

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION:

- 2012 Doctor of Occupational Therapy. Governors State University
Doctoral Capstone Project: 'Active Class Participation of Students in the Master of Occupational Therapy Program'
- 1988 M.S. in Occupational Therapy. University of Illinois Chicago, Illinois
Thesis: 'Relationship Between Visual Perception & Activities of Daily Living in Acute Stroke Patients'.
- 1976 B.S. in Occupational Therapy. Mount Mary College Milwaukee, Wisconsin

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 1996 - Present Associate Professor, Occupational Therapy Program at Governors State University in University Park, Illinois
Responsibilities and Duties:
Provides instructional courses in the MOT Program in the foundational and applied curriculum sequence, and in the DrOT Program. Other faculty responsibilities include pre-advisement and ongoing advisement of students in the MOT program, active participation in all MOT and DrOT program committees, Co-chaired the MOT program's curriculum review and changes in Phase I. Active participation in the ACOTE Self Study process for the re-accreditation of the MOT program for 2004. Also participated in the initial development and accreditation of the MOT Program in 1996 with successful accreditation achieved in April, 1998. Collaborated in the development of the program's mission and philosophy statements, curriculum design and conceptual model, course development, teaching, and service operations within the standards of Governors State University and in compliance with the accreditation process of the MOT program

Collaboration in the ongoing development and facilitation of admission criteria and on-site interview tools, applicant advisement on the profession of occupational therapy, master program admission requirements and prerequisites, participation in student interviews and admission decisions, and organize the GSU Student Orientation Day for new students. Participation in developing program courses and syllabi, coordinate efforts for program course and curriculum approval through the Academic Affairs Committee for submission to the University Curriculum Committee.

Provide ongoing assessment of assigned independent & co-instructional teaching based on current practice in the profession. Responsible for planning and/or providing instructions for eight MOT core curriculum courses (OCCT 6705 Professional Formation I; OCCT 7707 Professional Formation III; OCCT 6730 Theories of Occupation; OCCT 7000 Seminar in Occupational Therapy; OCCT 8900 Independent Research Study; OCCT 7760 Human Development and Performance II; OCCT 7820 Assessment and Intervention II; OCCT 7821 Assessment and Intervention II Lab) and one course in the Doctor of Occupational Therapy (DrOT) Program (OCCT 8310 Advanced Theories in Occupational Therapy). Active contributions in the student/s research advisement for student research proposals and projects in

the MOT program, and also research advisor and research committee member for students in the DrOT program. Student advisement of assigned students, as well as on-going pre-advisement and candidate development of applicants in progress

Initiate and follow through on the ordering of teaching media, classroom equipment and supplies. Organized the equipment needs, purchasing and transition to the designated MOT ADL Lab. Collaborates with the library CHP liaison and bookstore staff on the ordering of materials to support the program, students and faculty.

Represents the Occupational Therapy profession and the OT program in the College of Health and Human Services (CHHS) and external GSU community by participating in the facilitation of inter-departmental communications, concerns and problem solving and to promote internal and external public relations efforts. Current participation in the MOT Program includes Chairperson of the MOT Personnel Committee, member of the MOT Advisory Planning Committee, member of the MOT Program Curriculum Committee, Admission Committee and the Self Study Committee. Internal CHHS committees includes: CHHS Academic Affairs Committee, External committees includes the GSU Civic Engagement Consortium & Facilitator of the Assessment Committee, the GSU Faculty Development Advisory Council member, and the GSU Academic Program Review member.

Services external to GSU include current Item Writer for the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) and an Arthritis Foundation Speaker.

- 2001 – Present MSS Staff Occupational Therapist
Marianjoy Rehabilitation at Providence Skilled Nursing Facility in Palos Heights, Illinois
Provide occupational therapy services that include intervention, evaluation, documentation to adult clients ranging in age from middle adulthood to senescence. Populations served include inpatients with multiple diagnoses that include orthopedics, neurological, rheumatologic, and cardiopulmonary dysfunction. Collaborate with other staff such as Nursing, Physical Therapy, and Language, Speech and Hearing.
- 1977 - 1996 Assistant Director of Occupational Therapy Services from 1987 to 1996. Senior OT clinician from 1979 to 1987 and Staff Therapist from 1977 to 1979 at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, Illinois.
Administrative Duties:
Planning and presentation of departmental in-service and mandatory staff training. Responsible for staff supervision & day to day unit operations. Assisted the Director with staff performance evaluations and feedback. Clinical coordinator for all student fieldwork, observations and volunteers. Actively participated in developing, facilitating and maintaining OT service delivery. Assisted the Director with departmental salary and capital expenditure budget preparations. Organized & supervised department supply ordering. Interdisciplinary Team Liaison for Neurosurgery Team & Interdisciplinary Patient Planning Committee member. Maintained inter-departmental relations & communication through negotiation and problem solving. Actively involved in the Patient Education & Resource Committee within the facility and in the community.
Clinical Responsibilities:
Clinical competency in the assessment and treatment of Adult Physical Disabilities including bedside intensive care, inpatients & outpatients. Initial two years included part-time experience in the Pediatric Unit. Coverage of outpatient clinics including, Amputee Clinic, Arthritis Clinic, Hand Clinic and Family Practice Clinic. Active leadership involvement with interdisciplinary teams in the specialty areas of Geriatrics, Neurosurgery & Neurology, Arthritis, Open-Heart Surgery, and Trauma. Assisted in program development and advocacy of

Occupational Therapy services. Occupational Therapy Clinical Educator for student fieldwork & observations. Organized and presented in-services to the medical staff, students & other health professionals. Facilitator for the Stroke Club, High School Career Day and Motivational Day speaker.

1976 - 1977 Occupational Therapist I at Hines Veteran Administration
Hines, Illinois
Duties:
Staff Occupational Therapist in Psychiatry and Substance Abuse.
Responsible for directing Occupational Therapy Services to two psychiatric and drug dependency inpatient units, attending unit and department staff meetings, organizing a low level re-motivation group and assisting in the orientation & supervision of Occupational Therapy Students on the drug dependency unit.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Illinois License in Occupational Therapy: # 056-000983
National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy; Inc.: # AA336800
American Occupational Therapy Association Member: #336800
NBCOT Item Writer 1999 – current
Black Occupational Therapy Caucus and Central Member-At-Large Co-chair
Illinois African American Coalition for Prevention (ILAACP) –member since 2009

AWARDS:

IOTA Occupational Therapist of the Year - 2003, presented at the IOTA State Conference on Nov. 2003

PUBLICATIONS:

2014 Collaborative submission in 2014 of research article titled, Women Making Meaning of
(submission) HIV/AIDS: Implications for Community Based Health Education to Affilia publication.
2006 Carr, C. and Obara, Laura. (2006 Nov.-Dec.) The Impact of Religion/Spirituality in
Occupational Therapy. ILOTA Communiqué, p1.
2004 Midwest Dean's Occupational Therapy Research Conference Abstract: Student
Perceptions of Older Adulthood and the Well Elderly
2001 Contributor, Research Across the Curriculum, A Guide for Occupational Therapy
Educators. American Occupational Therapy Foundation, (2001)
2000 Carr, C. (2000, April). An African American Occupational Therapy Perspective for the
Millennium. IOTA Communiqué, p.1.

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS:

1. Co-Project Directors: Dr. Cynthia Carr, Professor Patti Kalvelage and MOT students (3OTS in 2014) and (4 OTS in 2013) Occupational Therapy Faculty Perceptions of Active Student Participation within the Classroom Context
2. Cynthia Carr, DrOT, MS, OTR/L Doctoral Capstone Research Project
Active Class Participation of Students in the Master of Occupational Therapy Program
3. Co-Project Directors: Cynthia Carr, DrOT, MS, OTR/L and Dr. Divya Sood
Active Class Participation of Students in the Master of Occupational Therapy Program: A Conceptual Model - (planned work towards publication)
5. Co-Project Directors: Dr. Prisca Collins and Cynthia Carr, DrOT, MS, OTR/L
Left Behind: Examining the Level of Awareness about Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy as a Career Choice among Underrepresented Minority Student Populations - (draft work towards publication)

POSTERS:

2013	The Phenomenon of Active Class Participation of Students in the MOT Program	AOTA Educators Summit Conference and Annual Research Dean's Conference in 2012
2011	Conceptual Model for Understanding the Phenomenon of the MOT Students' Active Participation in the Classroom	Annual Midwest Deans Research Conference - Saint Louis University
2004	Poster: Student Perceptions of Older Adulthood and the Well Elderly	17 th Annual Midwest Deans' Occupational Therapy Research Conference – Rush University

Audience

PRESENTATIONS:

2013	How Can I Do That? Remaining Engaged thru Adaptation, Time Mgmt. & Energy Conservation Techniques	Annual Vasculitis Symposium - Philadelphia
2013	Tools of the Trade: Educational Theory & Strategies for New Faculty	Annual AOTA Conference – San Diego, California Three-hour faculty team workshop
2012	Graduate Students' Perception of Active Class Participation – A Phenomenological Study	Doctor of Occupational Therapy 2 nd Research Day GSU
2012	Phenomenon of Active Class Participation of Students in the MOT Program	Annual Midwest Deans Research Conference - University of Michigan
2011	Active Class Participation of Students in the MOT Program	Doctor of Occupational Therapy 1 st Research Day GSU
2010	Eliminating Health Inequality: From research to practice	CHHS NIH Panel Presentation GSU Seminar
2010	Women on the Ground making Meaning of HIV/AIDS in Economically Marginalized African American Communities: Implications for community Based Health Ed.	Illinois African American Coalition for Prevention Community Stakeholders
2010	Left Behind: Snapshot of the Marginalized Potential Workforce in PT and OT	APTA CSM, San Diego, CA
2010	Left Behind: Snapshot of the Marginalized Potential Workforce in PT and OT	GSU Student /Faculty Retention and Diversity Symposium
2008	Arthritis Lifestyle Program	South Holland, IL
2006	The Impact of Religion/Spirituality In Occupational Therapy	Illinois Occupational Therapy Conference
2005	Living in a Multi-language World	Illinois Occupational Therapy Conference
2004	Arthritis Foundation Speaker	Christ Hospital's Stroke Club
2004	Every Encounter is a Cultural Encounter	Illinois Occupational Therapy Conference
2003	OT Trek: The New Elderly Generation	Illinois Occupational Therapy Conference
2003	Arthritis Foundation Speaker	Chicago Heights Community Residences
2002	Is There a Disability Culture?	Illinois Occupational Therapy Conference
2001	Facilitating Cultural Awareness for Cultural Competency	Illinois Occupational Therapy Conference
2001	Arthritis and You - Arthritis Foundation	Dolton, IL Healthcare Center - Community
2000	Multicultural Issues and Cultural Competency in OT	South Suburban College OTA Program
2000	Team Teaching: A New Partnership in Curriculum Development	Annual Conference of the Associations of Schools of Allied Health Professions (ASAHP)
2000	The Impact of Religion/Spirituality in OT	Illinois Occupational Therapy Conference
2000	Arthritis Foundation Speaker	Staff, Senior Residents and General Public

Audience

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

- 2013 AOTA Educators Summit Conference – Atlanta, Georgia
- 2013 MOT Research Day – for Independent Research Study at Governors State University
- 2013 AOTA Annual Conference – San Diego, California
- 2013 Tests and Measures in Rehabilitation Settings - Illinois
- 2012 Annual attendance - Illinois Occupational Therapy State Conferences – Illinois
- 2012 Lifestyle Redesign Workshop – Rush University, Illinois
- 2011 AOTA Specialty Conference on Adult Stroke –Baltimore, Maryland
- 2012 Creating a Dynamic Practice with ADL Interventions – HCR Manor Care, Palos Heights East
- 2012 “Can We Talk? Using Health Literacy Techniques for Effective Communication and Patient Outcomes” – Marianjoy Rehab. Hospital, Wheaton
- 2012 Annual Midwest Deans Research Conference – University of Michigan
- 2011 AOTA Specialty Conference on Adult Cognition – Saint Louis, Missouri Oct. 28-29
- 2009 Acceptance and Enrollment in the Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program for Jan. 2009-present
- Annual attendance - Illinois Occupational Therapy State Conferences – Illinois
- 2011 Kinesio Taping – I, II, & III – GSU
- 2011 The Art & Science Behind Writing Effective Multiple Choice Items – NBCOT Faculty Workshop
- 2011 Annual Midwest Deans Research Conference – Saint Louis, Missouri
- 2011 The Eyes Have It ... Again: Eval. & Rx of Visual Deficits – Marianjoy Rehab. Hospital, Wheaton
- 2010 Eliminating Health Inequality: From research to practice – GSU
- 2009 Health Care Reform: Getting Involved & Shaping Our Future – UIC Department of OT
- 2009 Strengthening Ethical Wisdom, by Ethicist & Award-winning Author, Dr. Gilbert at GSU
- 2008 QSR Training Workshop on NVivo 8 – Minneapolis MN
- 2008 The Scholarly Publishing Process: How To Get Published – GSU
- 2008 A Multicultural Approach to Rehabilitation – a Webcast presentation
- 2008 Teaching Troubled Students: Campus Policy & Threat Assessment-MAGNA Online Seminar GSU
- 2008 Item Enhancement Team (IET) Meeting – Denver, Colorado
- 2008 Association for Asian American Studies 25th Annual Conference – Chicago, IL
- 2008 Annual Neurosurgery Update – IL
- 2007 Case Reviews: Use of Sensory Profile In Clinical Practice - Teleconference
- 2007 American Occupational Therapy Conference – St. Louis, Missouri
- 2007 “So Your Patient Can’t Follow Directions...” HCR Manor Care, South Holland, IL
- 2006 Physical Agents Modalities – Marianjoy Rehabilitation in Wheaton, IL
- 2006 HLAD 582 QA: Topics in Health Administration-Moving from Awareness to Action – GSU
- 2005 American Occupational Therapy Conference – Long Beach, California
- 2005 AOTA Conference Institute – Anatomy of a Scholar: Identity, Teaching & Research