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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
Licensed Occupational Therapist, #3750 State of New Hampshire	2024- 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

Instructor (Full-time, 1.0 FTE), Department of Occupational Therapy, Boston, MA	2023
Instructor (Part-time, 0.5 FTE), MGH Institute of Health Professions, Department of Occupational Therapy, Boston, MA	2022-2023
Teaching Fellow, MGH Institute of Health Professions, Department of Occupational Therapy (PP-OTD Program), Boston, MA	2022
Term Lecturer, MGH Institute of Health Professions, Department of Occupational Therapy, Boston, MA	2022

Tufts University

Graduate Assistant, Tufts University, Department of Occupational Therapy, Medford, MA	2021
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Clinical Appointments

Spaulding Outpatient Center for Children Lexington

Per Diem Occupational Therapist	2023- 2024
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Occupational Therapist, Advanced Clinician	2019-2023
Other Clinical Appointments	
Staff Occupational Therapist, Easterseals of Massachusetts, Worcester, MA	2017-2020
Treating Interventionist, Occupational Therapist, I-ACQUIRE Clinical Trial, Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, MA	2019-2020
Occupational Therapist, Adam's Camp of Nantucket, Nantucket, MA	2017-2018

Other Professional Appointments

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

Pillars of Excellence Award (MGH Institute)	2024
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. Hale, G. & **O'Donnell, M.** (In Press). Using web-based education to support occupational participation and well-being for new and expecting mothers. *OT Practice*.
2. Matuszek, H., **O'Donnell, M.**, & McKinnon, S. (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*, 193rd Court. (2023, June 13). (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.
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.
3. **O'Donnell, M.**, Riotte, M. & Larrivee, E. *Interprofessional OT and CSD Pediatric Screenings in an Academic Clinical Center*. Poster presentation at 2023 IPEC Poster Fair, Virtual. 2023, Nov.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. **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.
7. 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.
8. **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.
9. 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.
10. 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 2023, May

Regional

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

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	2021: FA 2022: FA
OT 612 Research Process II (<i>ADE mentor</i>)	2022: FA 2023: FA
OT 766 School-Based Practice in Occupational Therapy	2023: SP 2024: SU
OT 894 Research Process IV (<i>ADE mentor</i>)	2023: SP 2024: SP
OT 611 Research Process III (<i>ADE mentor</i>)	2023: SP 2024: SP
OT 774-01 Practicum: OT Center (Adult)	2023: SU
OT 774-DHLB2 Practicum: OT Center (Pediatric)	2023: SU 2024: SU
OT 775 Occupational Therapy in Children and Youth	2023: FA

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Courses Taught: Post-Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy (PP-OTD) Program

OH 886 Teaching and Learning in the Health Professions (*Teaching fellow*) 2022:SU

Tufts University

Courses Taught: Entry-Level Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program

OTS 24 Occupational Therapy Practice in Physical Dysfunction (TA) 2021: SP

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 IMPACT Practice Center, Boston, MA- ~4 students/year 2022-present

Curriculum development- MGH Institute of Health Professions

- Responsible for development of all aspects of novel elective course for the EL-OTD program, OT 774-DHLB2- OT Center: Practicum (Pediatric), including learning objectives/syllabus, assignments, discussion prompts, lectures, and clinical experiential learning intensive. 2022-present

Mentoring

Students- MGH Institute of Health Professions

Entry-Level OTD Advanced Doctoral Experience Mentor and Academic Advisor

Jaclyn Okun

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

2023-
present

Nehda Khadjenoori

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

2023-
present

Kristtyn Tran

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

2023-
present

Meghan Clancy

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

2022-2024

Michaela Cavanagh

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

2022-2024

Kayla Livingston

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

2023-2023

Grace Hale

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

2022-2023

Post-Professional OTD Doctoral Innovation Project Mentor

Andrea Richards

Current Role: Occupational therapist, Providence Public Schools

2021-2023

Selected Recent Professional Development

Identifying External Funding Opportunities with PIVOT. (MGH IHP Faculty Development webinar). Virtual.	2023
	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.	2022
Functional Neurological Disorders: Occupational Therapy Assessment and Treatment Recommendations (MAOT Annual Conference). Norwood, MA.	2021
Six webinar courses (enumerated below) (Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Open School). Virtual.	
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

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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) Course for incoming students, faculty and staff	2023
Community Service	
New England Disabled Sports (NEDS), Trainer, Level II FW Supervisor, & Volunteer adaptive ski instructor	2018-present