



INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Occupational Therapy Doctorate

OTD@IWU Scholarship Agenda

The faculty in the OTD program at IWU seek to explore the created world through rigorous scientific investigation in order to increase knowledge concerning the holistic nature of humans, the impact of meaningful occupations, and advance the access to meaningful occupations for all people. OTD faculty will demonstrate servant-leadership as they collaborate with students and partner with alumni and community organizations in answering pressing questions. As they move through the curriculum, students will demonstrate understanding, application and analysis, and creation of a final project for dissemination to stakeholders. This process of meaningful engagement is designed to meet the needs of the program and students in the building of knowledge and skills, but also the field of occupational therapy and the clients who participate as knowledge is translated into improved practice.

Individual Scholarship Agenda:

Area(s) of Interest and Inquiry:

- Translation of psychologically rewarding occupations into therapy
- Sensory processing post trauma
- Use of theory in OT practice
- OT student wellness

Philosophy of Student Collaboration: I value learning through inquiry and doing. Students plan and lead the research meetings, deliberate over the research questions, and determine how to disseminate the work. I walk alongside the students through this process, guiding and illuminating when needed. As much as possible, projects are completed in collaboration with community partners and occupational therapy clinicians, keeping outcomes meaningful with clear clinical utility.

Scholarly Work:

Topic/Title:	Status:
Theory Use: Using our road maps well: How OT practice models can guide use of meaningful occupation in daily practice.	Poster Presentation AOTA Inspire 2023
Theory Use: Meaningful Occupation: Let's do this! Practice patterns of occupational therapists.	Poster Presentation AOTA Inspire 2021
Sensory Processing: Daily Sensory Snapshots: Exploring the sensory experiences of adults with a history of childhood trauma.	Poster Presentation AOTA Inspire 2023
Sensory Processing: Sensory processing and non-suicidal self-injurious behaviors in adolescents in out-of-home care.	Poster Presentation AOTA Inspire 2021
Meaningful Occupation: The role of joy in occupational therapy	Presentation IWU Faculty Symposium 2022

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