



Dr. Mariana D'Amico, EdD, OTR/L, BCP, FAOTA

Qualification Statement:

Dr. D'Amico has practiced and taught clinically in occupational therapy for over 30 years in a variety of settings such as pediatrics, skilled nursing facilities, home health, and hospital based in-patient and out-patient programs working with people across the lifespan (new born to 107 yo). Areas of specialty include early intervention, school based practice, low vision, sensory integration and community mental health. She has taught academically for almost 20 years in Kentucky, Georgia and now Florida. She was part of the founding faculty for the OT Department at Spalding University, Louisville, Kentucky in 1997. She has been invited to present on many topics at local, state, regional, national and international conferences and programs for occupational therapists, educators, parents and care providers. She has mentored several student research projects across a variety of topics related to mental health, early intervention, sensory processing, rehabilitation, education, and leadership. Dr. D'Amico has several publications in refereed journals and newsletters. She also serves as an Associate Editor on the American Journal of Occupational Therapy and reviewer for the British Journal of Occupational Therapy. Dr. D'Amico's experiences as a clinician and educator add value to the OTD program here at Nova Southeastern University-Tampa.

Name: Mariana D'Amico, EdD, OTR/L, BCP, CIMI, FAOTA

Rank & Position: Associate Professor

Education & Training:

High School

New Dorp High School, 1973-1976, Academic New York State Regents Diploma

College

State University of New York at Binghamton, 1976-1978, Liberal Arts

Graduate and Professional:

New York University, 1978-1982, BS in Occupational Therapy

Eastern Kentucky University, 1992-1994, MS in Occupational Therapy

Spalding University, 1998-2004, EdD in Educational Leadership

Professional Positions**Founding OTR**, Fairview Hospital, Great Barrington, MA

Conceptualized, devised and established occupational therapy department and provided diverse occupational therapy services. 1/83 to 9/83

OTR, United Cerebral Palsy of New York City, Staten Island, NY 10304

Provided evaluation and intervention, in-services and coordinated student clerkships. 9/83 to 9/84

Staff OTR, Clove Lakes Nursing Home and Health Related Facility, Staten Island, NY 10314

Provided assessment, intervention, in-service education, coordinated interdisciplinary teams related to positioning and range of motion, family education and supervised level I and II students. 9/84 - 1/87

OTR Consultant Staff, Clove Lakes Nursing Home and Health Related Facility, Staten Island, NY 10314

Provided assessment and adaptive equipment upon request, as well as conduct individual and group treatment sessions, and provided peer mentoring for new therapists. 1/87 - 10/91

Senior OTR, Bayley Seton Hospital, Staten Island, NY 10301

Coordinated and provided occupational therapy services across the lifespan including development of interdisciplinary programming, in-service education, level I and II supervision for occupational therapy and physical therapy students. 1/87 to 9/88

Senior OTR, Occupational Therapy Consultants, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Coordinated and provided occupational therapy services across the lifespan, as well as in-service education, supervision and training of new and re-activating OTRs, COTAs, and level I and II students. 9/88 to 10/91

OTR Consultant, Jessamine County School System, Nicholasville, KY 40436

Provided occupational therapy services throughout the county including in-services and program development. 11/91 - 5/93

Adjunct Clinical Faculty Department of Occupational Therapy, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY, January 1992- December, 1996.**Instructor**, Part-time, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY 40475

Taught at the undergraduate level academic courses, and level I graduate and undergraduate levels. 1/92 - 12/96

OTR Casual Staff, Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, Lexington, KY 40502

Provide occupational therapy services for infants, children and young adults.
5/92 to 1/93

OTR Casual Staff, Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital, Lexington, KY 40503
Provide occupational therapy services across the lifespan. 5/92 to 1/93

OTR Consultant, Care Tenders Home Health Agency, Lexington, KY 40503
Provide occupational therapy services across the lifespan. 1/92 to 9/94

OTR Consultant, University of Kentucky Home Health Agency, Lexington, KY
Provide peer review re: quality assurance of occupational therapy services
provided to the community. 8/93 - 12/93

OTR Consultant, Bluegrass Occupational Therapy Services, Lexington, KY 40501
Provide occupational therapy services across the lifespan within a variety of
service delivery models as well as provide COTA supervision. 6/93 - 12/94

OTR Consultant, Lifespan Therapy Services, Mt. Sterling, KY 40353
Provide occupational therapy across the lifespan within a variety of service
delivery models, including in-service and program development, and
supervision of new OTR's, COTA's and level I and II students. 7/94 – 8/01

Assistant Professor Department of Occupational Therapy, Spalding University, January
1997-May 2000.

Adjunct Assistant Professor Department of Occupational Therapy, Eastern Kentucky
University June 2000-June, 2001.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY. July 2001-
July 2004

School of Graduate Studies Eastern Kentucky University December 2001 to July
2004.

OTR Consultant, Lifespan Therapy Services, Mt. Sterling, KY 40353
Provide occupational therapy across the lifespan within a variety of service
delivery models, including in-service and program development, and supervision
of new OTR's, COTA's and level I and II students. 7/94 – 8/01.

OTR Consultant, Lifespan Therapy Services, Mt. Sterling, KY 40353
Provide supervision to occupational therapists new to the pediatric and
school aged populations, and occupational services as needed. 9/97 - 2001

OTR Consultant, Early Childhood Development Center, Winchester, KY
Provide assessment and intervention for children birth to three and their families.
8/00-8/04.

OTR Consultant, Excepticon, Lexington, KY 40515
Provide occupational therapy services, programming and direct care staff
training. 8/95-6/99.

OTR Consultant, Kentucky Occupational Therapy Board

Peer review and investigation. 8/97; 8/02

OTR Casual Staff, Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital, Lexington, KY
Provide occupational therapy services across the lifespan. 6/04-8/04.

Low Vision Rehabilitation Occupational Therapy: develop OT program in CAHS with MCG Rehabilitation Department, conduct evaluation and intervention for persons with low vision across the lifespan. November 2011-July 2014.

OTR/L Part-time: Sensational Kids: Evaluate and treat children up to 16 years old with learning disabilities and developmental disabilities. November 2007 to September 30, 2014

Assistant Professor Department of Occupational Therapy, School of Allied Health Sciences, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA, August 2004-June 30, 2010
School of Graduate Studies, Medical College of Georgia, March 2006-June 30, 2010.

Associate Professor Department of Occupational Therapy, College of Allied Health Sciences, and School of Graduate Studies Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA, July 1, 2010-November 3, 2014.

Associate Professor Department of Occupational Therapy, College of Health Professions, Nova Southeastern University OTD-Tampa, FL, November 10, 2014 - date.

Awards and Honors:

- 1993 **AOTF Willard and Spackman Scholarship**-American Occupational Therapy Foundation
- 1996 **Certificate of Appreciation of Service** – Kentucky Occupational Therapy Association
- 2000 **Certificate of Appreciation of Service** – Kentucky Occupational Therapy Association
- 2004 **Nominated for the Excellence in Teaching Award** by the ECU Student OT Association
- 2005 **Augusta Champion** from Augusta Convention and Visitors Bureau
- 2006 **Cambridge: Who's Who Among** Executives, Professionals and Entrepreneurs
- 2007 **Alpha Eta** College of Allied Health Sciences Department of Occupational Therapy May Graduation
- 2008 **Governor's Teaching Fellow** from the University of Georgia Systems Institute of Higher Education for the Academic year 2008-2009.
- 2010 **CAHS Outstanding Clinical Faculty Award** for (May) 2010 CAHS Faculty Assembly May 2010
- 2013 **Barbara E. Grant Award** (to honor an OT or OTA who has made an outstanding global contribution to the profession in the areas of service, leadership, education, and advocacy) September 21-Georgia Occupational Therapy Association.
- 2014 **Certificate for Appreciation of Service** from the American Occupational Therapy Association for the DDSIS Committee Education Coordination Chair
- 2014 **College of Allied Health Sciences Distinguished Service Award** (May 16) CAHS Faculty Retreat Augusta, GA.
- 2015 **Roster of Fellows of the American Occupational Therapy Association (FAOTA)**
American Occupational Therapy Association, Nashville, TN April 18, 2015
- 2015 **Elected Faculty Member, Alpha Eta Society**
Transferred from the Medical College of Georgia, now Georgia Regents University
Inducted 2007 to Nova Southeastern University Nu Sigma Epsilon Chapter, 2015

Selected peer review publications

PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

- Jaffe, L., Gibson, R. W., **D'Amico, M. L.** (2015). Process-Oriented Guided-Inquiry Learning: A natural fit for occupational therapy education. *Occupational Therapy in Health Care*, 29(2), 115-125. doi:10.3109/07380577.2015.1010030
- D'Amico, M.** & Cahill, S. (2015). Addressing sexuality with individuals with developmental disabilities and their families across the lifespan. *Developmental Disabilities Special Interest Section Quarterly, American Occupational Therapy Association* 38 (1), 1-3.
- D'Amico, M.** (2014). Centennial Vision: Update on productive aging research in the *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 2013 and overview of research published 2009-2013. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 68, e247-e260. doi:10.5014/ajot.2014.013581
- Paul, S. & **D'Amico, M.** (2013). The role of occupational therapy in feeding and swallowing disorders. *New Zealand Journal of Occupational Therapy* 62 (2), 27-31.
- D'Amico, M.** (2013). Centennial Vision-Update on productive aging in the American Journal of Occupational Therapy, *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 67 (4) 1-15 <http://dx.doi.org/10.5014/ajot2013.008219>.
- D'Amico, M.** (2012). Centennial Vision-Update on productive aging in the American Journal of Occupational Therapy, *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 66 (4) 494, e77-e91 <http://dx.doi.org/10.5014/ajot2012.005207>.
- Gibson, R., **D'Amico, M.**, Jaffe, L., & Arbesman, M. (2011) Effectiveness of occupational therapy interventions for recovery in the areas of community integration and normative life roles for adults with severe and persistent mental illness. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 65 (3) 247-256.
- D'Amico, M.**, Jaffe, L., Gibson, R. (2010). Centennial Vision-Mental health evidence in the American Journal of Occupational Therapy. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy* 64 (4).
- Gibson, R., Jaffe, L., & **D'Amico, M.** (2010). *Evidence-based literature review of occupational therapy interventions for individuals with serious mental illness*. American Occupational Therapy Association Website: Evidence-based practice. www.aota.org.
- D'Amico, M.** & Iyer, M. (2007). Seeking Evidence: Using Clinical Practice to Generate Research. *Physical Disability Special Interest Section Quarterly, American Occupational Therapy Association* 30 (3), 1-4.
- O'Brien, S. & **D'Amico, M.** (2004). Scholarship of Engagement and Service Learning: A natural fit in Occupational Therapy Curricula. *Educational Special Interest Section Quarterly, American Occupational Therapy Association* 14 (3), 1-3.

Selected non peer review publications

BOOKS AND CHAPTERS

- D'Amico, M.** & Paul, S. (2014) Chapter 18 Values/Beliefs/Spirituality in Ina Asher, Editor, *Occupational Therapy Assessment Tools: An Annotated Index, 4th Edition*. Bethesda, MD: AOTA Press.
- Mortera, M. & **D'Amico, M.** (2014) Chapter 5 Disability Status and Adaptive Behaviors Assessments in Ina Asher, Editor, *Occupational Therapy Assessment Tools: An Annotated Index, 4th Edition*. Bethesda, MD: AOTA Press.

- D'Amico, M. & Jaffe, L. (2013)** Lighten up your classroom. In M. Bradshaw & A. Lowenstein (Eds.) *Innovative teaching strategies in nursing and related health professions* (6th ed.) Jones & Bartlett.
- D'Amico, M., Smith, V., & Early, M.B. (2012)** Evaluation and observation of deficits in sensation, perception and cognition. In Early, M.B., editor, *Physical Dysfunction Practice Skills for the Occupational Therapy Assistant, 3rd Edition*. St. Louis, MO: Elsevier.
- D'Amico, M. & Jaffe, L. (2010)** Lighten up your classroom. In M. Bradshaw & A. Lowenstein (Eds.) *Innovative teaching strategies in nursing and related health professions* (5th ed.) Jones & Bartlett.
- Gibson, R., **D'Amico, M.**, & Jaffe, L. (2010). *Evidence-Based Practice: Conducting and understanding evidenced based reviews, Chapter 4*. In M. Scheinholtz (Ed.) *Advanced Practice in Mental Health: A Self Paced Clinical Course*. Bethesda, MD: American Occupational Therapy Association.
- D'Amico, M. & Mortera, M. (2007)** Coping and Adaptation in Ina Asher, Editor, *Occupational Therapy Assessment Tools: An Annotated Index, 3rd Edition*. Bethesda, MD: AOTA Press.
- Mortera, M. & **D'Amico, M. (2007)** Disability Status in Ina Asher, Editor, *Occupational Therapy Assessment Tools: An Annotated Index, 3rd Edition*. Bethesda, MD: AOTA Press.
- D'Amico, M. & Jaffe, L. (2006)**. Humor in the classroom. In *Innovative Teaching Strategies in Health Care Fourth Edition, formerly Fuzzard's Innovative Teaching Strategies in Nursing 3rd edition*. New York, NY: Aspen Publishers.
- Bradley, K. P. & **D'Amico, M. (2006)**. Asynchronous Distance Learning. In *Innovative Teaching Strategies in Health Care Fourth Edition, formerly Fuzzard's Innovative Teaching Strategies in Nursing 3rd edition*. New York, NY: Aspen Publishers.
- D'Amico, M. & Tuminski, K. (2004)**. Adjunct on-line assignment for an Occupational Therapy History Project. In Hal Blythe, Editor. *On-line It Works for Me Too*. Stillwater, OK: New Forums Press Inc.

Other experience and professional memberships

International, National and Regional

Associate Editor, Editorial Review Board, American Journal of Occupational Therapy 2009 to date

Editorial Review Board, American Journal of Occupational Therapy-2005-to date

Cordelia Myers Writer's Award Reviewer 2006-2009

Conference submission reviewer, American Occupational Therapy Association National Conference, 1996 to 2009

AOTA, DDSIS Steering Committee 2009- 2014

AOTA, DDSIS Committee Education and Research Coordinator 2011-2014

Critically Appraised Paper (CAPS) Reviewer for the AOTA Evidence Exchange Project, 2012-date

Georgia Occupational Therapy Association Conference Coordinator in Augusta, Fall 2005

Editorial Review Board Member International Journal of Rehabilitation Research 2008-2012

Editorial Review Board British Journal of Occupational Therapy April 2011-date.

Editorial Review Board Developmental and Neurorehabilitation Journal, March 2014- date

External reviewer for promotion and tenure portfolios for the

University of North Dakota-September 2010

Texas Women's University-September 2013

Georgia Regents University/Georgia Health Sciences University/Medical College of Georgia

GRU Leadership Academy Director Search Committee 2013- 2014
GRU Leadership Academy Development Committee 2012-2014
GHSU University Faculty Senate Executive Committee as CAHS Faculty President 2012-2013
Adhoc Committee Chair for Faculty and Course Assessment 2012-2013
College P & T policy subcommittee 2012-2013
GHSU Transformation 2020 Planning Council 2011-2012
Member GRU Committee Course and Teaching Evaluations Feb- May 2013
Georgia Regents University CAHS representative to the University Senate Governance Committee 2013-2015
Chair of the Governance Nominations Sub-committee 2013-2015
GHSU University Faculty Senate Executive Committee July 2012-Dec 2012
GHSU University Faculty Senate Sub-Committee Strategic and Faculty Affairs-member 2009-2011

College of Allied Health Sciences (CAHS)

Chair, Dental Hygiene Faculty Search Committee 2014
Chair, CAHS Post Tenure Review Committee 2014
Member, CAHS Promotion and Tenure Committee 2013-2015
CAHS Faculty Council President (2011-2014, 2011-12, elect; 2012-2013, acting; 2013-2014, post)
CAHS Strategic Planning Committee Chair 2011-2013
Member Board of Directors of the Allied Health Sciences Practice Group 2011-2014
CAHS Promotion and Tenure Committee 2013-2014
CAHS Search Committee for OT and PT Chairs, 2011-2012
SAHS/CAHS Representative to University Faculty Senate 2008-2011
Provide Clinical services to children at Sensational Kids 2007 –2014
Develop and Provide Low Vision Services to patients in the OT Department 2012-2014
CAHS Post Tenure Review Committee for College of Allied Health Sciences, Spring 2011
Search Committee Member for Chair of Department of Health Informatics, Fall 2010
Office of Human Protection Review Clinical Standard Operating Procedures
Development Committee member 2006-2007.
Steering Committee Member for Project Link and Wee Wisdom 2005-2012

Department of Occupational Therapy

Academic Affairs Committee /Curriculum Committee/2005-2014
Promotion and Tenure Committee 2007-2008
Search Committee 2005-2008
Student Affairs Committee 2005-2007
Coordinate Back Pack Day Annual Events Locally with students 2004-2010
Editor, Partners in Education, Department of Occupational Therapy Annual Newsletter-2004-2006
Student association advisor, Student Occupational Therapy Association, August 2004-August 2007.

Memberships

SCIENTIFIC AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES (Include Offices Held)

AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

1979-date

Member: 1979-date

Sensory Integration Special Interest Section 1979-date
Mental Health Special Interest Section 1980-1984; 1992-1994; 2000-date
Physical Disability Special Interest Section 1981-1995
Gerontology Special Interest Section 1985-date
Developmental Disability Special Interest Section 1984-date
Nominations committee 2007
Advisory Board 2009-2015
Continuing Education Coordinator 2011-2014
Technology Special Interest Section 1991-1995
Education Special Interest Section 1996-date
School System Special Interest Section 1995-date

Mental Health Practice Guideline Reviewer: 2012

Critically Appraised Paper (CAPS) Reviewer for the AOTA Evidence Exchange Project, 2012-date

WORLD FEDERATION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS -1979- DATE

Member: 1979-date

GEORGIA OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION 2005-DATE

Member 2005-date

Augusta District Vice-Chair 2005-2007

Conference Organizer in Augusta for State Conference 2005

SOUTH CAROLINA OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION

Member 2005-date

COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

Division of Early Childhood

Member 2007-date

KENTUCKY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION – 1991 - 2007

Member 1991- 2007

Chair, Sensory Integration Special Interest Section 1993-1997

Member 1998 Conference Planning Committee 1997-1998

Chair of Technology Committee of Conference Planning Committee 1997-1998

Member Scholarship Committee 1997-2004

Treasurer 1999-2001

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Mental Health Coalition of Augusta, Member, 2007

Peer book reviewer of OT books 2005 to 2012

GOAL Assessment Standardization Study: Western Psychological Corp. 2008-2009.

Member of the Friends of the Jesseye Norman School for the Arts: fund raising committee volunteer 2009 to date

Member Board of Directors of the Augusta Jewish Community Center 2011 to date

Secretary of Board of Directors 2013-2014

Chorus Member of the Medical College of Georgia Chorus-January 2009 to 2012, participated in the MLK joint celebration with ASU and Paine College, the CMC Disney Song Celebration-Arts for Healing, Noon Arts,

Puppeteer, Children's Medical Center Kids on the Block Troupe 2005-date

Kids Pajama Party, Columbia County Library, Evans, GA "Making New Friends" March 6, 2007

Stories at the Library, Greene St. Library, Augusta, GA "Making New Friends" July 13, 2007

Safety day at the 911 Center, Augusta, GA "A New Name?" September 11, 2007

Bone Marrow Transplant Reunion, MCG Alumni Center, Augusta, GA, "A New Name?"

September 29, 2007. Pilot Club, 2010. SCI, April 14, 2014 "It's Just Medicine",

Wee Wisdom speaker at Family Resource center on topics of

Developing Coping Skills: Tools for Healthy Living. January 24, 2007; June 13, 2007; October 17, 2007; July 6, 2008; October 29, 2008; March 11, 2009; July 1, 2009; December 2, 2009; March 31, 2010, July 14, 2010, October 13, 2010, June 8, 2011

Motor Development-The Differently-Abled Child, March 9, 2005

Managing the difficult child, October 7, 2009; February 3, 2010,

Challenging behaviors with Lynn Jaffe, June 9, 2010, Sept 1, 2010, April 27,

2011

Project Link Presenter on topics of

Supporting the Independence of Children with Special Needs with Sheryl Irwin

September 5, 2006

Social Stories and Social Skills October 2, 2007

Layman-Costa Farm Health Fair Train and review body mechanics for lifting, pulling, pushing for Farm workers, July 19, 2013

Research Interests/Support

Student directed research

Brownlee, E. Glazer, K., Walker, P., Turpin, M. & D'Amico, M. (2013-2015). Most beneficial Age-related Macular Degeneration interventions to promote occupational performance and satisfaction

Anderson, C., Banks, L., Ferrer, G., Johnson, C., Schoch, M. Shanahan, K. & D'Amico, M. (2012-2014). Sensory interventions, mental illness, and trauma.

Gahagan, K. Jewett, J., Junkett, K., Kuzava, K., Law, M. & D'Amico, M. (2011-2013). Critically Appraised Topic: Increasing Quality of Life of Mental Health Clients Through the Use of Sensory Rooms.

Gleit, A., Kirk, R., Lively, L., Pineda, J., Rubin, E., D'Amico, M., & Jaffe, L. (2011-2013). Effectiveness of the primary service provider approach in early intervention: What is the evidence?

Cathcart, S., Kneisel, K., Machin, B., Rooke, J., White, G., Paul, S. & D'Amico, M. (2011-2013). Mentoring in occupational therapy academia: Perspectives of senior faculty.

Buerker, K., Cheely, K., Freshwater, C., Freshwater, S., Walsh, S., D'Amico, M. & Jaffe, L. (2010-2012). Effect of the Wilbarger Protocol on typical young adults' electrodermal reactivity as measured by the Sensory Challenge Protocol: A pilot study

Brown, R., Frazier, L., Lee, L., Morin, S., Nowak, A. Warren, M., Jaffe, L. & D'Amico, M. (2009-2011). Occupational therapy outcomes in early intervention

Brinson, J., Dalman, E., Fealko, C., Odom, K., Salazar, R., Jaffe, L & D'Amico, M.. (2010-2012) A pilot survey of early intervention referral patterns from health care providers in Georgia.

Allen, M., Harrelson, R., Jerris, K., Newman, A., Vivian, E., D'Amico, M., & Jaffe, L. (2009-2011). Habituation within the Sensory Challenge Protocol.

Harwood, L., Leatherwood, K., Peeler, K., Smith, S. & D'Amico, M. (2005-2008) Exploration of the relationship between leadership and followership characteristics of occupation at therapists.

Brittany Barnes, Stacey Backstrom, Taylor Cansler, Beth Miller, Sarah Mooney (2007-9) Mentor Research: Evidence Based Review of School Based Mental Health Programs in Early Childhood and Occupational Therapy.

Dami Aina, Krisi Barwick, Joy Fisher, Britanee Howell, Brittany Nash (2007-9) Co-Mentor Research: Sensory Reactivity and State.

Cliff Garzillo (2009) Cutting Food with Knife and Fork-Mature Grasp Pattern (Medical Illustration).

Jedidiah Campbell- Cutting Food with Knife and Fork-Immature/Power Grasp Pattern (Medical Illustration).

Kate Baly, Amanda Hall, Meghan Lloyd, Cindy Taylor, Diane Wolfe (2009) Co-Mentor Research: Test Re-test Reliability of the Sensory Challenge Protocol.

Margarita Ortiz-Serrano, Rebecca Sissom (2009) Evidence Based Review of Occupational Therapy in Mental Health.

Emma Voight (2008) Oral Motor Skills, Chewing and Munching Patterns Animation (Medical Illustration Project).

Marco Marchionni (2008) Grasp /Release Pattern- Infant/Toddler Stacking Rings Animation (Medical Illustration Project).

Shawnda Smith, Katie Hefner, Lindsay Harwood, Kara Peeler (2008) Mentor-Research: An Exploration of Leadership and Followership Characteristics in Occupational Therapists.

Penny Fuller, Tara Thackston, Adaeze Oneybuchi, Ashlyn Lester (2008) Mentor-Research: A Comparison of Two Splinting Techniques in Alleviation of Carpal Tunnel Syndrome.

Kasey Kvartek, Jessica Hensley (2008) Co-mentor-Research: Sensory Challenge Protocol DTPV Sensory Profile.

Anneliese Lilienthal (2007) Babinski Reflex Animation (Medical Illustration Project).

Tristan Cummings (2007) Asymmetrical Tonic Neck Reflex Animation (Medical Illustration Project).

Meredith Boyter (2007) Protective Extension (Front, Side, Backwards) Animation (Medical Illustration Project).

Allison Johnson, Josh Walthour, Laura Bennett, Meredith Cook, Val Fillion (2007) Mentor-Research: A Comparison of Two Splinting Techniques in Alleviation of Carpal Tunnel Syndrome.

Kristen Pruett, Christina Rocker, Jeremy Cryder, Karen Thompson, (2007) Co-mentor-Research: Sensory Responses of Typical Individuals 14-30 years old to the Sensory Challenge Protocol.

Hardy B. Fowler (2006) Grasp Reflex Animation (Medical Illustration Project).

Emily Jensen (2006) Righting Reactions (Neck, Body on Body) (Medical Illustration Project).

Jean Roscow Burnett, Christina Vinson, Lindsay Murray, Alison Lazarus (2006) Co-Mentor-Project: Development of A Low Vision Course.

Emily Ullo (2005) Eye Animation for Macula Degeneration (Medical Illustration Project).

Burnette, J., Lazarus, A., Murray, L., Stephens, C., Bradley, K. & D'Amico, M. (2005-2006). Developing competency in low vision.

Leigh Chance, Zelda Jackson, Makeiba Britt, Kathleen Gilliam (2004/2005) Mentor-Research: Correlations Between the Allen Cognitive Levels Screening and the Kaufman Brief Intelligence Test with Children 7-11 years old.

Nobles, Green (2005) Content Expert: Animation of the Development of Walking from Infant to Toddler (Medical Illustration, Master's Final Project).

Danica Myrick (2005) Mentor-Research: The Effect Visual Impairment has on Occupational Performance of Diabetic Residents in a Skilled Nursing Facility.

Rebecca Christon Cardell (2005) Mentor-Research: Autism and Intervention.

Manju Prabhakar Arole, OTR/L (2003) Research Project Committee member, content expert. Effectively Engaging Adults with MR/DD in Meaningful Occupations: An Institutional Setting Model. Eastern Kentucky University.

Raina Carol Dass (2002) Research Project Committee member, content expert. Psychosocial

implications for Occupational Therapy Intervention with Displaced, Separated Children Affected by War: A Literature Review. Eastern Kentucky University.

Research Interests

Sexuality and occupational therapy, and the comfort of therapists; role of OT across conditions/lifespan
Sensory Processing and mental illness; using the Sensory Profile to look at sensory processing behaviors of individuals with mental illness
Social skills development and autism
Scholarship of teaching; blended learning models; active learning models heutagogy and professional development
Follow through of home programs of adult patients; early intervention programs
Educational outcomes of students who received early intervention services
Developing an assessment tool of occupational performance
Work opportunities for adults with Asperger's or autism
Low vision and occupational performance
Computer based visual perception/motor training program and reading/writing outcomes?
Life after death: spousal responses and resilience; how long does grief last
Leadership and followership: exploring the relationship
Leadership development: what can and cannot be learned

Refereed Presentations at International, National, Regional and State Meetings

Papers:

- Hunter, E., D'Amico, M., Gibson, R., Campbell, C., & Munoz, L. (2015). Systematic review on occupational therapy and cancer rehabilitation. (AOTA). American Occupational Therapy Association National Conference. Nashville, TN April 18.
- D'Amico, M. (2014, June). Sexuality: What is OT's role working with individuals with developmental disabilities and their families? WFOT/JOTC Congress, Yokohama, Japan, June 21.
- D'Amico, M. (2013, October) Sexuality and the roles of occupational therapy. GRU SOTA meeting, Augusta, GA, October 9
- D'Amico, M. (2013, September) Sexuality and the roles of occupational therapy. GOTA Annual State Conference, Savannah GA, September 21.
- D'Amico, M. (2012, April). Sexuality: What is OT's role working with individuals with developmental disabilities and their families? April 27; Developmental Disabilities Special Interest Section Roundtable, American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
- Jaffe, L., Gibson, R., D'Amico, M. & Rooke, J. (2012, April). Developing critical thinking skills for evidence based practice in occupational therapy through collaborative learning; April 13; Poster presentation at USG Teaching and Learning Conference, Helen, GA.
- Jaffe L., D'Amico M, Taylor L, & Gibson R. (2012, November 5) Process oriented guided inquiry learning: POGIL. Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Seminar. November 5. Georgia Health Sciences University, Augusta, GA.
- Gibson R, D'Amico M, Taylor L, & Jaffe L. (2012, January) Process oriented guided inquiry learning: POGIL. Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Seminar January 9, 2012. Georgia Health Science University, Augusta, GA.
- Gibson R, Jaffe L, & D'Amico M. (2012, January 20) POGILS: Team based learning with graduate students. 2012 Governor's Teaching Fellows Conference and Reunion. Athens, GA January 20, 2012.
- D'Amico, M. (2010) A review of teaching theories. School of Allied Health Sciences Medical Educational Research Group, Health Sciences Building (EC2210) October 26.

- D'Amico, M. (2010) Mentoring and supervising students and new therapists. Fulton County School System, August 12.
- D'Amico, M., Jaffe, L., Gibson, R., (2009, October). *Mental Health Practice: Practical Applications from an Evidence Based Review*. Georgia Occupational Therapy Association, Gainesville, GA. October 23, 2009.
- Gibson, R., Jaffe, L., D'Amico, M., Arbesman, M., Lieberman, D., & Logsdon, D. *Evidence-Based Literature Review of Occupational Therapy Interventions for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness*. American Occupational Therapy Association 89th Annual Conference, Houston, TX. (April, 2009).
- Gupta, J., Snodgrass, J., Gibson, R., Jaffe, L. D'Amico, M., Arbesman, M., & Lieberman, D., *EDSIS Faculty Subsection: Evidence-based Practice Academic Partnerships*. American Occupational Therapy Association 89th Annual Conference, Houston, TX. (April, 2009).
- Webb, N. & D'Amico, M. (2007). Autism. To A. R. Johnson Magnet School Area Health Education Center Network (AHEC) and Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) students. August 29, Augusta, GA.
- D'Amico, M., Jaffe, L., & Moore, M. (2006) Facilitating Effective On-line Learning. Rock Eagle USG Annual Computing Conference, October 26, 2006; Rock Eagle Conference Center.
- D'Amico, M. (2004) What is Sensory Integration? Annual Autism Society Conference, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY. April 22, 2004.
- D'Amico, M & Smith, M (2003) Parent-therapist collaboration: An oral motor program, with Marcella Smith, parent, at the 2nd World Conference of the International Angelman Syndrome Organization and the 8th Biennial Conference of the Angelman Syndrome Foundation in Washington, DC. July 2, 2003.

Workshops:

- Richards, L., Bendixen, R., D'Amico, M., Doucet, B., Mulcahey, M.J., Page, S., & Smith, D. (2015). Getting your research published (AOTA). American Occupational Therapy Association National Conference. Nashville, TN April 17.
- D'Amico, M. (2014). Sexuality in the early childhood classroom. CSRA Early Childhood Inclusion of Children with Special Needs Conference, Evans, GA, February 8, 2014 10:15-12:15.
- D'Amico, M. & Jaffe, L. (2012). Occupational therapy and mental health and the role of sensory integration intervention. Cooper Riis, Mill Spring, NC. July 16
- Gibson, R., Jaffe, L., D'Amico, M., & Lin, S. (2010) Mental health research: An experiment in forming clinical and academic partnerships. American Association of Occupational Therapy Conference, Orlando, FL, May 1 2010.
- D'Amico, M. (2010). Mentoring and supervising students and new therapists. Fulton County School System, Fulton County, GA. August 12.
- D'Amico, M. (2010). Coping and adaptation: Tools for living and learning well. Early Childhood Development Conference, Augusta Technical College, Augusta, GA 2-4 PM, March 6, 2010.
- D'Amico, M. (2008). Coping and adaptation: Tools for living well. CSRA Inclusion Expo Greater Augusta Navigator Team and Child Care Resource and Referral Agency of East Georgia, Woodlawn United Methodist Church, Augusta, GA 1-3PM, September 20.
- D'Amico, M. *Infant Massage*. MCG Child Care Center, Parent and Staff Special Program, Augusta, GA (September 29, October 7, 14, 21, 2008; March 13, 2009).
- D'Amico, M. *Coping with stress at home and work*. MCG Child Care Center, Staff Training, Augusta, GA October 13, 2008.
- D'Amico, M. & Cheyette, L. *Puberty: Let's talk about sex, hygiene and socialization for adolescents with special needs*. Aiken Autism and Asperger Society Workshop for Parents and Professionals. Aiken, SC (October 18, 2008).

- D'Amico, M. & Stallings-Sahler, S. (2007). Ball chairs and brain gyms: Sensory processing strategies for enhancing self-regulation in the classroom.. National Association of Education of Young Children, November 8, Chicago, IL.
- Bromer, B., D'Amico, M. & Webb, N. (2007). Understanding and guiding young children with social and communication delays. Georgia Association of Education for Young Children, October 13, Atlanta Georgia.
- Jaffe, L., Webb, N., Kagan, J. & D'Amico, M. (2007) Coaching and other collaborative models within occupational therapy. April 20, 2007 at AOTA National Conference, St. Louis MO.
- D'Amico, M. (2006) Developing and Using Social Stories to Facilitate Social Learning in Children With Autism in Bromer, B., Webb, N., Stallings-Sahler, S. Morrier, M., Wonderlick, M., LaPointe, T., Prescott, J., Stewart, T. & D'Amico (2006) Understanding and guiding young children with social and communication delays. National Association for the Education of Young Children, November 8, 2006; Atlanta, Georgia.
- D'Amico, M. & Joseph, R. (2006) Low Vision Rehabilitation: Occupationally Living Well. Georgia Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Atlanta Georgia, October 15, 2006.
- D'Amico, M & Jaffe, L. (2005) Ethics in clinical practice. Medical Hospital of Central Georgia, Macon, GA. September 15, 2005.
- D'Amico, M & Jaffe, L. (2005) Ethics in clinical practice. GOTA District Meeting, Augusta, GA. July 12, 2005.
- D'Amico, M. (2004) Using Single System Design for Clinical Research: An example using the Harrison Protocol with adolescents with sensory processing disorders. Kentucky Occupational Therapy Conference, Elizabethtown, KY. September 11, 2004.

Posters:

- D'Amico, M. (2014, April). Sexuality and OT: How comfortable are you? 2014 AOTA Conference, Baltimore, MD April 4.
- Jaffe, Gibson, & D'Amico (2014, June) Process Oriented Guided Inquiry Learning: A Natural Fit for Occupational Therapy. Poster presentation at the World Federation of Occupational Therapy in Yokohama, Japan.
- Jaffe, L., Gibson, R., & D'Amico, M. (2013, October 4) Process Oriented Guided Inquiry Learning: A natural fit for occupational therapy education. 2013 AOTA/NBCOT Education Summit, Atlanta, GA, October 4-5.
- D'Amico, M. (2013) Sexuality: Occupational therapist's roles working with individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. AOTA Conference, San Diego, CA April 26.
- Jaffe, L., Gibson, R., & D'Amico, M. (2013, April 26) Teaching evidence based practice through collaborative learning. AOTA Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Jaffe, L., Gibson, R., & D'Amico, M. (2012, October) Teaching evidence based practice through collaborative learning. AHSAP Orlando FL.
- Jaffe, L., Gibson, R., & D'Amico, M. (2012, March) Teaching evidence based practice through collaborative learning. March 9; Poster presentation at GHSU Education Day, Augusta, GA.
- Jaffe, L., Gibson, R. & D'Amico, M. (2011) Occupational therapy pre-service/in-service education in high definition. POGIL Southeastern Conference, Emory University, Atlanta, GA June 28-30.
- Jaffe, L., Gibson, R. & D'Amico, M. (2011) Occupational therapy pre-service/in-service education in high definition. American Occupational Therapy 91st Annual Conference and Expo, Philadelphia, PA, April 14.

- D'Amico, M. (2008) Coping and aging: Perspectives and challenges. International Council on Aging, Disability and Independence Conference, February 20—23, 2008 St. Petersburg, FL.
- D'Amico, M. (2007) Evolution to research and presentations from every day clinician: A multi-poster presentation. In the Research Forum presentations coordinated by Alvarado, I. & Jaffe, L.. Georgia Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, October 19, Athens, GA.
- D'Amico, M. (2007) Facilitating self-reflection in pre-adolescents for improved social competency poster session 237, April 21, 2007. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual National Conference in St. Louis, MO.
- D'Amico, M. (2006) Developing coping adaptations in 3 pre-teens with sensory processing disorders. American Occupational Therapy Association National Conference in Charlotte, NC. April 29, 2006.
- D'Amico, M. (2006). Turning clinical practice into evidence based research. American Occupational Therapy Association National Conference in Charlotte, NC. April 27, 2006.
- Skubik-Peplaski, C., O'Brien, S. P., & D'Amico, M. (2005). Occupational and healthy community options for children and their families. Home and Community Health Special Interest Section (HCHSIS) at American Occupational Therapy Association National Conference, Long Beach, CA. May 12, 2005.
- Hudson, D., D'Amico, M., Skubik-Peplaski, C. & O'Brien, S. (2004). Living, Loving and Laughing for Professional Longevity. American Occupational Therapy Association, May 2004.

Institutes:

- Skubik-Peplaski, C., O'Brien, S. P., D'Amico, M., Rushing-Carr, C. & Harrison, B. (2001) Occupation and healthy Community Options for Children and Their Families.. American Occupational Therapy Association, Annual Conference April 18, 2001, Philadelphia, PA.

Journal Discussions, Chats and Roundtables:

- Jaffe, L. & D'Amico, M. (2013, April) DDSIS Roundtable Discussion: The journey through adolescence-middle school, high school, driving and college for students with differing abilities. American Occupational Therapy Association 93rd Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.
- D'Amico, M. (2012, April) DDSIS Roundtable Discussion: Sexuality: What is OT's role working with individuals with developmental disabilities and their families? American Occupational Therapy Association 92nd Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
- D'Amico, M. (2011) Response to Intervention and occupational therapy. Occupational Therapy Consultants, NJ, June 7.
- D'Amico, M. (2011) Working with parents regarding sexuality. American Occupational Therapy Association Virtual Pediatric Chats, June 1.
- D'Amico, M. (2010) Exploring tools and intervention for children with Developmental Coordination Disorder. Occupational Therapy Consultants, NJ, October, 12.
- D'Amico, M. (2010) Evaluation of handwriting. Occupational Therapy Consultants, NJ, March, 24.
- D'Amico, M. (2010) Handwriting programs and legibility. Occupational Therapy Consultants, NJ, February 24.

