

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

April 2013

### **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

University of Kentucky (1996-2008)  
Lexington, Kentucky  
Doctor of Philosophy  
Educational Policy Studies and Evaluation

Rush University (September 1982 - March 1984)  
Chicago, Illinois  
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy  
Area of Specialty: Sensory Integration

Temple University (September 1976 - June 1980)  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy

### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, Department of Occupational Therapy, College of Allied Health and Nursing Richmond, Kentucky 1991-present. - Professor (tenured 1993); Coordinator Graduate Program (1993-2000),

KEAN COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY, Department of Occupational Therapy, Union, New Jersey – Assistant Professor (tenure track position). (9/88-6/91)

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, Department of Occupational Therapy, College of Allied Health and Nursing Richmond, Kentucky - Assistant Professor 7/85-7/88 (tenured 1988) – Instructor (8/83-7/85)

PRIVATE PRACTICE, Consultation/Treatment in the area of pediatric occupational therapy/sensory integration approach. 1/84-1/99

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CONSULTANTS, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA - Contract Occupational Therapist. Responsibilities: Patient treatment and consultation in the areas of hand injuries and physical disabilities. 11/80-3/82

ALFRED I. DuPONT INSTITUTE, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE. Staff OT. 7/80-8/82 and spinal cord injuries; (2) Diagnostic consultation to developmental clinics; (3) Supervision of OT students; (4)

### **CURRENT PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION**

Professional Certification:

Occupational therapy Registry Number 414813 (1980)  
Sensory Integration Registry Number 2218  
Kentucky Occupational Therapy License Number R0125  
New Jersey School Certification (1988)

### **LOCAL PARTICIPATION/ PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- Reviewer, Lippincott Williams and Wilkins publisher, 1999-present.
- Christ the King, School Board, 2008 – 2012
  - o President, 2010-2012
  - o Vice President, 2009-10
  - o School Policy Committee, 2008-2010
  - o Principal Search Committee 2012-2013
- Christ the King, PTO Board, 2001-2007

## **SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES**

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### Refereed Publications(selected)

Bibb, S.I., O'Brien, S.P., & Custer, M.G. (2012). LoAD books: Using e-technology to facilitate children's reading skills. American Occupational Therapy Association Technology Special Interest Section Quarterly, 22(1), 1-4.

Peranich, L., Reynolds, K., Cranfill, T., Bosch, J. O'Brien, S. (2010). The roles of occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech/language pathology in primary care. The Journal for Nurse Practitioners, 6(1), 36-43.

O'Brien, S., Pierce, Shasby, S. Cunningham, R. & Schneck, C. (2007). Responsible decision-making through measured criteria for faculty time use. *OT in Healthcare*, 21(1/2) 227-237.

Myers, C.T., O'Brien, S. P., Pierce, D., & Thompson, M.E. (2007). Using occupation by design to synthesize across multiple models for services to children and families. In S. Dunbar (ed.) Occupational Therapy Models for Intervention with Children and Families. (p. 157-186). Thorofare, NJ: Slack Inc.

O'Brien, S. P. (2002). Meshing public policy, advocacy, evidence-based practice and children: A learning activity for college students. *Health Sciences Forum*, XIV, (1). Pp. 8-10.

O'Brien, S. P. & D'Amico, Mariana L. (2001). Promoting occupation in naturalistic settings: Community participation for children and their families. *College of Health Sciences Forum*, XIV, (1). 63-65.

O'Brien, S.P. (1992). Family issues concerning placement decisions for special needs children. *AHN FORUM*, 8 (1), 12-16.

#### Other Publications

Article - Popular or Disciplinary Nature (Published)

Wittman, M. P., O'Brien, S. P., Hall, J., Osbon, A., & Reed, L. In Gannett Company (Ed.), Feeling Better (4th ed., vol. 5, pp. 14-15). Hoffman Estates, IL: Today in OT. TodayinOT.com O'Brien, S. P. (2011). Professional socialization : Internalizing the AOTA Centennial Vision. *OT Practice*, 16(9), 15-16.

Contributing author: (1996). ***Guidelines for the Delivery of Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Services in Educational Settings***. KY Department of Education.

### Grants

Submitted and funded (11/08). Interdisciplinary Service Learning for Successful Social Participation in Childhood Occupations. Eastern Kentucky University Quality Enhancement Program Grant. (\$9,600)

Submitted and funded (10/08) Service-Learning Course Mini Grant (\$3,000). Kentucky Campus Compact/Louisiana Campus Compact. (\$3,000).

Submitted and funded (co-authored with C. Schneck) CSAP Incentive Grant. Increase understanding of OT roles in an educational model. (\$2,700) American Occupational Therapy Association.

### SCHOLARLY PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, ETC.

2013

Osbon, A. (Presenter & Author), Saunders, T. (Presenter & Author), Howard, F. (Author Only), Hall, J. (Author Only), O'Brien, S. P. (Author Only), Reed, L. (Author Only), Combs, B. (Author Only), Bentley, D. (Author Only), Wittman, M. P. (Author Only), Kentucky Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, "Implementation of Sensory Strategies in Mental Health Programing", Bowling Green, KY,

Cranfill, T. B. (Presenter & Author), O'Brien, S. P. (Author Only), American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, "Perceptions of Interprofessional Practice", ASHA, Chicago, IL, national, refereed, No, Accepted. (November 14, 2013).

O'Brien, S. P; Ellis, K., 2013 Infant Toddler Conference, "Sensory Teams: Collaborating for Success in Early Childhood", Lexington, KY, state, invited, Yes, Birth Through Preschool, All ECU Service Region, Published, Workshop. (July 25, 2013).

Myers, C. T. (Presenter & Author), O'Brien, S. P. (Presenter & Author), CKSEC Summer Institute, "Evidence Based Practice for School Aged Therapy", Central Kentucky Special Education Coop (CKSEC), Lexington, KY, regional, invited, Yes, Health Care, All ECU Service Region, Continuing Education, Professional. (July 11, 2013).

Howard, F. (Presenter & Author), Hall, J. (Presenter & Author), Wittman, M. P. (Presenter & Author), O'Brien, S. P. (Author Only), Osbon, A. (Author Only), American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, "The Efficacy of Sensory-Based Interventions in Improving Mood & Arousal Levels of Patients in an Adult Psychiatric Unit", San Diego, CA, national, refereed, (April 25, 2013).

O'Brien, S. P., Inservice Training for Related Services, "Sensory Processing & Vestibular Input: Considerations for School-based Practice", Fayette County Public Schools, local, invited, (April 19, 2013).

Myers, C. T; O'Brien, S. P., 4th Annual meeting the Therapy Needs of Infants, Toddlers and Children with Disabilities in Rural Counties, "Evidence Based Practice in Pediatric Therapy", Lexington, KY, invited,

Continuing Education, 100 participants. (March 9, 2013).

Wittman, M. P; Bundy, M. B; O'Brien, S. P., 2013 Gulf-South Summit, "Co-Learning about Autism and Civic Engagement", Louisville, KY, regional, refereed,

## 2012

Miller, V. & O'Brien, S.P. The Sensory Profile and Activity Choice of a Child with Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Case Study. Poster Presentation. OCALICON 2012. November 14, 2012. Columbus, OH.

Wittman, P. & O'Brien, S.P. Autism Spectrum Disorders. Social Work Conference: Restoring Hope: Educating today's human services and social work professionals. Invited 1.5 hour presentation. Hazard Community College. September 19, 2012.

Howard, F., Hall, J., Combs, B., Osbon, A., Reed, L., O'Brien, S., Wittman, P., & Maynes, L. Sensory Groups in Mental Health: Transforming modulation. Poster Presentation. Kentucky Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference. August 2012. Bowling Green, KY.

O'Brien, S. & Myers, C. 2012 Fine Motor Skills in Play and Daily Routines. 2012 Infant-Toddler Institute. Lexington, KY. August 2012. 3 hour presentation.

Adams, S., Bosley, Lisa, Hunter, G., Marken, D. Lovin, C., O'Brien, S. & Robles, M. (2012, April 9) Closing the Loop PLC. Eastern Kentucky University Teaching-Learning Center presentation.

O'Brien, S. (2012). Authentic Engagement in Critical Thinking with Professional Issues. Quality Enhancement Program 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration Eastern Kentucky University. (2/7/12). Poster Session.

## 2011

O'Brien, S. (2011). Moving RtI into evidence based practice: Considerations for OTs and PTs in Kentucky. Invited workshop (5 hour workshop). Wilderness Trail Educational Cooperative. Somerset, KY. (11/21/11).

O'Brien, S., Effgen, S., Myers, C. & Kleinert, J. (2011). Collaboration in Web 2.0: An Inter-institutional Case Study, 2011 Kentucky Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference. Louisville, Kentucky. (9/17/11). Poster Session.

O'Brien, S., Effgen, S., Kleinert, J., & Myers, C. (2011). Collaboration and Inter-institutional offerings: Enhancing online learning with Campus Pack, 2011 Kentucky Converging Trends Conference. NKU METS Center. Erlanger, Kentucky. (5/24/11). Poster Session.

## 2010

Myers, C. & O'Brien S. (2010). Making sense of it: Sensory processing strategies for young children and families The 45th Annual Exceptional Children's Conference Louisville, KY 11/21/10.

O'Brien, S. & Myers, C. (2010). Constructing sensory-based learning environments: Sensory processing for children. Kentucky Association for Early Childhood Education Conference. Richmond, KY 11/18/10.

O'Brien, S. & Cranfill, T. (2010). Interdisciplinary service-learning for social participation in childhood occupations. Eastern Kentucky University Service Learning Showcase. 9/15/10.

Myers, C. & O'Brien, S. (2010) Understanding Sensory Processing: Strategies to support the needs of infants, toddlers and families. (3 hour workshop) 2010 Infant Toddler Institute. Lexington, KY.

Cranfill, T. & O'Brien, S. (2010). Interdisciplinary Experiences: Learning Through Collaboration. Kentucky Speech and Hearing Association. 2/25/10.

### AWARDS

- Distinguished Education Leader. ECU Student Government Association, May 2007
- American Occupational Therapy Association, Service Award, 2001.
- Golden Key National Honor Society, Honorary member, 1999.
- Lindy Boggs Award for Political Activity (Activism in the legislative and policy making environment). American Occupational Therapy Association, 1997.
- Distinguished Service Award, Kentucky Occupational Therapy Association, 1994-95.
- Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association (Mentoring in education and pediatric practice), 1992.
- American Occupational Therapy Association, Service Awards (2), 1990.
- Award of Performance, Paceine Center, Quito, Ecuador, 1988.
- Kentucky Outstanding Occupational Therapist of the Year, 1986-87.
- Outstanding Young Women of America, 1985-86.