

**USC CHAN OCCUPATIONAL
SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM**

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OF EVERYDAY LIFE**

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of Everyday Life

Friday, November 5, 2021

The 2021 USC Chan Occupational Science Symposium explores how the COVID-19 pandemic has altered the shape of everyday occupations and intersected with overlapping crises related to systemic racism and inequalities.

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SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

Friday, November 5, 2021

(All times listed are in Pacific Daylight Time)

8:00
A.M.

WELCOME REMARKS:

Grace Baranek PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA

Associate Dean, Chair, and Mrs. T. H. Chan Professor
of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy

8:15
A.M.

WILMA WEST LECTURE:

A luta Continua: Passages of Decolonial Love

Roshan Galvaan PhD, BSc (OT), MSc (OT)

Professor

University of Cape Town

8:55
A.M.

Break

9:05
A.M.

PANEL DISCUSSION:

**COVID-19, Racial Injustices, and Health Inequities:
Intersecting Pandemics and Impacts on Daily Life**

PANELISTS:

Sharon Cermak EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA

Professor

*USC Chan Division of Occupational Science and
Occupational Therapy, and joint appointment with
Department of Pediatrics at USC Keck School of Medicine*

Genevieve Fridlund Dunton PhD, MPH

Professor

Director, USC Real-Time Eating Activity and Children's
Health (REACH) Lab

*Department of Population and Public Health Sciences
Department of Psychology
USC Keck School of Medicine*

Manuel Pastor PhD

Distinguished Professor of Sociology and American Studies
& Ethnicity, and Director of Equity Research Institute at USC
USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences

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9:05

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Reginald Tucker-Seeley PhD

Edward L. Schneider Chair in Gerontology,
and Assistant Professor

USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology

MODERATED BY:

Mary Lawlor ScD, OTR/L, FAOTA

Associate Chair of Research and Professor
*USC Chan Division of Occupational Science
and Occupational Therapy*

10:00

A.M.

SOCIAL/DISCUSSION SESSIONS

MODERATED BY:

GLOBAL INITIATIVES TEAM

Daniel Park OTD, OTR/L, MSW

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11:00
A.M.

**SELF-PACED (ASYNCHRONOUS) VIEWING
OF PRE-RECORDED PRESENTATIONS**

4:00
P.M.

**KEYNOTE LECTURE:
COVID-19, Climate Change and Community Resilience:
The Shifting Character of Occupations Involved in
Disaster Preparedness and Response**

Lawrence A. Palinkas PhD

Albert G. and Frances Lomas Feldman Professor
of Social Policy and Health,

and former Chair of the Department
of Children, Youth and Families

USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work

4:45
P.M.

**CLOSING KEYNOTE LECTURE:
Occupational Science's Stalled Revolution
and a Manifesto for Reconstruction**

Gelya Frank PhD, MPW

Professor Emerita

USC Chan Division of Occupational Science

and Occupational Therapy, and joint appointment

with Department of Anthropology at USC

PANEL DISCUSSION:

**Neoliberalism, Colonialism and Social Transformation:
Envisioning Occupational Reconstruction Theory and
Practice in the Global North and Global South**

Mapheyeledi Motimele BSc (OT), MSc (OT)

Senior Lecturer

University of Cape Town

Vagner Dos Santos BaAppSc (OT), PhD

Senior Lecturer in Occupational Therapy

Charles Sturt University

IN CONVERSATION WITH GELYA FRANK

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5:30
P.M.

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WILMA WEST LECTURER



Roshan Galvaan

PhD, BSc (OT), MSc (OT)

Roshan Galvaan is Professor and previous Head of the Division of Occupational Therapy at the University of Cape Town (UCT). She aims to make critical contributions to the discipline of occupational science by understanding the complexities of human occupation in relation to contexts of marginalization and exclusion. Her current research focuses on occupational choice in contexts of social inequality, occupation-based community development, and supported education and personal recovery in higher education. In 2015, she received the UCT Social Responsiveness Award, recognizing her long standing collaborations through engaged scholarship with multiple community partners. In addition to numerous peer-reviewed journal articles, Dr. Galvaan recently co-edited two books: *Concepts in Occupational Therapy: Understanding Southern Perspectives*, a book co-produced with colleagues in India, and *Partnerships in Action: Transforming learning practices through interdisciplinary collaboration and community engagement*, a book demonstrating the utility of occupational science in improving the quality of basic education in South Africa.

KEYNOTE LECTURER



Lawrence A. Palinkas

PhD

Lawrence A. Palinkas is the Albert G. and Frances Lomas Feldman Professor of Social Policy and Health and former Chair of the Department of Children, Youth and Families in the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work. He also holds secondary appointments in the Departments of Anthropology and Preventive Medicine. A medical anthropologist, he is an expert in the areas of preventive medicine, cross-cultural medicine and health services research. His current research encompasses ethnographic studies of disaster preparedness and health disparities in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic and working collaboratively with marginalized and under-resourced communities. His work has been funded by the National Science Foundation, NASA, and National Institutes of Health, to name a few. Dr. Palinkas has also received numerous awards and is an elected fellow of the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare, American Anthropological Association, and the Society for Applied Anthropology.

CLOSING KEYNOTE LECTURER



Gelya Frank

PhD, MPW

Gelya Frank is Professor Emerita at the USC Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy and holds a joint appointment with the Department of Anthropology. A contributor to the disciplines of occupational science and medical anthropology, she has published numerous works on social transformations and occupational reconstructions and on the historical and philosophical foundations of occupational science and occupational therapy. Her work has been funded by USC's Good Neighbors program and she is the founding director of projects such as New Stories/New Cultures, NAPA-OT Field School in Guatemala, and the Tule River Tribal History Project. Dr. Frank is also the author of award-winning books, including *Venus on Wheels: Two Decades of Dialogue on Disability, Biography and Being Female in America* and *Defying the Odds: The Tule River Tribe's Struggle for Sovereignty in Three Centuries*.

CLOSING KEYNOTE PANELIST



Vagner Dos Santos

PhD, BaAppSc (OT), MSc (Dynamics of Health and Welfare)

Vagner dos Santos is a Senior Lecturer in Occupational Therapy at Charles Sturt University, Australia. He is recognized as an influential academic in occupational therapy, with a specific interest in Southern Occupational Therapies. His research focuses on under-researched and under-represented areas, such as the occupational experiences of domestic workers, young offenders, traditional communities, and urban migrants, as well as mental health needs, access, and policies. He has worked collaboratively with academics in fourteen countries in the Pacific, African, European, South, Central, and North American regions. He also held a tenured position at the University of Brasília, Brazil and has been granted fellowships and research grants from the Methodist University, the Ford Foundation, and the European Union. Dr. dos Santos is editor for the Brazilian Journal of Occupational Therapy and reviewer for several journals in public health, occupational therapy and social sciences.

CLOSING KEYNOTE PANELIST



Mapheyeledi Motimele

BSc (OT), MSc (OT)

Mapheyeledi Motimele is a Senior Lecturer in the Division of Occupational Therapy within the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Cape Town (UCT). She teaches within the Work Practice Cluster and has a special interest in collaborating with marginalised groups to develop entrepreneurial projects as a form of sustainable employment. Broadly, her research interests are concerned with understanding both healing and violence within context. Currently, she is completing her PhD, which aims to describe and explain both the manifestation and expression of violence during the Rhodes Must Fall protests at the UCT between 2015-2016. Her study addresses the gap in literature on the effects of participation in protest on student activists' health and wellbeing and the potential contribution of occupational therapy to developing services for this population group. She was awarded and is currently on the South African Medical Research Council's (SAMRC) Professor Bongani Mayosi National Health Scholarship to complete her PhD.

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PANELISTS

Panelist:

Sharon Cermak

EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA



Sharon Cermak is Professor at the USC Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy and Professor of Pediatrics at the USC Keck School of Medicine. Her research focuses on autism spectrum disorder (ASD), dyspraxia/Developmental Coordination Disorder and sensory processing in different populations. Dr. Cermak currently directs a 3.4 million dollar randomized controlled trial funded by the National Institutes of Health to examine the benefits of adapting the sensory environment at the dentist to enhance oral care for children with ASD. She has completed studies of food selectivity and mealtime behaviors, oral care in children with ASD, and the relationship of physical activity, participation, and obesity in children with motor coordination disorders. Her current research focuses on time use and occupational engagement of college students during the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Cermak is a charter member of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation's Academy of Research.

Panelist:

Genevieve Dunton

PhD, MPH



Genevieve Dunton is Professor of Preventive Medicine and Psychology at USC. Her research examines the etiology of health behaviors related to chronic disease risk in children and adults, with a focus on physical activity and nutrition. Her current research also focuses on the impacts of COVID-19 on adult physical activity and mental health, especially for vulnerable populations. She is the Director of the USC REACH (Real-Time Eating Activity and Children's Health) lab, whose goals are to develop, test, and apply real-time data capture methodologies to better understand the effects of time-varying psychological, social, and environmental factors on eating and physical activity episodes. She is also the principal investigator on numerous studies funded by the National Institutes of Health and the American Cancer Society. Dr. Dunton is the author of over 150 peer-reviewed publications and was the past Chair of the American Public Health Association Physical Activity Section.

Panelist:

Manuel Pastor

PhD



Manuel Pastor is Distinguished Professor of Sociology and American Studies & Ethnicity and Director of the Equity Research Institute at USC. His research and publications have focused on issues of the economic, environmental and social conditions facing low-income urban communities, political polarization, immigrant incorporation efforts, racial equity, and community empowerment. He has received fellowships from the Danforth, Guggenheim, and Kellogg foundations, and grants from the Irvine Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the National Science Foundation, to name a few. He has also received many awards including the Liberty Hill Foundation's Wally Marks Changemaker of the Year award for social justice research partnerships and the Champion for Equity Award from the Advancement Project for his work with community-based organizations fighting for social change. Dr. Pastor's two new co-authored books, *South Central Dreams: Finding Home and Building Community in South L.A.* and *Solidarity Economics: Why Mutuality and Movements Matter* are set to be published in 2021.

Panelist:

Reginald Tucker-Seeley

MA, ScM, ScD



Reginald Tucker-Seeley is the inaugural holder of the Edward L. Schneider chair in gerontology and Assistant Professor in the Leonard Davis School of Gerontology at USC. His research has focused on social determinants of health across the life course, such as the association between the neighborhood environment and health behavior; and on individual-level socioeconomic determinants of multi-morbidity, mortality, and self-rated physical, mental, and oral health. He has a longstanding interest in the impact of health and social policy on racial/ethnic minorities and across socioeconomic groups. He has experience working on local and state level health disparities policy, and in the measuring and reporting of health disparities. He has received funding from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) for research focused on the development of measures of financial well-being for cancer research. In 2017-2018, Dr. Tucker-Seeley was a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow with a placement in the United States Senate.

ASYNCHRONOUS/ PRE-RECORDED PRESENTATIONS

Reshaped: Student occupations in higher education during the COVID-19 pandemic

Ashley Uyeshiro Simon OTD, OTR/L, MSCS

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Myka Winder OTD, OTR/L

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The impact of COVID-19 on the occupations of students with disabilities in higher education

Bethrese Elane Padini MA, OTR/L

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Tracy Jalaba OTD, OTR/L

Assistant Professor of Clinical Occupational Therapy

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Healing through occupational disruption

Tessa Milman OTD, OTR/L

Assistant Professor of Clinical Occupational Therapy

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Healthy occupational engagement in built environments:

Lessons learned from work-from-home transitions during COVID-19

Shawn Roll PhD, OTR/L, RMSKS, FAOTA, FAIUM

Associate Professor

Director of the PhD in Occupational Science Program

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Asynchronous/Pre-recorded Presentations

Riding the waves of COVID-19: A group surf therapy program's impact on emotional regulation, resiliency, and wellbeing

Kristin McConnell MA, OTR/L

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REAL recruitment: Insights and social media strategies from adapting to online outreach during COVID-19

Elinor “Ellie” Taylor MS, OTR

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Decolonizing, destigmatizing, and reframing demographic data

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Managing anxiety while navigating re-engagement in community based occupations in a pandemic context

Rebecca Cunningham OTD, OTR/L, MSCS

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The challenges of physical activity as an occupation for older adults from communities of color

Rafael Wagas OTD, OTRP, OTR/L

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Karen D. Lincoln PhD

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Implementation of the SENSE program across NICUs during the COVID-19 pandemic

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Asynchronous/Pre-recorded Presentations

COVID-19, community-based partnerships and knowledge mobilization

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Impact of COVID-19 on work: The transactional nature of work from home

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