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Education

Chatham University Occupational Therapy Doctorate	2017
Springfield College Master of Education of Occupational Therapy	1999
Lafayette College Bachelor of Arts of Psychobiology	1992

Post-Professional Doctoral Capstone Project

The capstone project examined the effectiveness of telehealth occupational services on adults and older adults living in the community with neurological conditions to improve home safety and perception of occupational performance.

Teaching Experience

Xavier University:	
Doctoral Capstone Coordinator & Teaching Professor	August 8, 2020- Present
Adjunct Faculty	January 2010- August 2020
Cincinnati State Technical and Community College:	
Adjunct Faculty	Oct 2011- May 2012

Xavier University Service

OT Department Assessment Committee	August 2021-Present
OT Department Hooding Chair	2023

Leadership

Appointed Ohio OTPTAT Board Member (Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Assistive Technology)	Sept 2022
American Occupational Therapy Association: Home and Community Health Special Interest Section Chairperson	2015-2018
American Occupational Therapy Association: Home Modifications Network Coordinator	2012- 2015

Awards

American Occupational Therapy Association Service Commendation	2016
American Occupational Therapy Association SIS Quarterly Writers Award	2013
National Association of Home Builders Homes for Life Award	2012
National Association of Home Builders Homes for Life Award: Major Space	2011
Xavier University Affiliated Faculty Award	2011
Cum Laude Springfield College	1999
Phi Theta Epsilon	1998
Psi Chi	1992

Publications

- Renda, M., & Lape, J.E. (2018). Feasibility and effectiveness of telehealth occupational therapy home modification interventions. *International Journal of Telerehabilitation*, 10(1), 3-14. <https://doi.org/10.5195/ijt.2018.6244>
- Frank, G., & Renda, M., (2016). Mobility makeover for the home. *Rehab Management*, 29(3), 8-11.
- Renda, M., Lee, S., Keglovits, M., & Somerville, E. (2016, August). The role of occupational therapy in reduction of hospital re-admissions. *Occupational Therapy Practice*, 22(15),

CE1-CE8.

- Renda, M. (December, 2015). Welcome from the new chairperson. *Home and Community Health Special Interest Section Quarterly*, 22(4), 1.
- American Occupational Therapy Association. (2015). Complex Environmental modifications. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 69(Suppl. 3), 6913410010.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.5014/ajot.2015.696S01>
- Renda, M. (2012, December). Life powered by technology. *Home and Community Health Special Interest Section Quarterly*, 19(4), 1-4.
- Renda, M. (2012). Home modifications: An introduction to practice considerations. *OT Practice* 17(15), CE 1-8.
- Renda, M. (2012, September). Gerontechnology: Technology helping older adults live at home. *Gerontology Special Interest Section Quarterly*, 35(3), 1-4.
- Renda, M & DeRosa, J. (2010, March). Beyond home modifications: Coaching through life's transitions. *Home & Community Health Special Interest Section Quarterly*, 17(1), 3-4.

Professional Presentations

- Renda, M. and Zahoransky, M. (2020). *Opportunities and challenges of real-world telehealth practice* [Short course]. American Occupational Therapy Annual Conference, Boston, MA, United States.
- Zahoransky, M. and Renda, M. (2019). *Telehealth 2020 and beyond: Opportunities and challenges* [Presentation]. Ohio Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference.
- Renda, M. (2018). *Telehealth home modification interventions: Opportunities and challenges* [Presentation]. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, UT, United States.
- Robinson, M., Renda, M., & Zahoransky, M. (2017). *HCHSIS annual program: Implications and opportunities for home health and community practice in current health payment reform* [Presentation]. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, United States.
- Renda, M. (2016). *The role of occupational therapy in discharge planning and reducing hospital readmissions* [Presentation]. American Occupational Therapy Association Chronic Care Specialty Conference, Orlando, FL, United States.
- Renda, M. (2016). *Starting a home modifications business* [Presentation]. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, United States.
- Renda, M. (2015). *Deconstructing documentation in home modifications* [Presentation]. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference.
- Renda, M. (2015). *Appy hour: Technology for home modifications* [Presentation]. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Nashville, TN, United States.
- Renda, M. (2014). *Building a successful home modification business* [Presentation]. American Occupational Therapy Association Productive Aging Specialty Conference, Charlotte, NC, United States.
- Renda, M. (2014). *Home modifications strategies and solutions* [Presentation]. Ohio Occupational Therapy Association, Baltimore, MD, United States.
- Renda, M. (2014). *Advanced practice in home modifications institute* [Presentation]. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, United States.
- Siebert, C., Green, J. K., Obermeyer, I., Renda, M., Thomas, C., Vogeley, M., & Stoffel, G. (2013). *Pixel power: The centennial vision in high definition* [Presentation]. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, United States.
- Renda, M. (2013). *Home modifications and assistive technology for care-partners* [Presentation]. National Multiple Sclerosis Society Teleconference.
- Renda, M. (2013). *What occupational therapists need to know to be leaders on the architectural team* [Presentation]. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference,

- San Diego, CA, United States.
- Renda, M. (2013-2015). *Home modifications: Construction, assistive technology and medicare*. Summit Education. 12 CEU Two monthly 2-day courses nationally
- DeRose, J. & Renda, M. (2012). *The marriage between traditional and private home modification* [Presentation]. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference.
- Renda, M. (2012). *Home modifications and assistive technology* [Presentation]. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN, United States.
- Renda, M. (2012-2013). *Home modifications*. Summit Education. 6 CEU Four monthly 1-day courses nationally.
- Renda, M. (2011). *Gerontechnology* [Presentation]. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, United States.
- Renda, M. (2011). *SIS roundtable discussion: Home modifications* [Presentation]. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, United States.
- Renda, M. (2011-2013). *Home Modifications*. Summit Education. 6 CEU Four monthly 1-day courses nationally.
- Renda, M. (2011). *Discharge resources* [Presentation]. Greater Cincinnati Hospitals, Cincinnati, OH, United States.
- Siebert, C., & Renda, M. (2011). *Finding the right solution for aging in place* [Presentation]. Aging In America Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, United States.
- Renda, M. (2010). *Home modifications*. Education Resources Inc. Four 3 Day Course 18 CEU
- Renda, M. (2010). *Gerontechnology: Technology Changing Patient Care*. Cross Country Education. 6 CEU
- Renda, M. (2010). *Gerontechnology: High and low tech solutions* [Presentation]. Council on Aging Annual Event, Cincinnati, OH, United States.
- Renda, M. (2010). *Home modifications business: Knowledge and essential team members* [Presentation]. Ohio Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference.
- Renda, M. (2010). *Home assessments* [Presentation]. Southwestern Ohio Occupational Therapy Conference, Cincinnati, OH, United States.
- Renda, M. (2009). *Home assessments* [Presentation]. Ohio Occupational Therapy Annual Conference.
- Renda, M. (2009). *Home modifications: High and low tech solutions* [Presentation]. Ohio Occupational Therapy Annual Conference.
- Renda, M., (2009). *Home modifications: Occupational therapy assessments and building relationships with contractors* [Presentation]. Ohio Occupational Therapy Annual Conference.
- Renda, M. (2008). *Aging in place* [Presentation]. Parish Health Ministries, Cincinnati, OH, United States.
- Renda, M. (2008). *Fall prevention: What really works* [Presentation]. Ohio Occupational Therapy Annual Conference.

Licensure and Certifications

Licensed Occupational Therapist State of Ohio
 Licensed Occupational Therapist State of Kentucky: Expired in good standing
 Licensed Occupational Therapist State of Indiana: Expired in good standing
 Licensed Occupational Therapist State of Florida: Expired in good standing
 Licensed Occupational Therapist State of Connecticut: Expired in good standing
 Licensed Occupational Therapist State of Massachusetts: Expired in good standing
 CarFit Certified Event Coordinator
 Master Trainer A Matter of Balance Program
 Executive Certificate in Home Modifications: University of Southern California
 Certified Aging in Place Specialist Expired

Affiliations

American Occupational Therapy Association	1997 -Present
Ohio Occupational Therapy Association Member	2007- Present
World Federation of Occupational Therapists	2009- 2012
Hearth Founding Board	2008- 2012
Hamilton County Fall Prevention Task Force Committee Member	2007 to 2014

Employment Experience

Capstone Coordinator and Teaching Professor

Xavier University August 8, 2021- Present
Capstone Coordinator and .5 FT teaching professor. Development, implementation, and administration of the Doctoral Capstone experience placements and completion of all capstone requirements, including maintaining and storing related agreements, paperwork, documentation of expertise for mentors. Collaborates with the Capstone Faculty Mentor and student to ensure that the experience is consistent with the values and curricular objectives of the OTD program. Evaluates the student's performance based on the execution of the Learning Plan, the level of in-depth synthesis of knowledge demonstrated by the student during project dissemination, and the quality of Doctoral Capstone Project work submitted and disseminated at the conclusion of the Doctoral Capstone.

Adjunct Faculty

Xavier University January 2010- August 2020
Instructor for the MOCT 503 Life Participation II (11 yrs.), HOCS 321 Analysis of Occupational Performance (2 yrs.), and OTD 500 Foundations and Application of Human Sciences (Summer 2021) courses at the Department of Occupational Therapy at Xavier University. Course content: legislation, advocacy, assistive technology used to facilitate independence at home, work, and school; activity analysis and implementation of occupational therapy practice framework; neuroanatomy. Conducted all aspects of course development including course mapping, learning objectives, assignments and assessments. Assisted in the development of an innovative new home modification program in collaboration with community agencies to promote coordinated care for residents in Hamilton County living at home called the Community Housing Accessibility Alliance. Leveraged community partnerships to initiated home evaluation assignment where students participate in home evaluations in the community and use a telehealth platform. Created new remote learning course for new OTD program.

Independent Living Specialist

Rebuild Independence LLC July 2007- August 2020
Owner of an accessibility consultation business helping elder and persons with disabilities continue to live in the community. Services include: assessment of needs; assistive technology selection, acquisition and training; case management; construction management; and identification and access to community resources to enable participation in home and community activities. Conducted continuing education courses on topics of home modifications, fall prevention, universal design, gerontechnology, and aging in place. Consulted with the Council on Aging to evaluate their home modification program and to conduct subsequent staff training. Participated in the grant application for the Carol M. Peterson grant from 2013-2017 for the Ohio valley Chapter of the National MS Society. Coordinated grant implementation for home modifications and critical home repairs.

Adjunct Faculty Oct 2011- May 2012
Cincinnati State Technical and Community College
Developed and taught the Home Modification and Assistive Technology course at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College. Content included assistive technology used to facilitate independence at home, leisure, and community.

Occupational Therapist PRN August 2007- 2009
Episcopal Retirement Homes- Cincinnati, OH
Performed evaluation and treatment of adults and older persons for short term and long-term care in a skilled nursing facility. Participated in weekly treatment planning meetings. Develop and implemented staff and resident in-services and educational presentations. Supervised certified occupational therapists.

Occupational Therapist PRN Sept 2003- January 2004
Bayshore Point, Tampa, FL
Performed evaluation and treatment of adults and older persons for short term and long-term care in a skilled nursing facility. Participated in weekly treatment planning meetings.

Occupational Therapist July 2003- Sept 2003
Manor Care of Carrollwood, Tampa, FL
Performed evaluation and treatment of adults and older persons for short term and long-term care. Supervised occupational therapy assistants. Participated in weekly treatment planning meetings and conducted many staff in-services related to patient care.

Occupational Therapist Team Leader October 2002- December 2002
Rehab Therapy Works, St Petersburg, FL
Supervised rehabilitation team and coordinated all therapy services. Facilitated compliance with PPS guidelines. Established relationships with nursing, dietary, and social services departments to improve care. Facility closed in December of 2002.

Occupational Therapist and Rehabilitation Director March 2001- October 2002
The Laurels Skilled Nursing & Rehab Center, St Petersburg, FL
Rehabilitation Director for Swanholm Nursing Center while contracted by the Laurels Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Conducted occupational therapy evaluation and treatment of adults and older persons for short term and long-term care. Increased OT caseload by 300%. Initiated staff education to improve quality of care; compliance with state and federal regulations; and increase awareness of OT services. Facility closed Oct. 2002.

Occupational Therapist Level I & II Jan. 1999- Dec. 2000
Yale New Haven Hospital, New Haven, CT
Provided evaluation and treatment of adults in inpatient and outpatient psychiatric settings, including dual diagnosis. Participated in reengineering of Yale New Haven Psychiatric Hospital. Supervised students, certified occupational therapy assistants, and occupational therapists. Conducted hospital wide documentation training.

Level II Fieldwork June 1998-Dec 1998
Yale New Haven Hospital
Evaluated and treated adults and older adults on acute inpatient units and cardiac ICU.

Massachusetts General Hospital Psychiatry
Conducted evaluations and treatment for patients on an inpatient locked ward.

Administered standardized assessments, lead groups, and assisted with transition to outpatient services such as vocational rehabilitation. Provided OT services in a club house model outpatient setting, including prevocational training, leading groups, and working with local vocational rehabilitation programs.

Neuroscience Occupational Therapy Fellow Sept 1997-May 1998
Springfield College

Responsible for Instructing a Neurology Review Class two days per week for Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Students. Provided detailed lectures incorporating information presented in class. Facilitated student learning using various media. Provided one on one tutoring to students as needed.

Research Occupational Therapy Fellow January 1998- May 1998
Springfield College

Assisted Occupational Therapy Professor in completing a research project. Gathered information and obtained permission to use information to be published.

Occupational Therapy Aide 1995-1997
Lewis Bay Convalescent Home

Provided support services to occupational therapists including assisting with treatment sessions, splinting, patient transportation, and coordination with nursing staff in a skilled nursing and rehabilitation center specializing in traumatic brain injuries.

Behavioral Technician 1994-1995
Lewis Bay Convalescent Home

Monitored clients identified with aggressive and sexually inappropriate behaviors in the Center for Adaptive Learning within a skilled nursing and rehabilitation center. Implemented behavioral programs.

Mental Health Counselor 1992-1994
FCP Inc.

Assisted clients with chronic mental illnesses in transitioning from long-term psychiatric hospitals settings to a group home. Interventions focused on improving participation in daily activities such as personal hygiene, home management, medication management, cooking, and leisure activities. Lead groups including coping skills, life skills, leisure skills, and group process.

Nursing Aide 1998-1992
Lewis Bay Convalescent Home

Provided patient care to adults and older adults with traumatic brain injuries and neuromuscular conditions.

Volunteer Work

Home and Community Health Special Interest Section Chair July 2015- 2018
American Occupational Therapy Association

Provide information and resources to AOTA members working in home and community settings. Participate in monthly SIS Council meetings reorganizing and implementing new structure of the Special Interest Sections. Coordinate committee members efforts to be responsive to member questions and concerns. Initiated monthly PEP Talks (Putting Evidence into Practice) to assist practitioners in developing the skills and resources needed to engage in evidence-based practice.

Health Advisory Committee Member July 2009-2017

National Multiple Sclerosis Society Ohio Valley Chapter:

Advise the Ohio Valley Chapter on programing needs for persons with MS. Participate in fundraising for the association. Conduct educations programs and participate in panel discussions sponsored by the chapter locally and nationally.

Home Modification Network Coordinator

July 2012- June 2015

American Occupational Therapy Association

Appointed the American Occupational Therapy Association Home Modification Network Coordinator. Facilitating coordination between occupational therapy practitioners nationally including communication, training, and identification of member needs. Charged with setting strategic goals for promotion of occupational therapists within the specialized area of practice of home modifications.

Board Member and Program Committee Chair

September 2010- December 2015

Parkinson's Wellness Chapter

Participated in monthly board and program committee meetings to address the needs of persons with Parkinson's disease and their care partners. Coordinated monthly educations sessions on various topics including nutrition, sleep, driving, home safety, PD 101 and medications. Also grew the annual spring forum from 75 to over 250 participants in 3 years. The chapter dissolved in December of 2015.

Coalition Coordinator

December 2009- May 2012

Cincinnati Housing Accessibility Alliance

Coalition consisting of the Council on Aging, Xavier University Occupational Therapy Department, Department of Developmental Disability Services, LADD, People Working Cooperatively, and Evanston Community Counsel. The mission of the organization is to educate the community about accessibility options available and how to use private and state/grant funding to promote Aging in Place.

Project Manager

2009-2010

COTF/ Hearth Home Accessibility Project

Initiated the strategic partnership between Hearth and COTF in order to remodel a home for a family with accessibility needs. Coordinated project from conception to implementation.

Program Committee Member

2010-2012

Ohio Occupational Therapy Association Southwestern District

Committee member assisting with the planning and implementing educations sessions.

A Matter of Balance Program Trainer

2008- 2014

A Matter of Balance

Trained three local facilities in the A Matter of Balance Program. Provide ongoing support to AMOB leaders as the programs expand.

Board Member

2008- 2012

Hearth: Professionals for Independent Living

Founding board member. Non-profit organization educating the community about community resources and services available to keep people living in their homes as independently as possible. Organization dissolved in 2012.

Committee Member

2008- 2014

Hamilton County Fall Prevention Task Force

Task force initiated by the Department of Public Health to educate the community and service providers about evidence-based fall prevention techniques.

