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Licenses/ Certifications/ Specializations

- New York State License: #022764-1
- NBCOT Certification: #406265
- Certified Fall Prevention Specialist
- MoCA Certified
- LSVT BIG Advanced Certification (12 CEU) 2020 - ONBIG1801-4886
- Advanced Course in UE Rehab (1 Credit, 9 CEU) - Lindsay Schultz, MS OTR/L, CHT, CLT
- AOTA National Conference 2019: Adult, Geriatric, Pain, and Neuro Rehab (21 CEUs)
- AOTA Specialty Conference 2018: Neuro Rehabilitation and Hand Therapy (14.5 CEUs)
- 24- Posture Qigong Leader Certification Village of Healing and Wellness (VHW)
- Health and Clinical Applications of Qigong' from the Village of Healing and Wellness (VHW), St. Catharines, ON. (20 contact hours)
- (CPR and AED) Basic Life Support/Heartsaver First Aid, Valid through March 2021

Education

D'Youville College / Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

May 2018, Buffalo NY

D'Youville College/ Bachelor of Science in Human Occupation

May 2018, Buffalo NY

Minors: Spanish, Psychology, Spanish for the Health Professions

Experience

Ithaca College / Assistant Professor

August 2023 – Current, Ithaca NY

- Designs and facilitate coursework for ICOT Graduate students for Management in OT, Applied Occupations, Kinesiology, and Advanced Evidence Based Practice.
- Develops multi-media and dynamic modules in both lecture and lab format.
- Serves as faculty advisor for the DEIAB committee and Student OT Association at Ithaca College
- Co-creator of interdisciplinary Inclusive Syllabi inserts in collaboration with the Dean's office, SLP department, ESS department, and athletic training department.

Cayuga Medical Center/ Per Diem Occupational Therapist

March 2023 – Current, Ithaca, NY

- Provided evidence-based and skilled OT intervention to 6+ clients per day in the Acute Care, PMRU, and ICU settings
- Collaborated with a multidisciplinary team to facilitate optimal patient outcomes.
- Fabricated specialized customized splints as needed for client
- Facilitated home modification evaluations in collaboration with country contractors and provided onsite task-related analysis and assessment for preventing agriculture and construction related injuries.

Ithaca College / Part-time Professor, Lecturer

August 2022 – August 2023, Ithaca NY

- Designs and facilitate coursework for ICOT Graduate students for Management in OT, Applied Occupations, Kinesiology, and Advanced Evidence Based Practice.
- Develops multi-media and dynamic modules in both lecture and lab format.

Yuma District Hospital, Akron Outpatient Clinic / Occupational Therapist, Hand Therapist (contract)

May 2022 – October 2022, Yuma and Akron, CO

- Provided evidence-based and skilled OT intervention to 8+ clients per day as the sole Registered OT at hospital, home health department, and outpatient clinics.
- Collaborated directly with a specialized hand surgeon/plastic surgeon bi-weekly, establishing protocols and providing specialized hand therapy.
- Collaborated with a multidisciplinary team in an inpatient hospital setting, ER, swing bed, home health, and outpatient settings to facilitate optimal patient outcomes.
- Fabricated specialized customized splints as needed for client
- Facilitated home modification evaluations in collaboration with country contractors and provided onsite task-related analysis and assessment for preventing agriculture and construction related injuries.

Norwich Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Post-Acute and Long-Term Care / Occupational Therapist, Interim Director of Activities, Director of Rehabilitation
October 2019 – May 2022, Norwich NY

- Continued on staff at per diem status following a travel contract, from there I grew with the facility into full time status at the start of the pandemic.
- Advanced role from OT to Interim Director of Activities to ensure residents and patients had their activity needs met during the pandemic. Further advanced role to Director of Rehabilitation.
- Serve as Director of Rehabilitation, managing a multidisciplinary therapy team to provide restorative and maintenance services to 82 patients and residents. Facilitate utilization review, CMI, care planning, in-service education and risk meetings.
- Provided skilled OT to 8-16 clients with various neurological, physical, cognitive, mental, and socioemotional challenges.
- Provided supervision, mentorship, and education to OT and OTA level II fieldwork students.
- Improved CMI from 1.12 to 1.42

Ardor Health: Willcare Home Health (LHC Group) / Occupational Therapist (contract)
October 2019 – March 2020, Newburgh NY

- Oversaw a caseload of 5-7 patients per day, age range 34-103 with primarily cardiac, Parkinson's, Dementia, CVA, s/p THR, s/p TKR, and complex neurological diagnoses and disorders
- Coordinated communication among healthcare professionals, medical doctors, and Newburgh team members
- Conducted evidence-based practice and standardized assessments

Ardor Health: Norwich Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Post-Acute and Long-Term Care / Occupational Therapist (contract)
March 2019 - October 2019, Norwich NY

- Provided evidence-based and skilled OT intervention to 7+ residents per day as the sole Registered OT at the skilled nursing facility
- Provided supervision and evidence-based education to 2 COTA/Ls.
- Coordinated communication among the IDT team, including SLP, Dietary, PT, and nursing staff
- Provided education to nursing staff and therapy team
- Conducted evidence-based practice and standardized assessments

Delta HCP: CVH Care, Home Health / Occupational Therapist (contract)
September 2018 - December 2018, North, East, and South Bay CA

- Oversaw a caseload of approximately 5-7 patients per day, ranging from ages 27 to 102 with cardiac, Parkinson's, Dementia, CVA, s/p THR, s/p TKR, and complex neurological diagnoses and disorders
- Coordinated communication among healthcare professionals, medical doctors, and CVH team members
- Conducted psychosocial assessments and gathering data to provide a safe discharge plan
- Conducted evidence-based practice and standardized assessments

Pittsford Central School District / Substitute Teacher
2018-2019, Pittsford NY

- Educated students in the areas of Spanish, computer science, special education, social studies, and technology.
- Collaborated with teachers in lesson planning and following established lesson plans for classrooms of up to 24 high-school students.

Fieldwork

Mercy Hospital of Buffalo MRU - Adult Physical Disabilities, Neuro (Level II) / Student Occupational Therapist

September 2017 - December 2017, Buffalo NY

Bornhava - Pediatric - Early Intervention and Preschool (Level II) / Student Occupational Therapist

May 2017 - September 2017, Buffalo NY

ECMC Acute MRU - Adult / Geriatric (Level I) / Student Occupational Therapist

May 2017, Buffalo NY

Buffalo Restoration Society - Mental Health (Level I) / Student Occupational Therapist

December 2016, Buffalo NY

Lothlerien Therapeutic Riding - Nontraditional Pediatric (Level I) / Student Occupational Therapist

June 2016 - August 2016, East Aurora NY

Community Practice

D'Youville College - Community Wellness Clinic /

Clinic Topic: Pre/Post-natal Care for Mothers and Newborns /

Occupational Therapist

January 2018 - May 2018, Buffalo NY

- Created Community Wellness Clinic at D'Youville College
- Managed an interprofessional team of 57 NYC health profession students
- Created an educational handout in English and Spanish for participants
- Conducted community outreach
- Hosted a practical and educational clinic for community members

Publications

Professor Guides for Sexuality and Intimacy: An Occupational Therapy Approach/

Co-author

AOTA Press Publishing (TBD 2024)

OT Textbook: Sexuality, Intimacy, and Occupation/

Co-author of chapter "Lived Experiences"

AOTA Press Publishing (2023)

OT Textbook: Trauma, Occupation, and Participation/

Co-author of chapter 12 "Addressing LGBTQIA+ Trauma: Your Role and Your Responsibility"

AOTA Press Publishing (2022)

Research Projects

OT Master's Research Project / Author

Mini Systemic Review: *Is occupational therapy intervention more successful than surgical intervention in patients with carpal tunnel syndrome for improving function in daily living (ADLs)? (2016-2018)*

Presented at D'Youville College (May 2021)

Presented at the Annual AOTA Conference (April 2019)

Dr. Lynn McIvor Occupational Therapy Doctoral Research / Research Assistant

Doctoral CAPSTONE: *Building therapeutic relationships while using telehealth (2017)*

Gross Anatomy Dissection Research / Co-Author

Cutaneous Innervation of the Palmar Aspect of the Hand (2016 - 2017)

Presented at Exploring Biology Conference 2017 under American Anatomy Association

Presentations/ Panels/ Guest Lectures

Let's Talk DEI in Action: Demonstrations of Culturally Diverse Activities of Daily Living/ Workshop Facilitator

AOTA Inspire Conference, Orlando FL (2024)

- Co-facilitated and led a 1.5r workshop on Gender Affirming Care and ADLs at the AOTA Inspire Conference as a part of the Let's Talk DEI in Action workshop.

Conversations That matter 114: A Conversation That Really Matters: Understanding the Values & Experiences of the Independence Caucuses in the Multicultural, Diversity, and Inclusion Network/ Panelist

AOTA Inspire Conference, Orlando FL (2024)

- Co-facilitated a panel on the values and experiences of the independence causes of MDI, representing the board of the Network for LGBTQIA+ Concerns in OT

Spilling the OTea on LGBTQIA+ Care and Breaking Down the Binary/ In-Service Provider

Cayuga Medical Center, Ithaca NY (2023)

- Provided a 1-hour in-service on best practice for providing therapy services to LGBTQIA+ individuals in the acute care setting to the interdisciplinary therapy staff at Cayuga Medical Center.

Healthcare Business Management and Entrepreneurship/ Panelist

Virtual via Zoom, CA (2022)

- Served as a panelist, facilitating conversation on starting a business as an OT, marketing, branding, and how to transition an online presence into income.

OTAC Special Topics Forum: Gender Identity and Occupational Therapy: A Recognition of Occupational Impact/ Presenter

Duke University, Durham NC (2022)

- Served as presenter for the OT Association of California (OTAC) on the topic of Gender Identity and Occupational Therapy.

OTs Role in 2SLGBTQIAP+ Care and Breaking Down The Binary / Guest Presenter

New York University, New York City NY (2021)

- Provided a 1 hour lecture to first year Master's OT students on DEI topics, LGBTQIA+ care, TIC, sexuality and gender occupations and related subjects via Zoom

OTs Role in 2SLGBTQIAP+ Care and Breaking Down The Binary / Guest Presenter

University at Buffalo, Buffalo NY (2021)

- Provided a 2 hour lecture to first year Master's OT students on DEI topics, LGBTQIA+ care, TIC, sexuality and gender occupations and related subjects via Zoom

Ethics and Advocacy: OT Practice as Political/ Panelist

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill NC (2021)

- Served as a panelist, facilitating conversation of DEI topics and OT practice as political.

DEI Ethics Panel/ Panelist

University of Utah, Salt Lake City UT (2021)

- Served as a panelist, facilitating conversation on DEI topics, advocacy, and the power of OT.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion / Panelist

D'Youville College, Buffalo, NY (2021)

- Served as a panelist for the DEI discussion during D'Youville College's PTE education event.

OTs Role in 2SLGBTQIAP+ Care and Breaking Down The Binary / Guest Presenter

Saint Louis University, Saint Louis MO (2021)

- Provided a 2 hour lecture to first year Master's OT students on DEI topics, LGBTQIA+ care, TIC, sexuality and gender occupations and related subjects via Zoom

LGBTQIA+ Care and Concerns / Panelist

Alvernia University, Reading PA (2021)

- Served as a panelist, leading discussion surrounding OT's role in LGBTQIA+ care and the role/influence of gender on occupational engagement

LGBTQIA+ Discussion with Gator COTAD/ Guest Lecturer

University of Florida, Gainesville FL (2021)

- Provided a 1 hour lecture to first year Master's OT students on DEI topics, LGBTQIA+ care, TIC, sexuality and gender occupations and related subjects via Zoom

Coffee With COTAD: OT and the LGBTQIA+ Community / Guest Presenter

Methodist University, Fayetteville NC (2021)

- Engaged in discussion via interview surrounding OT's role in LGBTQIA+ care, healthcare disparities, healthcare as politics, and the influence of sexuality and gender on occupational engagement.

The Queer and Non-Binary OT Lived Experience/ Guest Presenter

Xavier University, Cincinnati OH, Saint (2021)

- Facilitate discussion and monologue conversation surrounding the lived experience of a queer and non-binary OT in a rural SNF.

OT's Role in 2SLGBTQIAP+ Care and Breaking Down The Binary / Guest Lecturer

Xavier University, Cincinnati OH, Saint (2021)

- Provided a 1 hour lecture to first year Master's OT students on DEI topics, LGBTQIA+ care, TIC, sexuality and gender occupations and related subjects via Zoom

OT's Role in 2SLGBTQIAP+ Care and Breaking Down The Binary / Guest Lecturer

Western University, Ontario CA (2021)

- Provided a 3 hour lecture to first year Master's OT students and faculty on DEI topics, LGBTQIA+ care, TIC, sexuality and gender occupations and related subjects via Zoom

OT's Role in 2SLGBTQIAP+ Care and Breaking Down The Binary / Guest Lecturer

University of British Columbia, Vancouver BC, CA (2020, 2021, scheduled 2022)

- Provided a 3 hour lecture to first year Master's OT students and faculty on DEI topics, LGBTQIA+ care, TIC, sexuality and gender occupations and related subjects via Zoom

Touro University Nevada / Guest Presenter

Touro University, NV (2020)

- Provided a 1 hour informal presentation on the role of OT with LGBTQIA+ specific care and the influence of sexuality and gender on occupational engagement.

OT's Role in 2SLGBTQIAP+ Care and Breaking Down The Binary / Guest Presenter

Western New England University, Springfield MA (2020)

- Provided a 1 hour lecture to first year Master's OT students on DEI topics, LGBTQIA+ care, TIC, sexuality and gender occupations and related subjects via Zoom

Moving Beyond The Letters: LGBTQIA+ 201 / Guest Presenter

Instagram Live Interview (2020)

- Engaged in a 1 hour interview via IG live covering the topic(s) of OT's role in LGBTQIA+ care, cultural humility and sensitivity, and the influence of sexuality and gender on occupational engagement.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion / Guest Presenter

Saint Louis University, Saint Louis MO (2020)

- Co-Taught a 1 hour lecture to first year Master's OT students on DEI topics and related subjects via Zoom

Clinical Skills Lab / Guest Presenter

D'Youville College, Buffalo NY (2020)

- Facilitated several 3 hour clinical skills labs covering the topics of Mirror Therapy, Splinting, Residual Limb Wrapping, Prosthetics, and Wheelchair Training for graduate level OT students on clinical rotations.

Neuroscience and Neuroanatomy / Guest Presenter

D'Youville College, Buffalo NY (2019)

- Provided a 1 hour evidence-based education on the topic of Mirror Therapy and Mirror Visual Feedback to D'Youville College Master's and bachelor's level OT students.

Volunteer/ Leadership Experience

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- **Elected Board Member for The Network for LGTBQIA+ Concerns in Occupational Therapy/** LGBTQIA+ resource creator, clinical content creator, content designer, discussion facilitator (2022-present)
 - **Elected Board Member of the Coalition of Occupational Therapy Advocates for Diversity (COTAD) /** Social Media Chair, Case Study Library Leader, Ignite Series Leader, LGBTQIA+ resource creator (2020-2022)
 - **Creator and Founder of TheRainbow OT (@therainbowOT on Instagram, therainbowot.com) /** An Occupational Therapy and LGBTQIA+ education and advocacy platform (2018 - Present)
 - **Podcast Interview with Occupied /** A Deep Dive Into Gender, Sexuality, and Identity (2020)
 - **Podcast interview with SeniorsFlourish** on addressing sexuality and gender with older adult and elderly populations (2020)
 - **Podcast Interview with OTUncorked** on travel therapy (2019)
 - **Podcast interview with OT4Lyfe /** "Inclusion, Representation, and All the Colors of the Rainbow with Devlynn Neu" episode 35 (2019)
 - **D'YOU Lead /** Leadership Buffalo Program (2018 Graduate)

Professional Memberships

New York State Occupational Therapy Association (NYSOTA)

2013 - Present

American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)

2015 - Present