

American Occupational Therapy Association (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.



AOTA Board Certification in Gerontology Panel Meeting (2005)

(Left to right) Sharon Elliott, MS, OTR/L, BCG, FAOTA; Valerie Knotts, PhD, OTR/L, BCG, FAOTA; Sue Berger, PhD*, OTR/L, FAOTA; Beverly Horowitz, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA; Sue Coppola, MS, OTR/L, BCG, FAOTA, Corky Glantz, OT/L, FAOTA (*-Dec. 2009)

AOTA Awards

- 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

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)
- Medicare Technical Expert Panel – Alternatives to Medicare B Caps (2008-2009)
- 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 Coppola, Sharon Elliott, Beverly Horowitz, Corky Glantz

AOTA Publications

Books/Chapters

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

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)

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

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)

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.

AOTA Presentations

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

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. (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.

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.

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 (Invited)

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

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)

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.(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.

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. (invited)

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

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

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.