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## Education

Post-Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy, MGH Institute of Health Professions, Boston, MA	2022
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy, Boston University, Boston, MA	2017
Bachelor of Science, Therapeutic Studies ( <i>with Honors</i> ), Boston University, Boston, MA	2015

## Certificates and Licensure

Licensed Occupational Therapist, #12465 Commonwealth of Massachusetts	2017- present
Registered Occupational Therapist, #380780 National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)	2017- present
Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Professionals American Heart Association	2017- present
Nonviolent Crisis Prevention Certification Crisis Prevention Institute	2021- present
Certified Level I Adaptive Ski Instructor Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA)	2019- present

## Academic Appointments

**MGH Institute of Health Professions, Boston, MA**

### Department of Occupational Therapy

#### Entry Level Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program

Instructor (Full-time, 1.0 FTE)	2023 –present
Instructor (Part-time, 0.5 FTE)	2022-2023
Term Lecturer	2022

#### Post-Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program

Teaching Fellow	2022
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**Tufts University, Medford, MA**

### Department of Occupational Therapy

Graduate Assistant	2021
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## Clinical Appointments

### Spaulding Outpatient Center for Children Lexington

Per Diem Occupational Therapist	2023- present
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Occupational Therapist, Advanced Clinician	2019-2023
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### Other Clinical Appointments

Easterseals of Massachusetts, Worcester, MA Staff Occupational Therapist	2017-2020
Boston Children's Hospital, I-ACQUIRE Clinical Trial, Boston, MA Treating Interventionist, Occupational Therapist	2019-2020
Adam's Camp of Nantucket, Nantucket, MA Occupational Therapist	2017-2018

### Other Professional Appointments

UMass Medical School Eunice Kennedy Shriver Center's Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders (CANDO) Clinic. ECHO Autism Program. Worcester, MA Consultant (Occupational Therapy)	2023- present
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### Honors and Awards

WOW Award, Outpatient Service Excellence Committee (Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital)	2021
Phi Theta Epsilon Inducted Member, National Occupational Therapy Honor Society (Boston University)	2015
Sargent College Honor Society (Boston University)	2013

### Publications

#### Peer-reviewed articles

1. Mack, A., **O'Donnell, M.**, Henning, A., & Bernstein, S. (2023). Development of a hospital-academic collaboration to implement an interprofessional telehealth breastfeeding support group. *Journal of Interprofessional Care*, Advanced online publication, 1-4. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13561820.2023.2240851>
2. **O'Donnell, M.** & McKinnon, S. (2022). Advocating for change to meet the developmental needs of young children experiencing homelessness. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 76, 7605090010. <https://doi.org/10.5014/ajot.2022.050114>
3. Tenforde, A.S., Borstrom, H., Polich, G., Steere, H., Davis, I.S., Cotton, K., **O'Donnell, M.** & Silver, J.K. (2020). Outpatient physical, occupational and speech therapy synchronous telemedicine: A survey study of patient satisfaction with virtual visits during the COVID-19 pandemic. *American Journal of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation*, 99(11): 977-981. doi: 10.1097/PHM.0000000000001571

#### Editorials and critical reviews

1. Matuszek, H., **O'Donnell, M.**, & McKinnon, S. (In Press- Scheduled Jan., 2024). Grassroots Advocacy in State Associations: Increasing Knowledge and Legislative Participation for OT. *OT Practice*.

### Media appearances

1. *MA Joint Commission on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities Hearing*, 193<sup>rd</sup> Court. (2023, June 13). (Oral testimony of Mary O'Donnell at 0:10:57). Retrieved from <https://malegislature.gov/Events/Hearings/Detail/4582>

### Peer-Reviewed Presentations and Abstracts

1. **O'Donnell, M.**, McKinnon, S., & Matuszek, H. *Building a state-level virtual hill week: Tips for grassroots advocacy*. Short course at American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) INSPIRE National Conference, Orlando, FL. 2024, Mar. (Accepted)
2. Hale, G. & **O'Donnell, M.** *An occupational therapy-focused accessible maternal health web resource*. Poster presentation at American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) INSPIRE National Conference, Orlando, FL. 2024, Mar. (Accepted)
3. Hale, G. & **O'Donnell, M.** *An occupational therapy focused maternal health web resource*. Poster presentation at American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) INSPIRE National Conference, Orlando, FL. 2023, Nov. (Accepted)
4. Sabo, K., Reidy, P.A., Clapp, M., & **O'Donnell, M.** *An interprofessional approach to assessing clients for health impacts of climate change*. Lightning Talk at Nexus Summit 2023, Virtual. 2023, Sep.
5. **O'Donnell, M.** & McKinnon, S. *OT's role in advocating for unmet needs of children experiencing homelessness*. Poster presentation at American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) INSPIRE National Conference, Kansas City, MO. 2023, Apr.
6. McKinnon, S., **O'Donnell, M.**, & Matuszek, H. *Grassroots advocacy through special interest groups- Application of best practices in creating an advocacy-focused state association SIG*. Short course at American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) INSPIRE National Conference, Kansas City, MO. 2023, Apr.
7. **O'Donnell, M.** *Occupational therapy's role in advocacy for homeless children*. Short course at Massachusetts Association for Occupational Therapy (MAOT) Annual Conference, Norwood, MA. 2022, Oct.
8. McKinnon, S., **O'Donnell, M.**, Matuszek, H. *Outcomes of state grassroots advocacy campaign at increasing federal advocacy, knowledge and confidence*. Short course at Massachusetts Association for Occupational Therapy (MAOT) Annual Conference, Norwood, MA. 2022, Oct.
9. McKinnon, S., DeMarinis, J., Haver, C., McWherter, C., **O'Donnell, M.**, & Toegemann, B. *The use of ecotourism as co-occupation and the various occupational roles that exist in an ecotourism community in Ecuador*. Poster presentation at American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. 2016, Apr.

### Invited Presentations

#### International

- OT's Role in Homelessness: Opportunities for Action and Advocacy, American International College (AIC) International Interprofessional Mentorship Program, Virtual. May 18, 2023. 2023

## Regional

Occupational Therapy's Role in Shaping Public Policy, Invited Speaker at Stonehill College "Foundations of OT" Course, Virtual. October 30, 2023.	2023
Grassroots Advocacy as an OT Practitioner, MGH Institute of Health Professions. Post-Professional OTD Program Professional Development Series, Virtual. August 8, 2023.	2023
Advocacy 101: A Case Example and Practical Strategies for OT Students. Tufts University Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA) Guest Speaker, Medford, MA. April 26, 2023.	2023
Advocating for OT Practice: Understanding Legislation Issues and Knowing How to Act. Spaulding Hospital Education Series, Virtual. October 18, 2022.	2022
Self-regulation in Children: Mindfulness Intervention & Tools for Outpatient Practitioners, In-Service Presentation at Spaulding Outpatient Center for Children, Lexington, MA. July 14, 2021.	2021

## Educational Activities

### MGH Institute of Health Professions Courses Taught

#### Entry-Level Doctor of Occupational Therapy (EL-OTD) Program

OT 630 Human Development and Occupation Across the Lifespan	FA 2021, 22
OT 612 Research Process II ( <i>ADE mentor</i> )	FA 2022
OT 766 School-Based Practice in Occupational Therapy	SP 2023
OT 894 Research Process IV ( <i>ADE mentor</i> )	SP 2023
OT 611 Research Process III ( <i>ADE mentor</i> )	SP 2023
OT 774-01 Practicum: OT Center (Adult)	SU 2023
OT 774-DHLB2 Practicum: OT Center (Pediatric)	SU 2023

#### Post-Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy (PP-OTD) Program

OH 886 Teaching and Learning in the Health Professions ( <i>Teaching fellow</i> )	SU 2022
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### Tufts University Courses Taught

#### Entry-Level Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program

OTS 24 Occupational Therapy Practice in Physical Dysfunction (TA)	SP 2021
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#### Clinical supervision

Level II Fieldwork supervision, New England Disabled Sports, Lincoln, NH- 1-2 students per year	2019- present
Level I and Level II Fieldwork supervision, Spaulding Outpatient Center for Children Lexington, Lexington, MA- ~1-2 students/year	2021- present
Level I Fieldwork supervision, OT CLiPR, MGH IHP IMPACT Practice Center, Boston, MA- ~4 students/year	2022- present

## **Mentoring**

### **Students- MGH Institute of Health Professions**

#### **Entry-Level OTD Advanced Doctoral Experience Mentor and Academic Advisor**

Jaclyn Okun 2023- present

Current role: MGH IHP EL-OTD Student, Class of 2025

Nehda Khadjenoori 2023- present

Current role: MGH IHP EL-OTD Student, Class of 2025

Kristtyn Tran 2023- present

Current role: MGH IHP EL-OTD Student, Class of 2025

Meghan Clancy 2022- present

Current role: MGH IHP EL-OTD Student, Class of 2024

Michaela Cavanagh 2022- present

Current role: MGH IHP EL-OTD Student, Class of 2024

Kayla Livingston 2023- present

Current role: MGH IHP EL-OTD Student, Class of 2024

Grace Hale 2022-2023

MGH IHP Class of 2032; Current role: Per diem occupational therapist,  
Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Charlestown, MA

#### **Post-Professional OTD Doctoral Innovation Project Mentor**

Andrea Richards 2021-2023

Current Role: Occupational therapist, Providence Public Schools

## **Recent Professional Development**

Identifying External Funding Opportunities with PIVOT. (MGH IHP Faculty Development webinar). Virtual. 2023

Hands-on Learning at a Student-Run Clinic: Preparing OT Students for Holistic Practice (AOTA INSPIRE 2023 National Conference), Kansas City, MI. 2023

Investing in a Culture of Inclusion: Strategy Building for How to Create an Inclusive Classroom Environment (AOTA INSPIRE 2023 National Conference), Kansas City, MI. 2023

Hands-on Learning at a Student-Run Clinic: Preparing OT Students for Holistic Practice (AOTA INSPIRE 2023 National Conference), Kansas City, MI. 2023

Student-run Community Camps as Level I Fieldwork: Faculty or Clinician-Led Experiences (AOTA INSPIRE 2023 National Conference), Kansas City, MI.	2023
Using Pediatric Videos to Make a Real-World Comprehensive Final Exam (International Clinical Educators (ICE) webinar), Virtual.	2023
Thinking Aloud in Your Classroom (MGH IHP Faculty Development Day webinar), Virtual.	2023
Functional Neurological Disorders: Occupational Therapy Assessment and Treatment Recommendations (MAOT Annual Conference). Norwood, MA.	2022
Six webinar courses (enumerated below) (Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Open School). Virtual.	2021
QI 101: Introduction to Healthcare Improvement	
TA 101: Introduction to the Triple Aim for Populations	
QI 102: How to Improve with the Model for Improvement	
QI 103: Testing and Measuring Changes with PDSA Cycles	
QI 104: Interpreting Data: Run Charts, Control Charts, and Other Measurement Tools	
QI 105: Leading Quality Improvement	

**Professional Memberships and Activities**

Member, American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)	2015-present
Government Relations Representative (elected appointment), Massachusetts Association for Occupational Therapy (MAOT)	2023-present
Co-Founder and Co-Chair, Massachusetts Association for Occupational Therapy (MAOT) Advocacy Special Interest Group (SIG)	2021-present
Member, AOTA Homelessness Community of Practice (CoP)	2022-present

**Institutional Service**

**MGH Institute of Health Professions**

Chair, OT Department CLiPR Committee	2022-present
Member, OT Department Research and Innovation Committee	2022-present
Member, IPC Operations Committee	2022-present
Member, IPC Curriculum Committee	2022-present
Faculty Advisor, Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA)	2023-present
Member, JEDI Curriculum & Pedagogy Community of Practice	2023-present
Facilitator, Power, Privilege and Positionality (PPP)	2023

**Community Service**

New England Disabled Sports (NEDS) Trainer, Level II FW Supervisor, & Volunteer adaptive ski instructor	2018- present
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