

EDUCATION | PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE | AOTA /NCOTA SERVICE | COMMUNITY SERVICE

Education - I enjoy learning *and* teaching. Recent course work in occupational science helps me understand this evolving discipline and how it informs OT. I try to 'keep it real' in class sessions with visits to community places, like the senior center, and in-person interaction with people with disabilities and their families. Videos of real clients is a favorite approach to explore best practice with students. Increasingly, I bring in literature and speakers in social sciences and humanities to discuss human experiences and point of view.

University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill (1985) MS, Occupational Therapy

University of North Carolina – (2006-2007) Doctoral seminars in Occupational Science (9 credits)

Syracuse University (1979) BS Education – Elem. & Special Ed. Student Teaching: **Crawley, England**

University of Guadalajara, **Mexico** (1975) Latin American Studies coursework



AOTA Conference – with students



Class discussion groups



Student engagement and learning in the community

Professional Experience – My experiences have covered the life span and the continuum of care, from acute care to home and community. While my current focus is aging, I care about best practice everywhere. Fieldwork coordination gives me a continuous contact with practice in varied settings and appreciation for life-long learning in OT. Involvement in teaching, research, administration and clinical settings, gives me a broad understanding of occupational therapy and how to bridge gaps between these arenas of “practice”.

UNC-Chapel Hill: Associate Professor (2002–present), Clinical Assistant Professor (1996–2002), Fieldwork Coordinator (1996–present) Programs in **England, South Africa, Denmark, Thailand, Guatemala, and developing sites in Honduras**. Clinical work: Geriatric Evaluation clinic (1998-2007) Geriatric Team Home Visit Preceptor (1998–present); Co-investigator (2007-2001). NIA funded Preventive Home Visit Grant. (PI: Cutchin).

Duke University Medical Center: Director of OT (1990–1996), Senior/Staff Occupational Therapist (1985–1990);

Chapel Hill Home Health Care (1989) Home health OT, part time. Orange Co, NC

CHILD Center: Special Education Teacher, Silver Spring, MD, (1980–1983).

UCP of Montgomery County, MD Summer Camp Director, (1982)

Duke staff in 1994



2007-UNC Faculty- Grace and Ruth awards



Preventive Home Visit Research Team



Some moments in practice

AOTA Service – The Delegate to the WFOT must be knowledgeable and supportive of the workings and goals of the AOTA. I keep up to date on AOTA's initiatives, documents and policies through committee work with AOTA, as well as by teaching about professional organizations, standards, ethics and legal issues. I have been involved in disseminating information about the OT Practice Framework: Domain and Process, through publications and numerous presentations. A major project has been to co-edit and write for a text: *Strategies to Advance Gerontology Excellence* (2008, AOTA Press). This text for advance practitioners, brings together theory, research and clinical expertise to explicate occupation centered, client centered and evidence based practice. I try to engage students in OT professional organizations by readings, attendance at conference and sharing the satisfaction I gain from AOTA service.

Gerontology Education/Research Advisory Council (2008–present);

Evidence-Based Literature Review on Productive Aging Advisory Group (2008–2009);

STATS Medicare Outpatient Billing Advisory Committee (2008–present);

AOTA Representative, Medicare Technical Expert Panel (2007);

Chair, Board Certification in Gerontology Panel (2004–2007)

Expert Panel to Study Board Certification in Geriatrics (2003–2004)

National Board Certification in Geriatrics Committee (1999–2001)

NC Expanding Payment Representative (1992–1994).



Board Certification in Gerontology Panel

Maria Elena Louch, Sue Berger, Sue C, Sharon Elliott, Beverly Horowitz, Corky Glantz

North Carolina Occupational Therapy Association (NCOTA): Although I have not spent as much time in recent years with the NCOTA, I believe a strong state association is important to building a community of professionals.

Co-Chair, Geriatric SIS, (2000–2005); Geriatric SIS Steering Committee (1996–1998)

Chair, Reimbursement Committee (1990–1995); Chair, Physical Disabilities SIS (1989).

Chair, Awards Committee (1996–1998)

Community Service:

Carolina Meadows Retirement Community: Board of Directors (2001–present), Co-Chair, Vision & Strategy Committee (2009–present) and Chair, Health Care Committee (2002–2007) (650 members in Chatham Co.)

Orange County NC: Member, Long-Term Care Roundtable Steering Committee (2002–2004) and Co-Chair, Master Aging Plan Disabled/Institutionalized Older Adults Committee (1999–2000); Member, Senior Center Wellness Advisory Com. (1997–2001); Adult Care Homes Advisory Com. (1997–2003);

Durham Technical Community College: OT Assistant Program Development & Advisory Board (1992–1997).