

CURRICULUM VITAE

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a. Name

Brenda Helen Vrkljan

b. Educational Background

- 2006 Ph.D., Rehabilitation Science, The University of Western Ontario
Focus: Older driver safety and community mobility
- 2000 M.Cl.Sc., Occupational Therapy, The University of Western Ontario
- 1998 B.A. Physical Education with Honours, Wilfrid Laurier University

c. Current Status at McMaster University

- 2006 – present Assistant Professor, Occupational Therapy Program
School of Rehabilitation Science, Faculty of Health Sciences
McMaster University, Hamilton, ON

d. Professional Organizations

- 1998 – present Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists
- 2000 – present College of Occupational Therapists Ontario
- 2000 – present Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists
- 2003 – present Canadian Association of Gerontologists
- 2006 – present World Federation of Occupational Therapists
- 2008 – present Association of Driving Rehabilitation Specialists
- 2009 – present Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Transportation Interest Group

e. Employment History

1) Academic

- 2006 – present McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario. Assistant Professor,
Occupational Therapy Graduate Program, Faculty of Health
Sciences
- 2004 The University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario. Course
Instructor, Graduate Program, Master of Science (Occupational
Therapy)
- 2002 – 2005 The University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario. Teaching
Assistant, Graduate Program, Master of Science (Occupational
Therapy)

2) Clinical Practice

- 2002 Consultant, Occupational Therapy School Health Program,
Chatham-Kent, Community Care Access Centre, Chatham, Ontario

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| 2001 – 2002 | Staff Occupational Therapist, Chatham-Kent Health Alliance, Chatham, Ontario |
| 2000 – 2001 | Community Occupational Therapist, ParaMed Home Health Services, Chatham, Ontario |

f. Scholarly and Professional Activities

1) Editorial Board

2003 – 2007 Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy

2) Journal Referee

2010 – present Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
 2009 – present Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy
 2009 – present Journal of Gerontology – Psychological Sciences
 2008 – present Australian Journal of Occupational Therapy
 2002 – 2008 Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy (Ad Hoc)

3) External Grant Reviewer

2008 – present (Invited), Meetings, Planning and Dissemination (MPD) Committee, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)

4) External Thesis Examiner

2010 University of Waterloo, Health Studies and Gerontology (M.Sc.)
 2009 McMaster University, Health Research Methodology (M.Sc.)

Scholarly and Professional Activities...Cont'd

5) Other Scholarly Activities

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| 2009 – present | Adjunct Appointment - Assistant Professor, Health Studies & Gerontology. The University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario |
| 2009 – present | Project Leaders Group, Auto21 – Network for Centres of Excellence (NCE). |
| 2008 – present | Advisory Board (Invited). <i>National Blueprint for the Injury Prevention of Older Drivers Project</i> . Public Health Agency of Canada and the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists |
| 2007 – present | Canadian Driving Research Initiative for Vehicular Safety in the Elderly (<i>CanDRIVE II</i>) – Steering Committee – Canadian Institute of Health Research [CIHR] Team Grant (2008-2013) [See Grants] |

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| 2008 – 2009 | Associate Health Researcher, Centre on Aging, University of Victoria. Funded by the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research grant |
| 2007 | Network Renewal Team. Auto21 – Network for the Centres of Excellence (NCEs). NCE renewed for 5-year term (5.8 million / year) |
| 2006 | Advisory Board. <i>Report for Coroner of Ontario. Response to Coroner's Inquest: Touching the death of Elizabeth Kidnie</i> . Jury Verdict and Recommendations. Toronto, ON: 2003. |
| 2006 | Summer Program in Aging, Institute of Aging, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Building capacity in research on aging |
| 2005 – 2006 | University Discipline Appeal Committee. The University of Western Ontario |
| 2005 – 2006 | Steering Committee, Health Policy Initiative. The University of Western Ontario |
| 2005 – 2006 | Rehabilitation Sciences Doctoral Program Committee. The University of Western Ontario |
| 2004 – 2006 | Senate Review Board Academic. The University of Western Ontario |

Scholarly and Professional Activities... Cont'd

6) Continuing Education

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| 2009 – present | Enrolled in University Teaching Program (UTP), Program for Faculty Development, Health Sciences, McMaster University |
| 2009 | Learning 2.0 @ - Completed course examining web tools (blogs, wikis, lecture capture, authoring tools), Learning Technology Division, Faculty of Health Sciences, McMaster University |
| 2008 | Academic Pathways – Completed Level I – Basic Educational Skills Teaching Teachers (BEST) – Program for Faculty Development, Faculty of Health Sciences, McMaster University |
| 2008 | Mentorship Program Certification, Program for Faculty Development, Faculty of Health Sciences, McMaster University |

- 2008 Summer Publication and Grant Writing Workshop, Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR) Quality-of-Life Training Program in Rehabilitation Research, McMaster-UBC partnership
- 2007, 2008 Learning and Technology Research Conference attendee, Centre for Leadership and Learning, McMaster University
- 2007 How to Teach Large Classes Seminar, Centre for Leadership and Learning, McMaster University
- 2006 Fall 2006. Problem-based Learning Workshops, Role of the Tutor, Program for Faculty Development McMaster University
- 2005 'How to teach at a university level' certificate/graduate course, The Teaching Support Centre, The University of Western Ontario

7) Other Professional Activities

- 2010 Abstract Reviewer (Invited) 20th Canadian Multidisciplinary Road Safety Conference, Niagra Falls, Ontario
- 2009 Group Tutor/Facilitator, Summer Publication and Grant Writing Workshop, CIHR-funded Quality of Life Training Program in Rehabilitation Research, McMaster University-UBC partnership
- 2009 – present Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists (OSOT), Task Force on Older Drivers
- 2003 – 2008 Abstract Reviewer, Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists, National Conference

Scholarly and Professional Activities... Cont'd

Areas of Interest

8) Research:

1. Driver rehabilitation and community mobility across the lifespan
2. Technology use and participation in older adulthood

9) Teaching:

1. Clinical Skills Training for Occupational Therapists.
2. Evidence-Based Occupational Therapy Practice.
3. Occupational Therapy in Older Adulthood
 - Community Mobility, Driving, Evaluating Medical Fitness-to-Drive
 - Technology and Participation

g. Awards and Honours

- 2008, 2009 National recognition for volunteer contributions to Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (CAOT)
- 2006 International Conference on Aging, Disability, and Independence (ICADI) Graduate Student Scholarship
- 2003 – 2004 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (Doctoral), University of Western Ontario
- 2002 – 2003 Canadian Occupational Therapy Foundation (COTF) Thelma Cardwell Scholarship [Contributions to the profession]
- 2002 – 2003 Special University Doctoral Scholarship, University of Western Ontario
- 2000 Smith & Nephew Graduate Award – Most likely to make significant contribution to the OT profession, University of Western Ontario
- 1999 – 2000 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (Master's), University of Western Ontario

h. Courses Taught:

1) Undergraduate

McMaster University

2010-2011 B.HSc. - HTH SCI 4A09 – Honours Thesis Student

2008-2009 B.HSc. - HTH SCI 4A09 – Honours Thesis Student

2008 B.HSc. – HTH SCI 2HS3
Controversies in Health: Collaborations for Health Initiative

Courses Taught... Cont'd

2) Graduate

McMaster University

MSc Occupational Therapy

2007 – present Term 1: Wellness, Health & Occupation
OT 617 - Course Coordinator - Problem-Based Learning (PBL)

2007 – present Term 1: Wellness, Health & Occupation
OT 617 - Tutor - Problem-Based Learning (PBL)

2006 – present Term 2: Person, Environment & Occupation
OT 628 - Course Coordinator,
Professional Roles & Experiential Practicum (PREP)

MSc (Health Studies & Gerontology), University of Waterloo
2008 – present Aileen Trang (committee member)

PhD (Health Studies & Gerontology, University of Waterloo
2009 – present Alex Crizzle (committee member)

PhD (Rehabilitation Science), University of Western Ontario
2008 – present Adam M.B. Day (committee member)

6) Other – Research Assistantships Sponsored

None

m. Research Funding

External Peer-reviewed Research Grants (Funded)

1. Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR). \$6,786,227. 2008-13. *CIHR Team in Driving in Older Persons (Candrive II)*. Marshall, S., Man-Son-Hing, M (Co-PIs), Vrkljan, B. (1 of 23 Co-Investigators).

This multi-million dollar grant funds a number of subprojects focused on the safety of older drivers. I am leading or co-leading two research initiatives:

- **A) Common Cohort Study – Longitudinal Study of Older Drivers (5 years):**
Role: Vrkljan, B., Lead Site Investigator, Hamilton, Ontario [\$321,750. (2008-2013)]
Description: This grant is funding a five-year study tracking over 1000 drivers aged 70 and older to develop a reliable and valid screening tool that will identify unsafe older drivers. The project involves seven Canadian centres (Victoria, Winnipeg, Thunder Bay, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal) as well as international partner sites in Melbourne, Australia and Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Research Funding...Cont'd

Cont'd...CIHR-funded team grant – Candrive II – 2008-2013.

- **B) Advancements in Automotive Design: Development of a Vehicle Rating System**
Role: Vrkljan, B. & Polgar Miller, J. (Co-PIs) [\$143,658. (2008-2013)]
Description: This five-year project focuses on understanding the safety needs of older vehicle occupants. Methodology include a scoping review, focus group and survey analysis to develop a tool older consumers use to inform vehicle purchase decisions.
2. Ontario Neurotrauma Foundation (ONF). \$146,788. 2009-2011. *Evaluating Policies and Procedures in Canada for Determining Fitness-to-Drive and Licensure Recommendations*. Vrkljan, B. & Myers, A. (Co-PIs), Marshall, S., & Blanchard, R.

This grant supports a cross-jurisdiction survey of current policies and practices for assessing medically-at-risk drivers. Results will inform legislation concerning fitness-to-drive decisions, including linkages with medical review process.
 3. Transport Canada. \$24,668. 2010. *Addition of Canadian data to the American Automobile Association Foundation for Traffic Safety (AAFTS) online web database*. Myers, A. (PI), Vrkljan, B., & Marshall, S.

This grant is supporting a cutting-edge, knowledge exchange strategy that will lead to the development of North American-wide, searchable, web-based portal for sharing policies and noteworthy initiatives across jurisdictions that promote older driver safety.

4. Auto21-Network of Centres of Excellence (NCE). \$310,000. 2009-2011. *Innovations in Child Safety*. Snowden, A., Altenhof, W., & Vrkljan, B. (Co-PIs), Kobti, Z, Kent, R., Moussa, W., Cretu, E., & Boyd, H.

This grant supports the examination of current protocols and clinical decision-making for positioning low birth weight/premature infants in car seats at time of discharge from hospital. The intent is to identify procedures that enhance current practices for safe and appropriate car seat evaluation of these high-risk infants.

5. Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). \$23,500,000. 2008-12. *Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA)*. Raina, P., Wolfson, C. Kirkland, S. (Co-PIs), Vrkljan, B. et al. (1 of 160 Co-Investigators and Collaborators).

This grant supports a large, national, long-term study that will follow approximately 50,000 Canadian men and women aged 45 and 85 for at least 20 years. The study will collect information on the changing biological, medical, psychological, social, and economic aspects of people's lives.

6. Auto21-Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE). \$237,450. 2009-11. *Safe Transportation for Seniors*. Bédard, M., & Polgar Miller, J. (PIs), Hagler, P., Johnson, M., McAuliffe, J., Michaud, F., Porter, M., Shaw, L., Vrkljan, B.

This grant supports ongoing research on technological innovations in the automotive industry and their impact on the safety of older drivers and passengers, including the utility of driving simulators as a means to evaluate older drivers.

Research Funding...Cont'd

7. Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR). \$96,812. 2007-09. Enhanced mobility for individuals with arthritis. Cranney, A. (PI), Byszewski, G., Gelin, L., Man-son-Hing, M., Marshall, S., Towhee, T., Vaidyanath, C., Vrkljan, B., Wells, G.

This grant funded an investigation of the impact of arthritis on safe driving practices. Focus groups with clinicians and consumers as well as a survey of rheumatologists will inform the development of information resources aimed to support safe mobility.

8. Canadian Occupational Therapy Foundation (COTF). \$5,000. 2007-08. *Best practices in driver assessment*. Vrkljan, B. (PI). Clubb, L., Garrett, S., Wood, B., Pauley, T., Letts, L.

This grant involved a systematic evaluation of evidence related to office-based screening tools commonly used by occupational therapists to evaluate fitness-to-drive. As well, a website is currently under development (www.communitymobility.ca).

External Peer-reviewed Research Grants (Under Review)

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) – Team Grant. \$2,500,000. *Strategic Teams in Applied Injury Research – Understanding the complexity of injuries and its consequences in the aging population: Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging – Injury Team Initiative (CLSA-IT)*. Raina, P. & Shannon, H. (Co-PIs), Speechley, M., Vrkljan, B., Wolfson, C., Kirkland, S., Tuokko, H., Oremus, M., Sataguida, P.L., Papaioannou, A. Corriveau, H., Penning, M., Payette, H., Sawka, A., Beattie, K., Porter, M., Griffith, L., Amick, B., Patterson, C., Brown, J.

Internal Peer-reviewed Grant (Funded)

Collaborations for Health Initiative. \$5,491. 2007-2008. *Driving into the future: Promoting driving safety across lifespan*. Vrkljan, B. (PI). Sun, H, Sekuler, A., Bennett, P., Lee, T.

n. Lifetime Publications

1) Peer Reviewed

a) Book

none

b) Contributions to Books – Book Chapter

Bradley, L., & Vrkljan, B. H. (2010). Self-care outcomes. In Law, M., & McColl, M. A. (Eds.). *Interventions, Effects, and Outcomes in Occupational Therapy: adults and older adults*. Thorofare, NJ.: Slack.

Lifetime Publications...cont'd

c) Journal Articles

1. Vrkljan, B. H. , McGrath, C. & Letts, L. (In Press). Office-based screening tools for assessing fitness to drive: A critical appraisal of evidence. *Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy*.
2. Forhan, M. Law, M. Vrkljan, B. H., & Taylor, V. (In Press). Lives on hold: The experience of participation in the occupations of everyday living for adults with obesity *Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy*.
3. Vrkljan, B. H. (In Press) Evaluating collaboration between older drivers and passengers during first-time use of an in-vehicle navigation system: Potential implications on driving safety. *Educational Gerontology*.

4. Vrkljan, B. H. (In Press). Facilitating technology use in older adulthood: The Person-Environment Occupation framework revisited. *British Journal of Occupational Therapy*.
5. Vrkljan, B. H. Cranney, A., Worswick, J., O'Donnell, S., Li, L. C., Gelinias, I., Man-Son-Hing, M., & Marshall, S. (2010). Supporting safe driving with arthritis: Developing a driving toolkit for clinical practice and consumer use. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 64, 259-267.
6. Shaw, L. Polgar, J., Vrkljan, B. H. & Jacobson, J. (2010). Seniors' Perceptions of vehicle safety risks and needs. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 64, 215-224.
7. Forhan, M., Vrkljan, B. H., & MacDermid, J. (2010). A systematic review of the quality of psychometric evidence supporting the use of an Obesity-Specific Quality of Life Measure for use with persons who have class III obesity. *Obesity Reviews*, 11(3), 222-228.
8. Vrkljan, B. H. (2009). Constructing a mixed methods design to explore the older driver - co-pilot relationship. *Journal of Mixed Methods Research*, 3(4), 371-385.
9. Vrkljan, B. H., & Polgar Miller, J. (2007). Driving, navigation, and vehicular technology: Experiences of older drivers and their co-pilots. *Traffic Injury Prevention*, 8(4), 403-410.
10. Vrkljan, B. H. & Polgar Miller, J. (2007, June). Driving safety in later life: Exploring the older passenger relationship [Electronic Version]. *TRANS ED 11th International Conference of Mobility for Elderly and Disabled Persons*. Retrieved from <http://www.tc.gc.ca/policy/transed2007/pages/1272.htm>
11. Vrkljan, B. H. (2007). Collaborative Participation: An occupational analysis of the older driver-copilot relationship. *OTJR: Occupation, Participation & Health*, 27(1), 6-8.

Lifetime Publications (Journal Articles)...cont'd

12. Vrkljan, B. H. & Polgar Miller, J. (2007). Linking occupational participation and occupational identity: An exploratory study of the transition from driving to driving cessation in older adulthood. *Journal of Occupational Science*, 14 (1), 30-39.
13. Vrkljan, B. H. (2005). Dispelling the disability stereotype: Embracing a universalistic perspective of disablement. *Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 72(1), 57-59.
14. Vrkljan, B. H. & Polgar Miller, J. (2005). Advancements in vehicular technology: Potential implications for the older driver. *International Journal of Vehicle Information and Communication Systems*, 1, 88-105.
15. Vrkljan, B. H., & Miller-Polgar, J. (2001). Meaning of occupational engagement in life-threatening illness. *Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 68(4), 237-246.

d) Submitted for publication (Peer-Reviewed)

Forhan, M., Law, M., Vrkljan, B. H., & Taylor, V.H. Participation profile of adults with class III obesity. Manuscript submitted for publication. *OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health*.

Vrkljan, B. H., Leuty, V., & Law, M. Aging-in-Place: Exploring the transactional relationship between habits and health in a community context. Manuscript submitted for publication. *OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health*.

Vrkljan, B. H. & Anaby, D. The influence of safety on vehicle purchase decisions An examination of consumer preferences by driver age and gender. Manuscript submitted for publication. *Journal of Safety Research*

Vrkljan, B. H., Drew, L., & Musgrave, K. Designing vehicles for an aging population: Key considerations and recommendations. Manuscript submitted for publication. *Proceedings of the 20th Canadian Multidisciplinary Road Safety Conference*.

Moher, C., Vrkljan, B. H., & Snowden, A. Innovations for children's safety in vehicles: Preterm infants and car seat safety in the NICU. Manuscript submitted for publication. *Proceedings of the 20th Canadian Multidisciplinary Road Safety Conference*.

2) Not Peer Reviewed**a) Book**

None

b) Technical Reports

Myers, A., Vrkljan, B., Marshall, S., & Blanchard, R. (2009). Evaluating policies and procedures in Canada for determining fitness-to-drive and licensure recommendations (safe/unsafe and conditions). Report to Ontario Neurotrauma Foundation. September, 2009.

Vrkljan, B., Hyde, N., Young, M., et al. (2009). Aging driver report. Report to the Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists Board of Directors. July, 2009.

Ripat, J. Law, M., Leclair, L. Letts, L., & Vrkljan, B. H. (2009). *Development of A web-based learning resource – the Canadian Practice Process Framework – A comparison of two process frameworks that guide occupational therapy practice* Retrieved from: <http://www.srs-mcmaster.ca/Programsnbsp/MScOTProfessionalFramework/ProcessFrameworks/tabid3541/Debault.asp>

Vrkljan, B. - Guest Editor. (Invited). (2010, October). Special Issue - Community Mobility & Driving. *Occupational Therapy Now - Professional Practice Magazine*.

c) Journal Articles (Not peer-reviewed)

Law, M., MacDermid, J., Vrkljan, B. H., & Telford, J. (2008) Facilitating knowledge transfer through the McMaster PLUS REHAB Project: Linking rehabilitation practitioners to new and relevant research findings. *Occupational Therapy Now*, 10(5), 13-14

Vrkljan, B. H. (2000). The role of spirituality in occupational therapy practice. *Occupational Therapy Now*, 2 (1), 6-9

o. Presentations

1) Invited

Vrkljan, B. H. Can I drive again?: Using evidence to inform clinical decision-making. 9th Annual Kunin-Lunenfeld Applied Research Unit (KLARU) Conference - Aging at Home: Connecting Research and Clinical Care. October, 2009. Toronto, ON.

Vrkljan, B. H., & Hyde, N. M. OT practice and the aging driver: Challenges and recommendations. Aging Summit - Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists. October, 2009. Toronto, ON.

Vrkljan, B. H. Best Practices in Driver Assessment in Occupational Therapy. Occupational Therapy Atlantic Conference. October 2009. Saint John, NB.

Kita, M., Sadasivan, B., Vrkljan, B. H., Hebert, D., Moore, B., Varughese, S., & Zaiyouna, R. Driving assessment in occupational therapy: Formalizing our processes. University of Toronto – Dept. of Occupational Therapy & Science. March 2009. Toronto, ON.

Presentations (Invited)...Cont'd

Vrkljan, B. H. Driving Safety in Later Life. Facilitating Mobility & Participation. BiNational Research Symposium. Canadian Consulate General. Government of Canada. January 2009. Windsor, ON.

Vrkljan, B. H. Driver Rehabilitation: Addressing Driving Issues in Clinical Practice. OT Practice Day. Providence Hospital, November 2008, Toronto, ON

Vrkljan, B. H. Driving Safety: Collaborations between Older Drivers and Passengers. La Trobe University, June 2008, Melbourne, Australia.

Vrkljan, B. H. Driving, Participation and Mobility: Research-in-Action. Wilfrid Laurier University. Faculty of Science. Kinesiology. April 2008, Waterloo, ON

2) Contributed

a) Peer Reviewed

Myers, A. M., Blanchard, R., Vrkljan, B. H., Marshall, S., Policies and Procedures for Licensing Medically At-risk Drivers: Documenting and Disseminating Best Practices across Provincial and State Boundaries. May 2010, Canadian Evaluation Society, Victoria, British Columbia.

Myers, A. M., Vrkljan, B. H., Marshall, S., Blanchard, R. Evaluation of policies and procedures for determining fitness-to-drive across Canada. The Gerontological Society of America, November 2009, Atlanta, Georgia.

Ripat, J., Law, M., Leclair, L., Letts, L., Vrkljan, B. H. Comparison of two process frameworks to guide occupational therapy practice. Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists. May 2009, Ottawa, Ontario.

Vrkljan, B. H., Law, M., & Leuty, V. Aging in place: Creating Age-Friendly environments in Canada. Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists. May 2009, Ottawa, ON.

Vrkljan, B. H., & Clubb, L. et al. Driver Assessment Tools: Utility in Occupational Therapy Practice. Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists. May, 2009. Ottawa, ON.

Vrkljan, B. H. Knowledge translation in action: the power of consumer-researcher partnerships to promote mobility and participation. American Occupational Therapy Association Conference. April 2009. Houston, TX.

Tsotsos, L.E., Roggeveen, A.B., Sekuler, A.B., Vrkljan, B. H. & Bennett, P.B. Seniors in the Driver's Seat: The Role of the Useful Field of View in Driving. CIHR Research Symposium, February 2009, Banff, ALB.

Presentations (*Peer-Reviewed*)...Cont'd

Vrkljan, B.H., Roggeveen, A., Mathur, S., & Ho, E. Local and Global Innovations for Combating Wait Times of Vision-Related Health Services. Canadian Association of Gerontology Annual meeting: Aging Globally and Locally. October 2008. London, Ontario.

Vrkljan, B.H. Team Learning And New Technology In Older Adulthood: Cognitive Collaboration Revisited. Canadian Association of Gerontology Annual meeting: Aging Globally and Locally. October 2008. London, ON.

Vrkljan, B. H. Driving Safety and Vehicular Technology: Analyzing the Older Driver-Co-Pilot Relationship. Canadian Association of Gerontology Annual meeting: Aging Globally and Locally. October 2008. London, Ontario.

Vrkljan, B. H., & Gewurtz, R. Community faculty in occupational therapy education: The benefits and challenges. Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists. June, 2008. Yellowknife, NWT. (Declined).

Vrkljan, B. H. Driving safety and in-vehicle navigation systems: Analyzing the relationship between older drivers and passengers. 7th National Workshop for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists. May, 2007. Ottawa, ON.

Vrkljan, B. H. Occupational disruption → Occupational identity crisis? Linking key theoretical concepts. Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists. July, 2007. St. John's, Newfoundland.

Vrkljan, B. H., & Miller Polgar, J. Older drivers and co-pilots: Determining the impact on driving safety. Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists July, 2007. St. John's, Newfoundland.

Vrkljan, B. H. & Polgar Miller, J. Driving safety in later life: Exploring the older driver-passenger relationship. TRANS ED 11th International Conference of Mobility for Elderly and Disabled Persons. Montreal, QUE, June 2007.

Polgar Miller, J., Shaw, L. E., & Vrkljan, B. H. An evidence-based toolkit for promoting Safe Transportation for Seniors. World Federation of Occupational Therapists. July, 2006, Sydney, Australia.

Vrkljan, B. H. , & Miller Polgar, J. Living longer, driving longer: Understanding the mobility needs of older adults. World Federation of Occupational Therapists. July, 2006, Sydney, Australia.

Vrkljan, B.H., & Miller Polgar, J. In-vehicle navigation systems and driving safety: An analysis of older drivers and passengers. International Conference Aging, Disability and Independence. February, 2006, St. Petersburg, FL.

Presentations (*Peer-Reviewed*)...Cont'd

Vrkljan, B.H., & Miller Polgar, J. Driving safety in older adulthood: The potential impact of technology. Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists. June, 2006, Montreal, QUE.

Vrkljan, B. H., & Miller Polgar, J. Living longer, driving longer. Understanding the needs of older drivers and their families. Canadian Association on Gerontology. October, 2005, Halifax, NS.

Vrkljan, B. H., & Miller Polgar, J. Driving, health, and older adulthood: Implications of an aging society. Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists, May, 2005, Vancouver, BC.

Vrkljan, B. H. The International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health: Exploring the relationship between driving, driving cessation, and the health and well-being of older adults. January, 2005, Rehabilitation Sciences Seminar Series, The University of Western Ontario, London, ON.

Vrkljan, B. H. The World Health Organization's (WHO) International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health (ICF): Theoretical and Clinical Considerations for the Driving Rehabilitation Specialist. Paper presented at the sixth national conference of Driving Rehabilitation Specialists, May 2004, Edmonton, ALB.

Miller Polgar, J., Shaw, L., & Vrkljan, B. H. Ensuring Safe Transportation for Seniors: Potential Implications for Occupational Therapists. Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists, May 2005, Charlottetown, PEI.

Vrkljan, B. H., & Korzycki, M. Driving into the future: Vehicular technology and the older driver. Poster session presented at the 6th annual World Congress on Aging and Physical Activity, August, 2004, London, ON.

Miller Polgar, J., Shaw, L., & Vrkljan, B. H. (2004). Safe transportation for seniors Canadian Seating and Mobility Conference Proceedings, 33-35. Toronto, ON.

Vrkljan, B. H., & MacKinnon, J. 'Uncovering' the truth about intimacy. National conference of the Canadian Association Occupational Therapy, May, 2003, Winnipeg, MB.

Vrkljan, B. H., & Miller-Polgar, J. The meaning of occupational engagement in life-threatening illness. National conference of the Canadian Association Occupational Therapists, May, 2001, Calgary, ALB.

p. Administrative Responsibilities

1) Department

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| 2010 – present | M.Sc. Occupational Therapy, Term Chairs group member |
| 2009 – present | Admissions Committee (Vice-Chair), MSc PT & OT Programs |
| 2007 – present | M.Sc. Occupational Therapy Evaluation Sub-Committee member |
| 2007 – 2009 | M.Sc. Selection Committee, Faculty Positions (Anatomy, Physiotherapy) |
| 2007 – present | M.Sc. Occupational Therapy, PREP course coordinators group member |
| 2007 – present | M.Sc. Occupational Therapy, PBT course coordinators group member |
| 2006 – present | M.Sc. Occupational Therapy Curriculum Committee member |

2) Faculty

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| 2010 | McMaster Medical School Admissions, Interviewer |
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2006 – present Learning and Technology Advisory Committee member
2008 Selection Committee, Assistant Professor, Learning & Technology

q. Biographical Listings

none

r. Other Responsibilities

none