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Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Rehabilitation Science 2017
Mentor: Joseph Giacino, PhD
MGH Institute of Health Professions, Boston, MA

Master of Science, Occupational Therapy 2009
Boston University, Boston, MA

Bachelor of Science, Therapeutic Studies 2007
Boston University, Boston, MA

Certificates and Licensure

Licensed Occupational Therapist, Commonwealth of Massachusetts 2009-present

Registered Occupational Therapist, National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy 2009-present

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor 2017-present
School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
MGH Institute of Health Professions, Boston, MA

Lecturer 2017-2018
Boston University, Boston, MA
Mentees: Gigi Jordan, Roni Avimor, Rosalia Casanova

Lecturer 2016-2017
School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
MGH Institute of Health Professions, Boston, MA

Clinical Appointments

Occupational Therapist 2010-present
Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

Clinical Ethicist 2017-present
Optimum Care Committee
Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

Junior Ethics Consultant 2013-2017
Optimum Care Committee
Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

Occupational Therapist 2009-2010
Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Boston, MA

Fellowships

<i>Doctoral Student Research Fellow</i> Neurorehabilitation Laboratory Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Boston, MA	2014-2017
<i>Connell Ethics Fellow</i> Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA	2013-2014

Publications

Peer-reviewed articles

1. Bandini, JI, Courtwright AM, Rubin ER, **Erler KS**, Zwirner M, Cremens MC, McCoy TH, Robinson EM. Ethics Consultation Related to Opioid Use Disorder. *Psychosomatics*. In Press.
2. Lin DJ, Cloutier AM, **Erler KS**, Cassidy JM, Snider SB, Ranford J, Parlman K, Giatsidis F, Burke JF, Schwamm LH, Finklestein SP, Hochberg LR, Cramer SC. Corticospinal Tract Injury Estimated from Acute Stroke Imaging Predicts Upper Extremity Motor Recovery After Stroke. *Stroke*. <https://doi.org/10.1161/STROKEAHA.119.025898>
3. **Erler KS**, Sullivan V, Mckinnon S, Inzana R. Social support as a predictor of community participation after stroke. *Frontiers in Neurology*. 2019;10:1013. PMID: [31616364](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/31616364/).
4. **Erler KS**, Klew CL, Juegnst SB. Participation differences by age and depression five years after moderate to severe traumatic brain injury. *International Review of Psychiatry*. 2019; 18:1-10. PMID: [31533497](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/31533497/).
5. **Erler KS**, Whiteneck GG, Juengst SB, Locascio JJ, Bogner JA, Kaminski J, Giacino JT. Predicting the trajectory of participation after traumatic brain injury: A longitudinal analysis. *J Head Trauma Rehabil*. 2018;33(4):257-265. PMID: [29385019](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/29385019/).
6. **Erler KS**, Juengst SB, Smith DL, O'Neil-Pirozzi TM, Novack TA, Bogner JA, Kaminski J, Giacino JT, Whiteneck GG. Examining driving and participation 5 years after traumatic brain injury. *OTJR (Thorofare N J)*. 2018;38(3):143-150. PMID: [29457535](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/29457535/).
7. **Erler KS**. Problems with potentiality: The uncertainties of prognostication and meaningful recovery. *AJOB Neuroscience*. 2018;9(1):16.
8. **Erler KS**, Juengst SB, Whiteneck GG, Locascio JJ, Bogner JA, Kaminski J, Giacino JT. The association of rehospitalization with participation 5 years after traumatic brain injury. *J Head Trauma Rehabil*. 2018;33(6):E77-E84. PMID: [29601342](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/29601342/).
9. Juengst SB, Osborne CL, **Erler KS**, Raina KD. Effects of fatigue, driving status, cognition, and depression on participation in a chronic sample of adults with traumatic brain injury. *Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*. 2017;1(1):4.
10. Robinson EM, Cage W, **Erler K**, Brackett S, Bandini J, Cist A, Cremens MC, Krakauer EL, Courtwright A. Structure, operation, and experience of clinical ethics consultation 2007-2013: A report from the Massachusetts General Hospital Optimum Care Committee. *J Clin Ethics*. 2017;28(2):137-152. PMID: [28614077](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/28614077/).

Books and chapters

1. **Erler KS**. Moral distress. In: Jacobs K, ed. *Occupational Therapy Manager*. 6th ed. Bethesda, MD: AOTA Press; 2019.
2. Slater DY, Doherty RF, **Erler KS**. Ethical reasoning. In: B.A.B. Schell & J.W. Schell, eds. *Clinical and Professional Reasoning in Occupational Therapy*. 2nd ed. Philadelphia, PA: Wolters Kluwer Health/Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; 2017.
3. **Erler KS**. Shared decision making. In: D. Slater, ed. *Reference Guide to the Code of Ethics*, 2015 ed. Bethesda, MD: AOTA Press; 2016.
4. **Erler, KS**. Ethics. In: K. Jacobs ed. *Management and Administrations of the OTA: Leadership and Application Skills*. Thorofare, NJ: SLACK; 2016:131-142

Professional Magazines

1. Kennell B, **Erler KS**, Ladin K. Caring for the bigoted client. *OT Practice*. 2018;23(11):10–12
2. **Erler KS**. The role of occupational therapy ethics rounds in practice. *OT Practice*. 2017;22(13): 15-18

Peer-Reviewed Presentations and Abstracts

1. **Erler KS**, Cloutier A, Sloane K, Ranford J, Parlman K, Lam N, Fasoli S, Kimberley TJ, Finklestein S, Schwamm LH, Hochberg LR, Lin DJ. Functional consequences of spontaneous upper extremity motor recovery after stroke. Poster presentation at: American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Meeting; 2019; Chicago, IL.
2. **Erler KS**, Kew CL, Juengst SB. Differences in participation across age groups five years after traumatic brain injury. Oral presentation at: American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Meeting; 2019; Chicago, IL.
3. Malone C, Giacino JT, Hammond F, Juengst SB, Locascio J, Nakase-Richardson R, Verduzco-Gutierrez M, Whyte J, Zasler N, **Erler KS**, Bodien Y. Participation during the first five years following rehabilitation for disorders of consciousness. Poster presentation at: American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Meeting; 2019; Chicago, IL.
4. **Erler KS**, Cloutier A, Sloane K, Locascio JJ, Ranford J, Parlman K, Lam N, Fasoli S, Kimberley TJ, Finklestein S, Schwamm LH, Hochberg LR, Lin DJ. Functional consequences of upper extremity motor recovery in the first 90 days after stroke. Poster presentation at: American Society of Neurorehabilitation Annual Meeting; 2019; Chicago, IL.
5. Lin DJ, **Erler KS**, Sloane K, Cloutier A, Snider SS, DiCarlo J, Lam N, Parlman K, Ranford J, Finklestein S, Kimberley TJ, Schwamm LH, Cramer SC, Hochberg LR. Clinical and neuroimaging factors important for discharge destination after acute stroke. Poster presentation at: American Society of Neurorehabilitation Annual Meeting; 2019; Chicago, IL.
6. **Erler KS**, Doherty RF, Portney L, Banister B, Tuck I, Inzana R, Zeytoonjian T, Knab M, Vega-Barachowitz C, Jampel A. Expanding interprofessional education through innovations in academic-clinical partnerships: The interprofessional dedicated education unit. Poster presented at: American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference; 2019; New Orleans, LA.

7. **Erler KS**, Kennell B. The missing piece of the occupational profile: Social media and internet. Poster presented at: American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference; New Orleans, LA.
8. **Erler KS**, McKinnon S, Sullivan S, Inzana R. Examining social support and participation after stroke. Poster presented at: American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference; 2019; New Orleans, LA
9. **Erler KS**, Slater D. Addressing ethics and moral distress in occupational therapy practice. Oral Presentation at: Massachusetts Association of Occupational Therapy Annual Conference; 2018; Norwood, MA.
10. **Erler KS**, McKinnon S, Inzana R. Examining social support and participation after stroke. Poster presented at: American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Meeting; 2018; Dallas, TX.
11. **Erler KS**, Kennell B, Ladin K. Caring for the racist client. Oral Presentation at: American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference; 2018; Salt Lake City, UT.
12. McKinnon S, **Erler K**. Optimizing leadership capacity by addressing ethics in occupational therapy practice: An interactive discussion using case studies and simulations. Oral Presentation at: Massachusetts Association of Occupational Therapy Annual Conference; 2017; Norwood, MA.
13. **Erler KS**, Juengst SB, Whiteneck GG, Locascio JJ, Bogner JA, Kaminski J, Giacino JT. The influence of sustained poor health on social participation after traumatic brain injury. Poster presented at: American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Meeting; 2017; Atlanta, GA.
14. **Erler KS**, Locascio J, Whiteneck G, Bogner J, Juengst S, Kaminski J, Giacino JT. Predicting the trajectories of social participation after traumatic brain injury: A longitudinal analysis. Poster presented at: American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Meeting; 2016; Chicago, IL.
15. **Erler KS**, McKinnon S. Promoting leadership and ethics in occupational therapy. Oral Presentation at: Massachusetts Association of Occupational Therapy Annual Conference; 2016; Norwood, MA.
16. Brandt L, **Erler KS**, Slater D. The moral distress epidemic: A comparative analysis of national survey results. Oral Presentation at: American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference; 2016; Chicago, IL.
17. **Erler KS**, Frazier N. Occupational therapy ethics rounds. Poster presented at: American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference; 2016; Chicago, IL.
18. **Erler KS**, Frazier N. Occupational therapy ethics rounds: Why and how?. Oral Presentation at: Massachusetts Association of Occupational Therapy Annual Conference; 2015; Norwood, MA.
19. **Erler KS**. Ethical dimensions of occupational therapy at end of life. Oral presentation at: Massachusetts Association of Occupational Therapy Annual Conference. 2014; Norwood, MA.

Invited Presentations**National**

1. **Erler KS**, Howard B, Kennell B, McDonald A. Everyday ethics: Finding your moral courage. Oral Presentation at: American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference. 2019; New Orleans, LA. 2019
2. Winistorfer W, **Erler KS**, McCracken K, Howard B. Everyday ethics: Ethical decision making on the fly!. Oral Presentation at: American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference. 2017; Philadelphia, PA. 2017

Regional

1. Addressing Ethical Challenges in Occupational Therapy Practice Spaulding Rehabilitation Network OT Professional Day Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. Boston, MA 2019
2. Severe Brain Injury: When is it time to decide? 2018
Co-presenters: Emily Rubin, JD, MD, Joseph Giacino, PhD
Harvard Clinical Ethics Consortium
Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA
3. Examining Social Participation after Traumatic Brain Injury Health Research Seminar 2017
Tufts University, Medford, MA
4. Ethics in Occupational Therapy 2015-2019
OT 586 Professional Service Management
Boston University Occupational Therapy Program, Boston, MA
5. Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Panel 2016
Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA
6. Social Participation after Traumatic Brain Injury 2016
TBI Work Group
Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Boston, MA
7. Can't or Won't be Discharged? 2015
Co-presenters: Robert Korom MD, Mark Bryand RN, Sara Fisher MSN, PCNS, PMHCNS-BC, Lisa Lovett LICSW, Nicholas Kontos MD
Harvard Ethics Consortium
Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA
8. The Role of Occupational Therapy at End of Life 2015
Bedford VA Medical Center, Bedford, MA

Educational Activities**Courses taught at MGH Institute of Health Professions**

- OT 770 Occupational Therapy in Mental Health 2019
2018

OT 640 Health Conditions	2019 2018 2017 2016
Professional Reasoning IV	2019 2018 2017
HP 818 IMPACT I: Interprofessional Practice	2017 2016
HP 819 IMPACT II: Interprofessional Project	2016

Mentoring

Entry-level Doctor of Occupational Therapy Students

Virginia Sullivan, *expected graduation 2020*
 Leah Tinkham, *expected graduation 2020*
 Alyssa Tauber, *expected graduation 2020*
 Eliza Dupont, *expected graduation 2021*
 Jenna Szostack, *expected graduation 2021*
 Nicole Lam, *expected graduation 2021*
 Katherine Golden, *expected graduation 2021*

Professional Memberships and Activities

American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine
 American Occupational Therapy Association
 American Society of Bioethics and Humanities
 American Society of Neurorehabilitation
 Massachusetts Association of Occupational Therapy

Honors and Awards

Award for Teaching Excellence, MGH Institute of Health Professions	2019
Alumni Emerging Leader Award, Boston University School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences: Sargent College	2018
Partners in Excellence Award, Partners Healthcare	2017
Advanced Clinician Recognition, Massachusetts General Hospital Clinical Recognition Program	2014