Eastern Kentucky University
Department of Occupational Therapy

SCHOLARSHIP & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2009 ANNUAL REPORT

U.S. News & World Report
Best Graduate Programs in Occupational Therapy
Ranked 24th in the United States - 2008
INTRODUCTION

This report contains 2009 scholarship and professional service outcomes by faculty in the EKU Department of Occupational Therapy. The report may include dates other than the current year to reflect changes in publication schedules and funding changes.

The report does not contain committee and other service to the university, research and manuscripts in progress, teaching assignments, undergraduate and graduate student advising, and proposals/manuscripts in progress or continuing education.

Please contact individual faculty members via the university website email for additional information about their scholarship, professional service, and related EKU activities.

SCHOLARSHIP

Funded Grants in 2009


Funded Grants Being Implemented in 2009


Marken, D. (2008). EKU Learning Resource Center Funding for the cost of the two-part DCPA certification for OT graduate students, $1,800.


O’Brien, S.P. KY Campus Compact Service Learning Course MiniGrant, Submitted 10/10/08, awarded and funded 1/2009 ($3000)


**Completed Journal Articles: Peer-Reviewed**


Completed Book Chapters


Completed Dissertations in 2009

None

Completed Presentations: Peer-Reviewed


Pierce, D. (2009, February). Discussing lessons learned: Building services and research in OT for youth at risk. Paper presented at the Occupational Therapy Department of Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY.


**Completed Presentations: Invited**


**Completed Reports**


**Completed Book Reviews**

**Submitted Scholarship**


Wittman, P. WHAS Crusade for Children: Submitted and funded for $2,500.00

Wittman, P. WHAS Crusade for Children grant submitted for $7,955.00 to cover costs of social skill groups for children with autism

**Submitted Journal Articles: Peer Reviewed**


Thompson, M.E. (submitted and under review). Assessment Of Teamwork Social Skills Of Regular And Inclusion Students In Junior High And Middle School. *Learning Disabilities Research and Practice*.


Yancosek, K., & Howell, D.M. (In review: *Occupational Therapy in Health Care*). Ideological similarities between dynamic systems theory, the OT practice framework, and the task oriented approach: A guide to practice.

**Submitted Books**

Submitted Book Chapters: Peer Reviewed and Invited


Submitted Presentations


Wittman, P. The Meaning of Being a Qualitative Researcher to Qualitative Researchers. Proposal for presentation at the International Conference of Qualitative Inquiry, Prague, May, 2010.


**Submitted Presentations: Invited**

Myers, C. (accepted 2009; conference April, 2010). *Moving on up: An occupation-based approach to transition planning in early childhood.* To be presented at the American Occupational Therapy Association 90th Annual Conference and Expo, Orlando, FL.


**SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

**Service on Editorial Review Boards**

Editorial Board Full Reviewer, *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*
Lynnda Emery
Christine Myers
Doris Pierce

Guest Reviewer, *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*
Sharon Brandenburger Shasby
Colleen Schneck
Editorial Board and Reviewer, *Journal of Faculty Development*
Lynnda Emery

Editorial Board and Reviewer, *OTJR: Disability, Participation and Health*
Lynnda Emery

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Allied Health*
Dana Howell
Peggy Wittman

Reviewer, *Journal of Sports Rehabilitation*
Dana Howell

Editorial Board / Reviewer, *Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy*
Doris Pierce

Editorial Board/Reviewer, *Australian Occupational Therapy Journal*
Doris Pierce
Anne Shordike

Editorial Board and Reviewer, *Physical & Occupational Therapy in Pediatrics*
Colleen Schneck

OT Practice Reviewer
Colleen Schneck

Reviewer for SLACK Incorporated
Dory Marken

Reviewer, Proposals for AOTA National Conference
Peggy Wittman

Book Reviewer, *Journal of Occupational Science*
Shirley Obrien

Book Reviewer, *Occupational Therapy in Mental Health*
Shirley Obrien

Editorial Board and Reviewer, *Studies in Applied Arts and Health*
Anne Shordike

Reviewer of grants submitted to American Hippotherapy Association
Kathy Splinter-Watkins
Membership in Professional Associations

Kentucky Occupational Therapy Association
Julie Baltisberger
Melba Custer
Elaine Fehringer
Dana Howell
Amy Marshall
Christine Myers
Shirley O’Brien
Doris Pierce
Colleen Schneck
Anne Shordike
Gordon St. Michel
Kathy Splinter-Watkins
MaryEllen Thompson
Julya Westfall

American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)
Julie Baltisberger
Melba Custer
Lynnda Emery
Elaine Fehringer
Dana Howell
Dory Marken
Amy Marshall
Christine Myers
Shirley O’Brien
Doris Pierce
Colleen Schneck
Anne Shordike
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Sharon Shasby
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MaryEllen Thompson
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Society for the Study of Occupation: USA
Julie Baltisberger
Amy Marshall
Christine Myers
Doris Pierce
Anne Shordike
MaryEllen Thompson

National Down Syndrome Society
Julie Baltisberger
American Society of Hand Therapists
Melba Custer

American Educational Research Association (AERA)
Lynnda Emery

Idaho Occupational Therapy Association
Dana Howell

Southern Gerontological Society (SGS)
Dory Marken

Gerontological Society of America (GSA)
Dory Marken

Jane Goodall Institutes
Doris Pierce

International Society for Occupational Science
Doris Pierce

Kentucky Public Health Association
Colleen Schneck

World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT)
Dana Howell
Amy Marshall
Doris Pierce
Colleen Schneck
Anne Shordike

Arizona Occupational Therapy Association
MaryEllen Thompson

American Hippotherapy Association (AHA)
Kathy Splinter-Watkins

American Hippotherapy Certification Board (AHCB)
Kathy Splinter-Watkins

North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA)
Kathy Splinter-Watkins

Equine Facilitated Mental Health Association (EFMHA)
Kathy Splinter-Watkins

Delta Society
Kathy Splinter-Watkins
Kathy Splinter-Watkins  
Kentucky Horse Council  
OT with EKU Psychology Department – Autism  
Peggy Wittman

**Representation at Professional Meetings**

American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Meeting  
Julie Baltisberger  
Melba Custer  
Lynnda Emery  
Amy Marshall  
Doris Pierce  
Anne Shordike

American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Meeting  
AOTA School Mental Health Task Force  
Sharon Shasby

Kentucky Occupational Therapy Association  
Monthly Board Meetings (KOTA)  
Anne Shordike – International Liaison

Kentucky Occupational Therapy Association  
Legislative Affairs Committee, KOTA, member  
Shirley O’Brien

Kentucky Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference (KOTA)  
Julie Baltisberger  
Dana Howell  
Doris Pierce  
Anne Shordike  
Peggy Wittman

Occupational Therapy Annual Research Day, Eastern Kentucky University  
Julie Baltisberger
Melba Custer
Lynnda Emery
Elaine Fehringer
Dana Howell
Dory Marken
Amy Marshall
Christine Myers
Shirley Obrien
Doris Pierce
Colleen Schneck
Sharon Shasby
Anne Shordike
Kathy Splinter-Watkins
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Peggy Wittman

Collaborating Across Borders II: Building Bridges between Interprofessional Education and Practice
Dana Howell
Peggy Wittman

Rural Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation Conference
Dana Howell

Society for the Study of Occupation (SSO)
Julie Baltisberger
Amy Marshall
Doris Pierce (Board Member)
Anne Shordike
MaryEllen Thompson
Peggy Wittman

Member, SSO – USA Communications Committee
Julie Baltisberger

Monthly Conference Committee Meetings for SSO: USA
Anne Shordike

Member, SSO: USA Research Committee
Amy Marshall
Doris Pierce (Chair)

SSO:USA Ad Hoc Committee on the SOP for Abstract Review
Doris Pierce

SSO:USA Chair Strategic Planning
Doris Pierce

SSO: Membership Committee
MaryEllen Thompson

Kentucky Kincare Statewide Network
Dory Marken

*2009 Aging in America* national conference sponsored by American Society for Aging and National Coalition on Aging
Dory Marken

*7*th Annual Bluegrass Region GAP Conference
Dory Marken

Council for Exceptional Children, Louisville, KY
Amy Marshall

*Society for the Study of Occupation: USA Annual Conference*
Julie Baltisberger
Amy Marshall
Doris Pierce
Anne Shordike

*Alternative Strategies for Educating Students At-Risk Conference*
Amy Marshall

*American Occupational Therapy Association Transition Task Group*
Christine Myers

*National Early Childhood Transition Center, Expert Panel Member*
Christine Myers

*Item Writer for OTR Certification Exam, National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy*
Christine Myers

*American Occupational Therapy Association Transition Task Group*
Christine Myers

*CONNECT: The Center to Mobilize Early Childhood Knowledge, Expert Panel*
Christine Myers

*Region IV NARHA (Hippotherapy) Conference*
Kathy Splinter-Watkins

*American Hippotherapy Association Certification Board Meeting*
Kathy Splinter-Watkins

*NARHA (Hippotherapy) National Conference*
Kathy Splinter-Watkins
Kentuckians for Nursing Home Reform: Advocacy and Education
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Kentucky Initiative for Quality Nursing Home Standards: Advocacy and Education
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Other Alliances for Practice, Service or Scholarship

EKU Model Lab School language program; handwriting and sensorimotor functioning
Julie Baltisberger

Board Certified Senior Disability Analyst and Diplomate
American Board of Disability Analysts (ABDA)
Lynnda Emery

Long Term Care Outcomes Studies at affiliated sites
Glen Site, Huntington Site, Golden Site, Wellington Site
Lynnda Emery

Board of Trustees, Rocky Mountain University: Secretary
Dana Howell

Board of Trustees, Rocky Mountain University: Nominating Committee Chair
Dana Howell

Research Consultation, Rockcastle Interprofessional Education and Practice Project.
Dana Howell

Salvation Army Women’s Auxiliary
Dana Howell

Consultant, Special care units for individuals with Alzheimer’s disease
Dory Marken

Member, Executive Planning Board of the Bluegrass Region Grandparents As Parents (GAP)
Dory Marken

Active member of the state-wide planning council for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
Dory Marken

Kentucky Kin-Cares.
Dory Marken

Kentucky Early Intervention System Practice Support Workgroup
Christine Myers

Committee on First Steps’ Comprehensive System of Personnel Development
Christine Myers
Expert Panel Member, National Early Childhood Transition Center, Human Development Institute, University of Kentucky
Christine Myers

Kentucky Occupational Therapy Foundation Board
Colleen Schneck

Kentucky Department of Education, Related Services Advisory Committee
Colleen Schneck

Research Committee, Cardinal Hill
Colleen Schneck

Consultant to Mill Valley Pain Associates
Anne Shordike

Consultation with Berkeley Food and Housing Project (Women’s Emergency Shelter)
Anne Shordike

Member: Board of Directors, Canaan House
Anne Shordike

Regional (Region 4) Representative for the American Hippotherapy Association (AHA)
Kathy Splinter-Watkins

Board member, AHCB (American Hippotherapy Certification Board)
Kathy Splinter-Watkins

OT Member, American Hippotherapy Association Research Committee
Kathy Splinter-Watkins

Central Kentucky Riding for Hope (CKRH) – Registered instructor and Occupational Therapist for Therapeutic Horseback Riding and Hippotherapy
Kathy Splinter-Watkins

Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital Hippotherapy consultant
Kathy Splinter-Watkins

Christ the King School and Lexington Catholic School Board Member and Officer
Shirley O’Brien

Doctoral Students at the University of Kentucky
Rehabilitation Sciences
Julie Baltisberger
Melba Custer
Elaine Fehringer
Amy Marshall  
Twilla Parr  
Other Programs  
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Workshops
Myers, C. Co-Director : Kentucky Council for Exceptional Children -44th Annual Conference  
Workshop presentation: Sensory Processing Strategies for young children and families.  
Louisville, KY.  (with S. O’Brien, and S. Shasby).  11/22/09

Obrien, S. 2/17/09  Distance Learning Academy Showcase, Keene Johnson Faculty Lounge.  
OTS 834 Presentation with WIKI and video streaming. (2 hours)

O’Brien, S/P. and Skubik-Peplaski, Camille Sensory processing: Understanding the world  
around you. For Kentucky Association for Early Childhood Development (KAECE), Bluegrass  
Chapter 3 hours

Obrien, S. 08/10/09 Presentation to Fayette County Public School Occupational Therapists on  
Changes in the Occupational Therapy Practice Framework (2nd ed) of 2008.

Skubik-Peplaski, C. and O’Brien, S. P.  (March 2009). Sensory Processing Needs of Parents and  
Children. March 11, 2009. Center for Learning, Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Center. Lexington,  
KY.  (3 hours)

equine assisted activity and therapy. Workshop presented at Central Kentucky Riding for Hope  
2009 Instructor Workshop Series, Lexington, KY.

Presentation at the First Annual KOTA Student Conference, Lexington, KY.

Clinical Alliance
Myers, C. Coordinator of the Transition to Preschool (ToPS) Program (Summer 2009): Worked  
with E. Fehringer, Richmond Head Start, Madison County Preschools, and Kentucky’s Early  
Intervention System.

Collaborating with Hospice Care Plus and Cardinal Hill – Hospice  
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Additional Information

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Apologies are extended for any errors or omissions; please report any discrepancies in writing to the Outcomes Committee c/o Susan.Hart@eku.edu. Please contact individual faculty members via the university website email for additional information about their scholarship, professional service, and related EKU activities.