

REBECCA GEWURTZ

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- 2011 **Doctor of Philosophy**
Graduate Department of Rehabilitation Science, University of Toronto
Collaborative Program in Health Services and Policy Research
Dissertation Title – *Instituting market-based principles within social services for people living with mental illness: The case of the revised ODSP Employment Supports Policy*
Degree awarded, June 2011
- 2004 **Master's of Science**
Graduate Department of Rehabilitation Science, University of Toronto
Dissertation Title – *How do mental health consumers come to understand their potential for work?*
Degree awarded, November 2004
- 2002 **Bachelor of Science (Honours), Occupational Therapy**
School of Rehabilitation Therapy, Queen's University, Kingston, ON
Degree awarded, May 2002
- 1999 **Bachelor of Science, Human Biology**
University of Toronto, Toronto, ON
Degree awarded, June 1999

CURRENT STATUS AT MCMASTER

- January 1st, 2011 **Assistant Professor, Occupational Therapy Program**
School of Rehabilitation Science, Faculty of Health Sciences
McMaster University, Hamilton, ON

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 1999-present Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (CAOT)
1999-present Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists (OSOT)
2002- present College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario (COTO)
2007-present Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR)
2009-present World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

ACADEMIC:

2007-2010 **Assistant Professor (Contractually Limited)**
School of Rehabilitation Science, Occupational Therapy Program

RESEARCH:

2006 **Student Analyst**
Policy Group, Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario Division
Toronto, ON

2006-2007 **Research Project Coordinator**
Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, University of
Toronto
Critical Characteristics of Supported Housing Project
Study funded by the Wellesley Urban Health Research Program

2002-2005 **Research Project Coordinator**
Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, University of
Toronto
The social construction of work integration in Canada for persons with mental
illnesses
Study funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

2002 **Project Assistant**
Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, University of
Toronto
Making it better: Continuous improvement in community mental health
Funded by the Ontario Federation of Community Mental Health and Addiction
Programs

2002 **Student Occupational Therapist, Research Placement**
Department of Rehabilitation Therapy, Queen's University
Investigated the prevalence of parenting among ACT clients

1996 **Student Researcher**
The Centre for Biomaterials, University of Toronto

TEACHING:

2004-2007 **Teaching Assistant**
Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, University of
Toronto

CLINICAL:

2002-2006 **Occupational Therapist**

COTA Health, Toronto, ON

CONSULTATIONS:

2008 Homewood Health Centre, Guelph, ON
Review of manuscript to assist authors in preparing it for publication

SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

JOURNAL REVIEW

2009-2012 Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy Review Board Member
2008 Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy, Adhoc Reviewer
2010 Canadian Journal of Community Mental Health, Adhoc Reviewer

CONFERENCE REVIEW BOARD

2010 CAOT Conference Scientific Program Committee Member
2010 CAOT National Conference Abstract Review Board Member
2007 CAOT National Conference Abstract Review Board Member
2006 CAOT National Conference Abstract Review Board Member
2005 CAOT National Conference Abstract Review Board Member

EXTERNAL GRANT REVIEW

2009 Arthritis Health Professions Association (AHPA)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

2011 Health Communication: Skills for Health Promotion, The Health Communication Unit, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto
2011 Engaging Students, Centre for Leadership in Learning, McMaster University
2010 New Faculty Orientation to Teaching, Centre for Leadership in Learning, McMaster University
2008 Mentorship Program Certification, Program for Faculty Development, Faculty of Health Sciences, McMaster University

2006 Problem Based Learning in Small Groups Workshop, Role of the Tutor, Program for Faculty Development, McMaster University

OTHER ACTIVITIES

2007-present Member, OSOT Mental Health Sector Team
 2009-present Chair, Policy Sub-group, OSOT Mental Health Sector Team
 2010-present Board Member, Hamilton Program for Schizophrenia

AREAS OF INTERESTS

Research:

Qualitative and mixed method research
 Community mental health services and policy
 Benefit systems and reform
 Employment support services
 Workplace mental health
 Disability policy

Teaching:

Occupational therapy in mental health
 Recovery-oriented mental health services
 Workplace mental health
 Disability policy
 Psychosocial Rehabilitation

HONOURS

University of Toronto, Graduate Department of Rehabilitation Science

2007/2008 Canadian Occupational Therapy Foundation (COTF)
 Scholarship – Doctoral
 Duration – 12 months; Amount - \$3,000

June 2007 Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research 2007 Student
 Poster Award, Sponsored by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research – Institute
 of Health Services and Policy Research
 Third Prize; Amount - \$400

January 2005 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) of Canada
 Canada Graduate Scholarship – Doctoral
 Duration – 36 months; Amount - \$35,000 per year

2003/2004 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) of Canada
 Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master's
 Duration – 12 months; Amount - \$17,500

- 2003/2004 Canadian Occupational Therapy Foundation (COTF)
Scholarship – Master’s
Duration – 12 months; Amount - \$1,000
- 2003/2004 University of Toronto Open Fellowship
Duration – 12 months; Amount - \$10,000
- 2003/2004 Ontario Graduate Scholarship Award (OGS) – declined by applicant
Duration – 12 months; Amount - \$15,000
- 2002/2003 Ontario Graduate Scholarship Award (OGS)
Duration – 12 months; Amount - \$15,000
- 2002/2003 University of Toronto Open Fellowship
Duration – 12 months; Amount - \$10,000

Queen’s University, School of Rehabilitation Therapy

- June 2002 Medal in Occupational Therapy
Awarded for outstanding achievement throughout the occupational therapy program
- 2000-2001 Cora E. Hewitt Scholarship in Occupational Therapy
Awarded to the third year student with the highest academic achievement
- 2000-2001 Queen’s Appeal Scholarship in Occupational Therapy
Awarded on the basis of high academic achievement
- 2000-2001 Caroline (Cairnie) Jenkins Memorial Prize
Awarded on the basis of academic excellence in Neurology coursework
- 2000-2001 Dean’s Special Scholarship for the School of Rehabilitation Therapy
Awarded to upper-year students with first-class averages
- 1999-2000 R.W. Leonard Prize in Occupational Therapy
Awarded to the student entering third year with the highest academic achievement
- 1999-2000 Queen’s Appeal Undergraduate Scholarship in Occupational Therapy
Awarded on the basis of high academic standing

TEACHING

GRADUATE:

***McMaster University, Hamilton, ON
Occupational Therapy Program, MSc OT***

2010-2011

Term 1: Wellness, Health & Occupation

- Term 1 Inquiry & Integration (OT 617)
PBT Tutor

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- Term 1 Inquiry & Integration (OT 617)
PBT Tutor

Term 2: Person, Environment & Occupation

- Term 2 Inquiry & Integration (OT 627)
Large Group Seminar Coordinator

Term 3: Disability, Development & Occupation

- Term 2 Inquiry & Integration (OT 637)
Large Group Seminar Coordinator at the McMaster Site
- Term 3 Professional Roles & Experiential Practicum (OT 638)
Coordinator, session on Group Content, May 7th, 2009
Evaluator, Planning and Running Your Own Group Assignment, May 21st, 2009
Evaluator, PREP exam

2008-2009

Term 3: Disability, Development & Occupation

- Term 3 Inquiry & Integration (OT 637)
Co-coordinator, Problem-Based Tutorial component of the course
Session on Canadian Disability Policy: Across the Lifespan, April 30th, 2009
Session on Occupation, Work and Disability, May 5th, 2009
Session on Attitudes, Discrimination and Disability, May 26th, 2009
Session on Loss, Grief and Moving Forward, June 2nd, 2009
- Term 3 Professional Roles & Experiential Practicum (OT 638)
Coordinator, session on Group Content, May 7th, 2009
Evaluator, Planning and Running Your Own Group Assignment, May 21st, 2009
Evaluator, PREP exam

2007-2008

Term 1: Wellness, Health & Occupation

- Term 1 Professional Roles & Experiential Practicum (OT 618)
Mental Health/Communications Advisor, September – December 2007

Term 2: Person, Environment & Occupation

- Term 2 Inquiry & Integration (OT 627)
Session on Hearing Voices that are Distressing, February 11th, 2008
Session on Psychological-Emotional Determinants of Occupation, February 20th, 2008
- Term 2 Professional Roles & Experiential Practicum (OT 628)
Session on Affective Assessments, January 31st, 2008
Co-coordinator, sessions on Work, February 5th, 7th, & 12th, 2008

Coordinator, session on Challenging Interview Situations, February 19th, 2008

Term 3: Disability, Development & Occupation

- Term 3 Inquiry & Integration (OT 637)
Co-coordinator, Problem-Based Tutorial component of the course
Session on Canadian Disability Policy: Across the Lifespan, May 6th, 2008
Session on Occupation, Work and Disability, May 8th, 2008
Session on Attitudes, Discrimination and Disability, May 27th, 2008
Session on Loss, Grief and Moving Forward, May 29th, 2008
- Term 3 Professional Roles & Experiential Practicum (OT 638)
Co-coordinator, session on Psychosocial Rehabilitation, May 1st, 2008
Coordinator, session on Group Content, May 8th, 2008
Coordinator, Planning and Running Your Own Group Assignment, May 22nd, 2008
Evaluator, PREP exam

2006-2007

Term 2: Person, Environment & Occupation

- Term 2 Professional Roles & Experiential Practicum (OT 628)
Facilitator for session on Challenging Interview Situations, February 20th, 2007
Instructor for session on Affective Assessments, February 22nd, 2007

Term 3: Disability, Development & Occupation

- Term 3 Professional Roles & Experiential Practicum (OT 638)
Instructor for session on Psychosocial Rehabilitation, May 3rd, 2007
Examiner for group presentation assignment, May 28th, 2007
- Term 3 Inquiry & Integration (OT 637),
Problem Based Learning Tutor, April – June 2007

McMaster University, Hamilton, ON

Rehabilitation Science PhD Program

- Knowledge Transfer and Exchange
Class on using qualitative evidence to inform decision-making, May 15th, 2007

DIPLOMA:

McMaster University, Hamilton, ON

Occupational Health and Safety Diploma Program (DOHS)

- Instructor for the Work, Stress & Rehabilitation Module
Sessions for full-time students Oct 2006, 2007
Sessions for part-time students January 2007, 2008

OTHER:

School of Rehabilitation Science Research Rounds

McMaster University, Hamilton ON

- Presentation of findings from doctoral dissertation, October 20th, 2009

COTA Health Mentoring Program, Toronto, ON

- Clinical Mentor, Sep 2004 - Aug 2006

SUPERVISORSHIPS

Master's of Science (Occupational Therapy), McMaster University

2009-2010 749, Evidence-based Practice Project, 2 students

Project Title: Canadian Guidelines for Occupation, Health and Well-being (Co-Supervised with S. Moll)

RESEARCH FUNDING

Project Title: Episodic Disabilities in the Canadian Global Economy

Principal Investigator: Ernie Lightman and Andrea Vick

Co-Investigators: Kirsh, B., **Gewurtz, R.**, Yoshida, K. (and others)

Funding Agency: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) of Canada

Amount: \$235,000 (Total Standard Research Grant, 410-2010-0178)

Funding Period: 2010-2014

This grant is made up of several sub-projects. I am co-leading (with Dr. Bonnie Kirsh at the University of Toronto) a project exploring how benefit systems and work needs intersect for persons with episodic mental illness.

Project Title: The Canadian Guide to Occupation, Health and Well-being: Consulting with Stakeholders

Principal Investigator: **Gewurtz, R.**

Co-Investigators: Moll, S., Krupa, T., Law, M.

Funding Agency: Canadian Occupational Therapy Foundation

Amount: \$5,000

Funding Period: July 2010-June 2011

Project Title: Towards the Development of an Education Framework for Mapping PBL and Professional Competencies

Principal Investigator: **Gewurtz, R.** & Coman, L.

Co-Investigators: Dhillon, S., Jung, B., MacIntyre, N., Solomon, P.

Funding Agency: Internal Grant – School of Rehabilitation Science Educational Research Fund

Amount: \$3,000

Funding Period: August 2010 - January 2012

PUBLICATIONS

Published, Peer-Reviewed

Kirsh, B., Krupa, T., Cockburn, L., & **Gewurtz, R.** (2010) A Canadian model of work integration for persons with mental illnesses. *Disability and Rehabilitation*. 32(22)1833-1846. doi: 10.3109/09638281003734391

Gewurtz, R. & Kirsh, B. (2009). Disruption, disbelief and resistance: A meta-synthesis of disability in the workplace. *Work: A Journal of Prevention, Assessment, and Rehabilitation*, 34(1), 33-44. doi: 10.3233/WOR-2009-0900

Kirsh, B., Stergiou-Kita, M., **Gewurtz, R.**, Dawson, D., Krupa, T., Lysaght, R., & Shaw, L. (2009). From Margins to mainstream: What do we know about work integration for persons with brain injury, mental illness, and intellectual disability? *Work: A Journal of Prevention, Assessment, and Rehabilitation*, 32(4), 391-405. doi 10.3233/WOR-2009-0851

Krupa, T., Kirsh, B., Cockburn, L. & **Gewurtz, R.** (2009). Understanding the stigma of mental illness in employment. *Work: A Journal of Prevention, Assessment, and Rehabilitation*, 33(4), 413-425. doi: 10.3233/WOR-2009-0890

Gewurtz, R., Stergiou-Kita, M., Shaw, L., Kirsh, B., & Rappolt, S. (2008). Qualitative meta-synthesis: Reflections on the utility and challenges in occupational therapy. *Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 75(5), 301-308.

Jacobson, N., **Gewurtz, R.**, & Haydon, E. (2007). Ethical review of interpretive research: Problems and Solutions. *IRB: Ethics & Human Research*, 29(5), 1-8.

Gewurtz, R. & Kirsh, B. (2007). How consumers of community mental health services come to understand their potential for work: Doing and becoming revisited. *Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy* 74(3), 195-207.

Gewurtz, R., Kirsh, B., Jacobson, N., & Rappolt, S. (2006). The influence of mental illnesses on work potential and career development. *Canadian Journal of Community Mental Health*, 25(2), 207-220.

Kirsh, B., Cockburn, L., & **Gewurtz, R.** (2006). Best practice in occupational therapy: Program characteristics that influence vocational outcomes for people with serious mental illnesses. *Rehab Review*, Fall, 12-23.

Kirsh, B., Krupa, T., Cockburn, L., & **Gewurtz, R.** (2006). Work initiatives in Canada: A decade of development. *Canadian Journal of Community Mental Health* 25(2), 173-191.

Cockburn, L., Krupa, T., Kirsh, B., Bickenbach, J., & **Gewurtz, R.** (2006). Conceptualizations of work and psychiatric disability in Canadian disability policy. *Canadian Public Policy*, 32(2), 197-212.

Kirsh, B., Cockburn, L., & **Gewurtz, R.** (2005). Best practice in occupational therapy: Program characteristics that influence vocational outcomes for people with serious mental illnesses. *Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 72(5), 265-279.

Krupa, T., Kirsh, B., **Gewurtz, R.**, & Cockburn, L. (2005). Improving the employment prospects of people with serious mental illness: Five challenges for a national mental health strategy. *Canadian Public Policy*, 31(s1), 59-64.

Gewurtz, R., Krupa, T., Esterbrook, S., & Horgan, S. (2004). Prevalence and characteristics of parenting among clients of assertive community treatment. *Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal*, 28(1), 63-65.

Published, Book Chapters

Law, M., & **Gewurtz, R.** (2010). Productivity: Work and volunteer work outcomes. In M. Law & M.A. McColl (Eds.), *Interventions, effects, and outcomes in Occupational Therapy* (pp. 119-143). Thorofare, NJ: SLACK Incorporated.

Law, M., & **Gewurtz, R.** (2010). Psycho-emotional outcomes. In M. Law & M.A. McColl (Eds.), *Interventions, effects, and outcomes in Occupational Therapy* (pp. 261-283). Thorofare, NJ: SLACK Incorporated.

Kirsh, B. & **Gewurtz, R.** (2005). Supported employment: Historical, definitional and conceptual underpinnings. In G. Albrecht (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of disability*. University of Illinois at Chicago: Sage Publications, Inc.

Published, Not Peer-Reviewed

Stergiou-Kita, M., Moll, S., Silverberg, A., & **Gewurtz, R.** (2010). Health professionals, advocacy and return to work: Taking up the challenge. *Work: A Journal of Prevention, Assessment, and Rehabilitation*, 37, 217-223.

Cockburn, L., Kirsh, B., Krupa, T., & **Gewurtz, R.** (2004). Mental health and mental illness in the workplace: Occupational therapy solutions for complex problems. *Occupational Therapy NOW*, 6(5), 7-14.

Cockburn, L., Kirsh, B., & **Gewurtz, R.** (2004). Doing work well: Preserving and promoting mental health in the workplace. *Occupational Therapy NOW*, 6(5), 25-27.

Gewurtz, R. & Eccles, A. (2003). The use of sensory integration in equine assisted therapy: An occupational therapy perspective. *Occupational Therapy NOW*, 5(1), 8-10.

Accepted for Publication

Eisfelder, R., **Gewurtz, R.**, & Braveman, B. (in press). Work and mental health. In B. Braveman & J. Page (Eds.), *Work: Occupational therapy intervention to promote participation and productivity*. Philadelphia, PA: F.A. Davis Company.

Kirsh, B. & **Gewurtz, R.** (in press). Organizational culture and work issues for individuals with mental health disabilities. In I.Z. Schultz & E.S. Rogers (Eds.), *Handbook of work accommodation and retention in mental health*. New York, NY: Springer.

Kirsh, B., **Gewurtz, R.**, & Bakewell, R.A. (in press). Critical characteristics of supported housing: Resident and service provider perspectives. *Canadian Journal of Community Mental Health*.

Submitted for Publication

Gewurtz, R., Kirsh, B., & Bakewell, R.A. (2010). *Supported housing: Key characteristics identified in the literature*. Submitted for publication on January 7th, 2011.

Unpublished Reports

Gewurtz, R. (2007). Mental illness in Ontario disability policy: An analysis of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act. Toronto, ON: Prepared for the Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario Division.

Scholarly Presentations, Peer-reviewed

Gewurtz, R., Moll, S., Krupa, T., & Law, M. (2011, June). Positioning occupation as a public health issue. Abstract accepted for a paper presentation. *2011 CAOT National Conference*. Saskatoon, SK.

Gewurtz, R., & Kirsh, B. (2011, June). Conceptualizing and responding to the problem of unemployment. Abstract accepted for a paper presentation. *2011 CAOT National Conference*. Saskatoon, SK.

Levack, W., McPerson, K., Kayes, N., Fadyl, J., **Gewurtz, R.**, & DeJong, G. (2010, October). The role of qualitative metasynthesis in evidence based rehabilitation. Abstract accepted for a symposium presentation. *2010 American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Conference*. Montreal, QC. Oct 21st, 2010.

Gewurtz, R., Stergiou-Kita, M., Shaw, L., Kirsh, B., & Rappolt, S. (2010, May). Using the qualitative meta-synthesis approach to inform occupational therapy practice. Paper presentation. *2010 CAOT National Conference*. Halifax, NS. May 27th, 2010.

Kirsh, B., Krupa, T., Cockburn, C., & **Gewurtz, R.** (2010, May). A Canadian model of work integration for persons with mental illness. Paper presentation. *2010 CAOT National Conference*. Halifax, NS. May 29th, 2010.

Gewurtz, R. & Kirsh, B. (2009, June). Constructing and implementing public policy for marginalized groups: A case study of ODSP employment supports. Paper Presentation. *2009 CAOT National Conference*. Ottawa, ON. June 5th, 2009.

Kirsh, B., Dawson, D., Krupa, T., Lysaght, R., Shaw, L., Kita, M. & **Gewurtz, R.** (2009, June). Work integration for persons with disabilities: Best practice across three disability groups. Poster Presentation. *2009 CAOT National Conference*. Ottawa, ON. June 4th, 2009.

Kirsh, B., Dawson, D., Krupa, T., Lysaght, R., Shaw, L., Kita, M. & **Gewurtz, R.** (2008, August). Work integration for persons with disabilities: Best practice across three disability groups. Abstract accepted for a paper presentation. *21st World Congress of Rehabilitation International*. Quebec City, QC. August 25th-28th, 2008.

Kirsh, B., **Gewurtz, R.**, Badsha, M., Singer, B., & Giles, N. (2008, June). Supported housing: Characteristics that promote occupational engagement. Paper presentation. *2008 CAOT National Conference*. Whitehorse, YT, June 12th, 2008.

Gewurtz, R. & Kirsh, B. (2007, June). Making Qualitative research useful for decision-makers: The meta-synthesis approach. Poster presentation. *2007 Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR) Conference*. Toronto, ON. June 13th, 2007. **Winner of a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR-IHSPR) student poster award.**

Kirsh, B., Cockburn, L. & **Gewurtz, R.** (2007, July). Program characteristics influencing vocational outcomes for persons with mental illnesses. Paper presentation. *2007 CAOT National Conference*. St. John's, NF. July 12th, 2007.

Kirsh, B., Krupa, T., Cockburn, L., & **Gewurtz, R.** (2007, July). Work initiatives in Canada: A decade of development. Paper presentation. *2007 CAOT National Conference*. St. John's, NF. July 13th, 2007.

Gewurtz, R. & Kirsh, B. (2007, July). Experiences of persons with disabilities in the workplace: A meta-synthesis. Paper presentation. *2007 CAOT National Conference*. St. John's, NF. July 14th, 2007.

Gewurtz, R., Jimenez, S., & Schultz, T. (2007, July). Implementing recovery: Students as change agents in community mental health. Poster presentation. *2007 CAOT National Conference*. St. John's, NF. July 14th, 2007.

Krupa, T., Kirsh, B., Cockburn, L., & **Gewurtz, R.** (2006, June). Stigma, mental illness and the workplace: A conceptual model. Paper presentation. *2006 CAOT National Conference*. Montreal, QC. June 3rd, 2006.

Kirsh, B., Krupa, T., Cockburn, L., Bickenbach, J., & **Gewurtz, R.** (2005, May). Employment and persons with mental illness: Canadian principles and practices. Paper presentation. *2005 CAOT National Conference*. Vancouver, BC. May 27th, 2005.

Krupa, T., Kirsh, B., Cockburn, L. & **Gewurtz, R.** (2005, June). The development of a substantive theory of stigma in the workplace to focus intervention campaigns. Paper Presentation. *The First*

Canadian Institute for Research on Mental Health in the Workplace. Montreal, QC. June 3rd, 2005.

Kirsh, B., Krupa, T., Cockburn, L., & **Gewurtz, R.** (2005, October). Stigma in the workplace: Implications for persons with mental illness. Extended discussion. *Making Gains Conference in Mental Health & Addictions*. London, ON. October 24th, 2005.

Kirsh, B., Krupa, T., Cockburn, L., Bickenbach, J., & **Gewurtz, R.** (2004, October). The social construction of work integration: Is there a Canadian context? Extended discussion. *Making Gains Conference: Evidence Based Practice in Community Mental Health*. Toronto, ON. October 5th, 2004.

Gewurtz, R. & Kirsh, B. (2004, June). Understanding work potential: Perspectives of community mental health consumers. Paper presentation. *2004 CAOT National Conference*. Charlottetown, PEI. June 25th, 2004.

Invited Presentations

Gewurtz, R. Constructing and implementing public policy for marginalized groups: A case study of ODSP employment supports. Invited Presentation. The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. Oct 20th, 2009.

Gewurtz, R. Transitioning individuals with mental illnesses into the workforce. Whitby Mental Health Centre, Whitby, ON. October 22nd, 2008.

Gewurtz, R. & Jacobson, N. Ethical review of interpretive research: Problems and solutions. Faculty of Health Science Research Ethics Committee, McMaster University. Hamilton, ON. April 15th, 2008.

Gewurtz, R. Mental illness in Ontario disability policy: An analysis of the AODA. The Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario Division. Toronto, ON. April 9th, 2007.

Gewurtz, R. Proposed research on recent changes to ODSP employment. Employment Works!, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. Toronto, ON. March 15th, 2007.

Jacobson, N., & **Gewurtz, R.** Qualitative research and ethics review: Part II. Qualitative Research Group, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. Toronto, ON. October 18th, 2006.

Gewurtz, R. Incorporating a recovery-oriented approach in the delivery of housing services for persons with mental illness: A discussion of challenges and strategies. St. George House, LOFT Community Services. Toronto, ON. June 14th, 2006.

Kirsh, B., & **Gewurtz, R.** Supported employment in mental health services. The Mental Health Vocational Occupational Therapy Interest Group. Toronto, ON. February 21st, 2006.

Gewurtz, R., Haydon, E., Jacobson, N. The effects of the research ethic board approval process on the planning and conduct of qualitative research in mental health and addictions. Qualitative Research Group, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. Toronto, ON. November 16th, 2005.

Gewurtz, R. How community mental health consumers come to understand their potential for work. Toronto Occupational Therapy Psychiatric Interest Group. Toronto, ON. September, 22nd, 2004.

Gewurtz, R. How mental health consumers come to understand their potential for work. Qualitative Research Group, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. Toronto, ON. May 19th, 2004.

Gewurtz, R. The concept of recovery and occupational therapy. Toronto Occupational Therapy Psychiatric Interest Group. Toronto, ON. March 25th, 2004.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

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|---------------|---|
| 2009- present | FHS Scholarship Selection Committee, Member
Faculty of Health Sciences, McMaster University |
| 2007-present | Curriculum Community, Member
Occupational Therapy Program, McMaster University |
| 2006-2007 | Rehabilitation Sciences Sector Appeals Committee
University of Toronto
Student member representing the Graduate Department of Rehabilitation Science |

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