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& Symposium
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CFOT 42nd Anniversary Awards/Symposium

Friday, November 10, 2023



HONORED LECTURER

Lisa Deshaies, OTR/L, CHT

Nourishing and Flourishing Our Roots

Our profession's deep roots in occupation are indeed something to be celebrated. But how well are they being tended to? Are we leaving this to others or are we actively engaged in protecting and fortifying them? Together let's explore how we each can and must contribute to the propagation of our roots and unleash the power of occupation in ourselves and for our clients. This session will invite you to reflect on your past and future practice and offer insights harvested from OT scholars, researchers, educators, practitioners, students, and patients that have cultivated my "occupation" of being an OT.

BIOGRAPHY

LISA DESHAIES, OTR/L, CHT

Lisa Deshaies, OTR/L, CHT is a 1986 graduate of the University of New Hampshire who headed west to California with a plan to train and work at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center for a couple of years. 36 years later, she continues there as a Clinical Instructor for Outpatient OT Services. Lisa has specialized in complex fractures, burns, amputations, arthritis, and other upper limb orthopedic conditions, obtaining her Certified Hand Therapist credential in 1995. She has taught "Principles of Hand Therapy" as Adjunct Clinical Faculty for the Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy at the University of Southern California for over 20 years. Lisa has published in OT and hand therapy textbooks and has presented locally and nationally on topics related to hand therapy and occupation-based care. Outside of work, she values her time spent at the beach, on the water, exploring a trail, traveling, and fanatically rooting for her beloved New England sports teams.

CFOT Honored Lecturers

HONORED LECTURERS

Elizabeth Yerxa, EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA ...	1983	Mary Lawlor, ScD, OTR/L, FAOTA	2010
Lois Barber, OTR/L, FAOTA	1984	Pam Richardson, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA	2011
Lela Llorens, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA	1985	Winifred Schultz-Krohn, PhD, OTR/L, BCP, FAOTA	2012
Florence Cromwell, MA, OTR/L, FAOTA	1986	Erna Imperatore Blanche, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA	2013
Florence Clark, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA ...	1987	Heather Javaherian-Dysinger, OTD, OTR/L	2014
Mary Reilly, EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA	1988	Deborah Bolding, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA	2015
Claudia Allen, MA, OTR/L, FAOTA	1989	Lela Llorens, PhD, OTR/Ret., FAOTA ...	2016
Elizabeth Yerxa, EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA ...	1990	Ada Boone Hoerl, MA, COTA/L	2017
Evelyn Jaffe, MPH, OTR/L, FAOTA	1991	Jerilyn (Gigi) Smith, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA	2018
Linda Florey, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA	1992	Shawn Phipps, PhD, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA	2019
Carlotta Welles, MA, OTR/L, FAOTA ...	1993	Luis Arabit, OTD, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA	2020
Mary Foto, OT/L, FAOTA	1994	John Goodfellow, OTD, OTR/L	2021
Diane Parham, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA	1995	Christy Billock, PhD, OTR/L, DipACLM	2022
Ruth Zemke, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA	1996	Lisa Deshaies, OTR/L, CHT	2023
Susan Knox, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA	1997		
Sandra Greene, MA, OTR/L	1998		
Heidi Pendleton, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA.	1999		
Dorothy Wilson, OTR/L, FAOTA	2000		
Guy McCormack, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA	2001		
Gordon Giles, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA	2001		
Evelyn Jaffe, MPH, OTR/L, FAOTA	2001		
Gordon Giles, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA	2002		
Diane Hendricks, MA, OTR/L, FAOTA	2003		
Mary Margaret Evert, MBA, OTR/L, FAOTA	2004		
Marcia Goodman-Lavey, Esq, OTR/L	2005		
Marti Southam, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA ...	2006		
Y. Lynn Yasuda, MSED, OTR/L, FAOTA ..	2007		
Kathleen Barker Schwartz, EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA	2008		
Bonnie Nakasuji, OTD, OTR/L	2009		

2023 CFOT Scholarships & Traineeships

ENDOWED

Janice Matsutsuyu Scholarship

Ajene White – University of Southern California - PPD

Sharon Han – University of Southern California - D

Lisa Test Scholarship

Kiana Shibata – San Jose State University - M

Ardith Breton Scholarship

Kelly Liao – University of Southern California - D

Wilma West Scholarship

Giara Stewart – San Jose State University - M

Frank J. Biehl Scholarship

Tania Herrera – University of Southern California - M

Chuck Strauch Scholarship

Daniel Chi – Samuel Merritt - M

Michele Berro Scholarship in memory of Mary Ann Epstein

Amber Schwartz – California State University at Dominguez Hills - M

YEARLY DONATIONS

Knox-Hirsch Scholarship

Melanie Kijel – University of Southern California - D

Evelyn Jaffe Scholarship

Skylar Trezona – San Jose State University - M

Fred Sammons Scholarship

Brianna Franks – University of Southern California - D

Linda Florey Scholarship

Willa Griffin – University of Southern California - M

Bonita Kraft Mental Health Scholarship

Christine Villalobos – University of Southern California - D

PPD – Post Professional Doctorate
D – Entry Level Doctorate
M – Entry Level Masters

OTA TRAINEESHIPS

Janice Matsutsuyu Traineeship

Samantha Gomez – Sacramento City College

Los Angeles Consultants Group Traineeship

Maura Escobar Guillen – Santa Ana College

2023 REVIEWERS

Deborah Bolding, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA

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2023 Research Awards

RESEARCH AWARDS

We are very grateful to all those individuals who have established grants to support the research of practicing occupational therapists, academicians, and post-entry level students engaged in independent advanced practice, doctoral level, or post-doctoral level research.



COURTNEY BOITANO
OTD, OTR/L, BCBA-D

*Lecturer of Occupational Therapy
at San Jose State University*

Evaluation of Response
to Intervention (Rtl)

occupational therapy tier 1 and tier 2
services on general education elementary
school students' sensory processing: A
follow up study.

Funding for this Grant comes from the Lisa
Test Endowed Research Award and the
CFOT General Research Fund.



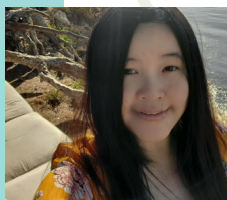
GLORIA M GREEN,
MOT, OTR/L OTD

*Student Researcher
Loma Linda University*

The Burden to Care:
Exploring the Impact of Loss

of a Loved One on Occupations, Roles, and
Routines for Caregivers.

The amount of this grant is funded by the
Dr. Robert B. Jaffe, MD, Woman's Health
Research Grant



WEISHAN WEN,
MOT, OTR/L, OTD

*Student Researcher Loma Linda
University*

An exploration of current
parenting experiences related
to the social-emotional development of
children during the COVID-19 endemic.

Funding for this Grant comes from the Lisa
Test Endowed Research Award and the
CFOT General Research Fund.

2023 Seed Money Awards

Awards of up to \$250 are awarded quarterly to practicing occupational therapists, academicians, entry-level occupational therapy students (individually or in groups) conducting pilot studies, needs assessments, developing new interventions or client education programs or projects. To date, approximately \$2,000 has been awarded annually.

SEED MONEY AWARDS

University of Southern California:

- *Perspectives and Practices for Handwriting Instruction*
- *Student Researcher: Nadia Raymundo, MA, OTR (OTD Resident)*
- *Faculty Advisor: Dr. Sharon Cermak, EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA*

Dominican University of California:

- *Supporting OT Collaboration with Caregivers in SNFs*
- *Perspectives and Practices for Handwriting Instruction*
- *Student Researchers: Mai Huynh, Lovegift Duder, OTS Ridhee Patel, OTS*
- *Faculty Advisor: Gina Tucker-Roghi, OTD, OTR/L, BCG*

San Jose State University

- *An Examination of the Homework Habits, Perspectives, and Dispositions of First Year Occupational Therapy Students*
- *Student Researchers: Emily Flynn, OTS, Jacqueline Schieffer, OTS, Wilson Guo, OTS, Orissa Smith-Goshen, OTS*
- *Faculty Advisor: Melisa Kaye, Ed.D, OTR/L*

San Jose State University

- *Effectiveness of an Occupational Therapy Response to Intervention Model on Student Self-Regulation in a General Education Setting: A Longitudinal Analysis*
- *Student Researchers: Julie Powell, OTS, Ariana Jimenez, OTS, Brooke Henry, OTS, Kiana Shibutu, OTS, Grace Jenn, OTS*
- *Faculty Advisor: Courtney Boitano, OTD, OTR/L, BCBA-D*

2023 Seed Money Awards

CFOT RESEARCH GRANT REVIEWERS

CFOT has a large community of volunteers who wholeheartedly support OT research and are willing to lend their expertise to the Foundation to assure that worthy studies are supported. Our list of reviewers includes a wide variety of outstanding academicians and clinicians across California. The Research Advisory Board depends upon their willingness to contribute in such a meaningful way to assure that CFOT's precious resources are distributed fairly and ethically.

We would like to thank these occupational therapists who enthusiastically gave of their time, energy and expertise to review the 2023 research grant applications and assist in selecting deserving research for funding: Christy Billock, Richard Bookwalter, Kate Hayner, Melisa Kaye, Terry Peralta, Sheryl Ryan, Gina Tucker-Roggi, and Robyn Wu, with additional support from Linda Florey and Dominique Embrey.

If you are interested in contributing as a reviewer, please email the CFOT Research Advisory Co-Chairs and indicate your area of expertise. We will be delighted to call on you when an appropriate research grant application is submitted.

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California State University, Dominguez Hills

- *The Lived Experience of Transgender Athletes in Competitive Sports*
- *Student Researchers: Celine Ly, OTS, Sarah Rohloff, OTS, Jaynee MacDonald, OTS, Guadalupe Banuelos-Diaz, OTS*
- *Faculty Advisor: Sheryl J. Ryan, PhD, OTR/L*

California State University, Dominguez Hills

The Experience of Unpaid Latino/a Caregivers Taking Care of Aging Family Member

- *Student Researchers: Grace Ghitea, OTS, Damarice Herrera, OTS, Valerie Ortega, OTS, Waianae seo, OTS*
- *Faculty Advisor: Sheryl J. Ryan, PhD, OTR/L*

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CFOT Humanitarian Award

Laguna Beach Assistance League



The California Foundation of Occupational Therapy (CFOT) honors individuals/groups who, through their humanitarian activities, have demonstrated exceptional commitment to the philosophical principles of occupational therapy and to the mission and goals of CFOT.

CFOT is pleased to present our 2023 Humanitarian Award to the Laguna Beach Assistance League for their significant humanitarian activities: funding Early Intervention Programs for developmentally delayed children and their parents, Senior Support services, and supporting a Therapeutic Riding Center.

This League is an all-volunteer, 501© (3) nonprofit organization that puts caring and commitment into action through philanthropic programs and hands-on involvement. The Long Beach chapter, initially called Las Amigas, began in 1952 with 14 women who had a philanthropic vision, and was chartered in 1962, and became the 19th chapter of National Assistance League. They now have 160 member volunteers working to make Laguna Beach and surrounding communities better places to live and work.

CFOT salutes you and is pleased to present you with our 2023 Humanitarian Award

CFOT Humanitarian Award

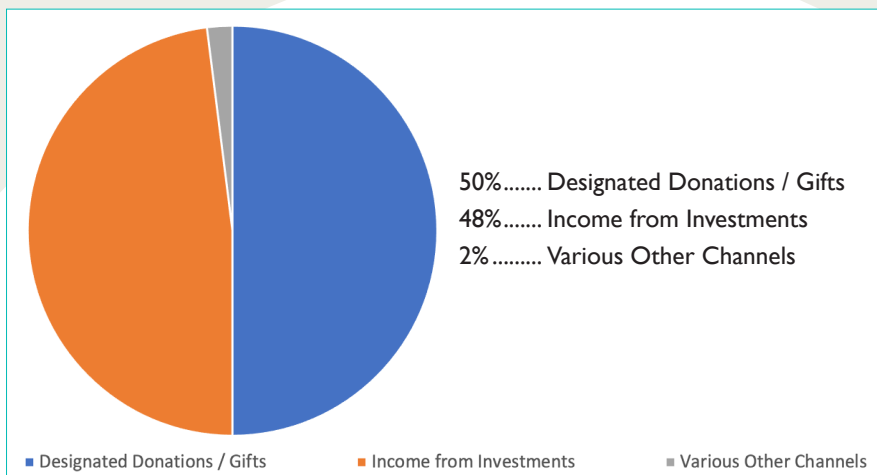
Purpose: To honor individuals or groups who, through their humanitarian activities, have demonstrated exceptional commitment to the philosophical principles of occupational therapy and to the mission and goals of CFOT.

HUMANITARIAN AWARDEES

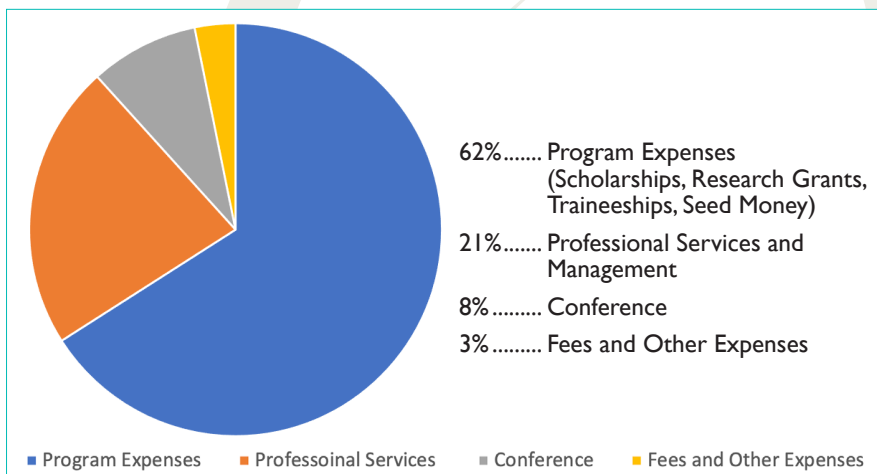
Frank and Lori Biehl	1993
Fred Sammons	1994
Aerial Gilbert and her guide dog, DeeAnn.....	1997
Patsy and Hal Hollister	2000
Barbara Phillips	2001
Dr. Ernie Bodai.....	2002
Tom Hale.....	2003
Nancy Somerville.....	2004
Foster N. Anderson	2005
Debra Uhles Tanaka	2006
Judith Gail Rodgers.....	2008
Bonnie Nakasuji.....	2009
Fr. Gregory J. Boyle, S.J.	2010
Joan Surfus.....	2011
Diane Mayfield	2013
Heather Javaherian-Dysinger.....	2014
Michelle Craft	2015
John Hwang	2016
Winifred Schultz-Krohn.....	2017
Vijay Gupta	2018
Elyse Gordon	2019
Steven Rubin.....	2020
Laguna Beach Assistance League.....	2023

Where Do Your Contributions Go?

REVENUE



EXPENSES



These two charts show our revenue and expenses for 2022. Our Board of Directors and members are all volunteers. They give generously of their time, money, and effort to support the development of the profession, the education of students, and cutting-edge research. They are generous with their “non-monetary” contributions such as donating table decorations, phone calls, travel, paper and ink for copying and other gifts.

We appreciate your support through your time, contributions, and gifts. THANK YOU!

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October 2022 - September 2023

CFOT MAJOR DONORS

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CFOT Major Donors Legacy Circle

The Legacy Circle is an endowment fund that was established in 2016 to ensure that CFOT can continue to provide scholarships and support OT researchers in California and enhance its growth to advance and promote the profession of occupational therapy into the future.

To be a member of the CFOT Legacy Circle, you make a contribution of \$2,500. This contribution can be made in installments over five years or as a lump sum. Once you have reached your lump sum, you will be recognized as a Member of the CFOT Legacy Circle.

LEGACY CIRCLE MEMBERS

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Heidi Pendleton
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CFOT Major Donors Scholarship & Research

SCHOLARSHIP

Endowed Scholarships

Contributions of a minimum of \$25,000 from these donors have made the Endowed Scholarships Possible:

- *Jan Matsutsuyu*
- *Nancy Scott in honor of Lisa Test*
- *Michele Berro – in memory of Mary Ann Epstein*

Endowed Named Scholarships

In honor of individuals who have made significant contributions to the occupational therapy profession, Endowed Named Scholarships have been created by CFOT to recognize these individuals. These are awarded annually through the donations that have become known as our endowed funds:

- *Frank J. Biehl Opportunity Scholarship*
- *Ardith Breton Scholarship*
- *Wilma West Post OTR Graduate Scholarship*
- *Chuck Strauch Scholarship*
- *In-Memoria Scholarship*

Scholarships

CFOT awards scholarships to occupational therapy students and traineeships for occupational therapy assistant students. These scholarships are made possible through annual donations of a minimum of \$2000:

- *Linda Florey Scholarship*
- *Jaffe Graduate Level Scholarship*
- *Knox-Hirsh OTR Graduate Scholarship – Pediatrics*
- *Bonita Kraft Scholarship – Mental Health*
- *Fred Sammons Scholarship*
- *Julie Shaperman in memory of Dr. Martin Shaperman Scholarship*

RESEARCH

Awards for research grants are available to practicing occupational therapists (licensed in California) including academicians and post entry-level students engaged in independent advanced practice, doctoral level, or post-doctoral level research.

Research Grants Available

General Grants Up to \$6,000 available per grant.

- *Dr. Robert B. Jaffe, MD, Women's Health Research Grant up to \$2,500 available to fund research in women's health issues.*
- *Bonita Kraft Research Grant up to \$1,500 available to fund mental health research*
- *Luis Arabit Research Grant in memory of Consuelo & Marialuz Arabit up to \$1,000 available to fund physical function research.*
- *Christine Wietlisbach Research Grant up to \$1,000 available to fund LGBTQ+ research.*

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