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Education

Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) Boston University, Boston, MA	2017
Master of Public Administration (MPA) Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI	2015
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT) Boston University, Boston, MA	2009
Bachelor of Science in Therapeutic Studies Boston University, Boston, MA	2009

Certificates and Licensure

Licensed Occupational Therapist, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, #10315	2011-present
Board Certification in Physical Rehabilitation (BCPR) American Occupational Therapy Association	2016-present
Licensed Occupational Therapist, Florida	2010-2012
Licensed Occupational Therapist, Pennsylvania	2009-2011
Registered Occupational Therapist National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy	2009-2024

Academic Appointments

<i>Associate Professor</i>	2023-present
<i>Assistant Professor</i> School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences MGH Institute of Health Professions, Boston, MA	2019-2023
<i>Lecturer</i> College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences: Sargent College Boston University, Boston, MA	2014-2019

Administrative Appointments

<i>Interim Chair</i> , Department of Occupational Therapy	2024-present
<i>Program Director</i> , Doctor of Health Sciences (DHSc) Program	2023-present
<i>Program Director</i> , Post-Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences MGH Institute of Health Professions, Boston, MA	2019-present

Clinical Appointments

<i>Owner and Founder</i> Southie OT, LLC, South Boston, MA	2024-present
<i>Occupational Therapist</i> Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA	2011-present
<i>Clinical Liaison</i> Mass General Brigham Homecare, Boston, MA	2015-present
<i>Credentialed EPIC Trainer</i> Spaulding Rehabilitation Network, Boston, MA	2015-2023
<i>Occupational Therapist</i> Spaulding Rehabilitation Network, Boston, MA	2013-2019
<i>Occupational Therapist and Clinical Education Coordinator</i> Tampa General Hospital, Tampa, FL	2009-2011

Honors and Awards

AOTA Service Commendation, BCPR Examination Reviewer	2024
AOTA Service Commendation, AOTPAC Ambassador	2024
AOTA Service Commendation, AOTPAC Ambassador	2023
Fellow, American Occupational Therapy Association (FAOTA)	2022
Distinguished Scholar and Fellow (FNAP), National Academies of Practice	2022
Linda Savino Award for Outstanding Political Activism Excellence Award, Massachusetts Association for Occupational Therapy (MAOT)	2021
AOTA Service Commendation, AOTPAC Board of Directors, Secretary	2021
Pillars of Excellence Award, Mass General Brigham	2021
Emerging Leader Award, Boston University	2020
AOTA Service Commendation, AOTPAC Board of Directors	2018
Woman of the Year, Boston University	2008
Woman of the Year and Scholar-Athlete of the Year, America East Conference	2008
NCAA Division I All-American, Field Hockey, NCAA	2008

Grants

Completed

MGH Institute of Health Professions, School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, Professional Development Grant Total, \$1500	2024
MGH Institute of Health Professions, School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, Professional Development Grant Total, \$2200	2023
MGH Institute of Health Professions, School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, Professional Development Grant Total, \$4200	2022

Publications

Peer-reviewed articles

1. **McKinnon, S.**, Petrone, N. & Tarbet, A. (2024). The role of an occupational therapy practitioner in professional advocacy: a scoping review. *Translational Science in Occupation*, 1(2), 1-19. <https://doi.org/10.32873/unmc.dc.tso.1.2.02>
2. Dresser, C., Johns, Z., Palardy, A., **McKinnon, S.**, Breakey, S., Viamonte Ros, A., & Nicholas, P. (2024). Toward a climate-ready health care system: institutional motivators and workforce engagement. *Milbank Quarterly*, 00(0), 1-23. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-0009.12687>
3. Matuszek, H., O'Donnell, M., & **McKinnon, S.** (2024). Grassroots advocacy in state associations: a case example for MAOT's Advocacy SIG. *OT Practice*, 29(1), 30-32. <https://www.aota.org/-/media/corporate/files/secure/publications/otp/2024/otp-volume-29-issue-1-january-2024-new-beginnings.pdf>
4. McWherter, W., & **McKinnon, S.** (2022). Everybody Works: a post-secondary business course for disability inclusion practices. *Business Education Innovation Journal*, 14(1), 148-155.
5. O'Donnell, M. & **McKinnon, S.** (2022). Advocating for change to meet the developmental needs of young children experiencing homelessness. *The American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 76(5), 7605090010. <https://doi.org/10.5014/ajot.2022.050114>
6. **McKinnon, S.**, Breakey, S., Fanuele, J., Kelly, D., Eddy, E., Tarbet, A., Nicholas, P., & Viamonte-Ros, A. (2022). Roles of health professionals in addressing health consequences of climate change in interprofessional education. *The Journal of Climate Change and Health*, 5, 2667-2782. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.joclim.2021.100086>

7. Escher, A., **McKinnon, S.**, & Berger, S. (2021). Effective interventions within the scope of occupational therapy practice to address participation for adults with aphasia: A systematic review. *British Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 85(2), 99-110.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/03080226211057835>
8. Nicholas, P., & Breakey, S., **McKinnon, S.**, Eddy, E., Fanuele, J., & Starodub, R. (2021). A CLIMATE: a tool for assessment of climate-change related health consequences in the emergency department. *Journal of Emergency Nursing*, 47(4), 532-543.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jen.2020.10.002>
9. Erler, K., Sullivan, V, **McKinnon, S.** & Inzana R. (2019). Social support as a predictor of community participation after stroke. *Frontiers in Neurology*. 10:1013.
<https://doi.org/10.3389/fneur.2019.01013>
10. Jacobs, K., Johnson, P., Dennerlein, J., Peterson, D., Kaufman, J., Gold, J., Williams, S., Richmond, N., Karban, S., Firn, E., Ansong, E., **Hudak, S.**, Tung, K., Hall, V., Pencina, K., & Pencina, M. (2009). University students' computer notebook use. *Applied Ergonomics*, 40, 404-409.

Books

Section Editor

1. **McKinnon, S.** (2019). Section V: Interprofessional Practice. In K. Jacobs (Eds), *Occupational Therapy Manager*. Bethesda, MD: AOTA Press.
<https://doi.org/10.7139/2017.978-1-56900-592-7>
2. **McKinnon, S.** (2019). Section XII: Public Policy. In K. Jacobs (Eds), *Occupational Therapy Manager*. Bethesda, MD: AOTA Press. <https://doi.org/10.7139/2017.978-1-56900-592-7>

Chapter Authorship

1. **McKinnon, S.** (2016). Local to global resources for the OT profession. In K. Jacobs (Eds), *Occupational Therapy for Clinical Competence*. Thorofare, NJ: SLACK. ISBN 13: 9781630912475
2. **McKinnon, S.** (2015). Leadership and advocacy. In K. Jacobs (Eds.), *Management and Administration for the OTA: Leadership and Application Skills* (pp. 15-32). Thorofare, NJ: SLACK. ISBN-13: 978-1630910655
3. **Hudak, S.** & Lowenstein, N. (2009). Incorporating exercise into your daily routine: The importance of exercise in combating fatigue. In N. Lowenstein (Eds.), *Fighting Fatigue in Multiple Sclerosis* (pp. 65-75). New York: Demos Medical Publishing. ISBN-13 : 978-1932603750

Peer-Reviewed Presentations and Abstracts (* indicates short course)

1. *Matuszek, H., O'Donnell, M., & **McKinnon, S.** (2024, March). Building a state-level virtual Hill Week: tips for grassroots advocacy. American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) INSPIRE National Conference, Orlando, FL. 2024

2. **McKinnon, S.**, Asiello, J., & Winstead, S. (2023, Nov). Excellence in innovation: Supporting practitioners to disseminate their practice. Massachusetts Association for Occupational Therapy Annual Conference, Norwood, MA. 2023
3. **McKinnon, S.** & Vasquez, G. (2023, Oct). JEDI and advocacy in doctoral education: best practices to elevate interprofessional practice. ASAHP Annual Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL. 2023
4. ***McKinnon, S.** & Perry, B. (2023, Oct). Practitioners who are interprofessional colleagues and classmates: Outcomes from shared curricula. ASAHP Annual Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL. 2023
5. **McKinnon, S.** & Vasquez, G. (2023, April). Linking advocacy & JEDI In the health professions: application of best practices to elevate interprofessional clinical practice. American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) INSPIRE National Conference, Kansas City, KS. 2023
6. ***McKinnon, S.**, O'Donnell, M., & Matuszek, H. (2023, April). Grassroots advocacy through special interest groups – Application of best practices in creating an advocacy-focused state association SIG. American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) INSPIRE National Conference, Kansas City, KS. 2023
7. Petrone, N., & **McKinnon, S.** & Tarbet, A. (2023, April). What is the role of an occupational therapy practitioner in advancing advocacy and policy? A scoping review. American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) INSPIRE National Conference, Kansas City, KS. 2023
8. O'Donnell, M. & **McKinnon, S.** (2023, April). OT's role in advocating for unmet needs of children experiencing homelessness. American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) INSPIRE National Conference, Kansas City, KS. 2023
9. **McKinnon, S.**, Asiello, J., & Winstead, S. (2023, April). Innovation in dissemination: Preparing practitioners with dissemination strategies that break the mold. American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) INSPIRE National Conference, Kansas City, KS. 2023
10. Canavan, C. & **McKinnon, S.** (2023, April). Increasing level 2 fieldwork opportunities: A multi-level education and advocacy campaign. American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) INSPIRE National Conference, Kansas City, KS. 2023
11. **McKinnon, S.**, Asiello, J., & Winstead, S. (2022, October). Want to Innovate, but don't know how? Learn here. Massachusetts Association for Occupational Therapy Annual Conference, Norwood, MA. 2022
12. Barlow, K., **McKinnon, S.** & White, A. (2022, October). Advancing OT through congressional advocacy: finding your voice. Massachusetts Association for Occupational Therapy Annual Conference, Norwood, MA. 2022

13. ***McKinnon, S.**, O'Donnell, M., & Matuszek, H. (2022, October). Outcomes of state grassroots advocacy campaign at increasing federal advocacy, knowledge and confidence. Massachusetts Association for Occupational Therapy Annual Conference, Norwood, MA. 2022
14. McWherter Cranna, W. & **McKinnon, S.** (2022, November). Building responsive and inclusive practitioners: Evaluating a PP-OTD curriculum's alignment with diversity, equity, and inclusion standards. AOTA Education Summit, Orlando, FL. 2022
15. ***McKinnon, S.** & Perry, B. Practitioners who are online doctoral students: Experiences from an interprofessional curriculum between OTD and SLP-D clinical doctoral programs in the United States. World Federation of Occupational Therapy, Paris, France. 2022
16. **McKinnon, S.** Implementing strategies in professional practice and education to address justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion: Results from an online educational offering for practitioners. World Federation of Occupational Therapy, Paris, France. 2022
17. Asiello, J., & **McKinnon, S.** & Centi, A. Cultivating innovation to solve OT practice problems: Application of "Design Thinking". American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) INSPIRE National Conference, San Antonio, TX. 2022
18. Asiello, J., & **McKinnon, S.** Developing theories to solve OT practice problems: applying the rehabilitation treatment specification system (RTSS). American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) INSPIRE National Conference, San Antonio, TX. 2022
19. Cranna, W. & **McKinnon, S.** Creating anti-ableist OT practitioners: the use of Critical Disability Theory in OT pedagogy & practice. American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) INSPIRE National Conference, San Antonio, TX. 2022
20. **McKinnon, S.**, Asiello, J. & Perry, B. Interprofessional collaborations between OT and SLP practitioners in online education: Strategies for professional development and practice. American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) INSPIRE National Conference, San Antonio, TX. 2022
21. **McKinnon, S.**, Breakey, S., Fanuele, J., Kelly, D., Eddy, E., Tarbet, A., Nicholas, P., & Viamonte-Ros, A. Roles of health professionals in addressing health consequences of climate change in interprofessional education. Climate Change & Health 2021: The Intersection of Climate Change, COVID-19, & Structural Racism. Virtual. 2021
22. Bernhardt, J., Sipe, M., **McKinnon, S.**, Tagliarini, E., Barone-O'Brien, L., Dionati, C., & Nicholas, P. Transformational leadership in the era of climate change & COVID-19 with a lens of systemic, structural and institutional racism. Climate Change & Health 2021: The Intersection of Climate Change, COVID-19, & Structural Racism. Virtual. 2021

23. Escher, A., **McKinnon, S.**, & Berger, S. Interventions within the scope of occupational therapy to address participation for adults with acquired communication impairment: a systematic review. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Virtual. 2021
24. *Asiello, J., **McKinnon, S.** & Centi, A. Design Thinking to Spark Innovation in Post-Professional OTD Doctoral Capstone Projects. AOTA Education Summit, Virtual. 2021
25. **McKinnon, S.** & Asiello, J. The Innovation Project: The transformative experience in post-professional OTD education. AOTA Education Summit, Virtual. 2021
26. **McKinnon, S.** & Asiello, J. Addressing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion in post-professional OTD education: From coursework to immediate application in practice. AOTA Education Summit, Virtual. 2021
27. *Asiello, J. & **McKinnon, S.** Application of the Rehabilitation Treatment Specification System (RTSS) in Post-Professional OTD Doctoral Capstone Project Design. AOTA Education Summit, Virtual. 2021
28. ***McKinnon, S.** & Asiello, J. JEDI In the Health Professions: How an interprofessional Post-Professional OTD course is changing practice. Massachusetts Association for Occupational Therapy Annual Conference, Virtual. 2021
29. *Asiello, J., **McKinnon, S.** & Centi, A. Design Thinking' to Spark Innovation in PPOTD Projects. Massachusetts Association for Occupational Therapy Annual Conference, Virtual. 2021
30. **McKinnon, S.** & Asiello, J. (2021, Oct). Semester themes of the Innovation Project: key ingredients for innovation at the MGH IHP's Post-Professional OTD program. Massachusetts Association for Occupational Therapy Annual Conference, Virtual. 2021
31. ***McKinnon, S.**, Martinez, K., & Brown, K. Advancing education and practice for a diverse society: a model for social change. Massachusetts Association of Occupational Therapy Annual Conference, Virtual. 2020
32. ***McKinnon, S.**, Eler, K., Sindelar, A., & Latulippe, J. Building an online community in education, practice, and research. Massachusetts Association of Occupational Therapy Annual Conference, Virtual. 2020
33. Idman, R. & **McKinnon, S.** Use and value of patient-reported outcome measures. Massachusetts Association of Occupational Therapy Annual Conference, Virtual. 2020

34. Duddy, K., Doyle, N., Gafni Lachter, L., **McKinnon, S.**, Jacobs, K., Ullrich, D., & Wallace, S. Tailoring online education to foster a global community of learners. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA. Conference canceled due to pandemic. 2020
35. Blaney, L. & **McKinnon, S.** Extending the scope of occupational therapy beyond traditional roles. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA. Conference canceled due to pandemic. 2020
36. Sadlak, C. & **McKinnon, S.** Orientation program for OTs to acute care. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA. Conference canceled due to pandemic. 2020
37. Hartt, K., & **McKinnon, S.** Occupational therapy and the independent school: a model for service delivery. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA. Conference canceled due to pandemic. 2020
38. ***McKinnon, S.** Linking occupational therapy, political action and policy – What can we do? Maine Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Conference, Orono, ME. 2019
39. ***McKinnon, S.** Preparing advocates for legislative action affecting occupational therapy. Maine Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Orono, ME. 2019
40. ***McKinnon, S.** Legislative action for occupational therapy. New Hampshire Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Manchester, NH. 2019
41. **McKinnon, S.** & Blaney, L. Extending the scope of occupational therapy beyond traditional roles. Massachusetts Association of Occupational Therapy Annual Conference, Norwood, MA. 2019
42. Erler, K., **McKinnon, S.**, Sullivan, V., & Inzana, R. Examining social support and participation after stroke. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA. 2019
43. Doyle, N., Lachter, L., Duddy, K., Neimeyer, L., **McKinnon, S.**, & Jacobs, K. Practical strategies for advancing online education in occupational therapy. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA. 2019
44. Kaldenberg, J., **McKinnon, S.**, & Berger, S. Integrative clinical experience: An innovative teaching method. American Occupational Therapy Association: Education Summit, Louisville, KY. 2018

45. **McKinnon, S.** & Jacobs, K. Advocacy activities to promote the distinct value of occupational therapy. WFOT Congress. World Federation of Occupational Therapists, Cape Town, South Africa. 2018
46. ***McKinnon, S.** & Eler, K. Optimizing leadership capacity by promoting ethics in occupational therapy practice: an interactive discussion using case studies and simulation. Massachusetts Association of Occupational Therapy Annual Conference, Norwood, MA. 2017
47. **McKinnon, S.** & Jacobs, K. Advocacy activities to promote the distinct value of occupational therapy. Massachusetts Association of Occupational Therapy Annual Conference, Norwood, MA. 2017
48. **McKinnon, S.** & Jacobs, K. Advocacy activities to promote the distinct value of occupational therapy. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA. 2017
49. ***McKinnon, S.** & Eler, K. Promoting leadership and ethics in occupational therapy: an interactive discussion using case vignettes and role play. Presentation at the Massachusetts Association of Occupational Therapy Annual Conference, Norwood, MA. 2016
50. **McKinnon, S.,** DeMarinis, J., Haver, C., McWherter, W., & Toegemann, B. The use of ecotourism as co-occupation and the various occupational roles that exist in an ecotourism community in Ecuador. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. 2016

Invited Presentations

International

1. **McKinnon, S.** Climate change: what is role of OT and interprofessional team? International Interprofessional Mentor Group. Virtual. 2021
2. **McKinnon, S.** Igniting leadership and advocacy in occupational therapy. OT24VX Annual Conference. Virtual. 2015

National

1. **McKinnon, S.** Legislative action and occupational therapy. New Hampshire OT Association Annual Conference. Virtual. 2020
2. **McKinnon, S.** Legislative action and occupational therapy. Connecticut OT Association Annual Conference. Virtual. 2020
3. **McKinnon, S.** The therapy cap is repealed- what's the next battle? NHOTA Annual Conference, Manchester, MA. 2018
4. **McKinnon, S.** Strengthening our profession through political action. Connecticut OT Association Annual Conference, East Hartford, CT 2017

5. **McKinnon, S.** Strengthening OT through political action: How to stay informed and LEAP into action. Keynote Speaker. Maine Occupational Therapy Annual Conference, Bangor, ME. 2017
6. **McKinnon, S.** Strengthening our profession through political action. Keynote speaker. Delaware Occupational Therapy Annual Conference, Dover, DE. 2017

Regional

1. **McKinnon, S.** & Nicholas, P. Climate Change and Health Series: Considerations for populations with disabilities. Massachusetts General Hospital, The Maxwell & Eleanor Blum Patient and Family Learning Center. Virtual. 2024
2. **McKinnon, S.,** & O'Donnell, M. Advocating for OT Practice: Understanding Legislation Issues and Knowing How to Act. Spaulding Rehabilitation Network Occupational Therapy Education Series. Virtual. 2022
3. **McKinnon, S.** What's the landscape for advocacy and mental health for OT in Massachusetts? MAOT Mental Health Special Interest section. Virtual. 2022
4. Merson, J., **McKinnon, S.,** Reidy, P., Moran, L., Baldwin, J. & Cahn, P. Advocating for equitable patient care & access after the COVID emergency. IHP Interprofessional panel. Virtual. 2021
5. **McKinnon, S.** Legislative action and occupational therapy. Massachusetts Association of Occupational Therapy Annual Conference. Virtual. 2020
6. **McKinnon, S.,** Breakey, S., Fanuele, J., Kelly, D., Eddy, E., Tarbet, A., Nicholas, P., & Viamonte-Ros, A. Roles of health professionals in interprofessional education and practice to address climate and health. IHP Interprofessional webinar panelist. Virtual. 2020
7. **McKinnon, S.** Linking political action and occupational therapy – Legislative Updates from 116th Congress. Massachusetts Association of Occupational Therapy Annual Conference, Norwood, MA. 2019
8. **McKinnon, S.** Legislative update. OT Professional Day, Spaulding Rehabilitation Network, Charlestown, MA. 2019
9. **McKinnon, S.** The therapy cap is repealed- what's the next battle? Massachusetts Association of Occupational Therapy Annual Conference, Norwood, MA. 2018
10. **McKinnon, S.** Strengthening OT through political action: How to stay informed and LEAP into action. Massachusetts Association of Occupational Therapy Annual Conference, Norwood, MA. 2017
11. **McKinnon, S.** Strengthening our profession through political action. Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital for OT Month Celebration, Charlestown, MA. 2017

- 12. **McKinnon, S.** Strengthening our profession through political action. 2016
Massachusetts Association of Occupational Therapy Annual Conference,
Norwood, MA.
- 13. **McKinnon, S.** The relationship between mentorship and organizational 2015
commitment in an urban volunteer organization. Roger Williams University,
Bristol, RI.
- 14. **McKinnon, S.** Mental healthcare for Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans. 2014
Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI.

Educational Activities

Courses taught at the MGH Institute of Health Professions

OH885 Leadership in Interprofessional Teams	2024
	2023
OH886 Teaching and Learning in the Health Professions	2024
	2023
	2022
OH / CSH881 Analyzing Influences of Health Care and Service Delivery	2023
	2022
	2021
	2020
OH882 Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in the Health Professions	2022
	2021
	2020
OT891 Innovation Project – Discover	2022
	2021
	2020
OT896 Innovation Project – Inform	2023
	2022
OT880 Professional Competencies	2023
	2021
	2020
OH785 Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion for the HP Student	2021
OT892 Innovation Project – Build	2021
OT785 Professional Competencies for Advanced Occupational Therapist	2023
	2021

Courses taught at Boston University

OT565 Skills for Occupation-Based Practice 2	2019
	2018
	2017
	2016
	2015
HP220 Occupation and Health	2019
	2018
	2017
	2016
	2015
OT610 Health Promotion and Wellness	2019
	2018

OT911 Practicum in Social Policy and Disability	2019
	2018
OT564 Skills for Occupation-Based Practice 1	2018
	2017
	2016
	2015
	2014
OT500 Integrative Seminar 1	2018
	2017
	2016
	2015
	2014
OT617 Contemporary Trends in Occupational Therapy	2018
	2017
OT501 Integrative Seminar 2	2016
	2015
OT999 Independent Study - Advocacy in Occupational Therapy	2017
	2016
OT999 Independent Study - Hand and Upper Extremity Fundamentals	2016

Curriculum development

Post-Professional OTD Program 2019

MGH Institute of Health Professions

- Founding program director for the PP-OTD program. Spearheaded phases of program development including establishment of program timelines, alignment with organizational mission and vision, development of PP-OTD policies and procedures, financial models, student recruitment with holistic admissions processes, student services inclusive of online students, marketing plan and social media launch, and communications with regional accrediting bodies. Design and implement 32 credit PP-OTD curriculum (44 credits for BS to OTD) including creation of 17 syllabi

Mentorship

Students

Yajaira Castillo, Entry-Level OTD Program, MGH IHP 2024
Evaluating the efficacy of a pediatric ECHO for competence and confidence in occupational therapists

Catie Canavan, Post-Professional OTD Program, MGH IHP 2022-2023

[All Things OT Fieldwork: Utilization of podcasting for advocacy of educator support](#)

Current role: Program Chair, Assistant Professor, Idaho State University

Amanda Caramanica, Post-Professional OTD Program, MGH IHP <u><i>Don't Wait to Fail: A Parent-OT advocacy partners to provide easier access to response to intervention in elementary school</i></u> Current role: Occupational Therapist, Newton Public Schools	2022-2023
Mary O'Donnell, Post-Professional OTD Program, MGH IHP <u><i>Advocacy for the unmet needs of children and families experiencing homelessness</i></u> Current role: Instructor, MGH Institute of Health Professions	2021-2022
Whitney McWherter Cranna, Post-Professional OTD Program, MGH IHP <u><i>Everybody Works: Analyzing and enhancing disability inclusion in the workplace</i></u>	2021-2022
Dayle Tada, Post-Professional OTD Program, MGH IHP, Project Mentor <u><i>EMERG-OT: Occupational therapy in the emergency department</i></u> Current role: Founding Fieldwork Coordinator, Assistant Professor, Pacific University of Hawaii	2021-2022
Rebecca Idman, Entry-level OTD Program, MGH IHP, ADE Mentor <i>Use and value of patient-reported outcome measures.</i>	2020
Janelle Fresvik, Post-Professional OTD Program, Boston University <i>Participation Matters: How to navigate transitions and find meaning</i> Current role: Assistant Professor, The College of St. Scholastica	2018-2020
Gloria Ng Siok Kwan, Post-Professional OTD Program, Boston University <i>Handwriting success for school: a professional development program for early childhood educators by occupational therapists</i>	2018-2020
Erin Sim, Post-Professional OTD Program, Boston University <i>Standardizing the screening, assessment, and treatment of mild cognitive impairment in acute care: a multidisciplinary approach</i> Current role: Assistant Director of Competency Assessment, National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)	2018-2020
Kayla Hartt, Post-Professional OTD Program, Boston University <i>AccessED</i>	2017-2019
Emily Mengle, Post-Professional OTD Program, Boston University <i>S.O.L.V.E. for Occupational Therapy Practitioners: Solutions to Optimize the Low Vision Experience</i>	2017-2019
Melanie Merrill, Post-Professional OTD Program, Boston University <i>Teaching Cultural Competence with Project H.O.P.E. (Healthy Occupations for People Everywhere)</i> Current role: Clinical Assistant Professor, Pacific University of Buffalo	2017-2019
Hannah Guskie, Post-Professional OTD Program, Boston University <i>ClientCollab: A Supplement to the Canadian Occupational Performance Measure to Facilitate Client-centered Goal Setting in Populations with Aphasia</i>	2017-2019

Professional Development *(Note: for past 5 years only)*

Balint Group, MGH Institute of Health Professions, Boston, MA	2023-2024
National Academies of Practice Annual Forum, Jacksonville, FL	2024
AOTA Inspire Annual Conference, Orlando, FL	2024
ASAHP Annual Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL	2023
Women in Leadership program (appointed)	2023
MAOT Annual Conference, Norwood, MA	2023
AOTA Inspire Annual Conference, Kansas City, MO	2023
National Academies of Practice Annual Forum, Washington, DC	2023
World Federation of Occupational Therapy Congress, Paris, France	2022
AOTA Inspire Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX	2022
AOTA Education Summit, Virtual	2022
MAOT Annual Conference, Virtual	2022
AOTA Inspire Annual Conference, Virtual	2021
MAOT Annual Conference, Virtual	2021
AOTA Education Summit, Virtual	2021
AOTA Annual Conference, Virtual	2020
MAOT Annual Conference, Norwood, MA	2020

Professional Memberships

World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT)	2020-present
Coalition of Occupational Therapy Advocates for Diversity (COTAD)	2020-present
Massachusetts Association for Occupational Therapy (MAOT)	2012-present
National Board of Certification of Occupational Therapists (NBCOT)	2009-present
American Junior Leagues International (AJLI)	2009-present
American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. (AOTA)	2007-present

**Professional Service – International, National, Regional
*International***

Vice Chair, International Interprofessional Mentorship Group 2021-present

National

Chair-Elect, OT Academy, National Academies of Practice (NAP) 2024-present

Committee member, Public Policy, National Academies of Practice (NAP) 2023-present

Committee member, Annual Forum Planning, National Academies of Practice (NAP) 2023-present

Member, Invited, AOTA Board Certification in Physical Rehabilitation Examination Standard Setting 2023

Ambassador, American Occupational Therapy Political Action Committee (AOTPAC) for Massachusetts 2020-present

Board of Directors, American Occupational Therapy Political Action Committee (AOTPAC) 2015-2021

Circle of Advisors, American Occupational Therapy Political Action Committee (AOTPAC) for Massachusetts 2013-2015

Mentor, Emerging Leadership Development Program (ELDP), American Occupational Therapy Association 2017

Conference Abstract Reviewer, American Occupational Therapy Association 2013-2020

CEU Reviewer, American Occupational Therapy Association 2011-2012

Item Writer, National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) 2011

Regional

Founder, Co-Chair, MAOT Special Interest Group, Advocacy in OT Practice 2022-present

Founder, Co-Chair, MAOT Special Interest Group, JEDI in OT Practice & Education 2020-2023

Government Relations Representative, MAOT 2017-2023

Executive Board, MAOT 2017-2023

Institutional Service – MGH Institute of Health Professions *unless noted otherwise*

Mentor, Mentorship Academy and Acceleration Academy, Office of Provost 2024-present

Chair, Alumni, Awards and Social Committee, Department of Occupational Therapy 2022-present

Member, Internal Alumni Committee, IHP Office of Alumni Relations 2022-present

Member, Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee 2020-present

Member, New Initiatives Committee, Office of the Provost 2020-present

Equity Advocate, IHP Human Resources	2020-present
Chair, Admissions Committee, Post-Professional OTD Program	2020-present
Member, Center of Climate Change, Climate Justice, and Health Steering Committee	2019-present
Member, Department of Occupational Therapy Leadership Team	2019-present
Member, Academic Council	2019-present
Co-Chair, Search Committee, Faculty, Entry-level OTD Program	2023
Member, Website Re-Design Subcommittee	2022
Member, Search Committee, Founding Dean, School of Healthcare Leadership	2022
Member, Search Committee, Faculty, Capstone Coordinator, SLP-D Program	2022
Member, Search Committee, Faculty, CPD OT Liaison	2022
Member, Search Committee, Faculty, Program Director, EL-OTD Program	2022
Member, Search Committee, Faculty, SLP-D Program	2022
Member, Search Committee, Faculty, Post-Professional OTD Program	2022
Equity Advocate, Search Committee, Program Director, Audiology Program	2021
Member, Search Committee, Faculty, Department of Occupational Therapy	2021
Equity Advocate, Search Committee, Dean, School of Nursing	2021
Member, Search Committee, Faculty, SLP-D Program	2021
Member, Search Committee, Staff, PP-OTD/SLP-D Program Manager	2021
Member, Search Committee, IHP Librarian	2021
Chair, Search Committee, Faculty, Post-Professional OTD Program	2020
Faculty Advisor, Best Buddies Student Group	2020-2022
Academic Advisor, Department of Occupational Therapy, Boston University	2017-2020
Faculty Lead, International Service Learning - India, Boston University	2016
Faculty Lead, International Service Learning - Ecuador, Boston University	2015
Member, Admissions Committee, Department of Occupational Therapy, Boston University	2014-2019

Member, Boston University Alumni Association	2014-2019
Member, Boston University Athletic Association	2009-present
Community Service	
South Boston Catholic Academy, Home & School, 5K Run Co-Lead	2024
Cutchins Programs for Children and Families, Board of Directors	2021-2023
Cutchins Programs for Children and Families, Development Committee	2021-2023
Boston OT Networking Group, Founder	2019-present
MOMS Club of South Boston, Member	2017-present
Junior League of Boston, Executive Board and Member	2009-present
Strong Women, Strong Girls, Community Leader and Mentor	2011-2013