

GOTA 2021  
Virtual Conference  
October 15<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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Georgia Occupational Therapy Association, Inc.

**October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**12:00pm-12:20pm**

**Welcome & Opening Remarks**

**Session 1**

**12:30pm-1:30pm**

**1.A Use of 3D Printing as a Teaching Tool to Immerse Occupational Therapy Students in the Collaborative Assistive Technology Process**

**Presenters:** Emily Buchman, OTD, OTR/L; Susan Lee, MS, OTR/L; Kristen J. Webber, MOT, OTR/L, BCPR, ATP

**CEC: 1**

3D printing is touted as an emerging technology that can benefit individuals with disabilities to improve activity participation. A recent Georgia State University- Shepherd Center collaboration explored the value of 3D printing as a 1) practical solution for end-users and 2) tool to teach OT students the AT process.

**1.B An Evidence-Based Acute Care Occupational Therapy Program for Heart Failure**

**Presenters:** NaKisha C. Peterson, OTR/L

**CEC: 1**

This session equips OTs with a full understanding of heart failure's pathophysiology. It provides them with the tools needed to create a cohesive plan of care with evidence-based interventions, appropriate documentation, and goal-writing to improve patient outcomes and reduce readmission rates.

**Session 2**

**1:45pm-2:45pm**

**2.A How Do Persons with ALS Describe Quality of Life Over Time?: A Mixed Methods Pilot Study**

**Presenters:** Stephanie Johnson, MHS, OTR/L

**CEC: 1**

PALS QoL is influenced by many factors and is multifaceted in nature. This current session will focus on providing the results from a mixed methods pilot study. In doing so, the goal is to offer a richer description of QoL for PALS, thereby influencing the delivery and focus of care for a PALS.

## **2.B Georgia Consortium for Fieldwork Education**

**Presenters:** Charles Shadle, OTD, OTR/L

**CEC: 1**

This meeting is for academic fieldwork coordinators and faculty from consortium member institutions. Issues impacting occupational therapy fieldwork education will be identified and addressed to better position Georgia learning institutions in a competitive fieldwork placement environment.

### **Session 3**

**4:00pm-6:00pm**

#### **3.A Wheelchair Seating and Positioning: Why OTs?**

**Presenters:** Bryan Clever, COTA/L, ATP, CRTS

**CEC: 2**

This class is meant to teach OT practitioners how to assess patients and prescribe appropriate seating and wheeled mobility equipment. More OT practitioners are needed in this area in order to increase the functional abilities and independence of those using wheeled mobility devices.

#### **3.B1 The Wrist: Therapy Concepts to Improve Functional Outcomes (4:00pm-5:00pm)**

**Presenters:** Rob McClellan OTR/L, CHT & Amy Todd OTR/L, CHT

**CEC: 1**

In this session we will review the wrist anatomy, mechanics and structures needed to perform activities of daily living. We will review and discuss common diagnoses that impact functional use of the wrist and demonstrate evaluation techniques at the wrist. We will explore and demonstrate functional treatment interventions to return to pain free ADL participation.

#### **3.B2 Assessments Evaluating the Relationship Between Psychosocial Factors and Upper Extremity Trauma: A Scoping Review (5:00pm-6:00pm)**

**Presenters:** Meghan V. Hall, MHS, OTR/L; Pamalyn Kearney, EdD, MS, OTR/L; Isabelle Coleman, OTS; Morgan Glaze, OTS; Caroline Griffin, OTS; Sarah Beth Holbrooks, OTS; Kristen Moore, OTS

**CEC: 1**

OTPs working in biomechanical settings recognize that treatment of the whole person is essential to positive outcomes. This interactive session will focus on the importance of formally assessing and addressing psychosocial factors of those with upper extremity trauma in order to underscore the high value of OT to recovery.

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**8:15-8:30am**

**Opening Remarks & Updates**

**Session 4**

**8:30-9:30am**

**4.A Keynote Speaker: Chad Leaman, CAE. Director of Innovation, Neil Squire Society/Makers Making Change**

**Presenters:** Chad Leaman, CAE

**CEC: 1**

Chad Leaman is the Director of Innovation for the Neil Squire Society and cofounder of Makers Making Change. The Neil Squire Society is a Canadian nonprofit organization that uses technology, knowledge and passion to empower people with disabilities. Makers Making Change, a program of Neil Squire, connects people with disabilities and accessibility professionals with makers that can fabricate various open source assistive technologies. Chad is also a volunteer organizer of NetSquared Vancouver, which holds free workshops and an annual conference for non-profits to better use technology to further their mission. He is also past Chair for BC Technology for Learning Society, which refurbishes over 8,000 computers a year for schools, non-profits and other at-need populations in BC. He's a father of young twins which is the source of much joy, sleeplessness and scraped knees.

**Session 5**

**9:40-11:10am**

**5.A Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in OT in Georgia: Laying the Foundation for the Path Ahead**

**Presenters:** Frederica Kennedy OTR/L, OTD, CAS & Rebekah Buehler, MSOT

**CEC: 1.5**

Diversity within OT is not reflective of the diverse population OT providers serve. We will introduce the GOTA OCCUITY committee which was developed to promote awareness & strategies to enhance best practices within the realms of diversity, equity, inclusion, & justice related to the OT community.

**5.B Taking the Executive Function Performance Test to the Next Level: Developing and Piloting New Subtests**

**Presenters:** Kristen Webber, MOT, OTR/L, BCPR, ATP; Tayla Mangus, MS, OTR/L; Tori Le, MOT, OTR/L; Kelsey Lee, MS, OTR/L;

Laura Royster, OTD, OTR/L; Danielle Shiverick, MS, OTR/L; Erin Prentice, MHS, OTR/L; & Jasmin Brumby Smith, MOT, OTR/L

**CEC: 1.5**

The Executive Function Performance Test (EFPT) measures executive function in daily activities (Baum et al. 2008). By attending this presentation, clinicians will be able to administer the EFPT, identify areas of need, and pilot a new subtest.

### **Session 6**

**12:30-1:30pm**

#### **6.A GOTA Business Meeting & Awards**

**Presenters:** Kristen Webber, MOT, OTR/L, BCPR, ATP, GOTA President & GOTA Executive Board

**CEC: 1**

Presenting the Path Ahead for the Georgia Occupational Therapy Association, a look at the current issues for GOTA, and a nnouncement of the 2021 Award and Scholarship Recipients.

### **Session 7**

**1:40-3:10pm**

#### **7.A Poster Presentations** *each presentation will be approx.. 15 min. To receive the 1.5 credit hour, participants must be present for all presentations.*

##### **1. Translating Knowledge into Practice: Teaching Students Remote Delivery of Stroke Rehabilitation**

- **Presenters:** Veronica Rowe, PhD, OTR/L; Lauren Elliott, OTS; Amanda Glass, OTS; Megan Metzinger, OTS; and Valerie Newcomer, OTS

##### **2. An Evaluation of the Effect of the Level of Clinical Experience on Occupational Therapists' Utilization of the Modes of the Intentional Relationship Model**

- **Presenters:** Moises Cazares, OTS; Stephanie Heaps Cockrell, OTS; Stacy Nokham, OTS; Jennifer Boyette, OTR, CHT, PhD

##### **3. Comparisons of Fall History and Gait Speed between Age-Matched Caucasian and African American Adults with Multiple Sclerosis**

- **Presenters:** Rebekah Buehler, MHS, OTR/L; Feng Yang, PhD, and Tja-Ern Lau, BS, RD

##### **4. An Evaluation of the Effect of Occupational Therapists' Age on Their Utilization of the Intentional Relationship Model's Communication Modes**

- **Presenters:** Brianna Brown, OTS; Rachel Dixon, OTS; Elizabeth Hopkins, OTS; Sydney Moody, OTS; Jennifer Boyette, OTR, CHT, PhD

5. **The Feasibility of a Training Program Regarding Stroke Rehabilitation for Current Practitioners**
  - **Presenters:** Veronica T. Rowe, PhD, OTR/L; Taylor Lawrence, OTS; Caroline Robertson, OTS; Alex Vick, OTS; and Ansleigh Williams, OTS
  
6. **Intraprofessional Educational Activities Implemented by Occupational Therapy Programs in the United States**
  - **Presenters:** Sydney Eller, OTS; Emma Morris, OTS; Olivia Parker, OTS; Charlotte Ruble, OTS; Natalie Speciale, OTS; Jenna Ursy, OTS; Patricia Watford, OTD, MS, OTR/L

### Session 8

3:20-4:50pm

**8.A Chair and Floor-based Yoga Programming as the Path Ahead for Functional Gains Following Spinal Cord Injury**

**Presenters:** Leah Cardi, OTR/L, CYT-200; Katie Kimball, OTR/L, CYT-200; Kristen Webber, MOT, OTR/L, BCPR, ATP

**CEC: 1.5**

Rigorous research investigating the benefits of yoga beyond psychosocial elements is lacking. Presenters will review how to standardize yoga interventions for research and construct a realistic research design within the constraints of an inpatient setting.

**8.B Brain-based Learning: How We as Occupational Therapist Educators Can Improve the Learning Outcome of our Clients and Students**

**Presenters:** Carolyn R. Podolski OT/L M.A., PP OTD Student

**CEC: 1.5**

This presentation will examine brain-based learning methods that can be used with a variety of individuals. Through case-studies we will explore how neuroplasticity supports brain-based learning. We will examine two frameworks for practical use by OTs and how instructional design is used to develop learning opportunities.

### Session 9

5:00-6:00pm

**9.A The Role of Occupational Therapy in the Court System: Perspectives from Mental Health and Veterans Court Programs**

**Presenters:** Jennifer Allison, OTD, OTR/L, BCMH, CCAP & Mary Shotwell, PhD, OT/L, FAOTA

**CEC: 1**

This presentation will articulate the role of OT in mental health and veterans treatment court programs and discuss the unique contributions OT practitioners provide in these settings.

## **9.B Assessing Sleep Performance in the Acute Care Setting**

**Presenters:** Amanda Buono, OTD, OTR/L, BCP, CCAP

**CEC: 1**

An introduction into the relationship of sleep to physical and mental health and the importance of assessing sleep function for patients in the acute care setting. The course will cover a variety assessments and discuss how data might be used to shape individual treatment and population health.

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### **Session 10**

**8:00-9:00am**

#### **10.A Legislative and Regulatory Issues**

**Presenters:** Aileen Deogracias, OTR/L & Tom Bauer, Lobbyist

**CEC: 1**

Updates on current legislative and regulatory issues related to Occupational Therapy

### **Session 11**

**9:10-11:10am**

#### **Georgia Occupational Therapy Ethics**

**Presenters:** Kimberly Willis, J.D.

**CEC: 2**

This session is designed to fulfill the 2-hour ethics continuing education requirement for Occupational Therapists (OT's) and Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTA's) practicing in the State of Georgia. During this session, participants will examine the provisions of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Code of Ethics and the ethical principles which underlie those provisions. Participants will also review and interpret a number of the statutes and regulations governing occupational therapy practice in Georgia. Attendees will engage in the analysis and application of an active decision-making model designed to assist them with developing solutions to a variety of common ethical dilemmas. Finally, participants will discover more about the situational

factors that prevent individuals from taking ethical action and acquire the tools necessary to counter those influences.

## **Session 12**

**11:20-12:20pm**

### **12.A Georgia OT Licensure Updates**

**Presenter:** Robert McClellan OTR/L, CHT

**CEC: 1**

The aim of this presentation is to provide participants with an understanding of the Georgia Occupational Therapy Practice Act and the role of the Licensure Board. The presentation will explore the Statutes and Rules and how they impact Occupational Therapy in Georgia.

### **12.B NBCOT: Maintaining Certification and Competency**

**Presenter:** Barbara Williams, DrOT, MS, OTR & Shaun Conway, OTR

**CEC: 1**

For those interested, connect with NBCOT and hear about maintaining national occupational therapy certification as well as methods that can be used to contribute to professional competency.

## **Session 13**

**3:00-5:00pm**

### **13.A Makers Making Change Build-a-thon**

**CEC: 2**

Attendees will build raindrop switches which will be donated to individuals who are uninsured, under-insured, and/or receiving services through the Georgia Rehabilitation Services Volunteer Partnership. Attendees may identify an individual directly to receive a raindrop switch by placing a device request through the Makers Making Change Forum.

In person attendance is limited to 20 attendees. Attendees must sign up now to reserve an in-person seat. In-person attendance will be confirmed via email. This will include Freeside Atlanta's COVID-19 policies, liability forms, and event day details. All other participants are allowed to join virtually.

**If attending in person, you must be able to travel to Freeside Atlanta located in Hapeville.**

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