

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

PhD, Health Policy and Administration, School of Public Health, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2017

MPA, Master of Public Administration, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, 1988

BS, Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois at Chicago, 1980

WORK EXPERIENCE

1988 - Present University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Occupational Therapy

Academic Rank and Title

Clinical Associate Professor (9/01 - present)

Clinical Assistant Professor (9/96 - 8/01)

Clinical Instructor (9/88 - 8/96)

Administrative Position and Title

Associate Head for Administration (9/02 - present)

Director of Professional Program Admissions (9/89 - present)

Director of Professional Education (9/00 - 8/02)

Director of Undergraduate Education (9/93 - 8/00)

Coordinator of Entry Level Education (9/89 - 8/92)

Teaching and Advising: Professional Level

- OT 594, Special Topics, Interprofessional Collaboration in HIV care (2 cr) Co-instructor, 2017. Team-based blended course on prevention and care for people who have or are at risk for HIV, case-based interprofessional learning.
- OT 424/524: Contexts of Occupational Therapy Practice (2 cr) Creator of course and sole instructor, 2001 to present. Content focus is health and disability policy, payment, trends in health care and occupational therapy, advocacy, consulting roles, and non-traditional settings.
- OT 500: Theories of Occupational Therapy (4 cr) Sole instructor, 2011 to present. Provides a foundational knowledge of the history of the field, knowledge development, occupational therapy theories and related knowledge, and how practice models are used in the context of client cases.
- OT 407: Introduction to Occupational Therapy Practice (2 cr) Co-creator of the course and co-instructor (50% responsibility); 2000 - 2012. Content focus was on overview of health care systems and trends, practice roles and settings, community based practice, and professional responsibilities.
- OT 515: Synthesis I (1cr) Facilitator for problem-based learning course, 2010-12
- OT 420: Community practicum (1 cr) Required course 2000-2009. Supervised students who completed a practicum at a community agency for three hours per week, focus was on urban underserved populations who did not have access to occupational therapy.
- Supervised final master's projects of 15 entry-level students (1999 – 2004).
- Academic and career advisor for 12-20 professional master's students annually (2000 – present)

- AHS Health and Diversity Academy (formerly the Urban Allied Health Academy): coordinator for 15 to 30 students annually (2004 – present), supervise service learning experiences in minority serving agencies and mentor into future career path serving underserved populations

Teaching and Advising: Post-professional Level

- Advisor and doctoral project committee chair for 4 post-professional OTD students (2012 to present)
- Doctoral project committee member for 15 post-professional OTD students (2006 to present)
- Doctoral dissertation committee member for two PhD students (2013-14)
- Master's thesis committee member for 18 post-professional MS students (1989 to 2004)

Teaching and Advising: Undergraduate Level

- Provide 4 lectures per year to undergraduate courses in Rehabilitation Sciences on the health care system, policy and payment; and the theory base of occupational therapy (2014 to present)
- Advisor to the UIC pre-occupational therapy club, coach and mentor club officers, present annually
- Honors College Fellow, mentor 2-4 undergraduates a year (2017 to present)

Administration

- Assist with management of the academic unit as requested by the Head
- Responsible for professional program admissions, including student recruitment, application processing, and student selection; co-supervise the senior academic advisor
- Coordinate communication and fund raising with alumni and donors
- Coordinate departmental publications and assist with marketing efforts

Community and Clinical Service

- Clinical and program consultant for El Valor, a primarily Hispanic serving agency for people with disabilities (1998 - 2012). Provide consultation and student intern supervision for residential and day treatment programs for adults with intellectual/ developmental disabilities (1998 to present)
- Developed a student intern occupational therapy program at El Valor and Access Living, a Center for Independent Living, two community agencies that do not have occupational therapy.
- Initiated and coordinated experiential learning opportunities for all 28 entry level master's students at community sites serving underserved populations (Fall 2000 - Fall 2001)

Research and Scholarship

- Completed a large-scale health services research dissertation study evaluating the effect of the Medicare therapy cap on access to therapy and functional outcomes for residents of skilled nursing facilities (2011-2017)
- Created and disseminated an assessment based on the Model of Human Occupation for community residential facilities, the Residential Environment Impact Scale (REIS), which is in the process of being translated into seven languages (UIC co-authors are former MS students). Conducted user surveys to improve the assessment, which has been validated through psychometric research. (2002 to present)
- First author on a chapter on the Environment and Human Occupation for the 5th edition of the Model of Human Occupation text (2017), the most widely used theory in the field of occupational therapy
- Second author (the first author was a PhD student) of a paper on occupational therapy theories for the Occupational Therapy in Health Care Journal in 2015, the most popular article with over 20,000 views in two years
- Conducted a series of quantitative and qualitative investigations of supply of and demand for occupational and physical therapists on a national basis as part of the Midwest Center for Health Workforce Studies with co-investigator Mary Keehn and Judith Cooksey (2000 – 2008) (see grant section below for grant details)
- Member of a team of researchers studying supply and demand trends in the pharmacist workforce (2008-2011)
- Collaborated in the development of the Worker Role Interview and assisted in evaluating its usefulness (with Craig Velozo and Gary Kielhofner). Translated into 15 languages.
- Conducted qualitative research and analysis as part of Allied Health grant (with Christine Helfrich and Gary Kielhofner, PI)

1984 - 1988 Wood River Township Hospital - Director of Occupational Therapy and Director of Occupational Health (8/87 on)

Duties: Established and managed an Occupational Therapy Department to serve physical medicine and psychiatric patients of all ages in a semi-rural area of Southern Illinois. Established, managed, and marketed a work hardening program and an occupational health program. Supervised staff and responsible for all operations.

1980 - 1984 Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center of Joliet - Coordinator of Occupational Therapy and Staff Occupational Therapist

Duties: Provided outpatient and school based occupational therapy to children age 2-18. Managed occupational therapy staff, scheduling, evaluations, and school contracts 1981-1984.

GRANTS

- 10/01 – 2/07 Co-Investigator for Allied Health, Midwest Center for Health Workforce Studies, a multidisciplinary project funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. PI: Surrey Walton, PhD. Total award: \$1,250,000, OT/PT portion: \$125,000
- 7/01 – 6/05 Project Coordinator and co-author of a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services grant awarded by the Health Resources and Services Administration to better prepare allied health students to work with underserved urban populations, and to recruit underrepresented minority students into allied health. Project Director: Christine Helfrich, PhD. Total award: \$343,100
- 9/99 – 9/01 Co-Investigator for Occupational Therapy for the Illinois Center for Health Workforce Studies, a multidisciplinary project funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. PI: Judy Cooksey, MD, MPH. Total award: \$700,000, OT portion: \$30,000
- 9/97 – 8/01 Project Coordinator and co-author of a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services grant awarded by the Health Resources and Services Administration to better prepare allied health students to work with underserved urban populations. Project Director: Gary Kielhofner, DrPH. Total award: \$395,317
- 10/93 - 9/97 Co-Project Director and co-author of a competitive renewal of the first training grant from RSA (below), with an emphasis on preparing occupational therapy students to implement the Americans with Disabilities Act. Project Director: Gary Kielhofner, DrPH. Total award: \$294,741
- 10/90 – 9/93 Project Coordinator and co-author of a U.S. Department of Education training grant awarded by the Rehabilitation Services Administration to develop the baccalaureate curriculum in work-related rehabilitation and to select and supervise student trainees. Project Director: Gary Kielhofner, DrPH. Total award: \$230,982

PUBLICATIONS

- Sood, D., **Fisher, G.**, Mahaffey, L., Wong, S., Baum, C., & Cada E. (in press). Occupation-focused models. In *Concepts in Occupational Therapy: Understanding Southern Perspectives*.
- Fisher, G.** (2017). University of Illinois at Chicago: 75 years of leadership in OT education. *Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Communiqué*, p. 23-24.
- Fisher, G.**, Parkinson, S., & Haglund, L. (2017). The environment and human occupation. In R. Taylor (Ed.) *Kielhofner's Model of Human Occupation: Theory and application* (5th Ed.). Philadelphia: Wolters Kluwer Health/Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.
- Parkinson, S., Cooper, J., de las Heras de Pablo, C., Duffy, N., Bowyer, P., **Fisher, G.**, & Forsyth, K. (2017). Assessments combining methods of information gathering. In R. Taylor (Ed.) *Kielhofner's Model of Human Occupation: Theory and application* (5th Ed.). Philadelphia: Wolters Kluwer Health/Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.
- Stoffel, A., **Fisher, G.**, Preissner, K., Blackwell, C.D. (2017). OT Spotlight: Velma Reichenbach. *Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Communiqué*.
- Fisher, G.** & Braveman, B. (2016). Understanding Health Systems and Practice Contexts. In B. Braveman (Ed.), *An Evidence Based Approach to Leading and Managing Occupational Therapy Services*, 2nd Edition. F.A. Davis.
- Killian, C., **Fisher, G.**, & Muir, S. (2015). Primary care: A new context for the Scholarship of Practice model. *Occupational Therapy in Health Care*. 29 (4): 383-396.
DOI: 10.3109/07380577.2015.1050713
- Wong, S. & **Fisher, G.** (2015). Comparing and using occupation-focused models. *Occupational Therapy in Health Care*. 29 (3): 297–315. DOI: 10.3109/07380577.2015.1010130 (co-author is a former PhD student)
- Fisher, G.**, Forsyth, K., Harrison, M., Angarola, R., Kayhan, E., Noga, P., Johnson, C. & Irvine, L. (2014). *Residential Environment Impact Scale (REIS)*. Version 4.0. Model of Human Occupation Clearinghouse, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois at Chicago (co-authors include three former UIC students)
- Fisher, G.** & Friesema, J. (2013). Implications of the Affordable Care Act for occupational therapy practitioners providing services to Medicare recipients. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*. 67:502-506. doi:10.5014/ajot.2013.675002 (co-author is a former student)
- Fisher, G.**, Kayhan, E., Arriaga, P., & Less, C (2013). *The Residential Environment Impact Survey*, version 3.0. Model of Human Occupation Clearinghouse, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois at Chicago (co-authors are former students)
- Fisher, G.** & Kayhan, E. (2012). Developing the Residential Environment Impact Survey instruments through faculty-practitioner collaboration. *Occupational Therapy in Health Care*, 26(4):224–239. (co-author was a student)
- Parkinson, S., **Fisher, G.**, & Fisher, J. (2011) Development of an occupation-focused home assessment for use in mental health services. *Mental Health Occupational Therapy*, 16 (1), 8-11. (A publication of the British Occupational Therapy Association).
- Walton, S., Mott, D., Knapp, K., & **Fisher, G.** (2011). A new analysis of pharmacy graduates and new pharmacy schools from 2000- 2009: Was graduate growth associated with pharmacist counts? *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education*, 72 (4), Article 63.

- Parkinson, S., **Fisher, G.**, & Fisher, J. (2011). *The Residential Environment Impact Survey-Short Form* version 2.2. Model of Human Occupation Clearinghouse, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Braveman, B., **Fisher, G.**, & Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2010). "Achieving the Ordinary Things": A Tribute to Gary Kielhofner. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 64:6.
- Kramer, J. & **Fisher, G.** (2009) Occupational Therapy. In Burch, S. (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of American Disability History*. New York: Facts on File, Inc.
- Fisher, G.**, & Keehn, M. (2009) Workforce Trends in Occupational & Physical Therapy. *Abstracts of the AcademyHealth 2009 Annual Research Meeting*
- Fisher, G.**, Arriaga, P., Less, C., Lee, J. & Ashpole, E. (2008). *The Residential Environment Impact Survey, version 2.0*. Model of Human Occupation Clearinghouse, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois at Chicago (co-authors are former students)
- Lee, S.W., Taylor, R., Kielhofner, G., & **Fisher, G.** (2008). Theory Use in Practice: A National Survey of Therapists Who Use the Model of Human Occupation. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 62:1.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Muñoz, J.M., & **Fisher, G.** (2006). Building Culturally Competent Community-University Partnerships for Occupational Therapy Scholarship and Practice. In G. Kielhofner (Ed.), *Scholarship in Occupational Therapy: Methods of Inquiry for Enhancing Practice*. Philadelphia: F.A. Davis.
- Braveman, B., Robson, M., Velozo, C., Kielhofner, G., **Fisher, G.**, Forsyth, K., & Kerschbaum, J. (2005). *The Worker Role Interview*, version 10.0. Model of Human Occupation Clearinghouse, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois at Chicago.
- Taylor, R., **Fisher, G.**, & Kielhofner, G. (2005). Synthesizing research, education, and practice according to the Scholarship of Practice Model: Two faculty examples. *Occupational Therapy in Health Care*, 17:1/2.
- Fisher, G.** & Braveman, B. (2005). Understanding Health Systems and Practice Contexts. In B. Braveman (Ed.), *An Evidence Based Approach to Leading and Managing Occupational Therapy Services*. F.A. Davis.
- Fisher, G.** The Residential Environment Impact Survey. (2004, September) *AOTA Developmental Disabilities Special Interest Section Quarterly*, 27 (3): 1-4.
- Fisher, G.**, & Cooksey, J. A. (2002, September). The occupational therapy workforce. Part two: Impact and action. *AOTA Administration and Management Special Interest Section Quarterly*, 18:1-3.
- Fisher, G.**, & Cooksey, J. A. (2002, June). The occupational therapy workforce. Part one: Context and trends. *AOTA Administration and Management Special Interest Section Quarterly*, 18:1-4.
- Braveman, B.H., Helfrich, C.A., & **Fisher, G.S.** (2001) Developing and maintaining community partnerships within a scholarship of practice. *Occupational Therapy in Health Care*, 15 (1/2): 109-125.
- Helfrich, C.A., **Fisher, G.**, & Kielhofner, G. (2000) Definitions of allied health services in urban community contexts: Consumer perspectives. *Journal of Allied Health*, 29:71-78.

Velozo, C.A., Kielhofner, G., Gern, A., Lin, F.L., Azhar, F., Lai, J.S., & **Fisher, G.** (1999) Worker Role Interview: Toward validation of a psychosocial work-related measure. *Journal of Occupational Rehabilitation*, 9 (3), 153-168. (co-authors include three former MS students)

Fisher, G.S. (1999). Administration and application of the Worker Role Interview: looking beyond functional capacity. *Work*, 12 (1), 25-36.

Kielhofner, G., Braveman, B., Baron, K., **Fisher, G.**, Hammel, J., & Littleton, M. (1999) The model of human occupation: understanding the worker who is injured or disabled. *Work*, 12, (1), 3 - 11.

Braveman, BH & **Fisher, G.S.** (1997) Managed care: Survival skills for the future. *Occupational Therapy in Health Care*, 10(4), 13-31.

MONOGRAPHS

Fisher, G., & Keehn, M. (2007) Workforce Needs and Issues in Occupational and Physical Therapy. UIC Midwest Center for Workforce Studies, Chicago, IL. Available at <https://otconnections.aota.org/members/gfisher/files/default.aspx>

Fisher, G., Cooksey, J.A., Reed, M., & McClure, C. (2002) Occupational Therapy in Illinois and National Workforce Trends. Illinois Regional Health Workforce Center, Chicago, IL.

PUBLICATION IN PREPARATION

Harrison, M., Forsyth, K., Murray, A.L., Angarola, R., Henderson, S., Irvine, L. & **Fisher, G.**
Establishing the measurement properties of the Residential Environment Impact Scale (Version 4.0).

Wolske, J., & **Fisher, G.** The Model of Human Occupation: Foundation and evolution.

PRESENTATIONS

October 2017 (accepted) Short Paper: "Environment in the Model of Human Occupation 5th Edition Transformation and Practical Tools". Fifth International Institute on the Model of Human Occupation, Houston TX (**Fisher, G.**, Parkinson, S., & Haglund, L.)

October 2017 (accepted) Paper: "MOHO and Program Development at UIC: Work in Progress". Fifth International Institute on the Model of Human Occupation, Houston TX (**Fisher, G.**, Stoffel, A., Robinson, S., Greif, A., Luangdilok, R.)

October 2017 (accepted) Poster: "Applying the Residential Environment Impact Scale in a Group Home to Determine How to Maximize Occupational Performance and Participation". Fifth International Institute on the Model of Human Occupation, Houston TX (**Fisher, G.**, Peters, D., Harrison, M., & Forsyth, K.)

October 2017 (accepted) Symposium: "The Model of Human Occupation: Over Time and Into the Future". Fifth International Institute on the Model of Human Occupation, Houston TX (Wolske, J., Taylor, R., **Fisher, G.**)

October 2017 (accepted) Symposium: "Integrating MOHO Assessments across the UIC OT Curriculum". Fifth International Institute on the Model of Human Occupation, Houston TX (Lee, J., Januszewski, C., **Fisher, G.**, & Stoffel, A.)

- April 2017 Invited Paper: “From Hull-House to Today: How Illinois Contributions Led the Way”. Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Centennial Celebration, Chicago, IL (Preissner, K. & Fisher, G.)
- March 2017 Refereed Paper: “Twenty Years of the Medicare Part B Therapy Cap: Overuse, Oversight, and Overcoming”. American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Philadelphia, PA. (Fisher, G., Adams, E. & Metzler, C.)
- March 2017 Refereed Poster: “Applying an Occupation-Focused Group Home Assessment: The Residential Environment Impact Scale”. American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Philadelphia, PA. (Fisher, G. & Peters, D.)
- March 2017 Refereed Poster: “Occupational Therapy Beginnings at the Jane Addams Hull-House”. American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Philadelphia, PA. (Preissner, K., Fisher, G., Stoffel, A., & Blackwell, C.)
- March 2017 Paper: “Overview of Occupational Therapy in Primary Care” for a panel: “Occupational Therapy in Primary Care: Creating Pathways and Developing Evidence”. UIC Department of Occupational Therapy Scholarship of Practice Day. (Fisher, G.)
- August 2016 Invited Presentation: “Enhancing Occupational Therapy Practice through Building Your Occupation-Focused Toolbox”. Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists “Lunch and Learn” webinar. (Fisher, G. & Wong, S.)
- April 2016 Refereed Short Course: “Enhancing Client-Centered Practice through Building Your Occupation-Based Toolbox”. American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Chicago, IL. (Fisher, G., Sood, D., Olson, L., Mahaffey, L., Wong, S.)
- April 2016 Refereed Short Course: “Advancing Primary Care Practice through Application of Occupation-Based Models and Evidence”. American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Chicago, IL. (Killian, C., Fisher, G., Muir, S.)
- April 2016 Pre-Conference Institute (invited to participate): “Evaluating the Impact of the Medicare Therapy Cap: A Natural Experiment”. American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Chicago, IL. (Ottenbacher, K., G. Fisher, and multiple presenters)
- November 2015 Refereed Short Course: “Enhancing Client-Centered Practice through Building Your Occupation-Based Toolbox”. Illinois Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Geneva, IL. (Fisher, G., Sood, D., Olson, L., Mahaffey, L., Wong, S.)
- October 2015 Convener of Symposium and Paper: “From Survey to Scale: The International Development Process of the Residential Environment Impact Scale”. Fourth International Institute on the Model of Human Occupation, Indianapolis, Indiana. (Fisher, G., & Forsyth, K.)
- October 2015 Paper: “The Measurement Properties of the Residential Environment Impact Scale, Version 4.0.”. Fourth International Institute on the Model of Human Occupation, Indianapolis, Indiana. (Forsyth, K., & Fisher, G.)
- March 2015 Convener and Panelist: “Becoming Leaders in Theory-Based Practice”. UIC Department of Occupational Therapy Scholarship of Practice Day.
- November 2014 Poster: “Validating a New Residential Environment Impact Scale”. UIC College of Applied Health Sciences Research Day

- September 2014 Invited General Session Presentation: “Empowerment through Political Action”. Kansas Occupational Therapy Association state conference.
- June 2014 Refereed Guided Poster: “Utilizing the Residential Environment Impact Scale to Identify How Supported Accommodation Facilitates Rehabilitation for People with Complex Mental Health Needs”. International Congress of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT), Yokohama, Japan. (Harrison, M., Forsyth, K., Fisher, G., Irvine, L. Mountain, D., & Angarola R.)
- June 2014 Refereed workshop: “The Residential Environment Impact Survey: Research and Application”. WFOT Congress, Yokohama, Japan, pre-conference workshop on the Model of Human Occupation. (Harrison, M. & Fisher, G.)
- April 2014 Refereed short course: “What is Rehabilitation Health Services Research?”, American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Baltimore, MD (Leland, N., Reistetter, T., Fisher, G. & Karmarkar, A.)
- January 2014 Invited Presentation: “Implications of the Affordable Care Act and OT’s Role in Political Action”, Duquesne University second year students
- October 2013 Refereed workshop: “Implications of the Affordable Care Act’s Quality and Efficiency Initiatives for Occupational Therapy Managers and Practitioners”, Illinois Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Peoria, Illinois (Fisher, G. & Robinson, M.)
- October 2013 Refereed Poster: “Utilizing the Residential Environment Impact Survey to Identify How Supported Accommodation Facilitates Rehabilitation for People with Complex Mental Health Needs”. 2nd International Allied Health Professionals Conference 2013: Delivering Solutions and Demonstrating Impact for Global Health and Wellbeing. Edinburgh, Scotland (Harrison, M., Forsyth, K., Fisher, G., Irvine, L., Mountain, D, & Angarola, R.)
- September 2013 Invited Presentation: “Beyond Insurance: The Implications of the Affordable Care Act for OT and PT Practitioners Providing Services to Medicare Recipients”, University of Chicago Physical and Occupational Therapy Department.
- June 2013 Invited Presentation: “Beyond Insurance: The Implications of the Affordable Care Act for OT Practitioners Providing Services to Medicare Recipients with Physical Disabilities or Health Conditions”, Chicago Area Council of Occupational Therapy Directors.
- May 2013 Refereed Poster: “The Residential Environment Impact Survey Instruments: Research in Progress”, Occupational Therapy Summit of Scholars, Hosted by University of Illinois at Chicago.
- May 2013 Presentation: “The Affordable Care Act: Implications for Occupational Therapy and Other Allied Health Professions”, College of Applied Health Sciences Alumni Weekend, University of Illinois at Chicago.
- April 2013 Invited Presentation: “Empowerment through Political Action”, American Occupational Therapy Association Academic Program Directors and Assembly of Student Delegates.
- November 2012 Invited Presentation: Policy, “Advocacy, and the Future of Occupational Therapy”, AOTA Student Conclave, Cleveland OH (Fisher, G. & Metzler, C.)

- October 2012 Invited Keynote Presentation: “The Residential Environment Impact Survey (REIS) Instruments: Current Use and Future Development”, Third International Institute on the Model of Human Occupation, Stockholm, Sweden (Fisher, G. & Kayhan, E.) (co-presenter is a student)
- April 2012 Invited Keynote Presentation: “Advocacy: Speaking Up For Our Profession in the Changing Health Care System”, Mississippi Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Jackson, MS
- April 2012 Invited Keynote Presentation to the Mississippi student organization: “Shaping the Future of Occupational Therapy”, Mississippi Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Jackson, MS
- November 2011 Invited Presentation (via teleconference): “Shaping the Future of our Profession through Advocacy”, Belmont University, Department of Occupational Therapy, Nashville, Tennessee and University of Alabama at Birmingham.
- May 2011 Invited Presentation for OT Month: “Understanding Health Care Reform and the Affordable Care Act: How Will It Affect Occupational Therapy In Hospital Settings?”, Rush Presbyterian St. Lukes Medical Center, Chicago, IL
- April 2011 Refereed Workshop: “Understanding Health Care Reform And The Affordable Care Act: How Will It Affect Occupational Therapy Practice In Different Settings?”, American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA (Fisher, G., Lamb, A., Richman, N., Espiritu, E. & Wright, J.)
- February 2011 Invited Presentation: “Health Care Reform Update For OT Directors: Opportunities And Challenges”, Chicago Area Council of Occupational Therapy Directors.
- January 2011 Invited Presentation: “Development and Use of the Residential Environment Impact Survey (REIS) for Group and Individual Homes”, Model of Human Occupation International Institute, Chicago, IL
- November 2010 Invited Presentation: “Shaping the Future of Our Profession through Advocacy”, Midwestern University OT program, Downers Grove, IL
- November 2010 Invited Presentation: “Understanding the Opportunities and Challenges of Health Care Reform”, University of Chicago Physical and Occupational Therapy clinical department.
- November 2010 Invited Keynote Presentation: “Shaping the Future of our Profession through Advocacy”, Illinois Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Springfield, IL (Fisher, G. & Horn, N.) (co-presenter is a former student)
- November 2010 Short Course: “Understanding the Opportunities and Challenges of Health Care Reform”, Illinois Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Springfield, IL
- October 2010 Invited Keynote Presentation: “Shaping the Future of our Profession through Advocacy”, Wisconsin Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Mequon, WI
- October 2010 Short Course: “Understanding the Opportunities and Challenges of Health Care Reform”, Wisconsin Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Mequon, WI
- May 2010 Invited Presentation (via teleconference): “Health Care Reform and Advocacy”, Belmont University, Department of Occupational Therapy, Nashville, Tennessee.

- May 2010 Invited Presentation: “Health Care Reform: Implications for Post-Acute Care and Rehabilitation Providers”, Illinois Hospital Association, Post-Acute Care Committee, Naperville, IL
- May 2010 Invited Panel Presentation: “Health Care Reform: Implications for Occupational Therapy”, American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Orlando FL (Nanof, T., Metzler, C., Kohl, R., Fisher, G.)
- April 2010 Refereed Short Course: “Embracing Advocacy Roles: Preparing Occupational Therapy Students, Patients and Consumers to Speak Out”, American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Orlando FL (Fisher, G., Ferguson, L., Cook, P., Smith, C. (co-presenters are former students)
- March 2010 Invited Keynote Address: “Shaping the Future of Occupational Therapy Under Health Care Reform”, Mississippi Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Jackson, MS
- December 2009 Invited Presentation: “Current Health Care Reform Initiatives and Their Effect on Occupational Therapy Services”, Chicago Area Council of Occupational Therapy Directors, Chicago, IL
- November 2009 Invited Presentation: “Hot Topics: Health Care Reform and Advocacy”, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Department of Occupational Therapy.
- October 2009 Invited Presentation: “Hot Topics: Health Care Reform and Advocacy”, Indiana Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN
- October 2009 Invited Presentation: “Health Care Reform: Getting Involved and Shaping Our Future”, UIC alumni continuing education presentation, Chicago, IL (Fisher, G., Braveman, B.)
- June 2009 Refereed Poster Presentation: “Workforce Trends in Occupational & Physical Therapy”. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, Chicago IL (Fisher, G., Keehn, K.)
- November 2008 Refereed Short Course: “Speaking Out: Learning to Be an Advocate”, Illinois Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Springfield, IL (Fisher, G., Ferguson, L., Cook, P., Marchetti, M., Schnabel, T.) (co-presenters are former students)
- April 2008 Refereed Short Course: “Assessing Workforce Needs in Occupational and Physical Therapy”, American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Long Beach, CA (Fisher, G. & Keehn, M.)
- February 2008 Invited Presentation (via teleconference): “Findings from an Occupational and Physical Therapy Workforce Study”, American Occupational Therapy Association Board of Directors, Bethesda, MD (Fisher, G. & Keehn, M.)
- February 2008 Invited Presentation: “Workforce Needs and Issues in Occupational and Physical Therapy”, Illinois Hospital Association, Subgroup on Post-Acute Care (Fisher, G. & Keehn, M.)
- November 2007 Refereed Short Course: “From Surplus to Shortage: Workforce Trends and Issues in Occupational and Physical Therapy”, Illinois Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Naperville, IL (Fisher, G. & Keehn, M.)

- September 2007 Presentation and Student Panel: Speaking Out: “The Occupational Therapist as Advocate”, Research Colloquium, UIC Department of Occupational Therapy (Fisher, G., Boyle, K., Ferguson, L., Matveia, A., Nadel, D.) (co-presenters are former students)
- June 2007 Refereed Scientific Paper: “Assessing Workforce Research Needs in Occupational and Physical Therapy”, PT 2007: Annual Conference & Exposition of the American Physical Therapy Association (Keehn, M. & Fisher, G.)
- March 2007 Invited Presentation: “The Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Workforce: A Qualitative Assessment of Current Issues”, Chicagoland Physical Therapy Directors Forum (Keehn, M. & Fisher, G.)
- February 2007 Invited Presentation: “Occupational and Physical Therapy Workforce Issues and Trends”, Illinois Hospital Association, Subgroup on Post-Acute Care (Keehn, M. & Fisher, G.)
- February 2007 Presentation: “Where our Paths Cross and Diverge: Occupational and Physical Therapy Roles, Issues and Perceptions”, Research Colloquium, UIC Department of Occupational Therapy (Fisher, G. & Keehn, M.)
- January 2007 Invited Presentation: “A Study of the Occupational and Physical Therapy Workforce: Needs Assessment, Issues and Trends”, Invited speakers, Chicago Area Occupational Therapy Directors Group meeting (Fisher, G. & Keehn, M.)
- April 2006 Refereed Presentation: “The Occupational Therapy Workforce: Analyzing Changing Trends in Academic Programs and Graduates”, American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Charlotte, NC (Fisher, G., Cooksey, J.)
- April 2006 Presentation: “Assessment of the Physical and Occupational Therapy Workforce”, UIC Department of Physical Therapy Research Seminar Series, Chicago, IL (Keehn, M., Fisher, G.)
- April 2006 Presentation: “The Occupational Therapy Workforce: Trends and Issues”, UIC Department of Occupational Therapy Center of Research Colloquium, Chicago, IL (Fisher, G., Cooksey, J., Keehn, M.)
- November 2005 Invited Presentation: “The Occupational Therapy Workforce: Trends and Forecasting”, for the American Occupational Therapy Association Board of Directors, Bethesda, MD (Fisher, G., Cooksey, J.)
- April 2005 Invited Panel Presentation: “Professional Trends and Career Updates in Occupational Therapy”, for the Central Association of Advisors for the Health Professions, Indianapolis, IN
- October 2005 Refereed Presentation: “The Residential Environment Impact Survey”, Illinois Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Oakbrook, IL (Fisher, G., Less, C.)
- May 2004 Refereed Presentation: “Consultative Approaches to Enhance Community Functioning of Adults with Developmental Disabilities”, American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Minneapolis, MN (Fisher, G., Epstein, C., Herge, A.)

- June 2003 Refereed Presentation: “Occupational Therapy Workforce Issues in Rural Communities”, American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, Washington, DC. (Fisher, G., Cooksey, J., and McClure, C.)
- November 2002 Presentation: “Building Scholarly Involvement in the Clinical Faculty Role”, AOTA Academic Program Directors Institute, Chicago, IL (Braveman, B., Fisher, G., Peterson, E., Walens, D.)
- November 2002 Presentation: “Applying the Scholarship of Practice Model: A Clinical Faculty Member’s Perspective”, AOTA Academic Program Directors Institute, Chicago, IL
- October 2002 Invited Presentation: “Studying the Occupational Therapy Workforce”, for the American Occupational Therapy Association Board of Directors, Bethesda, MD (Fisher, G., Cooksey, J.)
- November 2001 Refereed Presentation: “State and National Trends in the Occupational Therapy Workforce”, Illinois Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, South Holland, IL (Fisher, G. and Cooksey, J.)
- November 2001 Refereed Presentation: “Expanding Community Services for Adults with Developmental Disabilities”, Illinois Occupational Therapy Association annual conference, South Holland, IL (Hernandez, D., and Fisher, G.)
- November 2001 Invited Presentation: The Occupational Therapy Workforce: National and Regional Trends. A 2.5 hour workshop presented to the Heartland Occupational Therapy Fieldwork Alliance, a consortium of clinical educators and faculty from the Kansas City Kansas and Kansas City Missouri area.
- November 2000 Workshop: “Preparing to Enter Community Practice: A Multilevel Approach”, Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Galena, IL. (Fisher, G., and Peters, D.)
- April 2000 Invited Presentation: “An Overview of Workforce Supply and Demand Trends Affecting OTR and COTA Academic Programs”, presented at the national Professional and Technical OT Program Directors’ Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- April 2000 Refereed Short Course: “Issues and Trends Affecting the Occupational Therapy Workforce”, American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA. (Fisher, G. and Cooksey, J.)
- April 2000 Refereed Workshop: “Working with Community Agencies: A Multilevel Approach”, American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Seattle, WA. (Fisher, G., and Peters, D.)
- November 1999 Refereed Workshop: “Current Workforce Issues in Occupational Therapy”, Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Galena, IL. (Fisher, G.)
- April 1999 Refereed Workshop: “Administration and Application of Two Work-Related Assessments”, American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN. (Fisher, G. and Olson, L.)
- April 1999 Refereed Scientific Paper: “Definitions of Service in Urban Community Contexts”, American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN. (Helfrich, C., Kielhofner, G., and Fisher, G.)

- March 1999 Refereed Scientific Paper: ““Definitions of Service in Urban Community Contexts”, UIC College of Health and Human Development Sciences Research Forum, Chicago, IL. (Fisher, G., Helfrich, C., and Kielhofner, G.)
- April 1997 Refereed Workshop: “Skills for Surviving in a Managed Care Environment”, American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Orlando, FL. (Braveman, B. and Fisher, G.)
- March 1994 Presentation: "The Americans with Disabilities Act: Implications for Occupational Therapy Practice and Education." UIC Center of Research Colloquium. (Fisher, G.)
- August 1993 Presentation: "Preparing Occupational Therapy Students for Work Related Practice." UIC Occupational Therapy Department Symposium. (Fisher, G.)
- April 1992 Refereed Scientific Paper: "Work Readiness Program". American Occupational Therapy Association National Conference, Houston, TX. (Knight, C., & Fisher, G.)
- April 1989 Refereed Scientific Paper: "A Winning Combination: Occupational Therapists and Occupational Health Services", American Occupational Therapy Association Annual conference in Baltimore, MD (Fisher, G.)
- October 1988 Refereed Scientific paper: "Occupational Health Services", Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Fall Conference (Fisher, G.)
- March 1988 Invited Panel Discussant: "Medical and Vocational Case Management", Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Spring Conference, Collinsville, IL (G. Fisher)
- May 1987 Refereed Workshop: "Approaching a Solution...Work Capacity Evaluation", National Rehabilitation Association Great Lakes Regional Conference, Chicago, IL (G. Fisher, D. Byrne)

SELECTED SUPPLEMENTARY EDUCATION

- 2017 Performance Assessment of Self-Care Skills workshop, Margo Holm
- 1980, 1985, 1986, 1988–1994, 1996-2004, 2006, 2008-2017
American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference
- 1979-1995, 1997, 1999-2004, 2006-2011, 2013-2016
Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference
- 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015
Model of Human Occupation International Institute (2 day conference)
- 2009, 2011-15 Capitol Hill Day, American Occupational Therapy Association
- 2014 World Federation of Occupational Therapy, International Congress, Yokohama, Japan
- 2014 Chronic Disease Self-Management training course, Maureen Gecht
- 2009, 2011-13 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, attended interest group meetings on Workforce Research and Disability Research in addition to general sessions on health policy and health services research (4 day conference)

- 2012 Person-Environment-Occupation-Performance (PEOP) Model seminar, Carolyn Baum
- 2010 Crossroads: Health Care Reform, School of Public Health, University of Illinois at Chicago (2 2-hour panels)
- 2010 New Perspectives on Health and Health Care Policy. Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (2 day conference)
- 2009 Update on Health Care Reform, School of Public Health, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2007 Beyond Health Insurance: Public Policy to Improve Health. Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois (2 day institute)
- 1989-2001 Academic Occupational Therapy Program Directors Annual Meeting

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

Occupational Therapist, Registered in Illinois: #056-000729

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

AcademyHealth: Health Services Research
The American Occupational Therapy Association
The Illinois Occupational Therapy Association

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

- 2016 – present Invited member of the AOTA Centennial Archives Advisory Board
- 2016 – present Invited reviewer for journals Occupational Therapy in Health Care and the Occupational Therapy Journal of Research
- 2015 – present Member, Circle of Advisors, American Occupational Therapy Political Action Committee
- 1992 – present Member of the Archives Committee of the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association
- 2016 External reviewer for promotion papers for three occupational therapy clinical faculty members
- 2012 - 2015 Chair, Board of Directors, American Occupational Therapy Political Action Committee
- 2009 - 2012 Board of Directors, American Occupational Therapy Political Action Committee, Region III representative, Secretary 2010 - 2011
- 1985 - 2011 Founding Treasurer and Treasurer for the Illinois Occupational Therapists Political Action Committee
- 2009 External reviewer for promotion papers for two occupational therapy clinical faculty members
- 2004 - 2006 Chair of the Archives Committee of the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association

- 1986 - 1999 Reviewer of conference proposals for the American Occupational Therapy Association annual meeting
- 1995 - 1996 Chair of the Local Student Committee and member of the AOTA Conference Executive Planning Committee for 1996 AOTA Conference in Chicago
- 1986 - 1989 Co-chair of the vocational rehabilitation task force of the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association, to respond to pertinent pending legislation
- 1987 - 1989 Finance Chair for the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association
- 1988 Chair of the program committee for the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association state conference
- 1983 - 1987 Treasurer for the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association

CAMPUS COMMITTEES

- 2010 – 2012 Member, UIC Diversity Strategic Thinking and Planning Committee, representing the College of Applied Health Sciences
- 2009 – 2012 Member, Council for Excellence in Teaching and Learning
- 2009, 2012, 2013, & 2016
Member, Search Committee for a Director of Advancement for the College of Applied Health Sciences
- 2004 – 2005 Member, Academic Assessment Committee, NCA Accreditation
- 1989 - 2001 Member, University of Illinois at Chicago Chancellor's Committee on the Status of People with Disabilities (Campus Programs Subcommittee Chair, 1990-1991; Disability Policy liaison 1995 – 2000)
- 1993 - 1995 Chair, UIC Americans with Disabilities Act Task Force on Academic Programs and Services

COLLEGE OF APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES COMMITTEES

- 2016 - present Alternate, Executive Committee
- 2005 - present Member, Health and Diversity Academy (previously Urban Allied Health Academy) steering committee
- 2015 - 16 Member, Department Head 5 Year Review Committee
- 2009 - 2014 Member, Diversity Task Force Steering Committee (Chair, April 2010 to May 2012)
- 2010 - 2011 Member, SEE (Seeking Excellence) team to advise the Dean regarding financial matters
- 2008 - 2009 Member, Planning committee for the 30th anniversary of the College
- 1988 - 1992 & 2000 - 2012 Member, College of Applied Health Sciences Student Affairs Committee, Committee Co-Chair 2009 – 2010

UIC SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEES

- 2007 - 2011 Co-leader, Health Policy and Administration doctoral student monthly forum
- 2009 - 2010 Secretary, AcademyHealth student chapter
- 2007 - 2009 Member, Committee on Educational Programs, School of Public Health, PhD student Representative

CURRENT DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES (leadership roles only)

- Chair, Academic Standing Committee (2007 to present)
- Chair, Archives Committee (2006 - present)
- Co-Chair, Diversity and Student Recruitment Committee (2001 – present)
- Chair, Admissions Committee (1988 – present)

PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2010 – 2011 Member of the Post-Acute Care Committee of the Illinois Hospital Association
- 2007 – 2011 Member of the Post-Acute Care Workforce Subcommittee of the Illinois Hospital Association
- 2006 - 2011 Consultant to El Valor program development and grant writing efforts (El Valor is a community agency serving adults with intellectual disabilities)
- 2001 – 2005 Member of the El Valor adult programs Strategic Planning Committee
- 1999 – 2001 Advisory Board member for the Illinois Community College Board Allied Health Initiative
- 1991 - 2001 Member, Chicago State University Advisory Board
- 1994 - 1995 Co-chair, Illinois Articulation Initiative for Allied Health, Occupational Therapy Panel

HONORS AND AWARDS

- July 2017 Excalibur award for excellence in teaching, mentoring and professional involvement, selected by the graduating OT MS class students as the one awardee for their cohort
- December 2016 Applied Health Sciences Educator of the Year, UIC College of Applied Health Sciences
- April 2016 Service Commendation, American Occupational Therapy Association
- July 2015 Alumni Loyalty Award, University of Illinois Alumni Association
- April 2015 Inducted as a founding member of the Leaders and Legacies Society of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation, following invitation

- May 2014 Alumni Loyalty Award, UIC College of Applied Health Sciences
- April 2012 Fellow, American Occupational Therapy Association
- April 2012 Nominated for UIC Student Organization Advisor of the Year by the President of the pre-OT club, one of 7 nominated campus-wide
- January 2012 Educator of the Year, College of Applied Health Sciences, Department of Occupational Therapy
- November 2009 UIC College of Applied Health Sciences Alumni Board Gratitude award, given to two faculty in the college who have provided outstanding alumni outreach and support
- December 2008 UIC Teaching Recognition Award, awarded to 12 faculty campus-wide, in recognition of outstanding commitment and achievement in teaching
- October 2007 UIC College of Applied Health Sciences Humanitarian of the Year Award, for “tireless service to the local community”, specifically El Valor
- October 1993 Public Awareness Award from the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association, awarded to the Archives Committee
- June 1990 Excalibur Award for Teaching Excellence from the Student Council of the College of Associated Health Professions, University of Illinois at Chicago
- October 1984 Illinois Occupational Therapy Association Board Award of Merit, given to an Executive Board member who has demonstrated exceptional performance and commitment to the board.
- June 1981 University of Illinois Occupational Therapy Department Award, given to one graduating senior in Occupational Therapy in recognition of personal and professional achievement.
- March 1980 Beatrice D. Wade Award, given to one Occupational Therapy senior demonstrating educational excellence and commitment to the profession.