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EDUCATION:

- 2004 Post-Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy, Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska
- 2001 Master of Science in Education, Instructional Technology and Media Management Concentration, State University of New York at Potsdam, Potsdam, New York
- 1989 Bachelor of Science, Occupational Therapy, Dominican College of Blauvelt, Orangeburg, New York
- 1977 Associate of Applied Science, Occupational Therapy, Maria College, Albany, New York

WORK EXPERIENCE

August 2007-Present:

- ITHACA COLLEGE
- Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy
- Library liaison
- Member of campus (assessment) committee
- Chair of department personnel committee
- Developed new Ithaca Seminar (H&S designated) and online version of clinical conditions course.
- Wrote and taught new graduate course in advanced psychosocial practice, taught and revised courses in adult clinical conditions, group and individual work, clinical management, research seminar, evaluation section of pediatric block and coordinated the pediatric block spring '08.

August 2007-Present:

- CONSULTATIONS/PRIVATE PRACTICE
- SHEPPARD PRATT HEALTH SYSTEM
- Occupational Therapy Consultant
- Facilitation of a systems-change focused fieldwork program across a multi-level mental health agency
- Development of distance-technology supported laboratory/research opportunities including Ithaca College OT students
- SUNY CANTON
- External evaluator: Health Services Management Program
- Participated in external team review of program with team including two health care facility administrators and one additional academic program representative. Compiled team report for submission to campus administration.

April 2006-August 2007:

- SHEPPARD PRATT HEALTH SYSTEM
- Director of Occupational Therapy and Milieu Enrichment for Residential Programs
- On-going development of a systems-change focused fieldwork program across a multi-level mental health agency
- Service development for milieu enrichment within adolescent psychiatric residential treatment system.
- Leadership team membership within two agency sites
- Therapy service coordination and supervision of OT/OTA fieldwork students/supervisors

Fall 2006/Fall 2007:

- SUNY CANTON COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY  
SCHOOL OF SCIENCE, HEALTH AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
- Adjunct Faculty: COTA 207:Therapeutic Techniques/Psychiatric Occupational Therapy
- Hybrid/distance course lecture and course coordination

March 1998-August 2006:

- SUNY CANTON COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY  
SCHOOL OF SCIENCE, HEALTH AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
- Director of Occupational Therapy Assistant Program
- Associate Professor
- St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center: Consultant/Program Developer for multi-level (adult, child and adolescent) state mental health agency under interagency contract with SUNY Canton (Winter 2002- 2006)
- Step By Step, Inc: Pro-bono Program Development Consultant for a consumer mental health agency including advisement regarding grant development and drop in center programming.
- SUNY Canton IRB: Alternate Chairperson (2005-2006) and member of this committee since its inception in 2003.
- Continuing development of occupational therapy assistant program
- Program coordination and evaluation with program faculty
- Coordination and development with campus-wide curricula including specialized technology curricula.
- Coordination of program with other campuses including SUNY Potsdam School of Education: Co-teaching Unit in Assistive Technology
- Establishment of community-based program goals with regional schools, Office for the Aging, etc.
- Co-Chair General Education Assessment Implementation Committee and representative for campus to statewide committee (September 2001-May 2003)
- Management of program and related agency grants (Vocational and Technical Education Grant from New York State Education Department (September 1999- May 2001) Healthy Living/Healthy Choices from New York State Department of Health (Fall 2003 to Fall 2004)
- Co-Chairperson of General Education Committee (April 1999-September 2000)
- General Education Assessment Committee(Fall 2000-Summer 2001)
- Faculty Affairs Committee Member (January 1999-December 2000 term)
- Laptop Ambassador: Member of grant-based technology advocacy program (Spring 1999); Campus Student Laptop Initiative Committee (Fall 2005)
- Search Committees: Health Services Management Program Director, Library Director, Nursing Faculty, Early Childhood Program Director (committee chair), Legal Studies
- Peer review committee member and committee chair for several members of the campus faculty

1995-1998

- SARANAC LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
99 LaPan Highway  
Saranac Lake, New York 12983
- Paul Leahy, Chairperson, Committee on Special Education, supervisor
- Occupational Therapy Program Coordinator
- Development and coordination of district-wide, inclusion-based occupational therapy programs for K-12 students. Coordination of program with other disciplines, supervision of full time COTA, and fieldwork supervision of OTA student from Maria College.

- Screening, evaluation, treatment, and consultation of classified and non-classified students. Curriculum adaptation and development.
- Inservice education of school district teachers and staff. Provided staff development including full day presentation on OT applications.
- Presentation on adaptive curriculum applications to Northern New York Special Education Administrators and New York State Education Department representatives. Follow up by request at regional conference in Lake Placid for administrators and educators.
- Child Study and Committee on Special Education Team member: develop appropriate educational programming for students experiencing educational difficulty.
- Mini-grant writer with submission by kindergarten team to develop a fine-motor inclusion program utilizing therapy putty within established curriculum areas.

1993-1995

- FRANKLIN-ESSEX-HAMILTON BOCES
- Alan Tessier/Nancy Montevago, supervisors
- Itinerant Staff Therapist for several school districts
- Screening, evaluation, consultation and treatment preschool-grade 12, including full spectrum of students needs in self-contained and inclusive settings.

1985-1993

- PROFESSIONAL PARTNERSHIP: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES.
- General Practice of Occupational Therapy: Barbara Gachowski, OTR, partner.
- Established OT services throughout Northern New York Tri-county area in educational and medical settings as pilot OT services.
- Provided orientation to OT services throughout the region.
- Administration of general practice including development, fiscal management, staffing, and provision of services.
- Provided staff supervision of professional and office staff.
- Service provider to home health agencies, nursing homes, developmental facilities, educational facilities, private patients, and state and county service agencies throughout the Northern New York Region.

1983-1985

- INDEPENDENT CONTRACT THERAPIST
- Barbara GACHOWSKI, OTR, SITE SUPERVISOR
- Franklin County ARC
- Service provider to center-based early intervention program and pre-schools

1980-81/1977-78

- CENTER FOR THE DISABLED , ALBANY, NEW YORK
- CHRISTINE DAVIS, OTR/ JOY CLARK, OTR, SUPERVISORS
- Center-based facility therapist (COTA) and supportive living Activities of Daily Living Trainer

AWARDS:

- SHEPPARD PRATT: TEAM RECOGNITION SUPERSTARS: Residential Services award for contribution to agency event development in collaboration with occupational therapy student interns, Nov. 2007.
- OUTSTANDING CLINICAL EDUCATOR AWARD: Shenandoah University.2006.
- PRESIDENT'S MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD: State University of New York at Canton, May 2002.

PROFESSIONAL PAPERS/PUBLICATIONS:

- Ramsay, D.L., Gonyea, J.G. & Shapiro, M.I. (2008). Chapter 22: Social Work and Rehabilitation Therapies. In S. Sharfstein (Ed.), *Textbook of Hospital Psychiatry*. Arlington, VA: American Psychiatric Publishing, Inc.

- SUNY CANTON GENERAL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT PLAN: February 2002. Gonyea, J., Spellacy, K. Co-writers/editors.

#### WORKS IN PROGRESS:

- Advising two graduate theses
- Gonyea, J.G. & Kopeck, V. (in revision). ADHD/Disruptive Disorders. In C. Brown & V. Stoffel (Eds.), *Mental Health in Occupational Therapy: A Vision for the Future*. Philadelphia: F.A. Davis
- Gonyea, J.G. (in revision). Occupations: Students K-12. In C. Brown & V. Stoffel (Eds.), *Mental Health in Occupational Therapy: A Vision for the Future*. Philadelphia: F.A. Davis.

#### PRESENTATIONS, SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

- SIS ROUNDTABLE: DISTANCE EDUCATION, Facilitator. Charlotte, NC. 2006
- THE AGING MIND: PSYCHOGERONTOLOGY AND OCCUPATION: New York State Activity Directors' Annual Conference. Alexandria Bay, NY, October 2005
- TRANSITIONS IN MENTAL HEALTH: CUSTOMIZING ALTERNATIVES AND PROMOTING PARTICIPATION: New York State Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Uniondale, NY, October 2005.
- TRANSITIONS IN MENTAL HEALTH: CUSTOMIZING ALTERNATIVES AND PROMOTING PARTICIPATION: Brown Bag Lunch Presentation for faculty, staff, and administrators SUNY Canton, October 2005.
- SERVICE LEARNING: COMMUNITY CONNECTION IN OTA EDUCATION: Associated Colleges of the St. Lawrence Valley Teacher Effectiveness Training Day Poster Presentation. Presentation with C. Hammecker, Academic Fieldwork Coordinator, October 2004.
- OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY FOR FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY: Presentation for Parent to Parent, Inc. monthly meeting, October 2004
- PROGRAM EVALUATION PANEL PRESENTER. National Program Directors Combined OT/OTA Council, San Antonio, TX, November 2003.
- DISTANCE EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE COORDINATOR. National Program Directors Council, Assistant Program Section, San Antonio, TX. November 2003.
- MANAGING SCHOOL-BASED OCCUPATIONS: AN ENVIRONMENTAL APPROACH. Saranac Lake Central School District Faculty Development Day, October 2003.
- MEDICAL DENTAL BOARD PRESENTATION: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AT SLPC, St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center. 2002.
- POSTER PRESENTATION: ANNUAL AOTA ACADEMIC PROGRAM DIRECTORS MEETING: St. Louis, MO. October 2001. Occupation-based Fieldwork for the Occupational Therapy Assistant
- WHAT ADMINISTRATORS NEED TO KNOW: Committee on Special Education Chairperson's Presentation on Occupational Therapy in the Schools: Franklin/ Essex/Hamilton Board of Cooperative Education Services. Saranac Lake New York. January 2002
- NEURO-SCIENCE AND NEURO-OCCUPATION: Update for Clinical Supervisors. SUNY Canton, November 2001.
- ABILITY DAY, CLARKSON UNIVERSITY/POTSDAM STATE UNIVERSITY: Occupational Therapy Resources Display November 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005
- PLANNING COMMITTEE New York State Occupational Therapy Association Annual Convention 2001
- CAPITAL DISTRICT OF NEW YORK STATE OT ASSOC. BOARD MEMBER: Continuing Education Committee – On-going
- ADAPTIVE COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY: PRESENTATION: 2 hour Workshop for SUNY Canton Faculty: May 19, 1999.

- OTA OVERVIEW FOR CANTON-POTSDAM HOSPITAL, CANTON COLLEGE COUNCIL, AND ECONOMICS AMERICA: Fall 1998
- OTA OPEN HOUSE: Faculty/Staff tour and demonstration of occupational therapy materials/techniques: September 1998:
- MATERIALS SHOWCASE: Special Education Administrator's Leadership Training Academy: March 17, 1997: An exhibition of adaptive techniques and materials to facilitate inclusion of students in regular education environments: interactive presentation
- COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION CHAIRPERSONS PRESENTATION: November 1996. Overview of inclusion-based therapy theory and practice to CSE chairpersons and NYS Education Department representatives.
- CLINICAL SUPERVISORS MEETING WITH ACCREDITATION TEAM: MARIA COLLEGE: March 1997
- SUPERINTENDENT'S DAY PRESENTATION: October 1996. Kindergarten/first grade teacher and support staff training in use of materials to facilitate foundation skills in fine motor and visual skills.

#### GRANTS:

- OT STUDENT INTERN GRANT: SHEPPARD PRATT HEALTH SYSTEM: 2007-2008. Coordinating grant allocation to promote student research and program development within a comprehensive mental health delivery system.
- OUTDOOR ADVENTURE FOR ADOLESCENTS: KRIEGER FOUNDATION: 2006-2007: Coordinated grant implementation including grant modification with philanthropist.
- HEALTHY LIVING: NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 2003-2004: Developed grant for development of programming to facilitate improved health among mental health recipients serviced through a regional psychiatric center and consumer agency in collaboration with agency staff.
- VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT GRANT (VATEA): 1999-2000 ACADEMIC YEAR: OTA Program Technical Rehab Equipment Needs Continued 2000-2001 Academic Year
- EDUCATION AND TRAINING CONSORTIUM MINI-GRANT: 1995  
ABC/123 STRENGTHENING FOR FINE MOTOR FUNCTION  
Saranac Lake Central School District / SETRIC  
Baseline program utilized therapy putty and muscle strengthening techniques as an integrated curricular modality to facilitate fine motor development within four mainstream kindergarten classrooms. Program continues as integrated curriculum component to date.

#### CONTINUING EDUCATION

2008

- AOTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION, Long Beach, CA

2007

- AOTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION, St. Louis, MO
- SHEPPARD PRATT CLINICAL ROUNDTABLE TEXT DISCUSSION, Spring 2007

2006

- AOTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION, Charlotte, NC
- SPRING PROGRAM DIRECTORS MEETING, Charlotte, NC

2005

- FALL PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MEETING, Phoenix, AZ.  
Academic Leader Trade-Offs: Managing Time, Stress and Conflict
- CONTINUING COMPETENCY WORKSHOP: SUNY Canton
- AOTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION, Long Beach, CA.

2004

- NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION, Minneapolis, MN.  
Institute: Developing Your Therapeutic Feeding Intervention.

Research Colloquium: Applied practice.

2003

- FALL PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MEETING. San Antonio, Texas. The State of Higher Education. Deborah L. Greene, PhD.
- ST. LAWRENCE PSYCHIATRIC CENTER. Mandatory training: HIPAA.
- AOTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION, Washington, DC. Institute: Introduction to the Concept of Participation in Occupational Therapy Research.

2002

- FALL PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MEETING. University of Illinois at Chicago, Building Scholarship to Advance Practice and Enhance Education
- AOTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION, Miami, FL.
- CHAIRING THE ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT: A WORKSHOP FOR DEPARTMENT CHAIRS AND DEANS
- ANNUAL AOTA PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MEETING, St. Louis, MO.
- ANNUAL NYS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE.
- ASHVILLE INSTITUTE ON ASSESSMENT, Ashville, NC. 2000
- AOTA ANNUAL SPECIAL INTEREST CONFERENCE AND FALL PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MEETING: Combined and Technical Programs Councils.
- NEW YORK STATE ANNUAL CONFERENCE. Cognition; Evaluation, Evidence-based Practice and Research
- AOTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION: Technical Programs: Program Directors Council, Academic Standard Training, Building Academic and Professional Practice in Community Occupational Therapy, Occupational Therapy in Assisted Living: Promoting Function and Aging in Place, New OT Treatment for Mentally Ill Chemically Addicted (MICA) Consumers, Models for Matching Patient Needs to Complementary and Mainstream Medicine, Our Mandate for the New Millennium: Evidence Based Practice, Creating Story: A pilot Film Program for High-Risk Youth, Home Care Protocols for Mental Health 1998/1999/2000 (OTA Program Development/Initiation)
- TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY: EMERGENT CARE THROUGH REHAB: Jeanne P. Ryan, Ph.D., Facilitator; Robert B. Thomson, MD; J. Lucas Koberda, Ph.D., MD., Michael Wainberg, Ph.D., MD  
Multidisciplinary seminar on current management of TBI: December 15
- EFFECTIVE TEACHING FOR MULTIPLE LEARNING STYLES: Dr. Barbara Bonham. Teaching Effectiveness Conference, Associated Colleges of the St. Lawrence Valley: St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York: November 6
- LINKING THE NBCOT CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION BLUEPRINT TO CURRICULUM DESIGN: L. Randy Strickland, Ed.D., OTR/L, FAOTA: Richmond, Virginia
- FACULTY DEVELOPMENT: LAPTOP AMBASSADOR PROGRAM  
Specialty training in use of various educational technology applications including: MS Power Point, Top Class, MS Paint, Mathematical Applications, Net Conferencing, and Information Management
- FACULTY DEVELOPMENT: TEST CONSTRUCTION FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY FACULTY: Maralynne D. Mitcham, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA. AOTA National Conference: Baltimore, Maryland.
- AOTA 1998 ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Baltimore, Maryland.  
ACADEMIC JUGGLING ACT: BECOMING A FACULTY MEMBER.  
ACADEMIC JUGGLING ACT: ACHIEVING PROMOTION AND TENURE.  
ELEANOR CLARK SLAGLE LECTURE: UNITING THEORY AND PRACTICE IN AN OCCUPATIONAL FRAMEWORK: Dr. Anne Fisher.