**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**Licensure and Credentials**

**Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners:** Texas License #103925

**National Board Certification for Occupational Therapy:** Certification #979124

**EDUCATION**

**Doctor of Occupational Therapy** (Post-professional OTD)May 2016

Area of Study: “Fostering Client-Centeredness in OTA Students”

*Mount Mary University, Milwaukie, WI*

**Master of Science in Health and Physical Education** December 2002

Thesis Topic: “Burnout among Occupational Therapist in Texas”

*The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX*

**Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy** May 1991

*Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, TX*

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Willard and Spackman’s Occupational Therapy Editorial Advisory Board**

June 2021 - present

Required textbook for all occupational therapy and occupational therapy assistant student programs globally.

**Program Director and Clinical Assistant Professor**

The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas (UTEP)

June 2018 – present

* Manage and supervise daily operations of MOT faculty, staff, and students in accordance with university, accreditation, national and state requirements
* Manage the MOT re-accreditation process with the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)
* Manage the MOT to OTD Transition process within UT Systems/UTEP, ACOTE, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), and The Southern Association of Colleges and Universities
* Attend University, College, Department, and Program as well as national and state Leadership Council and Program Director Meetings
* Complete teaching, scholarship, and service requirements

Key Achievements: MOT Re-accreditation and OTD Candidacy Approval from ACOTE 2020; OTD Transition UT Systems approval with pending approval from THECB 2021

**Academic Fieldwork Coordinator**

The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas (UTEP)

September 2019-July 2020 and

July 2010 – August 2012

* Managed and communicated with students, clinical site coordinators, and other agency volunteers before, during, and after clinical rotations in accordance with university, accreditation, national and state requirements.
* Attended national, state, and other Academic Fieldwork Coordinator Meetings

Key Achievements: Spring 2020: Procured 44 clinical rotations for 22 students (with an additional 34 different rotations procured after cancellations due to COVID-19).

**Clinical Assistant Professor**

The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas (UTEP)

January 2016 – present

The University of Texas at El Paso

* Teaching assigned courses
* Service to the University, College, Department, and Program as well as to the OT Profession at the local, state, and national level
* Research and scholarly pursuits
* Admissions Director

Key Achievements: New/adjunct faculty teaching mentorship; multiple course re-designs; creation and ongoing faculty-led abroad program for MOT students to Juarez, Mexico; creation and ongoing faculty-led abroad program for undergraduate/graduate students to Seville, Spain; procurement, management, and extension of grant funding; creation and ongoing management of MOT holistic admissions process

**Program Director**

Pima Medical Institute/Anamarc College Occupational Therapy Assistant Program, El Paso, Texas

September 2012 – January 2016

* Managed daily operations of faculty, staff, and students in accordance with changing agency, state, national and accreditation requirements
* Attended national and state Leadership Council and Program Director Meetings

Key Achievements: Graduation of 78 students after sudden and unexpected closure of Anamarc College with coordination of the United States Department of Education (USDE), ACOTE, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), THECB, and education providers. Transition from Anamarc curriculum (ACOTE teach out approval) to Pima Medical Institute curriculum (ACOTE new program approval)

**CLINICAL PROFESSINAL EXPERIENCE**

**Co-Founder and Occupational Therapist**

Therapy Missions (International Pro-Bono Therapy Services), East Greenwich, RI

January 2007 – present

* Provide ongoing and consultative occupational therapy services for clients in underserved areas that includes treating clients, training providers, and teaching caregivers how to improve functional outcomes.

**Sole Occupational Therapist**

Veteran’s Administration Health Care Center, El Paso, TX

September 2007 – June 2010

* Created the first occupational therapy department at the El Paso VA and provided occupational therapy services in adult outpatient setting to former military service members and their families. Services included physical and behavioral health services. Supervision of professionals included PT, PTA, OTA, as well as technicians, medical support staff, and volunteers.

**PRN Occupational Therapist**

November 2002 – December 2012 *Del Sol Rehabilitación Hospital, El Paso, TX*

**Occupational Therapist**

March 1995 – January 2001 *Tenet Health Care Corporation, El Paso, TX*

**Occupational Therapist**

January 1994 – September 2007 *Infinity Services, El Paso, TX*

**Occupational Therapist**

April 1991 – August 1994 *The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research*

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Refereed Publications**

Bethea, D.P., Castillo, D.C., & Harvison, N. “Use of simulation in occupational therapy: Way of

the future?” 2014. American Journal of Occupational Therapy.

Castillo, D.C. “Experiences in a simulated hospital: Virtual training in occupational therapy.”

2011. OT Practice.

Silver, B.V., Boake, C., & Cavazos, D.I. “Improving functional skills using behavioral procedures in a child with anoxic brain injury.” 1994. Archives of Physical Medicine and

Rehabilitation.

**Manuscripts under Revision/Resubmissions**

Lin, M., **Castillo, D. C.,** Silva, A., Ali, K., Brookshaw, V. Y., Martinez, M. G., & Lopez, J. D.

Puzzles and older adults: A study in occupational performance. *Activities, Adaptation, &*

*Aging.*

**Published Thesis**

**Castillo, D.C.** (2002). *Burnout among occupational therapists in Texas*. [Master’s Thesis] El Paso, Texas: The University of Texas at El Paso.

**PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Invited presentations**

**Inequities in our Society: Our Profession Prepared us for Crisis**

AOTA Multicultural Diversity and Inclusion Lecture Series June 17, 2021

Virtual national presentation

Virtual OTD Class presentation:

The College of St. Scholastica OTD Program, Duluth, MN December 8-9, 2020

Old Dominion University OTD Program, Norfolk, VA November 5, 2020

Midwestern University OTD Program, Chicago, IL October 30, 2020

Virtual OTD State Association Presentation

Texas Occupational Therapy Association Diversity Presentations September 26, 2020

Face to Face Presentation

TOTA State Conference, Austin, TX November 1, 2019

**Refereed Conference Presentations**

**Short Course: Patient-Driven Payment Model Update:**

**Understanding the Implications in Occupational Therapy** May 1, 2020

TOTA Rio Grande District Meeting, El Paso, TX

**Poster Presentation accepted:** Healthy People Healthy Environments:

Collaborations for Education and Research Diversity April 2020

*Campus Compact 2020, Seattle, Washington (*Canceled due to COVID-19)

**Poster Presentation accepted:** The Relationship is What Matters: Community

Practices with Long Term Effects April 2020

*Campus Compact 2020, Seattle, Washington (*Canceled due to COVID-19)

**Poster Presentation: Pet Care and Loneliness in Older Adults** with

Alvarez, V., Rodriguez, D., & Wyatt, J.

Accepted *AOTA Annual Conference, Boston, MA* March 2020

*(*Canceled due to COVID-19)

*UTEP Graduate Student Research Expo, El Paso, TX* November 2019

**Poster Presentation: Balance and Reported Independence in** November 2019

**Daily Living Skills** with Mepparambath, N., Sippiseuth, S.,

& Wankier, R.

*UTEP Graduate Student Research Expo, El Paso, TX*

**Short Course: How Crisis can Lead to Hope for the Future: Reflections on** October 2019

**Loss, Tragedy, and Resiliency**

TOTA Mountain Central Conference, Austin, Texas

**Poster Presentation: Keep the Music Playing: Meaningful Occupations** April 2019

**In Aging Musicians** with Aquino-Chavarria, A.

*AOTA Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA*

**Short Course: Closing the Gap: The Role of Occupational Therapy** April 2019

**in Providing Healthcare in**  **the Context of Diversity** with Gupta, J., Hunter-Bennett, C., Breland, H., Hanebrink, S., Connor, E., Leiser, S., & Alexander, T.

*AOTA Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA*

**Poster Presentation: Global health competencies for occupational therapy** October 2018 **education in the U.S.** with Pechak, C., Baeza C. Martinez, J., Reynaud, A.

*UTEP Graduation Student Research Expo, El Paso, TX*

**Poster Presentation: Puzzles and older adults in El Paso, Texas: A qualitative** October 2018  **study** with Lin, M., Ali, K., Brookshaw, V., Goldner, M., and Silva, A.

*UTEP Graduate Student Research Expo, El Paso, TX*

**Panelista: Modelo de atención especializada multidisciplinaria para niño** August 2018 **con trastorno de aspecto Autístico.**

*Universidad Autonomía de Ciudad Juaréz, Juaréz, MX*

**Ergonomics Presentation in the workplace** with Fierro, C. in Alumni Office May 2018

*The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX*

**Poster Presentation: Aging in motion: The impact of dance on older adults** April 2018 with Pearson, K.

*AOTA Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, UT*

**Poster Presentation: Productive aging and exercise: A concentration on** April 2018 **running and the elderly** with Lara, O.

*AOTA Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, UT*

**Short Course: Postural and fine motor coordination issues in children** April 2018

with Driggs, M., Dixon, S., Obrien, S., Vaquera, M.

*TOTA Rio Grande District Meeting, El Paso, TX*

**Short Course: Job skills training for individuals with Down Syndrome** April 2018

**transitioning from childhood to adulthood** with Cabrera, R., Fuentes, S.,

Palomino, S., Richardson, A.

*TOTA Rio Grande District Meeting, El Paso, TX*

**Poster Presentation: Dancing as a meaningful occupation in an Elderly Person** April 2018

with Miguel, I. and Fuentes S.

*UTEP Health-Focused Interdisciplinary Research Spotlight, El Paso, TX*

**Conversations that Matter: The impact of client-centered care: carrying the** April 2018

**weight of privilege** withHunter-Bennett, C.

*AOTA Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, UT*

**Short Course: Cultural safety: Creating Safe and inclusive spaces** with Gupta, J.,April 2018

Hunter-Bennett, C., Breland, H., Connor, E., Hanebrink, S., & Gurlock, P.

*AOTA Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, UT*

**Ergonomics Presentation in the Workplace for** Library Department December 2017

*The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX*

**Poster Presentation: Fostering client-centeredness in Students** October 2017

*AOTA Education Summit, Fort Worth, TX*

**Culturally sensitive care: hands on treatment experience with simulated** April 2016

**clients from diverse backgrounds** with Gupta, J., Hunter-Bennett, C.,

Breland, H., Connor, E., Hanebrink, S., & Gurlock, P.

*AOTA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL*

**Desarrollo típico de motricidad fina** May 2015

*Segundo Congreso Universitario Fisioterepia, Juárez, MX*

**Sindroma de reposo prolongado** May 2014

*Primero Congerso Universitario Fisioterepia, Juárez, MX*

**The use of simulation in occupational therapy: The way of the future?** April 2013

*Occupational Therapy Education Summit, Atlanta, GA*

**Short Course: Creating an environment to foster student learning in a simulated hospital day** *AOTA Annual Conference, San Diego, CA*April 2013

**Poster Presentation: Therapy Missions: providing occupational therapy** April 2011

**services to the underserved in Juarez, Mexico**

*AOTA Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA*

**HONORS and AWARDS**

Texas Occupational Therapy Association Service Commendation 2020

UTEP College of Health Sciences Faculty Fellow in Community Engagement 2019-2020

The American Occupational Therapy Association Service Commendation 2014-2018

Top Graduate Student, The University of Texas at El Paso 2002

**GRANT FUNDING**

**Castillo, D.C. September 2019-2022.** Creating long-term sustainable work for individuals diagnosed with spinal cord injury. Two one-year no cost extensions granted due to inability to start the program during COVID-19. Craig K Neilson Foundation.

**GRANT SUBMISSIONS**

**Castillo, D.C.** January, 2018. Creating long term sustainable work for individuals diagnosed with spinal cord injury. Craig K Neilson Foundation.

**Fierro, C., Castillo, D.C.** April, 2018. National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research, Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRP) Program: Community Living and Participation (Research). Driving: The Gateway to Independent Community Access and Participation for Individuals with Disabilities.

**Castillo, D.C. and Fierro, C.** April, 2018. National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research, Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRP) Program: Community Living and Participation (Program Development), Creative Work Opportunities for People with Disabilities.

**OTHER SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

**Faculty-led Study Abroad: UTEP MOT Program Fieldwork I**

Fundacion Integra, Juarez, Mexico

August 2021

March 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19)

March 2019

March 2018

March 2017 October 2016

May 2016 (Created the program)

**Faculty-led Study Abroad: Collaborations in Health and Education**

Spanish Studies Abroad, Seville, Spain

December 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19)

May 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19)

May 2019

May 2018 (created a new program)

**Mining the Kindness Within** March 2018

*UTEP Live, El Paso, TX*

**Consultation with actors for a play about a disabled woman** March 2017

*UTEP Theatre Department, El Paso, TX*

**Boy Scouts of America Volunteer** 2001-2016

Advanced Wood Badge Leadership Training

Boy Scout Assistant Scout Master

Advancements Chair

Cub Scout Den Leader

**COURSES TAUGHT**

**The University of Texas at El Paso Masters of Occupational Therapy**

*Analysis and Adaptation I & II*

*Biomechanics*

*Concepts and Foundations in Community Engagement*

*Concepts and Foundations of Occupational Therapy*

*Fieldwork II A & B*

*Occupational Performance in Adults I & II*

*Occupational Performance in Mental Health*

*Occupational Performance in Older Adults*

*Occupational Performance in School-aged Children*

*Preceptorship Studies*

*Spanish for the Occupational Therapy Professional*

**Other Program at The University of Texas at El Paso**

*Collaboration in Rehabilitation Sciences*

*Global Health*

**Pima Medical Institute and Anamarc College Associates in Occupational Therapy Assistant**

*Introduction to Occupational Therapy*

*Communication Skills for the OTA*

*Occupational Therapy Assistant Skills for Pediatrics*

*Intervention Strategies for the OTA*

*Biomechanics for the OTA*

*Neuro Anatomy and Function for the OTA*

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS and SERVICE**

The American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) 1988 – present

* Multicultural and Inclusion (MDI) Leadership Team 2014 – present
* Co-Chair Terapistas Ocupacionales para Diversidad, Oportunidad 2014 – present

y Solidaridad (TODOS): Network of Hispanic OT Practitioners

* Roster of Accreditation Evaluators (RAE) 2000 – 2018
* Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) 2006 – 2012

The Texas Occupational Therapy Association (TOTA) 1988 – present

* + TOTA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Founding Committee Chair 2020 - present
  + TOTA Rio Grande District Chair 2016 - 2020
  + TOTA Rio Grande District Secretary 2010 - 2016

**LANGUAGES**

English: native language

Spanish: reads, speaks, and writes with basic competence

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**

TOTA Mountain Central Conference Houston, TX November 2021

UTEP Teaching Online Academy Virtual October 2021

AOTA Education Summit St. Louis, MO October 2021

AOTA Academic Leadership Council Virtual October 2021

AOTA Academic Leadership Council Virtual March 2021

AOTA Annual Conference Virtual April 2021

TOTA Mountain Central Conference Virtual November 2020

AOTA Academic Leadership Council Virtual October 2020

UTEP Team Based Learning El Paso, TX December 2019

AOTA Education Summit and Program Las Vegas, NV October 2019

Directors Meeting

ATOA Annual Conference New Orleans, LA April 2019

TOTA Mountain Central Conference Sugarland, TX November 2018

AOTA Education Summit and Program Louisville, KY October 2018  
 Directors Meeting

AOTA Annual Conference Salt Lake City, UT April 2018

AOTA Education Summit and Program Fort Worth, TX October 2017

Directors Meeting

UTEP Blackboard Training El Paso, TX August 2017

AOTA Annual Conference Philadelphia, PA April 2017

Introduction to Vestibular Rehabilitation El Paso, TX May 2016

AOTA Annual Conference Chicago, IL April 2016

AOTA Fieldwork Educator’s Workshop El Paso, TX July 2015

AOTA Annual Conference and Program Nashville, TN April 2015

Directors Meeting

TOTA Annual Conference Sugarland, TX November 2015

AOTA Annual Conference and Program Baltimore, MD April 2014

Directors Meeting

TOTA Annual Conference Sugarland, TX November 2013

AOTA Education Summit and Program Atlanta, GA October 2013

Directors Meeting

AOTA Annual Conference and Program San Diego, CA April 2013

Directors Meeting

TOTA Annual Conference Austin, TX November 2012

AOTA Annual Conference and Fieldwork Indianapolis, IN April 2012

Coordinators Meeting

TOTA Annual Conference Frisco, TX November 2011

AOTA Annual Conference and Fieldwork Philadelphia, PA April 2011

Coordinators Meeting

AOTA Fieldwork Coordinators Summit Scottsdale, AZ October 2010

AOTA Annual Conference Orlando, FL April 2010

AOTA Annual Conference Houston, TX April 2009

International Seating Symposium Orlando, FL March 2009

AOTA Annual Conference Long Beach, CA April 2008

VA Compensated Work Therapy/Employment Atlanta, GA November 2007

AOTA Annual Conference St. Louis, MO April 2007

AOTA Annual Conference Charlotte, SC April 2006

Roster of Accreditation Team Chair Training Charlotte, SC April 2006

Region 19 Assistive Technology Training Course El Paso, TX 2004 – 2005

Sensory Integration for School Children El Paso, TX April 2004

TOTA Annual Conference Sugarland, TX September 2003

Closing the Gap Assistive Technology Convention St. Paul, MS October 2002

AOTA Annual Conference Miami, FL May 2002

Roster of Accreditation Evaluators Workshop Bethesda, MD July 2001

Sensory Workshop El Paso, TX April 2001

Wheelchair Seating with School Children El Paso, TX March 2001

Autism Symposium El Paso, TX April 1999

TOTA Annual Conference Dallas, TX September 1998

Biofeedback Training Los Angeles, CA June 1997

Neurodevelopment Treatment Three Week Course San Jose, CA September 1996

Shoulder Complex Los Angeles, CA December 1995

Wheelchair Seating and Assistive Technology Houston, TX May 1994

Pain Rehabilitation Dallas, TX November 1993

“Write On” Loops and other Groups Handwriting Houston, TX April 1993

Therapeutic Modalities Houston, TX November 1992

Serial Inhibitory Casting Houston, TX September 1991