

REBECCA GEWURTZ

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- Started January 2005 **Doctor of Philosophy**
Graduate Department of Rehabilitation Science, University of Toronto
Collaborative Program in Health Services and Policy Research, Ontario Training Centre
Dissertation Title - *Constructing and implementing public policy for marginalized groups: A case study of ODSP employment supports in the mental health sector*
Anticipated date of graduation: Spring 2010
- 2002 - 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
- 1999 - 2002 **Bachelor of Science (Honours), Occupational Therapy**
School of Rehabilitation Therapy, Queen's University, Kingston, ON
Degree awarded, May 2002
- 1996 - 1999 **Bachelor of Science, Human Biology**
University of Toronto, Toronto, ON
Degree awarded, June 1999

CURRENT STATUS AT MCMASTER

- Appointed May 1st, 2007 **Assistant Professor (Contractually Limited)**
School of Rehabilitation Science, Occupational Therapy Program

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

RESEARCH:

- September 2006 **Student Analyst**
to December 2006 Policy Group, Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario Division
Toronto, ON
- June 2006 **Research Project Coordinator**
to June 2007 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

- September 2002
February 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
- June 2002 -
September, 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
- March 4th 2002 -
April 12th, 2002 **Student Occupational Therapist, Research Placement**
Department of Rehabilitation Therapy, Queen's University
Investigated the prevalence of parenting among ACT clients
- February 1996
- June 1996 **Student Researcher**
The Centre for Biomaterials, University of Toronto

CLINICAL:

- September 2002 to
- August 2006 **Occupational Therapist**
COTA Health
Mental Health Team
Toronto, ON
- January 7th, 2002
- March 1st, 2002 **Student Occupational Therapist**
CARD Therapeutic Riding Program
Toronto, ON
- May 7th, 2001 -
June 29th, 2001 **Student Occupational Therapist**
COTA Health
Mental Health Team
Toronto, ON
- May 1st, 2000 -
June 23rd, 2000 **Student Occupational Therapist**
North York General Hospital
Toronto, ON

CONSULTATIONS:

- April – June 2008 Homewood Health Centre, Guelph, ON
Review of manuscript written by clinicians to assist them in preparing it for publication

OTHER:

- April 2000 – April 2001 **Vice-President, External Affairs**
Queen's University, School of Rehabilitation Student Council, Kingston, ON
- Sept 1998 – Aug 1999 **Skill Developer for Children with Autism**
Private Family Employment, Toronto, ON
- April 1999 – June 1999 **Integration Facilitator**
Toronto Parks and Recreation, Toronto, ON

- Sept 1997 – Aug 1999 **Mind Co-op Program Volunteer**
COTA Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Mental Health Services, Toronto, ON
- Sept 1996 – June 1997 **Volunteer Teaching and Child Life Specialist Assistant**
The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON
- Summer 1992 and 1993 **Volunteer**
The Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Toronto, ON

SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

JOURNAL REVIEW

- 2009-2012 Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy Review Board Member
- 2008 Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy, 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

GRANT REVIEW

- 2009 Arthritis Health Professions Association (AHPA), External Reviewer

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
- Workplace mental health
- Disability policy
- Employment support services
- Disability in the workplace
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Return-to-Work
- Organizational culture

Stigma and Discrimination
Community integration

Teaching:

Mental health occupational therapy services
Workplace mental health
Disability policy
Psychosocial Rehabilitation
Recovery-oriented mental health services

SIGNIFICANT AWARDS

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

2009-2010

Term 1: Wellness, Health & Occupation

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

Term 2: Person, Environment & Occupation

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

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

University of Toronto, Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy

Master's of Science in Occupational Therapy Program (MSc OT)

- Course: Psychosocial Perspectives in Occupational Therapy (OCT1162Y), Jan – Apr, 2005-2007
 - Teaching Assistant
 - Sessions on Recovery in Community Mental Health
 - Group facilitator for sessions on group process
- Course: Research Issues & Approaches in Occupational Therapy (OCT1121H), Sept - Dec, 2005 - 2006
 - Teaching Assistant
- Course: Fieldwork II, Nov – Dec 2004, May – June 2006
 - Off-site Student Placement Supervisor

St. George House, LOFT Community Services

- Course: Framing Practice-Based Research (OCT1123H), May – June, 2004-2005
Teaching Assistant
- Course: Assessment in Occupational Therapy (OCT1141H), Sept – Jan 2004
Teaching Assistant

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:

COTA Health Mentoring Program, Toronto, ON

- Clinical Mentor, Sep 2004 - Aug 2006

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*. Advance online publication, 1-14. 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.

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.

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.

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

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

Kirsh, B. & **Gewurtz, R.** (in press). Organizational culture and its impact on employment for persons with mental illness. In I.Z. Schultz & E.S. Rogers (Eds.), *Handbook of job accommodations 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*.

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*

In Preparation

Eisfelder, R., Gewurtz, R., & Braveman, B. (2010). 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.

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

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.

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.

Conference/Workshop Attendance

June 3rd-6th, 2009 **CAOT National Conference 2009: Engaging in Healthy Occupation**
Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists
Ottawa, ON

May 8th, 2009 **Advancing OT in Mental Health: Positioning for the Future**
Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists

- Hamilton, ON
- May 29th, 2008 **Biennial Hamilton and Region Qualitative Health Research Conference**
St. Joseph's Healthcare – Hamilton and McMaster University
Hamilton, ON
- July 11th-14th, 2007 **CAOT National Conference 2007: Leading the Way to Healthy Occupation**
Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists
St. John's, NL
- June 17th-23rd, 2007 **Ontario Training Centre in Health Services and Policy Research**
2007 Summer Institute
Regionalization of Health Services
McMaster University, Hamilton, ON
- June 12th-14th, 2007 **Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR) Conference**
Leading, Linking and Listening: Knowledge Exchange at the Frontiers of Health Services and Policy Research
Toronto, ON
- Oct 5th 2006 **Problem Based Learning in Small Groups**
McMaster University, Hamilton, ON
- Oct 6th, 2006 **Role of the Tutor in Small Group Learning**
McMaster University, Hamilton, ON
- June 1st – 3rd, 2006 **CAOT National Conference 2006: Evidence in Occupation**
Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists
Montreal, QC
- May 1st, 2006 **Qualitative Analysis in Health Research**
Toronto, ON
- Oct 23rd – Oct 26th, 2005 **Making Gains in Mental Health and Addictions 2005**
London, ON
- September 16-17th, 2005 **Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR) Conference**
Canada's Health Priorities: Building and Maintaining Research Capacity
Montreal, QC
- June 22nd, 2005 **Annual Thelma Cardwell Lecture and OT Research Day**
Dept. of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, University of Toronto
- May 26th – 28th, 2005 **CAOT National Conference 2005: Celebrating Diversity in Occupation**
Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists
Vancouver, BC
- May 10th, 2005 **Pat Deegan: A Day on Recovery and its Practice**
Toronto, ON

- Oct. 3rd – Oct 6th, 2004 **Making Gains in Mental Health and Addictions 2004**
Toronto, ON
- June 24th – 26th, 2004 **CAOT National Conference 2004: Bridging Health and Occupation**
Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists
Charlottetown, PEI
- May 27th – 28th, 2004 **Second Canadian Occupational Science Symposium**
Toronto, ON
- Nov 19th - 20th, 2003 **Work in progress: A Colloquium on Work, Citizenship and Mental Illness**
Toronto, ON
- Nov 8th, 2002 **OSOT Innovations in Mental Health Policy & Practice**
McMaster University, Hamilton, ON
- May 3rd, 2002 **Personal Leadership Workshop**
Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists Annual Conference

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

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

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