

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Master of Science in Occupational Therapy - 1985
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Thesis: Current practice of occupational therapists in augmentative communication

Bachelor of Science in Education -1979
Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York
Special Education Interrelated Program

University of Guadalajara, Mexico (1975) Coursework in Latin American Studies
Gallaudet University, Washington, DC (1981-83) Coursework in Sign Language
UNC Chapel Hill (2006-2007) –Coursework in Occupation Science (9 doctoral credits)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Medicine, Department of Allied Health Sciences,
Division of Occupational Science, Chapel Hill, NC.

Associate Professor (July 2002 – present)

Clinical Assistant Professor (July 1996-2002)

Academic Fieldwork Coordinator (July 1996-present) Coordinate FW for US and **International Fieldworks** for Masters Degree students (FWI and FWII)

UNC-CH Center for Aging and Health, Geriatric Clinic & Outreach consultations
Core Interdisciplinary Team Member (January 1997- 2008)

Health Services Group of America (March 2000)

Consultant to Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program in Lexington, KY.

Research Triangle Institute (RTI) and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services(CMS). (2008-2009)
Consultant on Medicare Technical Expert Panel (TEP) to develop a patient assessment tool for outpatient therapy services.

Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC

Director of Occupational Therapy (January 1990 - July 1996)

Manager for clinical teams in: Inpatient rehabilitation center, acute care, hand rehabilitation, outpatients, and psychiatry. Responsible for all Duke personnel Occupational Therapy, and some in Physical Therapy and Recreation Therapy.

Practice Areas: geriatrics, acute care, outpatients, pulmonary rehabilitation, The Forest at Duke continuing care retirement community.

Senior Rehabilitation Occupational Therapist (January 1988 - January 1990)

Clinical Education Coordinator (January 1988 - January 1991)

Staff Therapist in Rehabilitation (September 1986 - January 1988)

Staff Therapist in Rheumatology (July 1985 - September 1986)

Home Health Agency of Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

Home Health Contract Therapist (1989 – 1990)

Centers for the Handicapped, CHILD Center, Silver Spring, MD

Special Education Teacher (1980-1983)

National Children's Center, Washington, DC

Mainstream Preschool Classroom Teacher (1979 - 1980)

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2009 Service Commendation – American Occupational Therapy Association
- 2007 Roster of Fellows – American Occupational Therapy Association
- 2006 Service Commendation – American Occupational Therapy Association
- 2005 Service Award - North Carolina Occupational Therapy Association
- 2004 Service Award -American Occupational Therapy Association
- 2004 Honorable Mention for Guterman Award - American Medical Directors Association
“Dispelling Myths about Activity and Occupation in Long Term Care”.
Poster with Co- Presenter: Holly Jean Coward, MD – Phoenix AZ
- 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Department of Allied Health Sciences
- 2002 Suzanne C. Scullin Award - North Carolina Occupational Therapy Association
Outstanding contributions to the profession of occupational therapy and the
- 2000 Best Practices Award – Southern Gerontological Society
UNC-CH Program on Aging Team
- 1997 Service Award - North Carolina Occupational Therapy Association
- 1996 Service Award - North Carolina Occupational Therapy Association
- 1995 Outstanding Practice in Administration -North Carolina OT Association
- 1990 Outstanding Practice in Clinical Education -North Carolina OT Association

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS

Board Certification in Geriatrics (2000-2006; 2006- 2011)
American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)

Registered Occupational Therapist (July 1985 -Present)
National Board for Certification of Occupational Therapists

Licensed Occupational Therapist (July 1985 - Present)
North Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy #202

American Occupational Therapy Association Certificate Courses:
Neuroscience and Occupation: Links to Practice (June 1998)
ROTE: Role of Occupational Therapy with the Elderly (July 1997)

Neuro-Developmental Treatment Association
NDT Certification: Adult Hemiplegia (May 1989)

Organizational Dynamics, Inc.
Quality Action Team Facilitator Certification (September 1992)

BIBLIOGRAPHY

EDITED BOOKS

Coppola S, Elliott S, Toto P. (2008). *Strategies to Advance Gerontology Excellence(SAGE): Promoting Best Practice in Occupational Therapy*. Bethesda: AOTA Press.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO TEXTBOOKS

Coppola S (2008). Foundations for a dynamic and satisfying practice in gerontology. In S. Coppola, S. Elliott, & P. Toto (Eds.). *Strategies to Advance Gerontology Excellence(SAGE): Promoting Best Practice in Occupational Therapy*. Bethesda: AOTA Press. (pp 1-9)

Coppola S (2008). Transactional approach to understanding meanings and benefits of occupation in older adulthood. In S. Coppola, S. Elliott, & P. Toto (Eds.). *Strategies to Advance Gerontology Excellence(SAGE): Promoting Best Practice in Occupational Therapy*. Bethesda: AOTA Press. (pp15-58)

Elliott, S & **Coppola S**. (2008). Best practice in gerontology. In S. Coppola, S. Elliott, P. Toto (Eds.) *Strategies to Advance Gerontology Excellence(SAGE): Promoting Best Practice in Occupational Therapy*. Bethesda: AOTA Press. (pp319-348)

Coppola S & Wood W. (2008). Occupational therapy to promote function and health related quality of life. In J. E. Hodgkin, G.L. Conners & B.R.Celli (Eds.), *Pulmonary rehabilitation: Guidelines for success*. Fourth Edition Elsevier: Des Plaines, IL (pp180-208).

Harrington J & **Coppola S**. (2003). Vision Problems. In PS Houts (Ed), *Elder Care at Home* New York: American Geriatrics Society Foundation For Health in Aging.

Coppola S & Wood W. (2000). Occupational therapy to promote function and health related quality of life. In J. E. Hodgkin, G.L. Conners & B.R.Celli (Eds.), *Pulmonary rehabilitation: Guidelines for success*. Third Edition Philadelphia:Lippincott, 213-245.

Coppola S, Rosemond , Hanson L, Soltys F, Flash A (1999) Risk and Early Intervention. In Busby Whitehead J, Hunter R, Kincade J, Ashford-Works C, Britnell M, Causey S(eds). *Making a difference in the lives of rural elders: Interdisciplinary approaches to health and wellbeing*. Chapel Hill, NC: UNC Printing Services, 53-73.

Hunter R, Rosemond C, **Coppola S**, Hanson L, Soltys F, Flash A, Horrell S, Owens E. (1999) Frailty and Transition. In Busby Whitehead J, HunterR, Kincade J, Ashford-Works C, Britnell M, Causey S(eds). *Making a difference in the lives of rural elders: Interdisciplinary approaches to health and wellbeing*. Chapel Hill, NC: UNC Printing Services, 75-94.

Coppola S. (1991). Description of occupational therapy services applied to aided augmentative communication (table). In W. C. Mann and J. P. Lane, *Assistive Technology for Persons with Disabilities*. First Edition.(pp.134-136) Rockville, MD: American Occupational Therapy Association.

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Cutchin, M. P., **Coppola, S.**, Talley, V., Svihula, J., Catellier, D., & Heatwole Shank, K. (2009). Feasibility and effects of preventive home visits for at-risk older people: Design of a randomized control trial. *BMC Geriatrics*, 9:54. <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2318/9/54>

Cutchin M, Aldrich R, Bailliard A, **Coppola S**. (2008) Action theories for occupational science: The contributions of Dewey and Bourdieu. *Journal of Occupational Science*, 15(3), 157-165.

Horowitz B. & **Coppola S**. (2007, May) Building Community Partnerships to Support Aging Societies. *World Federation of Occupational Therapists Bulletin*. Vol 55,44-49.

Coppola S. (2005). A journey to see the whole of things. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy* (AJOT), 59,476-479. (invited)

Coppola S ,Rosemond C, Greger-Holt N, Soltys F, Hanson L, Snider M*, Busby-Whitehead J. (2002). Arena assessment: Evolution of teamwork for frail older adults. *Topics in Geriatric Rehab*.17(3),13-28.

Wood W, Nielson C, Humphry R, **Coppola S**, Baranek G, Rourke J. (2000). A Curricular Renaissance: Graduate Education Centered on Occupation. *AJOT*. 54(6), 586-597.

Coppola S. (1998). New models in dementia care: Clinical Interpretation of "Occupation and Well-being in Dementia: The Experience of Day Care Staff", *AJOT*, 52(6), 435-438. (Invited)

NON-REFEREED ARTICLES

Coppola S, Darwin A, Bagby M*, Carlson C*, Cox SB*, Fox V*, Gunnigle C*, Heatwole-Shank K*, Mangrum M*, O'Neill A*, Warrick TB*. (2009) Innovative fieldwork projects with older adults: Stories of learning and contributing. *Gerontology Special Interest Section Newsletter, AOTA*, 32(1),1-4.

Coppola S. (2009, August). Falls in Older Adults. Boom! Magazine for Active Older Adults. p13-14. http://www.boomnc.com/archive/2009_08/articles_live-well_200908_falls.html (invited)

Coppola S, Berger S, Elliott S, Horowitz B, Knotts V. (2006, March), Occupational therapy for older adults: A reflection on advanced practice. *OT Practice*, 11(5), 14-18. (invited)

Coppola S. (2003). The Occupational Therapy Practice Framework: Domain and Process - A valuable guide in Geriatric Practice. *North Carolina OT Association Newsletter*. Jan-Mar 2003, p 1.

Coppola S. (2003). An introduction to practice with older adults using the Occupational Therapy Practice Framework: Domain and Process. *Gerontology Special Interest Section Newsletter*, 26 (1), 1-4. (invited)

Coppola S. (2003). Update on student involvement with Medicare patients. *North Carolina Occupational Therapy Association Newsletter*. June 2003, p3.

Kirkman S*, **Coppola S** & Nielson C. (1992). The Transition from clinician to administrator. *AOTA Administration and Management Special Interest Section Newsletter*, 8 (4), 2-3.

Coppola S. (1990). Voice Operated electrical stimulation for quadriplegic hand function. In *Technology Review '90: Perspectives on Occupational Therapy Practice*. The AOTA: Rockville, MD (27-29). (Invited)

BOOK REVIEWER

Doll, J. (2010). Program Development and Grant Writing in Occupational Therapy. Sudbury, MA: Jones and Bartlett Press.

Schell, BA & Schell JW. (2008) Clinical and Professional Reasoning in Occupational Therapy. Baltimore: Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins.

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

Coppola S, Talley V, Cutchin M (accepted for May 2010) *Feasibility and Effects of Preventive Home Visits for Older Adults*. World Federation of OT Congress poster: Santiago Chile

O'Neill A, **Coppola S**, Sakornsatian S. (accepted for April 2010). *Collaboration for Inclusive Tourism in Thailand*. AOTA Annual Conference poster. Orlando, Florida.

Svihula J, Cutchin M, **Coppola S**, Talley V, Palmer M. (2009, November). Preventive home visits: Testing a social model of care in the United States. Paper presented at The Gerontological Society of America, 62nd Annual Scientific Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Cutchin M, **Coppola S**, Talley V, Svihula J. (2009, July). *Preventive home visits for older adults: A report of the design and feasibility of a new protocol*. World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics poster. Paris, France.

Coppola S, Talley V, Heatwole-Shank, K, Cutchin M. (2009, May). *Feasibility and effects of preventive home visits for older adults*. Research Work in Progress Poster. AOTA Annual Conference. Houston, TX. April 24, 2009.

Coppola S, Darwin A, Gunnigle C*. (2008, September) *Preventing and managing falls of older adults*. Workshop at the North Carolina Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Concord, NC.

Coppola S, Easterling N, Shultz B, Warrick T*, Miller H*, Lowder J, DeGraw W. (2008, September) *Horticulture occupations for health and participation: Model practice and fieldwork*. Workshop: North Carolina Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Concord, NC.

Tally V, **Coppola S**. (2008, September). *Feasibility and effects of preventive home visits to older adults*. Workshop: North Carolina Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Concord, NC.

Coppola S. (2008, April). *Transactional approach to understanding complex meanings and benefits of occupation in older adulthood*. Short Course. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference. Long Beach, California.

Horowitz B & **Coppola S**. (2006, July). *Building community partnerships to support aging societies*. World Federation of Occupational Therapy Congress workshop. Sydney, Australia.

Coppola S. (2006, July) *Occupational therapy for older adults: A client centered approach*. (DVD-Resources Presentation) World Federation of Occupational Therapists Congress. Sydney, Australia.

Elliott S, **Coppola S**, Berger S, Glantz C, Knotts V. (2006 April), *Advocacy: An essential competency in gerontic occupational therapy*. Workshop: American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Annual conference. Charlotte, NC.

Talley V, **Coppola S**, Conkey A*, Tschoepe R*, Cutchin M. (2005, October) *Preventive home visits for older adults: Denmark and pilot project in North Carolina*. Workshop: NCOTA Annual Conference, Research Triangle Park, NC.

Coppola S, Elliott S. (2005, October). *AOTA Board and Specialty Certification Programs & Board Certification in Gerontology*. Session at the NCOTA Annual Conference, Research Triangle Park, NC.(Invited)

Womack J, Darwin A, Michel A, **Coppola S**. (2005, May). *Driving Wellness for Older Adults: It's not just about the car*. American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Annual conference workshop. Long Beach, CA.

Coppola S, Coward HJ. (2004, March). *Dispelling myths about activity and occupation in long term care*. Poster session for American Medical Directors Association (AMDA) Annual Conference. Phoenix, AZ. Poster received honorable mention for Guterman award.

Coppola S, Hendren L*, Gillikin P*, Lunceford J*, Papovich A*. (2003, October). *Occupation and identity in disability experiences*. North Carolina Occupational Therapy (NCOTA) Annual Conference short course. Research Triangle Park, NC

Bell C, **Coppola S**, Bright T, Oakes T. (2003, October). *Introduction to the new AOTA Fieldwork Performance Evaluations*. NCOTA Annual Conference Workshop, Research Triangle Park, NC.

Coppola S. (2003, September). *Creating occupationally enriched environments for older adults*. North Carolina Annual Conference on Aging (NCCOA) short course. Charlotte, NC.

Womack J, Yeung Y, **Coppola S**, Darwin A*. (2003, June). *Reaching beyond reachers: The importance of contextual factors in recommending assistive technology for older adults*. AOTA Annual Conference Workshop. Washington, DC.

Coppola S, Allen S*, Jasper E*. (2003, June). *Occupation in older adulthood: Benefits and meanings as tools for practice*. AOTA Annual Conference Short Course. Washington, DC.

Coppola S (2003, March). *Creating occupationally enriched places to grow old*. American Society on Aging (ASA) Annual Conference Short Course. Chicago, IL.

Coppola S, Zivica J*, Michel E*, Darwin A*, Stafford S*, Wolcott N*, Patterson, M*. (2002, September). *Understanding dimensions of "context" in the Occupational Therapy Practice Framework*. NCOTA Annual Conference Workshop, Greensboro, NC

Bell C, Nielson C, **Coppola S**. (2002, September). *Gathering an occupational profile*. NCOTA Annual Conference Workshop, Greensboro, NC

Coppola S, Crume Y, Frost L, Fleischer A, Talley V, Urso C, Yeung Y. (2002,September). *Promoting healthy aging through OT and Assistive Technology Services*. NCOTA Annual Conference Workshop, Greensboro, NC

Coppola S, Ghassemian L*, Sinel P*. (2002, May). *Graduate coursework integrating biomedical and phenomenological aspects of illness and disability*. AOTA Annual Conference Short Course, Miami, FL.

Coppola S & Womack J. (2001, November). *Gadgets or goofs? Assistive technology for older adults*. The 11th Annual Assistive Technology Expo Presentation, "2001: High Tech, Low Tech, Future Tech". Raleigh, NC

Coppola S, Clark H*, Speas E*, Sinkovitz A*, Ashurst L*, Holland L*, Allen S*, Ghassemian L*, Sinel P*, Daughtridge R*. (2001, September). *The use of disability narratives to guide research and best practice in occupational therapy*. NCOTA Annual Conference Workshop, Research Triangle Park, NC.

Coppola S, Fleisher A, Tally V, Snider M* (2001, May). *Non-traditional occupational therapy practice with older adults*. NCOTA Spring Conference Workshop. Winston-Salem, NC.

Coppola S, Carbine K*, Currey C*, Harris S*, Barnett C*, Sparkman M*, Waanders E*. (2000, October). *Mental Health Student Forum: Understanding experiences of mental illness as a key to effective practice*. NCOTA Annual Conference Workshop, Greensboro, NC

Wood W, **Coppola S**, Nielson C, Rourk J, Womack J. (2000, April). *Connecting occupation science to OT: Education designed to promote health and well-being in the 21st century*. NCOTA Annual Conference Workshop, Greensboro, NC

Sotlys F & **Coppola S**. (1999, April). *Non-traditional interdisciplinary education with rural and underserved older adults*. AOTA Annual Conference Workshop, Indianapolis, IN.

Nielson C, **Coppola S** & Wood W. (1999, April). *Curriculum vision and revision*. AOTA Annual Conference Workshop, Indianapolis, IN.

Coppola S. (1998, September). *Infusing meaningful occupations into practice with older adults*. NCOTA Annual Conference Short Course, New Bern, NC

Coppola S. (1998, April). *Use of curriculum objectives to guide fieldwork site visits*. AOTA Annual Conference Poster, Baltimore, MD

Coppola S. (1997, September). *Clinical education in a changing environment*. Workshop at NCOTA Annual Conference Workshop, Charlotte, NC.

Coppola S. (1996, September). *OT in primary health care*. NCOTA Annual Conference Paper, Raleigh, NC.

Coppola S. (1995, September). *Reimbursement problem solving*. NCOTA Annual Conference Workshop, Winston-Salem, NC.

Coppola S. (1994, September). *Reimbursement update*. NCOTA Annual Conference Workshop, Charlotte, NC.

Coppola S. (1993, September). *Expanding payment for occupational therapy services*. NCOTA Annual Conference Workshop. Asheville, NC.

Coppola S. (1991, September). *Reimbursement for occupational therapy services*. NCOTA Annual Conference Workshop, Durham, NC.

Coppola S. (1990, September). *Personal style tools for student supervision*. NCOTA Annual Conference Workshop, Greenville, NC.

Coppola S. (1990, April). *Options for quadriplegic hand function: The VOQUEST Project*. (Voice Operated QUadriplegic Electrical STimulation) Poster at the AOTA Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Coppola S. (1988, November). *A stroke group during rehabilitation*. NCOTA Annual Conference Short Course, Asheville, NC.

Coppola S. (1988, November). *Options for quadriplegic hand function: The VOQUEST Project*. Poster at the NCOTA Annual Conference, Asheville, NC.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS- TO PROFESSIONALS

Coppola S. (2009, October) *Occupational Therapy for Older Adults: Occupation, Collaboration and Evidence as Foundations for Meaningful Practice*. Full Day workshop at the Idaho OT Association annual conference. Boise, ID.

Coppola S. (2009, October). *Culturally Sensitive Care of People with Dementia and their Caregivers*. Community workshop sponsored by Adult Care Center of the Northern Shenandoah Valley, Shenandoah University Occupational Therapy Department, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Frederick County, Coalition for Racial Unity. Winchester, VA.

Coppola S. (2009, July). *Aging tourists in Thailand*. Presented at the Accessible Tourism Workshop. Sponsored by Kenan Institute Asia: Tsunami Recovery Action Initiative. Khao Lak, Phang Nga, Thailand for tourism industry stakeholders.

Coppola S. (2009, April & May). *International Classification of Function Disability and Health: Implications for rehabilitation professionals*. Presentations to Moses Cone HealthCare –Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists and Speech/Language Pathologists in system.

Coppola S (2008, February). *Assistive technology for older people with neuromyopathy*. Presented at Challenges in Geriatric Practice Interdisciplinary Annual Conference presentation. Chapel Hill, NC.

Coppola S (2007, August). *Occupational Therapy and Primary Care for Older Adults*. UNCHealthcare. Family Practice Grand Rounds. Chapel Hill, NC.

Frolek-Clark G, Lieberman D, Amini D, **Coppola S**, MacRae A, Handley-More D, Jost M, Youngstrom MJ, Hildebrand M. (April 2006). *Using the occupational therapy practice framework in everyday practice: Focus on context*. American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Annual conference short course. Charlotte, NC

Coppola S, Womack J (2006, March). *Enacting Occupation-Centered Practice with Older Adults*. Mountain AHEC Workshop, Asheville, NC.

Coppola S (2006, February). *New Perspectives on Function and Disability*. Challenges in Geriatric Practice Interdisciplinary Annual Conference presentation. Chapel Hill, NC.

Coppola S, Berger S, Elliott S, Horowitz B, Glantz C, Knotts V, Moyer P. (2005, May), *Board Certification in Gerontology*. American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Annual conference open forum. Long Beach, CA.

Frolek Clark G, Amini D, **Coppola S**, Handley-More D, MacRae A, Jost M, Neufeld P, Youngstrom MJ, Lieberman D. (May 2005). *The Occupational Therapy Practice Framework: Experiences from the field*. American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Annual conference short course. Long Beach, CA.

Coppola S, Nielson C, Talley, V. (2004, November). *Aligning Curriculum and Fieldwork Experiences*. Workshop at International Occupational Therapy Seminar. Naestved, Denmark.

Coppola S (2004, September) *Occupations for Frail Older Adults*. Presentation to Geriatric Fellows, UNC Division of Geriatrics. Chapel Hill, NC.

Frolek Clark F, Amini D, Handley-More D, **Coppola S**, MacRae A, Lieberman D. (2004, May). *The Occupational Therapy Practice Framework: Experiences from the field*. American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Annual conference short course. Minneapolis, MN.

Coppola S (2004, March) *Occupation in older adults: Implications for health education*. 2nd Annual North Carolina Health Educators Summit. New Bern, NC

Tideiksaar R, Rosemond C, **Coppola S** (2003, November) *Practical approaches to falls prevention*. Mountain AHEC Workshop, Asheville, NC.

Coppola S (2003, January) *Infusing meaningful occupations into occupational therapy practice with older adults*. AHEC workshop – Charlotte, NC.

Coppola S (2002, October). *Certification and advance practice in geriatric occupational therapy*. Presentation to the Triangle Chapter of American Association of University Women, Durham, NC

Coppola S. (2002, March) *Falls in older adults*. Interdisciplinary workshop. Greensboro AHEC, Greensboro, NC

Coppola S. (2001, October) *Falls in older adults*. Interdisciplinary workshop. Charlotte AHEC, Charlotte, NC

Coppola S. (2001, May) *Infusing meaningful occupations into practice with older adults*. AHEC workshop, Greensboro, NC

Phillips G, **Coppola S.** (2001, May) *New restraint policies in North Carolina adult care homes: Alternatives to restraints*. Presentation for Adult Care Home staff by Orange County DSS. Hillsborough, NC.

Rosemond C, **Coppola S.** (2000, October) *Aging experience*. Orange County Adult Care Homes Caregivers Educational Workshop. Sponsored by Carol Woods Retirement Community and Orange County Commissioners.

Coppola S. (2000, March) *Helping older adults find meaning in occupation*. Rehab Educators presentation. Akron, OH.

Coppola S. (2000, January). *Reclaiming a meaningful existence after stroke*. Challenges in Geriatric Practice Interdisciplinary Annual Conference presentation. Chapel Hill, NC.

Coppola S. (1999, August). *Feeding skills and techniques in long term care*. Workshop-Autumn Care at Rich Square, NC. Area L AHEC.

Rosemond C, **Coppola S**, Soltys F. (1999, February). *Enhancing physical, social and psychological functioning: A case study*. Social Work Series on Aging, Chapel Hill, NC

Coppola S. (1998, June). *Falls and mobility in older adults*. Long-Term Caregiver Workshop, Rich Square, NC. Area L AHEC

Coppola S. (1997, September). *Sensory changes with aging*. Front-line Caregivers Training workshop, Area L AHEC, Jackson, NC.

Rice M, **Coppola S.** (1997, May). *Traditional and contemporary approaches to motor control*. Workshop for Occupational Therapists Mountain AHEC, Asheville, NC.

Coppola S. (1995, March). *Allied health in transition: Perspectives on clinical practice*. Hospital Restructuring Conference Session, Wake AHEC, Raleigh, NC.

Coppola S, Tripp F. (1994, October). *Personal style tools in student supervision*. Presentation at the Clinical Council Meeting at Durham Technical College, Durham, NC.

Coppola S. (1991, April). *Personal style tools for student supervision*. Occupational Therapy Education Council of Oklahoma Workshop, Oklahoma City, OK.

Coppola S. (1990, June). *Understanding aging for effective intervention with the elderly*. Fayetteville AHEC Workshop, Fayetteville, NC.

Coppola S. (1988, November) *A stroke group during rehabilitation*. NCOTA Piedmont Triad District Presentation, Greensboro, NC.

Coppola S. (1986, December). *New trends in rheumatology for OT*. Fayetteville AHEC Workshop, Fayetteville, NC

MEDIA

Video: Taking extra precautions can cut risk of falls in older adults (2008, August). Video for UNC Health Care Internet Newsroom : <http://www.unchealthcare.org/site/newsroom/falls20923>; produced by Stephanie Crayton.

DVD: Occupational Therapy for Older Adults: A client-centered approach. (2006) Produced by S. Coppola with A. Darwin. Published (2010) *Online Course - Occupational Therapy in Action: Using the Lens of the Occupational Therapy Practice Framework: Domain and Process, 2nd Edition* by Susanne Smith Roley, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA, and Janet DeLany, DEd, OTR/L, FAOTA. Bethesda: AOTA Press.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS TO CAREGIVERS & ADULTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Coppola S. (2008, January). *Preventive Home Visits for Older Adults*. Presentation at the Community Coalition for Continuity of Care meeting. Carolina Meadows Chatham County,, NC.

Coppola S. (2006, April). Joint Protection and Assistive Technology. Part of PACE (People with Arthritis Can Exercise) Series – UNC Healthcare at Meadowmont, Chapel Hill, NC.

Soltys FG, **Coppola S.** (2005, December). Experience of Aging. Piedmont Health Services Clinical and Office staff. Moncure, NC

Coppola S. (2005, Nov). *Adaptations for life with Arthritis*. Presentation at The Chapel Hill Arthritis Support Group. Chapel Hill, NC.

Coppola S. (2005, Feb). *Living a meaningful life with dementia*. Presentation at Croasdale Retirement Village Workshop for Caregivers "What if it's dementia?" . Durham, NC.

Coppola S. (2004, Sept) *Helping Family Members with Dementia Live a Meaningful life.* Carolina Meadows Continuing Care Retirement Community Resident Caregivers Group Session. Chapel Hill, NC.

Coppola S. (2004, May) *Living a meaningful life with dementia.* Presentation at Orange County Department on Aging Workshop for Caregivers "What if it's dementia?" . Hillsborough, NC.

Holt T, **Coppola,S** (2003, November) *Falls prevention and management.* Presentation to Carol Woods Continuing Care Retirement Community. Chapel Hill, NC.

Coppola S (2003, October) *Caregiving: A part of daily living.* Carolina Meadows Continuing Care Retirement Community Resident Caregivers Group Session. Chapel Hill, NC.

Coppola S (2002, December) *Occupational therapy for Parkinson's condition.* Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Chapel Hill, NC.

Coppola S (2002, September) *Beyond behavior management: Opportunities for engagement.* Session at Conference "Memory Day: Is it normal aging or dementia?" Chapel Hill, NC

Coppola S. (2001, September). *Wellness and the spirit: Occupation as a powerful tool for purpose and well being.* Presentation to Carolina Village Retirement Community, followed by presentation to the community at the First Congregational Church. Hendersonville, NC.

Coppola S. (2000, October) *Occupational Therapy for people with Parkinson's Disease.* Orange County Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Chapel Hill, NC

Coppola S. (2000, October) *Assistive devices for older adults.* Chapel Hill Senior Center Community Wellness Talk, Chapel Hill, NC.

Coppola S. (1986, December) *Occupational therapy in rheumatology.* Arthritis Foundation Chapter Meeting presentation, Durham, NC.

Coppola S. (1998, October) *Gifts from friends: Honest talk about personal hygiene.* Chapel Hill Senior Center Wellness Talk, Chapel Hill, NC.

PANELS

Coppola S, Barrett K, Hanson L, Passmore J. (2008, November) Panel discussion: *Caring for Aging Family Members.* Association for Women Faculty and Professionals, UNC-Chapel Hill.

Coppola S. and interdisciplinary panel (2007, November) *Serving older adults: Pearls from an interdisciplinary panel.* UNC Pharmacy student Geriatrics Interest Group. Chapel Hill.

Coppola S. (2007, April) *Creating occupationally enriched environments in long term care.* Gerontology Special Interest Section Round Table Facilitator at the American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference. St Louis.

Coppola S. (1995, September). *Insurance Panel.* Workshop at the North Carolina Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Winston-Salem, NC.

Coppola S. (1994, May). *Health care reform-how can we survive?* Facilitator & Panel for Interdisciplinary Conference, Wake AHEC, Raleigh, NC

PUBLIC TELEVISION

Talley V, **Coppola S** , Passmore J. (2008, May) Preventive Home Visits for Older Adults. (Taped in for viewing in May 2008). In *Praise of Age*. Chapel Hill: People's Channel.

Coppola S & Soltys F (2008, January) Occupational Therapy: Its Importance to Seniors. In *Praise of Age*. Chapel Hill: People's Channel.

Belding N. & **Coppola,S** (2003, January).Hand Pain in Older Adults. In *Praise of Age*. Chapel Hill: People's Channel.

Wiser B, Dooley M, **Coppola S**, McKlellar S. (2002, August) *Arthritis*. Agency for Public Television, NC Department of Administration, Call in public television program. (repeated showing)

TEACHING RECORD

COURSE DIRECTOR/PROFESSOR

AHSC 285; MEDI 285; SOWO 385 - Interdisciplinary Teamwork in Geriatrics - 3 Credits

Focus: acquisition of skills and competencies necessary for effective interdisciplinary geriatrics care and leadership in a variety of settings, including rural and/or underserved communities.

The course includes case- and problem-based learning, observations and participation with practicing teams, and a community service-learning project. Course Co-Director, with interdisciplinary faculty. (Fall 2001- 2005)

OCCT 251/751- Older Adult Occupations Adaptations and Technologies/Occupation Centered Practice with Older Adults– 2-3 Credits (2001, 2003, 2004- present) Occupational therapy evaluation and intervention with older adults. .Using the OT Practice Framework:Domain & Process, this course focuses on meaningful occupations, client-centered practice, interdisciplinary teamwork, contexts, clinical reasoning, ethics, and investigative reasoning.

OCCT 320/720 A&B: Clinical Fieldwork - 6 credits (1997-present) Curriculum themes are put to practice in the 12 week affiliations in clinical settings. Development of non-traditional clinical sites has expanded services to underserved individuals and developed job opportunities for students upon graduation. Internet discussion forum utilized for support & information for students on Fieldwork.

OCCT 222/722 – Biomedical and Phenomenological Aspects of Illness and Disability – 4 credits (Spring 1999 -2004, 2007-present) Integrates biomedical information with phenomenological narratives on disability. Mental and physical disorders throughout the lifespan are addressed, recognizing the importance of context and the personal experience of disability. The WHO International Classification of Function & Disability (WHO 2002) serves as the course framework.

MEDI 311; AHSC 311 - Basic Aspects of Aging - Program on Aging Course - 1-3 Credits
Known as the Program on Aging Lecture Series, this course is offered for variable credit to interdisciplinary graduate students. The lecture series covers an array of geriatric health topics, from medical conditions to legal issues. The student projects are individually tailored to interests & focus of students from various disciplines. (Fall 2001)

OCCT 207/736 – Practice Environments – 2 credits (Fall 1998-1999, 2006 - present) Person-Environment fit is the model for studying practice environments for OT relative to study of self-awareness and professionalism. The course introduces students to historical, regulatory, ethical, and cultural contexts of practice. This background provides generalist information for exploring a variety of traditional and non-traditional service environments.

OCCT 280- Occupational Therapy with Older Adults – 1 credit, Spring 1997 & 1998

OCCT 232- Physical Rehabilitation II – 5 credits, Spring 1997, 1998

Fieldwork Seminars - Seminars held each semester with occupational therapy students to prepare for and reflect upon their clinical experiences. These seminars involve a teaching process in which students learn about themselves and the clinical environments. The central goal of these seminars is to help students use curriculum objectives to integrate academic experiences with clinical experiences.

LECTURES

OCCT 226 – Occupations and Environmental Transformations of Adults and Older Adults - Unit on Older Adulthood (Fall 1998 & 1999); Selected Lectures (2000-2004) Study of the form and meaning of occupations, functional changes in older adulthood, contextual influences on occupational performance.

UNC-CH Interdisciplinary Graduate Course Guest Lectures on: functional assessment, geriatrics, occupational therapy, prevention, independent living, interdisciplinary teamwork, falls prevention
Dental Hygiene – Spring 2004, 2005, 2006
Medicine – Spring 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, Fall 2008
Nurse Practitioner - Spring 1999
Physical Therapy – Spring 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2009
Social Work - Fall 1998 – 2006
Pharmacy- Student Group Interested in Geriatrics (GIG) – Aging Experience- 3/18/09
Aging and Health Interdisciplinary Course- Fall 2003-2009

GRAND ROUNDS, SEMINARS & LECTURE SERIES AT UNC

UNC Interdisciplinary Certificate in Aging
(2008-present) Co-facilitator of monthly seminars

UNC Geriatric Fellows Seminars / Geriatric Clinic Rounds
(2005, April) Older Adult Vision Loss & Adaptations
(2004, September) Occupations of frail older adults
(2002, November) Means and meanings of eating
(2002, June) Function and quality of life for older adults with pulmonary disease
(2001, April) Visual impairments in older adults

Program on Aging Lecture Series, UNC-Chapel Hill
(2002, February) The relationship of occupation to health in older adulthood.
(2000, October) Managing falls in older adults: A balancing act.
(1999, December) A matter of pride: Self care strategies for older adults.
(1999, March) Time use and the meaning of occupation for older adults
(1997, November) Case presentation: telemedicine from rural SNF(co-presenter)
(1997, April) Geriatric case presentation. (co-presenter)

Clinical Pearls - Challenges in Geriatric Practice Annual Conference –UNC-Chapel Hill
(2008, February) Martin's bike – recumbent bicycle for hemiparesis
(2002, January) Finding purpose in older adulthood: Who is responsible?
(2001, January) After the fall: How do you get the person up?
(1999, January) What does "normal" mean?
(1998, January) Use of playing cards as a functional assessment tool.

STUDENT POSTER/PRESENTATION AWARDS

O'Neill, A. (2009). *Inclusive Tourism in Post-Tsunami Thailand: Creating Local, National, and International Alliances*. Winner of the Student Poster Award. National Healthy Aging Network (HAN) National Conference: Promoting Environmental and Policy Change to Support Healthy Aging. Chapel Hill.

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GRAND ROUNDS OUTSIDE UNC

(1996, August). *Improving functional performance in the elderly through occupational therapy.* Duke University Medical Center, Geriatric Grand Rounds, Durham, NC.

(1994, Sept). *Functional performance in older adults: An occupational therapist perspective.* Duke University Medical Center, Geriatric Grand Rounds, Durham, NC.

CONTINUING EDUCATION INSERVICE LECTURES

(2008, June) *Fieldwork in Occupational Therapy: Changes, Emerging Topics, Opportunities.* Clinical Educators Workshop. Chapel Hill, NC.

(2007, September) *The dynamic environment of professional education.* Moses Cone Hospital, Greensboro, NC. With Lisa Johnston, DPT.

(2003, December) *AOTA Fieldwork Performance Evaluations.* Moses Cone Health System In-service. Greensboro, NC.

(2003, February) *Preventing falls in older adults.* Carolina Meadows Continuing Care Retirement Community. Chapel Hill, NC

(2002, July) *Student supervision & new fieldwork evaluation forms.* Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC.

(2002, July) *Update on Occupational therapy education and practice trends.* Dorothea Dix Hospital, Raleigh NC

(2001, April) *Strategies for self-care and mobility for older adults*. Carolina House Assisted Living front line caregivers. Chapel Hill. NC.

(2000, March) *Interdisciplinary Teamwork along the continuum of care in Pulmonary Rehabilitation*. Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation, Lexington, Ky.

(1998, July). *Clinical reasoning in occupational therapy*. Presentation to Mercy Hospital Occupational Therapy Department, Charlotte, NC.

(1998, May). *Occupations and activity: Meanings & engagement*. Charles House Adult Day Care Staff, Carrboro, NC.

Interdisciplinary Education

Master's Degree Academic Committee; Kathryn Kubiak; Masters Program in Human Movement Science – 2004.

UNC-CH Summer Reading Program Facilitator

For incoming freshman and transfer students: 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009

STUDENT PRECEPTOR

Students in various health disciplines and social work participate in clinical education sessions sponsored by the Program on Aging.

- Interdisciplinary team clinical supervision in the geriatric clinic at UNC Healthcare one day per week (1998-2007).
- Team consultations and precepting provided in consultations in rural North Carolina (Area L AHEC) – (1997-2005) and McCain Prison (1996-1998)
- Hubbard Team Lead Preceptor for interdisciplinary home visits: 2007-present

Occupational Therapy Fieldwork II Co-Supervisor: Geriatric clinic(2004); Charles House Adult Day Care (2007); Preventive Home Visit Project (2008); Thailand Accessible Tourism Project (2009)

GRANTS

TRAVEL GRANTS

Thailand Faculty Travel Grant (2009). Associate Provost for Research and Development// Kenan Institute Asia, UNC-Chapel Hill. (\$4200)

Denmark Faculty Travel Grant (2004) UNC Center for Global Education. Collaborations and workshop with CVU/Syd Occupational Therapy Faculty. Naestved, Denmark. (\$1000)

RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

Feasibility and Effects of Preventive Home Visits (9/2007-9/2009)

PI Malcolm Cutchin, PhD; NIA Funded RCT of home interventions to 120 older adults living in the community, for pilot data and feasibility. **Denmark model. International collaboration.**

Co- Investigator: Develop protocol, training interventionists, ensure feasibility
9% effort for two years

Hubbard Grant - (2000-present) P.I. Busby- Whitehead. Hubbard Foundation.

Home based interdisciplinary assessments for older adults with complex needs. Faculty adviser and primary preceptor for students from occupational science, nursing, pharmacy, medicine, and social work. . 10% Salary support.

A Pilot Study to Explore Factors Influencing Pursuit of Work in Persons with Disabilities After age 50. (Accepted for FY 2006-2007); PI Charles Bernacchio, EdD; UNC Institute on Aging (\$7500.) Investigative Team Member

Allied Health Partnerships for Health and Education (7/1/04-6/30/07)

PI Rebecca Hunter; Bureau of Health Professions Grant - \$144,205

Coursework Director – Direct courses associated with project; Lead interdisciplinary seminars; recruit and mentor students

18% effort year 1; 15% years 2 and 3

Carolina Geriatric Education Center – (7/1/02- 6/30/07) (2006 termination-Federal budget cut)

PI Rebecca Hunter; Bureau of Health Professions Grant - \$426,077.

Interdisciplinary Teamwork Coordinator, Coordinator of the Mental Health Working Group, leads teamwork training programs, mentors students and other trainees, develops instructional materials, and teaches in the *Interdisciplinary Faculty Development Program*. Telehealth 5-10% effort annually

Involving Students in Interdisciplinary Geriatric Teamwork (In-SIGHT), (7/01/01-06/30/04)

PI Rebecca H Hunter Bureau of Health Professions. , \$415,500,

Course Co-Director, Interdisciplinary Teamwork in Geriatrics. Represent the Division of Occupational Science on the In-SIGHT Steering Committee, recruit and mentor students and preceptors, develop instructional materials, and teach in the Geriatric Practice Leader Program. 15% effort annually, 5% of which is cost shared in years 1 and 2; 7% in year 3.

Interdisciplinary Rural Training Program – (7/1/01- 6/30/03)

PI Rebecca Hunter; Bureau of Health Professions Grant

OT Faculty Liaison recruits students and faculty for the program, serve on the Planning Committee and mentor students, rural practitioners, & preceptors. 1% budget; 1% cost share

Geriatric Training Alliance (GETA) - (1999- 2002)

PI: Jan Busby- Whitehead, MD Bureau of Health Professions Interdisciplinary Project;
for interdisciplinary case based team educational sessions at UNC and in rural outreach. Telehealth
consultations to rural sites.10% salary support.

Generating Rural Action for Caregiver Education and Support (GRACES) Submitted August 2001 to
Administration on Aging - Not Funded, P.I. Betty Lewis of Edgecombe County HomeCare and Hospice.
15% salary support for consultation services.

Fostering Interdisciplinary Approaches to Care of Rural Elderly (1997-1999)

PI: Jan Busby-Whitehead, MD John A. Hartford Foundation, Interdisciplinary Project; 10% salary support
to develop and present interdisciplinary educational materials for students and practitioners. Telehealth
consultations to rural sites.

Interdisciplinary Case Based Learning (1999-2000) and (2000-2001) \$25,000.

PI: Carol Tresolini, PhD ; UNC Health Affairs Interdisciplinary Education Committee (HAIG); No salary
support to develop educational session plan, train facilitators and facilitate interdisciplinary student
groups. This project became a yearly budget item and has continued to the present.(2002-present)

GRANT REVIEWER

(2009) Israel Science Foundation, Jerusalem

(2008) Carolina Meadows Retirement Community, Board Social Accountability Committee, NC

(1998-1999) UNC- Chapel Hill Center for Public Service – Faculty Grants

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Occupational Therapy Association; Member (1985-present)

Advisory Council Member, Gerontology Education and Research, Board (2008-

Advisory Group, Evidence-Based Literature Review on Occupation and Activity-Based
Interventions Related to Productive Aging (2008-)

Advisory Committee Member, STATS Medicare Outpatient Billing (2008-present)

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

Chair, Expert Panel for AOTASB to study Board Certification in Geriatrics (2003-2004)

Committee to Develop National Board Certification in Geriatrics (1999-2001)

North Carolina Expanding Payment Representative (1992-1995)

North Carolina Occupational Therapy Association (NCOTA) Member (1984 – present)

Co-Chair Geriatric Special Interest Section (2000-2005)

Awards Committee, Chair (1996 - 1998)

Geriatric Special Interest Section Steering Committee (1996 - 1998)

Reimbursement Committee, Chair (1990-1995)

Physical Disabilities Special Interest Section, Chair (1989)

Durham Technical Community College Occupational Therapy Assistant Program (1992-1998)
OT Assistant Program Development and Advisory Board, Durham, NC

American Medical Directors Association - Member (2003-2005)
American Society on Aging – Member (1998-2004)
Society for the Study of Occupation (2002-2003)
National Alliance for Mentally Ill – Member (1998- 2004)
Southern Gerontological Society - Member (1999-2002)
Gerontological Society of America – Member (2000-2005)
Friends of Residents of Long Term Care -Member (2002-2004)

CONFERENCE PLANNING/ REVIEW COMMITTEES

UNC Challenges in Geriatric Practice, Chapel Hill, Annual Conference (1999-2007)
UNC Department of Allied Health Sciences Clinical Preceptor Day (1999-2008)
What if it's Dementia? Workshop for Caregivers (Triangle J AAA) (April-May 2004)
Memory Day: Is it Normal Aging or Dementia? Chapel Hill (2002)
AOTA Annual Conference Program Proposal Reviewer (1990-1991,1994-2001, 2004)
Clinical Strategies for Managing Dementia, Maryland (1992)

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE COMMITTEES

Department of Allied Health Sciences

Educational Assistance Committee/Hospital Auxiliary (1998-present)
Alcott Fellowship Committee (1999)
Promotions and Tenure Policy Ad Hoc Committee (2001-2002)
Faculty Review Committee
Susan Adams, PhD, (1999) Rehab Counseling & Psychology
Darlene Sekerak, PhD, (2001-2002) Physical Therapy
Jenny Womack, Associate Professor (2007) Occupational Science (chair)

UNC-CH Division of Occupational Science

Faculty Advisor – Student Latino/Hispanic Interest Group (2009-)
Curriculum Committee –entry level Master's Degree (1996-present)
Admissions Committee (1996-2004)
Division Development Committee (2006-present)
Division Clinical Committee, Chair (2006-present)

Program on Aging, UNC-CH

Education Committee, Chair (2000-2001)
Clinical Service Committee (2000-2004)

UNIVERSITY WIDE COMMITTEES

Health Affairs Interdisciplinary Case Conference (HAICC) (2001- present). Committee emerged from the HAIG case conference grant funded by the Office of the Provost.

UNC Interdisciplinary Certificate in Aging Advisory Board (2000-present)

UNC Center for Public Service, Faculty & Staff Grants Committee (1998 & 1999)

PUBLIC SERVICE

North Carolina Falls Prevention Coalition (2008-)
Co-Facilitator, Provider Education Committee (2008)

Carolina Meadows Retirement Community
Board of Directors (2001- 2007)(2008-present)
Vision and Strategy Committee, Co-Chair (2009-present)
Board Health Care Committee, Chair (2002-2007)

Orange County Long Term Care (LTC) Roundtable Steering Committee (2002-2004)
Appointed by the county commissioners to address LTC issues

Orange County Master Aging Plan (MAP), Orange County, NC
Co-Chair- Severely Disabled and Institutionalized Older Adults Committee (1999-2000)
MAP Update: Well/ Fit committee member (2005-2006)

Orange County Adult Care Homes Advisory Committee (1997 – 2003)
Triangle J Council of Governments & Orange County, NC

Orange County Senior Center Wellness Advisory Committee (1997- 2001)
Orange County Department of Aging, NC

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