

Curriculum Vitae AY 2018-2019

Caren M. Schranz DrOT, MS, OTR/L

Education

- January 2009 – June 2011** **GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY, University Park, IL**
Doctor of Occupational Therapy, post professional
Research Capstone Project: Participation in Play in Children with Sensory Processing Dysfunction: Enabled by Caregiver Self-Initiated Solution Finding Skills
- June 1988- August 1990** **RUSH UNIVERISITY, Chicago, IL**
Master of Science Degree, Occupational Therapy
Thesis: Burnout among Occupational Therapists
- June 1977-June 1981** **ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY, Normal, IL**
Bachelor of Science Degree, Park and Recreation Administration

Academic Experience

- May 1, 19 – present** **GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY, University Park, IL**
Chair, Department of Occupational Therapy
Associate Professor - Master of Occupational Therapy MOT Program and Doctor of Occupational Therapy (DrOT) Program
- Fall 2012 – 4/30/19** **GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY, University Park, IL**
Assistant Professor – Master of Occupational Therapy MOT Program and Doctor of Occupational Therapy (DrOT) Program
Academic Fieldwork Coordinator- MOT Program
DrOT Capstone Research Faculty Member
- Fall 2011- July 2012** **GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY, University Park, IL**
University Lecturer- Master of Occupational Therapy courses and Doctor of Occupational Therapy Courses
Academic Fieldwork Coordinator – MOT Program
DrOT Capstone Research Faculty Member
Ukraine teaching in service learning project
- Fall 1996- 2009** **GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY, University Park, IL**
Adjunct Faculty; Co-Fieldwork Coordinator
Program Development– Assisted in the development, design, and implementation of the new Master of Occupational Therapy graduate curriculum program; contributed to

development of the new student admission and interview packet; and served on the admissions committee. Assisted in course development and teaching of curriculum courses.

Accreditation Participant- Participated in preparation for the on-site accreditation visit and met with the on-site accreditation team

Professional Clinical Experience

1995- Present

Kids Connection Therapy, Inc., Crete, IL

Kids Connection Therapy, Inc. - Pediatric therapy business owner and provider of therapy services to children birth to twelve years old and their families. Provider of Occupational Therapy services in the State of Illinois Early Intervention system and clinic-based services. Clinical Leader in the field. Employer/manager/evaluator of Occupational and Development Therapists; Clinician – direct service provider, program developer; Mentor; supervisor; budgeting - billing CBO and insurance companies; payroll.

1990- 2007

OLYMPIA FIELDS CONTRACT THERAPY, Olympia Fields, IL

Lead therapist contracted to SPEED Special Education Joint Agreement, District 802 (1995-2007). Staff therapist contracted to Northwest Indiana Special Education Cooperative, Indiana (1990-1995). Provided services for children from birth- 21 years of age for evaluation, direct service, consultative service, treatment plans, IEP development and reporting, and collaborative team meetings. Supervised certified occupational therapy assistants and completed yearly work evaluations.

1998- 2002

INDEPENDENT DAYS ADULT CARE CENTER, Homewood, IL

Owner and operator of adult day services. Developed business plan and budget, secured location and financing, hired and supervised staff, marketed business, developed plan and implemented daily programming, developed and lead support group, and completed staffing and payroll duties.

1991- 1996

ST. MARGARET AND MERCY HOSPITAL, Dyer, IN

Home Care Division: assessment and treatment of home health care clients.

Professional Affiliations

Illinois State Registered and Licensed Occupational Therapist, 056-002561

National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, 977149

Illinois Department for Human Services- Part C Early Intervention Credential, CS23050298P

American Occupational Therapy Association, member since 1988

Illinois Occupational Therapy Association, member since 1988

International Meeting for Autism Research (IMFAR), member since 2012

Publications

Sood, D., LoCure, G., **Schranz, C.** & Morrison, C. (2018). Supporting Participation for Children with Sensory Processing Differences in an Early Childhood Center. *American Occupational Therapy Association, OT Practice Magazine, July 9, 2018 issue.*

Schranz, C., & Sane, A. (2017). Community Inclusion for Infants and Young Children. *American Occupational Therapy Association, SIS Quarterly Practice Connections, 2 (1).*

Schranz, C., Ferritis, J, Chukwu, T. (2016) Creating an Educational Experience to Support a Community of Caregivers of Children with SPD. *Illinois Occupational Therapy Association – The Communique’, July/August/September Issue 3.*

Sood, D., **Schranz, C.** & Szymanski, M. (2015). Enriched Home Environment Program for Pre-school Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Taylor & Francis Production: *Journal of Occupational Therapy, Schools, & Early Intervention, 8, (1).*

Sood, D., Lavessor, P., & **Schranz, C.** (2014). Influence of Contextual Factors on Participation in Home Activities of children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. *The Open Journal of Occupational Therapy, 2, (3).*

Scholarly Projects

Primary research advisor for Doctor of Occupational Therapy Capstone Projects completed.

Simpson, E. (May 2018) Universities’ Preparations for Student Success on the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy Exam. **Chair**

Thomas, K. (August 2017) Mental Illness, Adolescents and the Role of the Occupational Therapist. **Chair** (see letter of recommendation from Kellie Thomas)

Kvasnicka, R. (August 2016) The Effectiveness of the Occupational Therapy Fieldwork Educators Skill Enhancement Program (OT-FESEP). **Chair**

Hughes, B. (March 2016) Caregiver Experiences and Perceptions of Enrolling a Spouse with Dementia in an Adult Day Center: Process and Effects. **Chair**

Randle, D. (April 2015) Students’ Perceptions of Critical Thinking within a Master of Occupational Therapy Program. **Chair**

Babayaju, A. (November 2014) Impact of Visual Perceptual Educational Program on Early Childhood Educators’: Knowledge Related to Topics on Visual Perception and its Impact on Classroom Participation among Children. **Chair**

Grants

- 2014** Service Learning Seed Grant – **Schranz, C.** (awarded March 2014)
Governors State University Civic Engagement Steering Committee
Project Title: OT Intervention Service Learning Project
- 2005** STARnet Grant – **Schranz, C.** (awarded 2005)
Illinois Regional STARnet Project, Illinois State Board of Education
Project Title: Visual Support Strategies for the Pretending Place Community Event
- 2003** STARnet Grant – **Schranz, C.** (awarded 2003)
Illinois Regional STARnet Project, Illinois State Board of Education
Project Title: The Quiet Space

Presentations

International

- May 2012** **IMFAR (International Meeting for Autism Research), Toronto, Ontario Canada**
- Poster Presentation: Effectiveness of the Collaboration Coaching Model when Working with Families of Children with Sensory Processing Dysfunction.
Schranz, C., Sood, D.
- March 2012** **YAI Network's 33rd Annual International Conference, New York, New York**
- Short Course Presenter: Participation in Play in Children with Sensory Processing Dysfunction: Enabled by Caregiver Self-Initiated Solution Finding Skills.
Schranz, C., Sood, D.
- 2010** **International Meeting for Autism Research, Philadelphia, PA**
- Poster Presentation: Practice Models to Facilitate Participation of Children with ASD in Home, School & Community Activities.
Sood, D., Zingerevich, C., & **Schranz, C.** (unable to present)

National/State

- April 2019** **American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) – 2019 Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA**
- Poster Presentation - Supporting Teachers on Self-Regulation in the Classroom.
Schranz, C. & MOT students: Raven Hill OTS, Melissa Inzinga OTS, Meg Ryan OTS, Carlie Schadler OTS, Stephanie Smith OTS, Alison Wiabel OTS
 - Poster Presentation - Universities' Preparations for Student Success on the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy Exam. Simpson, E. & **Schranz, C.**

- December 2018** **Governors State University – MOT Research Day 2018, University Park, IL**
- Poster Presentation - Supporting Teachers on Self-Regulation in the Classroom. **Schranz, C.** & MOT students: Raven Hill OTS, Melissa Inzinga OTS, Meg Ryan OTS, Carlie Schadler OTS, Stephanie Smith OTS, Alison Wiabel OTS
- September 2018** **Illinois Occupational Therapy Association - 2018 Annual Conference, Lisle/Naperville, IL**
- Short Course Presentation – Fieldwork 101: Strategies for New Fieldwork Educators. **Schranz, C.** & ILAFWC members
 - Research Platform - Universities' Preparations for Student Success on the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy Exam. Simpson, E. & **Schranz, C.**
 - Poster Session - Supporting Teachers on Self-Regulation in the Classroom. Schranz, C. & MOT students: Raven Hill OTS, Melissa Inzinga OTS, Meg Ryan OTS, Carlie Schadler OTS, Stephanie Smith OTS, Alison Wiabel OTS
- November 2017** **Illinois Occupational Therapy Association - 2017 Annual Conference, Bloomington/Normal, IL**
- Short Course Presentation – Fieldwork 101: Strategies for New Fieldwork Educators. **Schranz, C.** & ILAFWC members
 - Short Course Presentation - Caregiver Support for Play with their Children with Developmental Delay. **Schranz, C.** & MOT students
 - Led SIS Sensory Integration Roundtable, **Schranz, C.** as SIS Chair
- December 2017** **Governors State University 2017 Master of Occupational Therapy Research Day, University Park, IL**
- Caregivers' Ability to Support Children with Developmental Disabilities in Play. MOT students with Schranz, C. research advisor
- April 2017** **Governors State University – Research Day (2017), University Park, IL**
- Caregivers' Ability to Support Children with Developmental Disabilities in Play, **Schranz, C.** & MOT students
- November 2016** **Illinois Occupational Therapy Association – 2016 State Conference, Naperville, IL**
- Short Course Presentation – Caregivers' Ability to Support Children with Developmental Delays in Play. **Schranz, C.**, Kalvelage, P., MOT students
 - Short Course Presentation – Effectiveness of the Occupational Therapy Fieldwork Educator Skill Enhancement Program. Kvasnicka, R. & **Schranz, C.**
- April 2016** **American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) - 2016 National Conference, Chicago, IL**
- Poster Presentation- Innovative Models of Learning for Fieldwork Education. **Schranz, C.**

- April 2016** **Governors State University - Research Day Conference, University Park, IL**
- Poster Presentation - Student's Perceptions of a Level I Psychosocial Fieldwork, **Schranz, C.** & MOT students
- October 2015** **Governors State University - MOT Research Day, University Park, IL**
- Poster Presentation - Student's Perceptions of a Level I Psychosocial Fieldwork, **Schranz, C.** & MOT students
- October 2015** **Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, St. Charles, IL**
- Accepted Presentations:
- Workshop: Collaboration With Fieldwork Partners: Thinking Outside the Box, **Schranz, C.** & AFWC (Fieldwork consortium)
 - Pre-Conference Institute (co-coordination): Educating Future OT Practitioners: Models for Fieldwork Supervision, **Schranz, C.** & AFWC
 - Poster Presentation: Students' Perceptions on Psychosocial Level I Fieldwork, **Schranz, C., Carr, C., Kalvelage, P.,** MOT students
- April 2015** **American Occupational Therapy Association (AOAT) - 2015 Annual Conference, Nashville, TN**
- Poster Presentation: Enriched Home Environment Program for Pre-School Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Sood, D., Schranz, C, Szymanski, M.
- April 2015** **Governors State University – Research Salon: Impact of Environments on Children with Disabilities, University Park, IL**
- Presentation: Impact of the Social Environment of Daily Occupations of Children with Disabilities. Sood, D. & Schranz, C.
- October 2014** **Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Naperville, IL**
- Presentation: 12th Annual Ad Hoc Commission on Education- Pre-Conference Institute: Modeling Professional Practice: Practical Strategies for Fieldwork Supervision. Contributing Author
 - Poster Presentation: Supports and Barriers to a Level II Homecare Fieldwork Experience. Schranz, C., Robinson, M., Tuuk, A.
 - Poster Presentation: Influence of Culture on the Occupational Therapy Process in the Early Intervention System. Sood, D., Schranz, C. & MOT Students
 - Presentation: Impact of Home Environment on Participation among Children with ASD as Perceived by Occupational Therapy Practitioners. Sood, D. & Schranz, C.
- August 2014** **Governors State University - Master of Occupational Therapy Research Day**
- Presentation: Providing Family Centered Care when Working with Families & Children from Diverse Cultures- Perceptions of Occupational Therapy Students. Sood, D., Schranz, C. & MOT Students.

- April 2014** **Midwestern Deans Occupational Therapy Research Conference, Downers Grove, IL**
- Paper Presentation: Impact of Enriched Home Environment Program (EHEP) on Participation of Children with Autism
 - Poster Presentation: Parents Ability to Generate Strategies to Support Home and Community Participation in Children with Disabilities
 - Poster Presentation: Perceptions of Occupational Therapy Practitioners Related to Influence of Contextual Factors on Child with ASD's Participation within the Home Environment
- Conference Cancelled
- April 2014** **American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, MA**
- Poster Presentation: Parents' Ability to Generate Strategies To Facilitate Home and Community Participation in Children with Disabilities
- October 2013** **Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Peoria, IL**
- Presentation: Co-presenter- 11th Annual Pre-conference Institute- Developing Your Effectiveness as a Fieldwork Educator
 - Poster Presentation: Occupational Therapy Students' Perception of Reflective Journaling while on Level I Fieldwork
 - Poster Presentation: Teachers Perceptions of Children with Sensory Processing Dysfunction within Classroom Setting
 - Poster Presentation: Parents Ability to Generate Strategies to Facilitate Participation in Home & Community Activities in Children with Disabilities
- October 2013** **NADD 30th Annual Conference & Exhibit Show, Baltimore, MA**
- Presentation: Impact of Enriched Home Environment Program (EHEP) on Participation of Children with Autism
- August 2013** **Governors State University- Master of Occupational Therapy Research Day**
- Presentation: Parents Ability to Generate Strategies to Facilitate Participation in Home & Community Activities in Children with Disabilities. Sood, D., Schranz, C. & MOT students.
 - Presentation: Teachers Perceptions of Children with Sensory Processing Dysfunction within Classroom Settings. Sood, D., Schranz, C. & MOT students.
- May 2013** **American Occupational Therapy Association National Conference, San Diego, CA**
- Poster Presentation: International Service Learning: Steps Toward Cultural Competence
- November 2012** **Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Naperville, IL**
- Poster Presentation: Tales from the Ukraine: A Service Learning Experience

- October 2012** **Doctor of Occupational Therapy Research Day: 2nd Annual Practice Scholar Research Symposium. Governors State University, University Park, IL**
- Presenter: Collaborative Coaching Model: Creating the Best Person-Environment Fit when Working with Children and Families
- July 2012** **The MAGIC Foundation 18th Annual Conference, Lombard, IL**
- Presenter: Sensory Processing Dysfunction- Explanation and Strategies
- November 2012** **Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Galena, IL**
- Presenter: Participation in Play in Children with Sensory Processing Dysfunction: Enabled by Caregiver Self-Initiated Solution Finding Skills
- May 2011** **American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference and Exposition, Philadelphia, PA**
- Poster Presentation: Pediatric Occupational Therapy: A Multicultural Experience
- November 2011** **Doctor of Occupational Therapy Research Day: 1st Annual Practice Scholar Research Symposium, Governors State University, University Park, IL**
- Presenter: Participation in Play in Children with Sensory Processing Dysfunction: Enabled by Caregiver Self-Initiated Solution Finding Skills
- 2011** **Lincoln-way School District, Frankfort, IL**
- Presenter: Sensory Integration: An Evolving Theory
- 2010** **GSU Student Research Conference, Governors State University, University Park, IL**
- Presenter: Family-Centered Child Participation Model for Children with Sensory Processing Dysfunction
- 2009** **Illinois STARnet Training, Joliet, IL**
- Presenter: Processing: Practical Application and Techniques for Everyday Use
- 2009** **Illinois STARnet: Early Childhood Today Conference at Saint Xavier University, Orland Park, IL**
- Presenter: Sensory Activities for the Early Childhood Professional
- 2005** **SPEED All Staff Institute Day, SPEED S.E.J.A. #802, Chicago Heights, IL**
- Presenter: "Getting Yourself in Sync"
- 2004** **Project Export, Governors State University, University Park, IL**
- Presenter: "Cerebral Palsy Awareness Workshop"
- 2004** **9th Annual Paraprofessional Institute Day, South Suburban College, South Holland, IL**
- Presenter: "Let's Feel What the Children Feel" – A Hands-On Understanding of Sensory Integration

- 2004** **SPEED All Staff Institute Day, SPEED S.E.J.A. #802, Chicago Heights, IL**
- Presenter: "Teaming with Support Staff"
- 2004** **PEED Professional Development Day, SPEED S.E.J.A. #802, Chicago Heights, IL**
- Presenter: "The Use of Therapeutic Listening, Movement and Music in the Childhood Classroom"
- 2003** **The 8th Annual Statewide Early Childhood Conference, Springfield, IL**
- Showcasing "The Quiet Space"
- 2003** **Welcome Wagon Club of Flosswood Fields, Flossmoor, IL**
- Presenter: "A Look At Child Development"
- 2003** **Instructional Assistant Institute Day, SPEED S.E.J.A. #802, Chicago Heights, IL**
- Presenter: "How Kids Grow and Learn: Looking at Child Development"
- 2003** **Parent Education Workshop, SPEED- Hickory Hill Early Learning Center, Park Forest, IL**
- Presenter: "Sensory Integration 101"
- 2002** **A Parent Education Workshop, SPEED- Hickory Hill Early Learning Center, Park Forest, IL**
- Presenter: "Sensory Integration"
- 2002** **7th Annual Instructional Assistant Institute Day, South Suburban College, South Holland, IL**
- Presenter: "How Kids Grow and Learn"
- 2001** **Chicago Metro AEYC Annual Conference, Chicago Hiltons & Towers, Chicago, IL**
- Presenter: "Sensory Table Kids: Children Who Crave Sensory Input"
- 2001** **Birth to Five Staff In-Service- SPEED #802, Chicago Heights, IL**
- Presenter: "Pediatric Massage"
- 2000** **Instructional Assistant Institute Day, South Suburban College, South Holland, IL**
- Presenter: "How They Grow and Learn"
- 2000** **Chicago Metro AEYC Annual Conference, Chicago Hilton & Towers, Chicago, IL**
- Presenter: "Sensory Table Kids: Children Who Crave Sensory Input"
- 1999** **Chicago Metro AEYC Annual Conference, Chicago Hilton & Towers, Chicago, IL**
- Presenter: "I Don't Want to Touch That!"
- 1997** **SPEED- Hickory Hill Early Learning Center, Park Forest, IL**
- Presenter: "Assistive Technology Team Process"

- 1996** **Graduate and Professional School Expo Career Services Center of the Urbana-Champaign, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL**
- Exhibitor: Governors State University, College of Human Services- Occupational Therapy Program
- 1994-1997** **SPEED S.E.J.A. #802, Chicago Heights, IL**
- Presenter: “Good Body Mechanics and Proper Lifting Techniques”
- 1991-1994** **Northwest Indiana Special Education Cooperative, Crown Point, Indiana**
- Presenter: “Proper Lifting Techniques for School Personnel”

Professional Activities

International

- 2010 – 2012** **Ukraine Service Learning Project**, Governors State University, University Park, IL
A service learning project in Ukraine. Took MOT students for educational purposes.

National – USA

- Feb 2018 – present** **American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Community on Practice (CoP)**
- Participator and Contributor
- Dec 2013 – present** **The National Board of Certification in Occupation Therapy Inc.**
- Item writer

State/Local

- October 2013 – present** **Illinois Occupational Therapy Association (ILOTA)**
Board member and Chair of the Special Interest Section for Sensory Integration
- August 2015 – present** **Graduate Council, Governors State University**, College of Health and Human Services, University Park, IL
Two-year term AV 15-17. Re-appointed AV 17-19
- October 2014 – present** **Communication Disorders Advisory Board**, Governors State University, College of Health and Human Services, University Park, IL
- August 2013 – present** **Internship Advisory Council Committee**, Governors State University, University Park, IL
- August 2012 – present** **Health Advisory Board**, Family Development Center at Governors State University, University Park, IL

- Sept 2013 – 2016** **Interprofessional Education Committee**, Governors State University, College of Health and Human Services, University Park, IL
- May, 2017 – present** **Chair of Occupational Therapy Search Committee (Chair and Faculty positions)**, Governors State University, College of Health and Human Services, Department of Occupational Therapy, University Park, IL
- August 2013 – Dec 2013** **Occupational Therapy Search Committee**, Governors State University, College of Health and Human Services, University Park, IL
- Oct 2013 – Dec 2013** **Physical Therapy Search Committee**, Governors State University, College of Health and Human Services, University Park, IL
- Jan 2012 – present** **Illinois Occupational Therapy Academic Fieldwork Coordinator Consortium**, UIC, Chicago, IL
- Fall 2012 – present** **Governors State University – Fieldwork Sub-Committee Chair**, Governors State University, University Park, IL
- 2011 – present** **Member of the Admissions Committee in MOT program**, Governors State University, University Park, IL
- 2011 – present** **Member of the Admissions Committee in DrOT program**, Governors State University, University Park, IL
- 2011 – present** **Member of the Curriculum Development Committee in MOT program**, Governors State University, University Park, IL
- 2011 – present** **Member of the Curriculum Development Committee in DrOT program**, Governors State University, University Park, IL
- 2011 – present** **Member of the Recruitment Committee in DrOT program**, Governors State University, University Park, IL
- 2011 – present** **Governors State University – Graduation Ceremony**, Governors State University, University Park, IL
- 2012 – present** **Governors State University – Doctor of Occupational Therapy Hooding Ceremony**, Governors State University, University Park, IL
- 2010 – present** **Governors State University – Master of Occupational Therapy Pinning Ceremony**, Governors State University, University Park, IL
- 2010 – present** **Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI)**
Human Research Completion Report

- 2008 - present** **Elmhurst College**, Elmhurst, IL
Invited Guest Lecturer
- 2011 – 2013** **Doctor of Occupational Therapy Newsletter, Co-Developer**, Governors State University, IL
- 2011 – present** **Ethics Training**, Governors State University, University Park, IL
- 1996 – present** **Master of Occupational Therapy Program Advisory Board**, Governors State University, University Park, IL
- August 29, 2011** **New Faculty Tea**, President Maimon’s Home, Crete, IL
- 2009 – 2011** **Graduate Assistant for Occupational Therapy Doctoral Program**, Governors State University, University Park, IL
- 1992 – 2007** **Clinical Fieldwork Supervisor**
Fieldwork clinical instructor for Governors State University and RUSH University Master of Occupational Therapy Program
- 2009, 2014** **Master of Occupational Therapy Pinning Ceremony**, Governors State University, University Park, IL
Invited Speaker
- 2004** **Governors State University Accreditation Council on Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) Review**, Governors State University Master of Occupational Therapy Program, University Park, IL
- 1997** **Governors State University American Heart Association Heart Walk**, Governors State University Park, University Park, IL
- 1997** **Clinical Education Conference**, Governors State University, University Park, IL
- 1996** **American Heart Association Heart Walk**, Governors State University, University Park, IL
- 1996** **Graduate and Professional School Expo at University of Illinois**, Champaign, IL
Recruitment for Governors State University Occupational Therapy Program
- AOTA**
- 1997** **Review of the Self-Assessment Tool for Fieldwork Educator Competency**, American Occupational Therapy Association, Baltimore, MD
- 1997** **Review of the Guidelines to the Occupational Therapy Code of Ethics**, American Occupational Therapy Association, Baltimore, MD

Awards

- 2014** Selected as Guest Speaker for 2014 MOT Pinning Ceremony
- 2011** Governors State University Outstanding Doctoral Student Award
- 2005** Governors State University Outstanding Clinical Supervisor Award