



BREAKING WAVES

NSU OT Post-Professional Newsletter: Dr. OT
and PhD Programs



NSU OT: PIONEER IN POST-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

NSU OT post-professional programs have an illustrious past in occupational therapy education. Created as a vision of **Reba Anderson, Ph.D., OTR/L, FAOTA**, a pioneer in online education, who sought to create post-professional programs tailored for working professionals. She envisioned programming through distance learning, which was ahead of its time in the mid-1990s. This was a time of dial up internet and before the days of video conferencing. We are grateful for her trailblazing pursuits of student-driven, distance learning programs that have consistently developed innovative leaders in the field of occupational therapy.



OT Fort Lauderdale class of 2002 post-professional doctoral students at commencement. From L: Wendy Stav, Sonia Kay, Sherrilene Classen, Cathy Peirce, Daniel Morrell, Alma Abdel-Moty, Florence Clark (Keynote Speaker), Agnes Sheffey, Rosalie Miller.

[About Dr.OT Program](#)

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DR.OT PD CORNER

Hello Fellow Sharks! I am privileged to serve as the program director for the Dr.OT program at NSU, because I am an alumni, receiving my Dr.OT in 2011. The Dr.OT program is special, as we were most likely the first post-professional doctoral program, providing an avenue for occupational therapists to advance practice and our profession. NSU's post-professional Dr.OT program stands out, as we pioneered the Doctor of Occupational Therapy (Dr.OT) to be different from the entry-level OTD. We stand by this and continue to celebrate Dr. Reba Anderson and Dr. Rosalie Miller's vision of the advance practice post-professional doctoral degree. We love that we are unique—you can find our alumni simply by looking at their credentials. The Dr.OT not only stands out, but it differentiates our degree from entry-level graduates, reducing confusion, and signifies expertise. Once you find our alumni, you will see how Dr.OTs serve as change leaders in clinical practice, academia, administration/ management, scholarship, community service, entrepreneurship, and stewards of innovation.



Nicole Quint, Ph.D., Dr.OT, OTR/L,
Professor and Program Director, Dr.OT,
(NSU Ph.D. 2022, Dr.OT 2011, MOT 2003)

My journey in the Dr.OT was transformative, building my knowledge, skills, and agency to match my passion. I realized that occupational therapy is one of the most powerful

professions; transcending health care; there are opportunities and doors to open everywhere. This year has been an exciting year for our Dr.OT program since we welcomed four new students in Fall 2022. The program also moved to multi-point entry, allowing students to enter three times a year, supporting our commitment to being student-centered. We also support student-driven capstone projects, as well as student-driven projects throughout the curriculum that immediately impact practice, the profession, and the clients and families we serve. We also have a new Department Chair, **Tamara Pinchevsky-Font, Dr.OT, OTR/L (Dr.OT 2011)**, who also experienced the transformative benefits of the NSU Dr.OT program! I can't wait to share what our students and alumni have been accomplishing, which you will see throughout this newsletter! 🐬

FINS UP!



NSU post-professional doctoral students,
commencement 2010, From L: Teresa Plummer,
Lynna Reese-Walter, Tamara Pinchevsky-Font,
Nicole Quint, Roberta Russell.

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PH.D. PD CORNER



Rick Davenport, Ph.D., OTR/L
Associate Professor and Director, Ph.D.
Program in Occupational Therapy

Welcome to our new digital Post-Professional Ph.D. and Dr.OT newsletter! Over the past 7 years, I have had the pleasure of serving as the Program Director for the Ph.D. in Occupational Therapy Program. I am delighted to announce this Fall 2023 semester, we will have 42 Ph.D. occupational therapy students in our program. This milestone has been due to the dedication and ingenuity of our faculty as well as the perseverance and commitment of our Ph.D. students. The ingenuity can be seen in the exciting and innovative dissertation projects our students are currently completing. I invite you to view page 9 of the newsletter where we list some of the innovative dissertations being completed by 15 of our current Ph.D. students. As you may know, our Ph.D. Program prides itself on meeting the needs of our students. As a result, I would like to highlight three exciting new student-centric changes that we have recently made.

-**Multi-point entry.** Historically we have accepted students only once per year (Fall semester). However, as of the Winter semester of 2023, we began accepting Ph.D. students three times per year (e.g., Fall, Winter Summer). By adding two additional start dates in the year, we are able to accommodate student entry-term needs. As a result, since implementation, we have admitted 1 Ph.D. student Win. & 2 in the Summer of 2023.

-**Decrease in the required number of student trips to campus.** Previously Ph.D. students were required to travel to campus (for 2-4 days) multiple times each didactic year. However, as of the Winter semester of 2023, we decreased the frequency of trips required to travel to campus to only two times during the entire curriculum. We also no longer require students to come to campus to defend their dissertations. This decrease in the number of on-campus requirements reduces the travel burden on students.

-**OCT 7101 – Updated – Health Professional as Academic Educator Course** We have updated the Academic Educator course by threading a subject-centered integrative learning model approach. The rationale for this update is to stay current and competitive by integrating needed content (e.g., occupation-centered education) into the upcoming Fall 2023 course.

I am truly grateful and proud of all our current students, alumni, faculty, and staff who strengthen our Ph.D. Program presence, and recognition every day, while advancing our profession.

Fins Up and Go Sharks!

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DR.OT MIDSESSION & INAUGURAL CAPSTONE CONSORTIUM



Dr.OT students Diandra Hamilton, Jennifer Radzik, Chelsea Ball, and Gaby Puig Leon bonding during midsession 2023.

INAUGURAL CAPSTONE CONSORTIUM

2023 marked the inaugural Dr.OT Capstone Consortium, a multi-cohort student event for Dr.OT students to share their capstone projects at various stages. NSU OT faculty, Dr.OT alumni, and prospective students engaged in collaborative brainstorming and feedback sessions as Dr.OT candidates Andy Pitts, Brittany Taylor, and Stephanie Vanegas, shared their current capstone projects.

MIDSESSION WINTER 2023

The Dr.OT students (and one Ph.D. student) arrived on campus ready to put their program evaluation skills to the test. Working with course instructor and NSU alumna Wendy Stav, Ph.D., OTR/L, FAOTA (NSU Ph.D., 2001), the students completed a program evaluation for the upcoming health outreach trip to Puerto Rico! They then presented their plan to NSU OT leadership-what



From L: Celeste Roberts, Gaby Puig Leon, Jennifer Radzik, Stephanie Vanegas, Chelsea Ball, and Diandra Hamilton show off their Puerto Rico Outreach Trip program

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PH.D. WINTER MIDSESSION



Ph.D. Students who traveled to our Fort Lauderdale Campus for their Winter Semester Midsession. From L: Issac Chandran, Kristen Bowie, Allie Evancho, Avinash Kumar, Parvathy Ragesh, Liz Arlia, Alyssa Clark, Kristina DiGaetano, Hannah Kaytonah, Meredith Morig.

WINTER MIDSESSION

The Ph.D. Program welcomed ten Ph.D. students to our Fort Lauderdale, Florida campus on March 8-9, 2023, for the Ph.D. Program Winter Semester Midsession. The Ph.D. students traveled from across the U.S. including Florida, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Ohio, as well as internationally from as far away as Qatar. Over the 2-day Ph.D. Midsession students participated in lectures on sample size estimation & power, library database searches, IRB process & procedures, and dissertation writing tips.

On the first day, Ph.D. students were able to meet our College Dean – Dr. Nehrenz, and our Occupational Therapy Department Chair – Dr. Pinchevsky-Font.

Later, Ph.D. students had lunch with fellow Ph.D. students from the Physical Therapy Ph.D. Program that were also on campus for their Ph.D. Midsession. On the second day, Ph.D. students were able to meet and have a 1.5 hour lunch with the Fort Lauderdale Faculty and staff. The students enjoyed getting to know the NSU Fort Lauderdale campus as they had a walking tour, some of the places they toured included the Don Taft University Center, Alvin Sherman Library, NSU Bookstore, and HPD Library.

The Ph.D. students had multiple scheduled sessions over the 2-days to interact with faculty to discuss their dissertation ideas as well as hear from potential dissertation chairs regarding tips for being successful in completing their dissertation project. Finally, on the last day, the Ph.D. students attended a Zoom session where 5 Ph.D. OT alumni from across the U.S. including Arizona, Georgia, New York, and Ohio, as well as internationally from India. During this Ph.D. student alumni session, the current Ph.D. students had a dialogue with the 5-alumni regarding their OT Ph.D. experiences in the program.

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PH.D. SUM. RESEARCH INSTITUTE



SUMMER RESEARCH INSTITUTE

We welcomed 7 Ph.D. students back to our beautiful Fort Lauderdale, Florida campus on June 21-24, 2023. Our 7 Ph.D. students traveled to campus to attend their 4-day Summer Research Institute. The Summer Research Institute is comprised of PCHCS collegewide shared research design courses. The courses had students

Ph.D. Students who traveled to our Fort Lauderdale Campus for their Summer Research Institute. From L: Parvathy Ragesh, Hannah Kaytonah, Avinash Kumar, Kristina DiGaetano, Meredith Morig, Allie Evancho (not pictured - Issac Chandran) .

from three different programs: Physical Therapy Program (3-Ph.D. students), Speech-Language Pathology Program (7-Doctoral students), & Occupational Therapy Program (7-Ph.D. students). The students had intensive four-full days of Quantitative & Qualitative Research Design content. However, on Friday, June 23rd our students were able to enjoy a boxed lunch with our occupational therapy faculty and staff members (pictured below). During the lunch, students were able to share their current dissertation concepts, current practice/academic area(s), and where they see themselves 5 years after they graduate with their Ph.D. Faculty members shared their current roles and responsibilities in the OT Department as well as a recent project(s) they are working on with OT students.



Boxed lunch with Ph.D. students, faculty, & staff in the Chancellor's Dining Room, Terry Administration Bldg. 5th floor.

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AOTA INSPIRE 2023

April 18-23

Kansas City, MO



STUDENT ATTENDANCE

This year's AOTA Inspire Conference took place in Kansas City, Missouri. Both Dr.OT and Ph.D. Students assisted at the NSU OT exhibitor booth and attended the Breakfast with a Scholar event.

From L: Gretchen Bachman, (Ph.D.) Celeste Roberts (Ph.D.), Crystal Cabrera (Ph.D.), Andy Pitts (Dr.OT), Sapna Chakraborty (Ph.D.), and Mario Cabrera brave the cold in KC.



Andy Pitts, Gretchen Bachman, and Crystal Cabrera preparing to party at Johnnie's Jazz Club in KCMO.

ALUMNI PARTY @ JOHNNIE'S JAZZ

The annual NSU OT Alumni party is always a big hit, and this year over 40 alumni, faculty, students, and friends attended the party at Johnnie's Jazz Club in KCMO. It was fun catching up with old friends, networking, and even matching up current students with alumni for dissertation chairs! Thank you for great food, drinks, and live jazz, @Johnnies!

From L: Alumni Jacque Sample (Dr.OT, 2016) and Scott Truskowski (Ph.D., 2017) welcome incoming Ph.D. student, Heather Locasha (and her awesome NSU shirt!).



Alumnus Jennifer Nelson (Ph.D., 2021) and Ph.D. student Sarah Grinder catch up at the NSU Alumni party.



STUDENT BITES



Jennifer Radzik, Alyssa Clark, Diandra Hamilton, Elizabeth Arlia, and Chelsea Ball at NSU's Fort Lauderdale campus, August, 2022.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY POST-PROFESSIONAL DOCTORAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

President: Kristina DiGaetano
Vice President: Diandra Hamilton
Treasurer: Isaac Chandran
Secretary: Liz Arlia
Subcommittee: Jennifer Radzik
Faculty Advisor: Rick Davenport

Baby Sharks!

We currently have multiple pregnancies in both programs! We will be sharing lots of baby pics in the Fall Newsletter!

Capstone Projects (Dr.OT)

Andy Pitts

"Reinventing Occupational Identity in Older Adults: A Framework"

Faculty Advisor: Nicole Quint, Ph.D., Dr.OT, OTR/L

Brittany Taylor

"Development of Interdisciplinary Training Program to Address the Needs of Caregivers in the Acute Care Setting"

Faculty Advisor: Melissa Schaeffer, OTD, OTR/L, BCP

Stephanie Vanegas:

"The use of CARF to Facilitate a quality improvement project in an outpatient neuro program: An Occupational Therapy Approach"

Faculty Advisor: Heather Knoeferl, DSL, OTR/L

New Ph.D. Students

Welcome to **Liz Arlia**, who works in a Level I county trauma center in Cleveland, OH. Liz has been an occupational therapist for 13 years and after finishing the program hopes to transition from clinical practice to academia. She is also a yoga instructor.

Kristen Bowie is joining us from Baltimore City, MD, where she works at the University of Maryland Medical Center, providing dementia and Alzheimer's care.

Alyssa Clark is a community-based OT working in Cleveland, OH, providing services to children and adults with intellectual disabilities in the home, their workplace, leisure settings, and more. She is also in a leadership role within ACCESS OEA, which is the local union.

Heather Locosha is an inpatient therapy manager at Unity Point Heath Allen Hospital in Allen, IA. She is also starting a teaching gig this fall in academia, sharing her knowledge with future OTs.

We also have **Kimberly Sitton** joining us from Trumann, AR, where she is a pediatric OT and adjunct instructor for Arkansas State University. She spent many years working at the University of Missouri, treating pediatric and NICU clients.

New Dr.OT Students

Chelsea Ball is not only an Army Veteran, but also the owner of Bridging the GAP Pediatric Occupational Therapy Services, Inc. in Katy, Texas. She is certified in NDT, SIPT, and a DIR Training Leader.

We are excited to welcome **Diandra Hamilton** (MOT, 2017) back to NSU! She is a pediatric OT at Baptist Health Bethesda Hospital in Jupiter, FL.

Jennifer Radzik is an OT with Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools in North Carolina. She recently successfully advocated for salary parity for related services in NC!

Gabriela "Gaby" Puig Leon serves as an OT at Pinecrest Physical Therapy focusing on orthopedics and at Renascence Therapy Center treating pediatric clients.

Gayle Ross is an OT with Jackson Heath System in Miami, FL and also has been teaching as an adjunct for the past few years. She is passionate about OT's role in critical care and end of life care.

CURRENT PH.D. STUDENTS' DISSERTATION TITLES

- **Gretchen Bachman** (Chair: Margo Kreger) – Complex Regional Pain Syndrome and Sleep
- **Caroline Beals** (Chair: Sarah Blaylock) – Occupational Needs of College Students Following Concussion
- **David Bise** (Chair: Elise Bloch) – The Effects of ADHD Behavioral Characteristics on the Occupation of Father Involvement: A Mixed Methods Study
- **Stefanie Bodison** (Chair: Rick Davenport) – White matter maturation of the ascending and descending neural vestibular pathway from infancy through adolescence
- **Jordan Bowling** (Chair: Wendy Stav) – Effect of A Community Of Occupation-Based Practice on Therapist Use of Occupation-Based Practice
- **Jill Cancio** (Chair: Wendy Stav) – The Suitcase Packing Activity: Validation in Burn Survivors
- **Susan Didino** (Chair: Sarah Mbiza) – The Lived Experiences of Transgender Adults and the Occupation of Work
- **Nicole Filter** (Chair: Penny Moyers) – Patient’s Lived Experience with Occupational Therapy Following a Hand Injury: A Phenomenological Study
- **Sarah Grinder** (Chair: Ricardo Carrasco) – Patterns of Time Use and Health, Well-being, and Academic Achievement in Undergraduate College Students in the United States
- **Linda Harris** (Chair: Rick Davenport) – Breast Cancer Survivors' Experience of Self-Efficacy in their Return to Work Occupations: An Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis
- **Jessica Kennedy** (Chair: Margo Kreger) – Transitioning Home After a Hospitalization for Older Adult Veterans
- **Raquel Martinez** (Chair: Penny Moyers) – Impact of a Sensory Integration Virtual Group Training on Parent Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices and Child Participation and Function
- **Claire Mireau** (Chair: Rebecca Estes) – Effectiveness of Occupational Therapy Services for Individuals with Co-Occurring Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders in Intensive Residential Treatment: A Retrospective Study
- **Jessica Nakos** (Chair: Mariana D'Amico) – Occupational Therapy Students' Experiences of Graduate Program Culture: A Phenomenological Exploration
- **Mark Petersen** (Chair: Wendy Stav) – The Lived Experience of Transitioning to Adulthood for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder Disorders Through the Lens of Doing, Being, Belonging, and Becoming

Greetings post-professional students and alumni! I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Tamara Pinchevsky-Font and as the new chair of this program, I am excited to share some background information about me and how it influences my current position. I am a triple alumna of NSU (BS in psychology, master in occupational therapy (MOT), and post-professional doctorate in occupational therapy (Dr.OT)). As the chair of the department, I am given the opportunity and task to prepare students to become scholars and leaders in the field of occupational therapy. I want to promote an exemplary experience for both faculty and students in clinical practice skills, research, leadership, advocacy, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

I am excited to announce we will be hosting our convocation and commencement this August. The DrOT and PhD graduates will be participating in this year's event along with our entry-level OTD graduates. I am also excited to announce that our OT department is planning on having a big and interactive presence at AOTA's 2024 conference in Orlando, Florida.

Many exciting things are happening, such as we will be hosting our first outreach medical trip to Puerto Rico this October. The trip is intended to foster clinical reasoning, cultural awareness, therapeutic use of self, and many more learning opportunities.



Chair's Corner

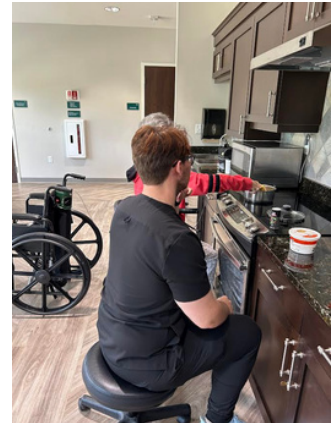


DR.OT STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: STEPHEN "ANDY" PITTS



I am a 2018 graduate of the Florida A&M University's Master of Occupational Therapy program. I have almost five years of clinical experience in a variety of setting including pediatrics to older adults. In 2020, I was awarded the Florida Occupational Therapy Education Consortium's (FLOTEC) Fieldwork Educator of the Year. I am certified in kinesiotaping for both postural alignment and pain management techniques to improve occupational performance. I began my career in pediatrics and was a school-based and early intervention (EI) practitioner for three years before making the shift to outpatient adults and then eventually working in SNF/IPR.

I chose Nova Southeastern University because of its history and its mission statement. The student centered learning was appealing, and it was the most logical choice for me to make. The program has shaped me as a clinician in many ways. The most significant was the focus on occupation-based practice. The program has made me a stronger clinician, a better leader in my daily practice, and a more well-rounded educator for fieldwork students and for the student in my Practicum I course at Florida A&M University. The DrOT program has been one of the most rewarding investments I have ever made in myself. I know that with the education I have received I have the skills, vision,



Meal prep with Andy—he focuses on occupation-based approaches with his clients.



From L: Heather Knoeferl, DSL, OTR/L (NSU OT Faculty and AFWC), Andy Pitts, and Crystal Cabrera (PhD student) at the NSU OT Alumni Party 2023.

and drive to be a "mover and shaker" in the OT world. This is evidenced by my capstone work which allowed me to create a decision-making framework for occupational therapy clinicians to assist older adults in reinvention and rediscovering their occupational identity and in turn improving quality of life and overall satisfaction. Since starting this program I have become a stronger advocate for occupation-based practice as well as for my fieldwork students. This degree has not only shaped me as a clinician but will also open many doors for me in the future. I am a proud Nova Southeastern student and I look forward to all opportunities and challenges that come my way.

Ph.D. Student Spotlight: Claire Mireau MA, OTR/L, TPS

Claire Mireau MA, OTR/L, TPS, a Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences Ph.D. student in Occupational Therapy, was awarded the American Occupational Therapy Foundation's (AOTF) Bonita Kraft Occupational Therapy Doctoral Student Scholarship for the year 2023 for her dissertation project. The scholarship recognizes outstanding emerging OT scientist acquiring their degree and pursuing research in the areas of mental health and serious mental health. AOTF announced the award at the State of the Science Symposium at AOTA Conference in April. Congratulations, Claire!



Her project is titled: "Effectiveness of Occupational Therapy Services for Individuals with Co-Occurring Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders in Intensive Residential Treatment: A Retrospective Study." Claire has been working closely with her dissertation committee members: Rebecca Estes, Ph.D., OTR/L, CAPS, Dissertation Chair (NSU), Steven Hecht, Ph.D., MS (NSU), and Sally Wasmuth, Ph.D., OTR (Indiana University).

Claire is a licensed occupational therapist, therapeutic pain specialist, and Ph.D. candidate in occupational therapy at Nova Southeastern University. She is working as the director of rehabilitation therapies for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Services within the Minnesota Department of Human Services Direct Care and Treatment division. Before her role with the state in 2019, Claire worked as the primary occupational therapist in an inpatient substance use disorder treatment program for eight years.



Claire Mireau and her family

Claire developed and expanded occupational therapy's role in this program, including occupation-based group interventions and individual occupational therapy services targeted at those with functional skill limitations.

Claire is currently serving as the vice president of advocacy for the Minnesota Occupational Therapy Association and is a member of the grassroots group Occupational Therapy for the Advancement of Minnesota Mental Health. She has served as a policy advisor to the American Occupational Therapy Association related to pain and substance use disorder and as an adjunct instructor in Herzing University's occupational therapy assistant program.

ALUMNI NEWS

SHARKS ON THE MOVE

TINY SNUGGLES AND BEYOND

Kelly Simpson (Dr.OT, 2019), started a new position as clinical manager at AdventHealth and can also be found providing NICU focused continuing education courses, "The Science of Tiny Snuggles", within the [University of Florida's online portal](#).

GRAMMA SNUGGLES

Terrienne Jones (PhD, 2015) is now not only Associate Professor and Capstone Coordinator at University of Minnesota, but also "Gramma", and serves on several grant teams with Amherst Wilder Foundation Healthy Aging and Caregiver Services.



OCCUPATION-BASED PRACTICE

Wendy Stav (Ph.D., 2002) and **Sarah Psillas (Ph.D., 2019)** have published multiple articles related to Sarah's dissertation (Wendy served as chair) establishing the Dynamic Model of Occupation-Based Practice and the associated Occupation-Based Practice Assessment tool. They won the Choosing Wisely Champion Award at AOTA Inspire 2022 (along with **NSU MPH 2008 Alumna Alison Herman** (not pictured: Sarah Psillas). Congratulations!



JACQUELYN SAMPLE: GRAND ENTRANCE



Jacquelyn Sample (Dr.OT, 2016), currently serves as president of the Missouri OT Association and opened up AOTA Inspire 2023 in KCMO! She also managed the Missouri OT on the Hill Day Event, serves as chair of disabilities commission, and is taking her son on college tours.

JENNIFER SOROS: OT AFTER DARK PODCAST



Jennifer Soros (Ph.D., 2021) is one the creators and co-host of OT After Dark, podcast, which focuses on breaking societal views on disability and sex.

INGRIS TREMINIO: FIU OT



Ingris Treminio (Dr.OT, 2015) joined the Florida International University (FIU) Occupational Therapy Department in 2017 and was recently named interim chair.

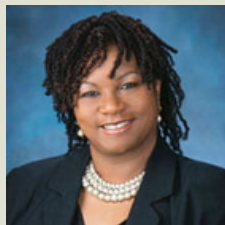
ALUMNI NEWS

INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION INNOVATION & EXCELLENCE



Jillian Woodworth (Dr.OT, 2016) is Clinical Assistant Professor of OT at the University of Michigan–Flint, who awarded her with an Award for IPE Innovation & Excellence. She also plays on a beach volleyball team!

SUNFLOWER AWARD



Marilyn Tyre (Dr.OT, 2021) received the Sunflower Award from Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. She received a grant to support the NICU team and developed the "Shaping the Lives of Little Ones Checklist".

FOTA, NBCOT, and BEYOND



Jackie Ward (Dr.OT, 2022, left) was promoted to lead neuro therapist at Encompass, started Functional Vision, LLC, and is part of the Conference Coordination team for FOTA,. Jackie is also running for NBCOT OTR Board of Directors: [VOTE HERE](#) Jackie's nomination is not the only connection to NBCOT - **Barbara Williams (Dr.OT, 2004)** is the Associate Director of External and Regulator Affairs for NBCOT!

SHARKS ON THE MOVE

GIVE DR. DOERRER A HAND

Sarah Doerrer (Ph.D., 2019) is now Assistant Professor at George Washington School of Medicine & Health Sciences and published a study related to her [dissertation](#) in 2021 with Jacqueline "Lynna" Reese Walter (Ph.D. 2010) entitled, "The Impact of Shoulder Pathology on Individuals with Distal Radius Fracture".

DISSERTATION DISSEMINATIONS

Jennifer Nelson (Ph.D., 2021) published her [dissertation](#), along with Elise Bloch (NSU OT Faculty) and Kristin Winston (**Ph.D. , 2008**) entitled "What is the Lived Experience of Mothers in a Level-IV Neonatal Intensive Care Unit?". Dr. Bloch is also co-author on **Amanda Wheeler's (Ph.D., 2021)** [dissertation](#), recently published in PEC Innovation and entitled, Delirium Education for Family Caregivers of Patients in the Intensive Care Unite: A Pilot Study".

FOTA SPOTLIGHT



MarvieAnn Garcia-Rodriguez (Dr.OT, 2021) received the Spotlight Therapist for Spring 2021 from the Florida OT Association for her dedicated work in the NICU at Nicholas Children's Hospital for over 30 years. She developed a Kangaroo Care education program for the nursing staff based upon her capstone project, which has continued to help the nursing staff support the NICU babies and their families.

LEVON'S SHARK TIPS



Student Tips:

- Make sure to check your NSU [eBill](#) when you register. If there's any balance for the Student Health Insurance, you can submit online waiver form [here](#).
- Student Help Desk: 954-262-4357
- Canvas Hotline (Students): +1-844-865-2568
- MyTextMate: [Text Reminders for Students](#)
- Check out [apps](#) for students
- Download Microsoft Office 365 for [Windows](#) and [Mac](#) student version for free.
- New Students: Refer to Smooth Transition Document for more resources.
- Apply for your NSU SharkCard [here](#).
- HPD Library Link: nova.edu/hpdlibrary
- Questions? Feel free to contact me 954-262-1202, lkirakos@nova.edu.

Opportunities:

- Submission dates for FOTA: July 28
- Scholarship information: <https://www.aotf.org/Graants>
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- Jobs/ faculty roles: click [here](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

Graduation/Commencement:

Friday, August 18, 2023 at 3:00PM.
Click [here](#) to learn more about the commencement event.

Summer 2023 Semester Dates:

5/15/23 to 8/13/23 (regular courses)
5/8/23-8/13/23 (shared courses)

Midsession Ph.D.: March 7-10, 2024 (*check with Dr. Davenport for further details*)

Midsession Dr.OT: March 6-10, 2024 (*check with Dr. Quint for further details*)

Registration for Fall 2023:

May 27 to August 20, 2023

Summer 5-Week Writing Course:

July 10 - August 13, 2023

Course and Instructor Evaluations:

August 6 - August 20, 2023



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