuality in Occupational Therapy Curriculum: A Toolkit for Best Practices
- Health Providers Training and Toolkit for Addressing Sexuality with the Older Adult with Fatiguing Conditions
- Occupational Therapist's Role in Advocating for Disability Inclusion with Sexuality Education
- Culturally Responsive Care Training for Rehabilitative Healthcare Students: An Expansion of USAHS's Faculty Development Toolkit
- Integrative Training for Rehab Professional's Role with Addressing Sexuality with Patients with Spinal Cord Injuries
- Manual and Treatment Guide for Evidence Based Interventions Related to Sexuality for Acquired Brain Injury Population
- Transportation and Community Engagement for People with Disabilities in Sunland Park, New Mexico
- Measuring clinical competence with LGBTQ+ patients in OT, PT, and SLP students utilizing the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Development of Clinical Skills Scale (LGBT-DOCSS)

Post Professional OTD doctoral projects

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

Grand Valley State University

Post Professional OTD capstone projects

- Occupational Deprivation and Emotional Well-being of Immigrant Mothers

Master Capstone Research Projects

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

Professional Experience

Purpose Care Home Health , Occupational Therapist Home health therapist	Chicago, IL 2025-2026
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Your Therapy Source , Occupational Therapist Home health therapist	Austin, TX 2019-2020
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Therapy Network Resources , Occupational Therapist Home health therapist, chart auditor, trainer	Chicago, IL 2012-2015
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Glantz Richman Rehabilitation Associates , Occupational Therapist Treatment for mental/physical/cognitive disabilities in forensic setting	Chicago, IL 2013-2014
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West Suburban Medical Center , COTA and OTR	Chicago, IL
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Sub-acute rehab, acute care rehab	2010-2012
Agility Health , Occupational Therapy Assistant Sub-acute rehab and dementia care	Grand Rapids, MI 2005-2009
Heartland Rehabilitation , Occupational Therapy Assistant Sub-acute rehab and dementia care	Muskegon, MI 2003-2005
Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services , Occupational Therapy Assistant In-patient psychosocial rehabilitation	Grand Rapids, MI 2001-2003

Publications

Erizo, N., **Summers, J.**, & O'Boyle, A. (2026). Enhancing Occupational Therapy Education on Autism, Culture, and Work Through Active Learning. University of Illinois Chicago.

<https://doi.org/10.25417/uic.32690910.v1>

Griffin, A., **Summers, J.**, & Solarte, J. (2026). Beyond Pain: Bridging Awareness of Pelvic Floor Dysfunction and Sexual Trauma Through Evidence-Based Management and Empowered Intimacy. University of Illinois Chicago. <https://doi.org/10.25417/uic.32289030.v1>

Syutyk, N., **Summers, J.**, & Grote, C. (2026). Aligning Asynchronous Learning with Evidence-Based Teaching Practices. University of Illinois Chicago.

<https://doi.org/10.25417/uic.32159532.v1>

Talbot, J., **Summers, J.**, & Brenner, B. (2026). Technology & Theory: Digitizing Data Analysis for Assessments of Occupational Participation in Forensic Mental Health Centers. University of Illinois Chicago. <https://doi.org/10.25417/uic.32288940.v1>

Velasquez, A., **Summers, J.**, A. Rampey, L., & Hollis, S. (2026). Enhancing Sexual Health Education for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Through Staff and Caregiver Involvement. University of Illinois Chicago.

<https://doi.org/10.25417/uic.32180838.v1>

Fischer, H., Watters, K., & **Summers, J.** (2026) The cognitive frame of reference. In J. Wolske & G. Fisher (Eds.), *Kielhofner's conceptual foundations of occupational therapy practice* (5th ed., pp. 212-233). F. A. Davis.

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

<https://soar.usa.edu/otdcapstones-spring2022/11>

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

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

Specialized Training

Inclusive Education Scholars Certificate Program Completed May, 2024

Subject Centered Integrated Learning Model (SCIL-OT) Training Completed June 2017

Stanford Chronic Disease Self Management Training Program Completed Jan 2014

Grants

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

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

Presentations

Peer Reviewed Presentations

Summers, J. (2026, April 30). Menstruation Management: Practical Ways to Support Girls and Women with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities [Conference workshop - short]. ARC of Illinois Convention, Normal, IL

Summers, J. McDonagh, G., Tepper, J.. (2025, November 22). Restoring Intimacy: The Occupational Therapy Practitioner's Role in Navigating Sexuality Post Stroke [Conference workshop - short]. Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Naperville, IL

Summers, J. (2025, May 31). Engaging minds: A practical application of the Cognitive Disabilities Model through problem-based learning [Conference Presentation-short]. Allen Cognitive Network Symposium. Virtual.

Summers, J. (2025, May 19) Feedback in Focus: Understanding and Overcoming Barriers to Effective Communication Stroke [Conference workshop - short]. Lilly Conference 2025 - International Teaching Learning Cooperative, LLC, Austin TX

Summers, J. Talbot, J. (2024, November 23). Feedback in Focus: Understanding and Overcoming Barriers to Effective Communication [Conference workshop - short]. Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Naperville, IL

Summers, J. Griffin, A., Barbis, K. (2024, November 23). Addressing the Unspoken: Enhancing OT Clinicians' Preparedness for Sexuality and Intimacy Related Occupations [Conference workshop - short]. Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Naperville, IL

Rhodes, A., Smith, M., Willey, K., **Summers, J.** (2024, March 23). Occupational Therapy's Role in Providing Gender-Affirming Care for Transgender and Gender-Diverse Individuals [Conference workshop - short]. American Occupational Therapy Association INSPIRE Conference, Orlando, FL

Summers, J., Wicinski, M., Jordan, L. (2024, March 15). Implementing Teaching Circles to Increase Interprofessional Connections [Conference workshop - short]. National Academies of Practice Forum, Jacksonville, FL

Summers, J. (2023, Dec 21). Breaking taboo: The OT practitioners' role with sexual based occupations. [Conference workshop - short]. Dr. Janet Falk-Kessler Distinguished Lectureship and Day of Scholarship. Department of Occupational Therapy, Columbia University, New York, NY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Invited Lecture Presentations (select)

Summers, J. (July 10, 2026). Sexuality, Disability and Ableism: A Call to Dismantle (Health) Systems of Oppression [Invited Lecture]. Grand Valley State University. 30th University Summer Lecture Series. Grand Rapids, MI.

Zubenko, L., **Summers, J.** (Mar., 21 2026). Inspiring Students to Lead Today, Tomorrow and Throughout Their Future [Keynote]. Annual Student Conclave. Illinois Occupational Therapy Association. Downer's Grove, IL

Summers, J. (Mar., 30 2026). Introduction of MOHO Engage: A new assessment for occupation focused practice [Scholarship of Practice Lecture]. Department of Occupational Therapy. University of Illinois Chicago. Chicago, IL.

Summers, J. (Oct., 27 2025). The Role of the Occupational Therapy Practitioner with Menstrual Management for Girls and Women with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disability [Scholarship of Practice Lecture]. Department of Occupational Therapy. University of Illinois Chicago. Chicago, IL.

Summers, J. (Feb. 26, 2024). Understanding sexuality and disability with activity analysis [Invited Lecture]. Department of Occupational Therapy. University of Washington. Virtual.

Summers, J. (Feb. 8, 2024). Intersection of Professional Ethics and Controversial Occupations: An Exploration of the OT Practitioner's Role with Sexual Activity. [Invited Lecture]. University of Findlay. Evening with a Leader in Occupational Therapy. Findlay, OH.

Summers, J. (Feb. 9, 2024). Sexuality, Disability and Ableism: A Call to Dismantle (Health) Systems of Oppression [Invited Lecture]. University of Findlay. Evening with a Leader in Occupational Therapy. Findlay, OH.

Summers, J. (Sept. 18, 2024). Expanding activity analysis: ADL fundamentals for the transgender population. [Invited Lecture]. Scholarship of Practice Series. Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois Chicago. Chicago, IL.

Summers, J. (July 2023). Strategies for understanding and managing microaggressions [Invited Lecture]. University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences. COTAD Safe Space Series. Austin, Tx.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Certifications

NBCOT Certification, # 1054835

Illinois OT license # 056009936 - current

California OT license, # 24227

Texas OT license, # 119809

Michigan OT license, # 5201010093

Michigan OTA license, # 520200597

Illinois OTA license # 057003419

Professional Associations

National Academies of Practice (Associate Member)	2024-present
Illinois Occupational Therapy Association	2024-present
National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity	2023-present
Online Learning Consortium	2022-present
American Occupational Therapy Association	2001-present
World Federation of Occupational Therapy	2015-present
Occupational Therapy Association of California	2022-2023
Texas Occupational Therapy Association	2019-2022
Michigan Occupational Therapy Association	2015-2020
American Association for Sex Educators, Counselors, and Therapists	2017-2021
National Alliance on Mental Illness	2017-2019
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People	2016-2019
Illinois Occupational Therapy Association	2010-2015

Service

Service to the University

Academic Affairs (Applied Health Science College) Committee Member University of Illinois Chicago	2023-present
Teaching Excellence (OT dept) Committee Member University of Illinois Chicago	2023-present

Promotion and Tenure (OT dept) Committee Member University of Illinois Chicago	2023-present
Post-Professional OTD Affairs Committee Member University of Illinois Chicago	2023-present
Entry OTD Program Evaluation Committee Member University of Illinois Chicago	2023-present
Collaborative Partnerships (OT dept) Committee Member University of Illinois Chicago	2023-present
Inclusion, Diversity, Access, and Equity Committee Member University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences	2020-2023
Faculty Development Steering Committee Member University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences	2019-2020
Interdisciplinary Advocacy Club Founder and Faculty Advisor University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences	2019-2021
Academic Advising - OTD students University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences	2019-2020
Academic Advising - MOT students Grand Valley State University	2015-2019
Inclusion Action Committee Member Grand Valley State University	2016-2019
GVSU College Democrats Faculty Advisor Grand Valley State University	2016-2019
Student Occupational Therapy Association Faculty Advisor Grand Valley State University	2016-2019
OT Program Community Engaged Learning Committee Director Grand Valley State University	2017-2019
OT Program Admissions Committee Co-Director Grand Valley State University	2017-2019
Assessment Committee Member Grand Valley State University	2016-2019

Governance Committee Member Grand Valley State University	2017-2019
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Summer Health Activities and Professions Exploration Committee Member Grand Valley State University	2015-2017
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Service to Professional Organizations

Networking Coordinator Illinois Occupational Therapy Association	2024-present
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OTD Advisory Board Member Southern California University	2024-present
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Forum Committee Member (abstract subcommittee) National Academies of Practice	2024-present
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Political Action Committee Chair Texas Occupational Therapy Association	2020-2022
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Advocacy Committee Chair Michigan Occupational Therapy Association	2016-2019
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Public Policy Director Michigan Occupational Therapy Association	2015-2019
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Telehealth ad hoc Committee Chair Michigan Occupational Therapy Association	2015-2019
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Lansing Lobby Day Committee Chair Michigan Occupational Therapy Association	2015-2019
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Marketing Committee Chair Allen Cognitive Network	2010-2013
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OTA Advisory Board Member Grand Rapids Community College	2003-2009
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Service to Community

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

Honors and Awards

Distinguished Fellow Academy of Occupational Therapy National Academies of Practice	2025
Leader of the Year Evening with a Leader Annual Event University of Findlay	2024
Diversity and Inclusion Award Nomination Board of Directors Awards University of St. Augustine for Health Science	2022
Innovation Award Nomination Board of Directors Awards University of St. Augustine for Health Science	2022
Diversity and Inclusion Award Nomination Board of Directors Awards University of St. Augustine for Health Science	2021
Kimboko Inclusion Award Graduate Student Association Award for Outstanding Faculty Grand Valley State University	2018
Service Award Michigan Occupational Therapy Association	2018
Service Award Michigan Occupational Therapy Association	2017
Legislative Award	2016

Michigan Occupational Therapy Association

Student Achievement Award Allied Health Science University of Illinois Chicago	2015
Lillian B. Torrance Scholarship Award Department of Occupational Therapy University of Illinois Chicago	2012
W.E VanDoren Scholarship Award Department of Occupational Therapy University of Illinois Chicago	2011
Lillian B. Torrance Scholarship Award Department of Occupational Therapy University of Illinois Chicago	2010
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Behavioral Science Department Grand Valley State University	2010
Most Valuable Player Award Pilgrim Manor Retirement Community Agility Health	2007