



Rehabilitation & Disability Special Interest Section (RDSIS) Practice Chat:

Meet and Greet

**RDSIS Standing Committee
November 19, 2025
8 PM ET**



Rehabilitation & Disability Special
Interest Section (RDSIS)
supports individuals with physical
dysfunction resulting from a wide
range of conditions

Sara Kate Frye - Chair

Educator

Current faculty member

Clinical educator

Research on Health Management

Clinical Experience 20+ Years

Home Health- 5+ Years (Current)

Inpatient Rehab- 15 years

Specialties

Chronic Conditions

Neurological Conditions

Seating and Positioning



Jody Niemann Priest - Communities Of Practice (CoP) Liaison

Current Position:

Divisional Lead Neurological OT in outpatient rehab

Past Experience:

Over 30 years experience in SNF, subacute, home health and outpatient settings

Areas of interest:

Vision Rehabilitation including post-stroke, dementia-related vision deficits and low vision



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Enrollment Surveys For CoPs



**Acute & Critical Care
COP**



**Adaptive Sports &
Leisure COP**



Cancer Care COP



**Lifestyle
Management COP**



Palliative Care COP



Women's Health COP

Tyler Hood - Committee Member

- Recent graduate from Washington University in St. Louis, School of Medicine, Program in OT.
- NBCOT
- Michigan



What got me into OT?

- Skiing accident resulting in TBI
 - **Occupational Therapy**
 - Physical Therapy
 - Speech Therapy
 - Neurological Therapy

Areas of Interest

- Outpatient
- Long term hospitals
- Neurological population
- Pediatric population





Website Design

Design and add aesthetics to the RDSIS website

Website Content

The team and I develop content and incorporate it on the website

Check it out



Megan Mahaffey- Committee Member

- OT for 18 years in Inpatient Rehab
- Interest Areas: SCI & Assistive Technology
- Adjunct Professor in MOT program
- Engagement Coordinator
- Fun Fact: I have never lived in a county



Practice Chat Needs Assessment



Liz Zubenko- Committee Member

-OT for 12 years working primarily in acute care

-Currently at a level 1 trauma hospital in the suburbs of Chicago

-Passionate about mentorship and guiding the next generation of our profession

-Fun fact: joined Peace Corps Paraguay prior to entering OT school



Christine McNichols:

Committee Member

-OT for 9 years and graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University

-Currently a postdoctoral research fellow in occupational therapy and gerontology

-Continues to work PRN in acute care

-Professional interests include health services research and cancer rehabilitation



Mentorship Program

- Connects new OT practitioners with a seasoned OTR/L or COTA mentor
- Mentors: impart your knowledge and guide a new practitioner toward success
- Mentees: obtain support and resources to further develop and gain confidence in your practice



Accepting applications now!

Mentorship Program

Mentor Application:

<https://forms.gle/Bm5JDpCjQ9G7Na626>



Mentee Application:

<https://forms.gle/82iv4nhaveSy5DvG6>



Kristen MW Chang:

Editor; Committee Member

OT for 15 years, OTD from St. Catherine University

Supervisor for Level I & II students through University of Minnesota

PRN at Mayo Hospital, Rochester MN

Fun Fact: I love all things winter!



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Tatiana Guerrero-David:

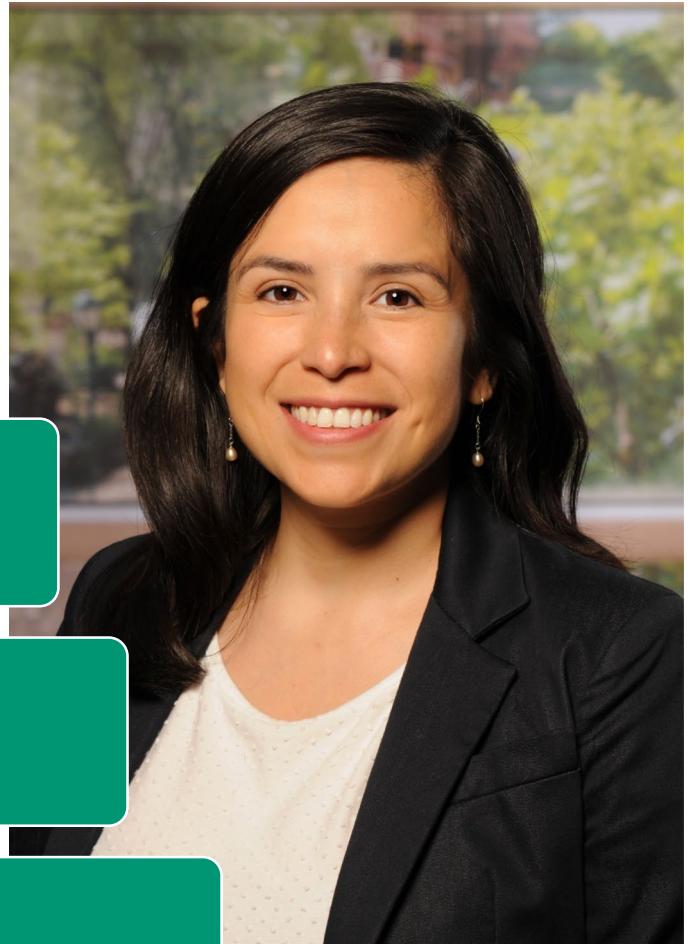
Committee Member

-OT for 2.5 years, graduated from Thomas Jefferson University

-Currently PRN at Magee Rehab Hospital and research therapist at Moss Rehab

-experience includes clinical research focused on SCI and stroke

-Professional interests include neurorecovery and community accessibility



Speciality spotlights

*Calling for OTPs that can highlight their unique experience

-To be featured in a once a month post.

-For examples see:

<https://rdsis.aota.org/specialty-spotlight/>

Monitor CommunOT

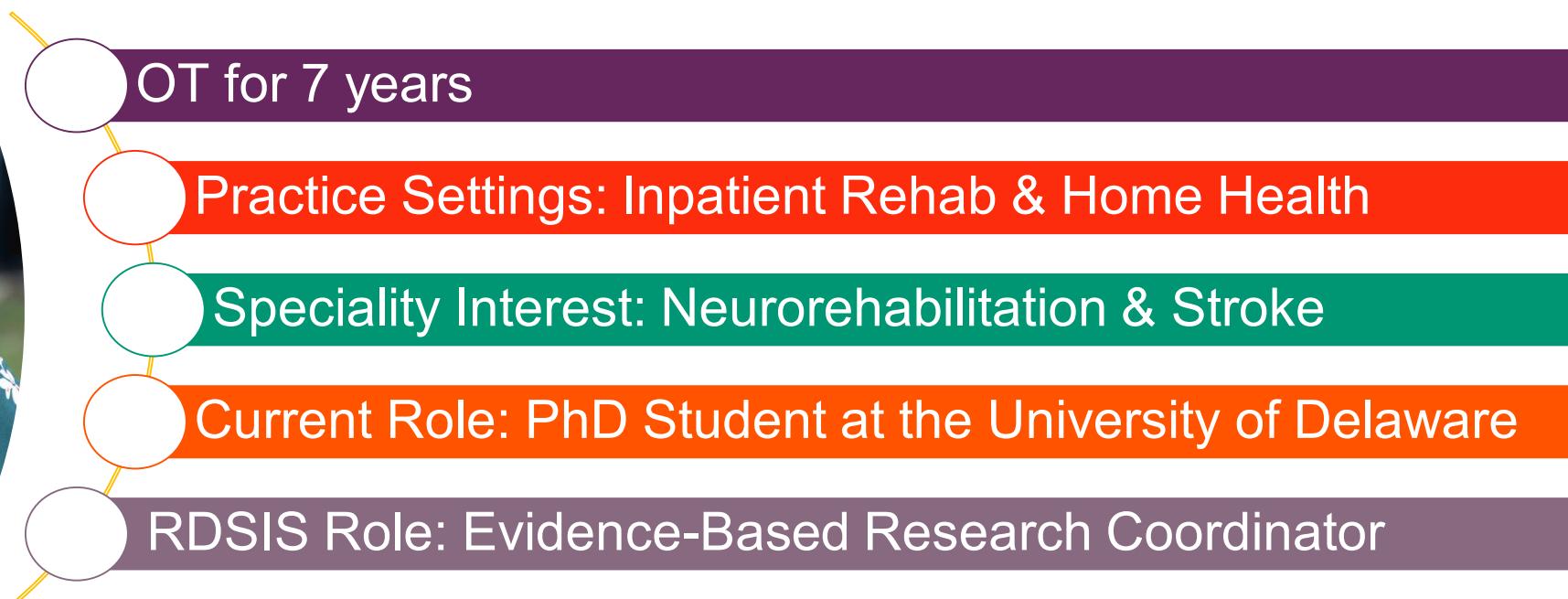
*Highlight what members need/what supports they are looking for by their posts on CommunOT

-Facilitate communication between RDSIS members and the committee

Interested in being featured or know someone, please send me an email to tatianaguerrero.tg@gmail.com

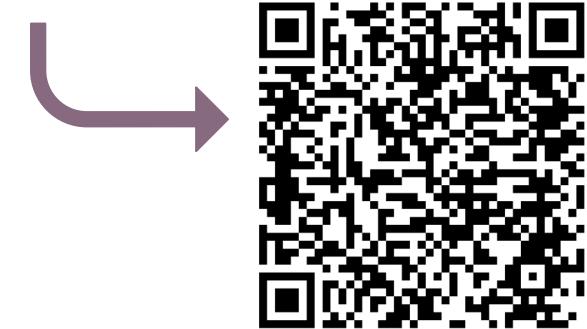


Joanna Hoh – Committee Member



Research Conversations

On RDSIS's CommunOT, look out for #ResearchConversations



Monthly/Bi-monthly summaries on CommunOT about articles of interest for the RDSIS community

Open to topic suggestions/requests for future posts!

RDSIS Interns



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Student at Nova Southeastern University
in Fort Lauderdale, Florida



Breanna Evans, OTD/S
Student at University of Missouri in
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