

AOTA American Occupational Therapy Association

INSPIRE

2024 Annual Conference & Expo
March 21–23

Orlando

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Conference at a Glance Wednesday, March 20

Unlock Your Potential at AOTA INSPIRE | 2024 Annual Conference & Expo

Be part of the largest gathering of occupational therapy practitioners and students in the world at AOTA INSPIRE | 2024 Conference & Expo in Orlando, March 21-23, 2024. Join us as we unite as a profession to learn together and support each other in discovering new ways to create impactful solutions in our clients' daily lives.

You'll find abundant learning opportunities that empower your continuous growth and establish you as a trusted partner to your clients. Don't miss this chance to learn new ways to demonstrate your unique value, explore new possibilities, and help shape the future of occupational therapy.

Session Types Review

Each session will help you to advance your knowledge and improve client outcomes.

- ▶ **Workshops**—3-hour sessions that feature intermediate and advance-level content.
- ▶ **Short Courses**—1-hour sessions that explore a variety of topics.
- ▶ **Tech Labs**—Hands on, interactive opportunities that explore high and low technology products.
- ▶ **Scientific Research Panels**—Multiple perspectives on topical areas in scientific research.
- ▶ **Poster Sessions**—Cutting edge research and the opportunity to discuss the findings one-on-one with the presenter.
- ▶ **Conversations That Matter**—50-minute facilitated discussions on specific OT-related topics.

Download the App

Looking to customize your Conference agenda? The AOTA INSPIRE 2024 Mobile App is the ONLY place to access the full event schedule.



DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

Pre-Conference Institutes

12:00 pm–6:30 pm

ASD Connection Gathering

6:30 pm–8:00 pm

SIS Networking Reception

7:30 pm–9:00 pm

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Conference at a Glance Thursday, March 21

Keynote Address

Resilience at Work – How to Coach Yourself into a Thriving Future

What does Resilience at Work look like? Be prepared to accept *How to Coach Yourself into a Thriving Future*. It's a call to embrace the unknown, to transform adversity into triumph, and to forge a path towards a future that will leave everything in its wake. Simon will share the resilience of OT practitioners—that he interviewed prior to his keynote—that will serve as a ray of hope, illuminating the way forward in this brave new world.



Simon T. Bailey,
Writer and Entrepreneur

Expo Grand Opening

Immediately following the Keynote Address, join us in the Expo Hall as great food, friends, and finds fill the aisles. Visit with hundreds of companies that will empower you to address your clients' current challenges. Buffet lunch included.

The AOTA Experience

Feel inspired and empowered as you explore the AOTA Experience and connect with volunteers and AOTA staff ready to guide you on the latest AOTA essential

practice resources, tools to help develop and grow your career, ways to advocate for OT, and exciting volunteer opportunities. Collect special ribbons to be entered into a raffle for a free AOTA INSPIRE 2025 Conference registration in Philadelphia, PA!

You'll also find:

- ▶ AOTA Press books to support you on your professional journey.
- ▶ OT Month and AOTA branded products to help you demonstrate your OT pride and promote the profession.

OT Inventors Showcase

Join us for this exciting showcase where inventors give 5-minute presentations and receive feedback on their product in development. The audience and judges vote, and two winners will be awarded.

The Hidden Occupations and Co-Occupations of Women 2.0

Back by popular demand, this panel of Women and Infant Health experts will continue the discussion around the occupations and co-occupations related to the perinatal period for both women and infants, and the important role that OTs and OTAs have in advocating for those needs.

DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

Morning Buzz

7:15 am–8:00 am

Keynote Address

11:15 am–12:30 pm

Expo Hall Grand Opening

12:30 pm–2:30 pm

OT Inventors Showcase

2:45 pm–3:45 pm

The Hidden Occupations and Co-Occupations of Women 2.0

3:00 pm–4:00 pm

Film Screening: Do No Harm

5:30 pm–6:30 pm

OTA Meetup

5:30 pm–7:00 pm

IMPORTANT TIPS AND REMINDERS

Registration Hours

6:45 am–5:00 pm

The AOTA Experience

9:00 am–5:00 pm

Expo Hall Hours

12:30 pm–5:00 pm

Conference at a Glance Friday, March 22

Presidential Address

Different but Same

Discover how occupational therapy is the ultimate contradiction; we are the same but can look so different. Join AOTA President, Alyson Stover, as she highlights some of the unique ways occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants are practicing today and come away inspired by the positive impact we're making in the world.



**Alyson Stover, MOT, JD,
OTR/L, BCP**

agencies. All are invited! Presentations will occur all day on Friday, March 22, and poster sessions will be held on Saturday, March 23.



The American Occupational Therapy Foundation

Don't miss the Breakfast With a Scholar and the State of the Science Symposium, two exciting events brought to you by AOTF. Special rates apply.

Beyond the Force: OT in the Military & Federal Service

The US Army is having a revolutionary change with the new Holistic Health and Fitness System (H2F), which is dramatically impacting the military occupational therapy and government civilian workforce with unprecedented growth in their numbers not seen in 40 years.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is also experiencing growth and transformation with over 100 new civilian OT and OTA positions. Come and hear about the program highlights from the various Federal

TRANSform Your Perspective: Why Gender-Affirming Care Matters

Join this panel of transgender occupational therapy practitioners and care givers as they share their experiences to help educate and motivate you to deliver client-centered, gender-affirming care that promotes engagement in occupations.

Download the App

Looking for an exhibitor? Locate their booth with ease through the app's interactive map.



DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

Yoga for EveryBODY: Community Yoga

7:00 am–7:45 am

AOTF Breakfast With a Scholar

7:00 am–9:00 am

Beyond the Force: OT in the Military & Federal Service

8:00 am–5:00 pm

Presidential Address

11:30 am–12:15 pm

Salsa Dance Break

12:30 pm–1:15 pm

AOTF State of the Science

3:00 pm–5:30 pm

TRANSform Your Perspective: Why Gender-Affirming Care Matters

3:00 pm–4:00 pm

IMPORTANT TIPS AND REMINDERS

Registration Hours

7:00 am–5:00 pm

The AOTA Experience

9:00 am–5:00 pm

Expo Hall Hours

10:00 am–5:00 pm

Conference at a Glance Saturday, March 23

International Breakfast *Harnessing the Power of Community in Occupational Therapy: Working with Refugees and Beyond*

Join Dr. Rawan Alheresh as she discusses her work in a Palestinian refugee camp in Jordan. She will discuss the foundations of community-engaged practice, critical reflection of community versus person-centered practice, and lessons learned from harnessing the power of communities in practice. Special rates apply.



**Rawan AlHeresh, PhD,
OTR/L**

Eleanor Clarke Slagle Lecture

Bubble wrap is for Packages, Not for People: Balancing Dignity of Risk with Duty of Care

Supporting clients and their families to live “ordinary lives” is at the heart of occupational therapy. But an ordinary life—no matter who is living it—is full of risks. And risks often make us a little anxious. What if I, as a practitioner, encourage a client to take a risk and something undesirable does happen? Will I have shirked my duty of care?



**Anita Bundy, ScD, OT/L,
FAOTA, FOTARA**

Awards Ceremony & Reception

Recognize and celebrate AOTA and AOTF colleagues who have made significant contributions to enrich the OT profession.

AOTPAC Night

It's time for some Fun in the Sun! Join us for an amazing night of music, dancing, and celebration with friends and colleagues while supporting AOTPAC and AOTA's advocacy efforts! Let's toast to the OT profession! Special rates apply and are a contribution to AOTPAC.

Self-esteem is born out of meeting challenges. So is respect. In supporting clients and families to meet the challenges of an ordinary life, we balance duty of care with dignity of risk.

Download the App

Want to learn more about the speakers? Looking for their handouts? Find them in the app!



SCAN ME!

DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

Yoga for EveryBODY: Gentle Yoga

7:00 am–7:45 am

International Breakfast

9:00 am–10:30 am

Eleanor Clarke Slagle Lecture

11:15 am–12:30 pm

Drum Circle

12:30 pm–1:15 pm

Awards Ceremony

5:15 pm–6:30 pm

Awards Reception

6:30 pm–7:30 pm

AOTPAC Night

7:30 pm–10:30 pm

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Registration Hours

7:30 am–5:00 pm

Expo Hall Hours

9:00 am–2:00 pm

The AOTA Experience

9:00 am–2:00 pm

Registration Information

Pre-Conference Institutes: March 20, 2024
Conference: March 21-23, 2024

Orange County Convention Center

Contact Hours

Earn the contact hours you need to professional licensure recertification.

Attendee Registration Fees Include Access To

- ▶ All general sessions (e.g., Keynote, Presidential Address, Slagle Lecture)
- ▶ Poster Sessions
- ▶ Awards Reception
- ▶ Unlimited entrance to the Expo Hall.

Meals

Food is not included, except during the Expo Hall Reception.

Housing

Housing Deadline: Thursday, February 22, 2024
<https://aota2024.confencedirect.com/>

Reserving a room in the AOTA room block is an important way to support the Association and ultimately keep overall meeting costs as low as possible.

To receive AOTA's discounted rates, room reservations must be made through ConferenceDirect Housing. Individual hotels will not accept reservations at our group rate through any other method.

ConferenceDirect Housing is open Monday–Friday 9:00 am–7:00 pm ET, excluding federal holidays.

Phone: 877-510-4789

Email: aota@confencedirect.com



Pricing

1) Main Conference Registration Fees

REGISTRATION	Pricing	
	Early Ends 2/28	Regular Starts 2/29
AOTA Member Full Conference		
OT	\$480	\$550
OTA/Associate	\$405	\$475
Student/Retired	\$325	\$380
Non-Member Full Conference		
OT	\$738	\$775
OTA/Associate	\$660	\$697
Student/Retired	\$415	\$470
AOTA Member Daily (Th, Fri, or Sat only)		
OT	\$295	\$325
OTA/Associate	\$220	\$250
Student/Retired	\$220	\$250
Non-Member Daily (Th, Fri, or Sat only)		
OT/OTA/Associate	\$390	\$420
Student/Retired	\$265	\$295

2) Pre-Conference Institutes

If registered for Full or Daily Conference Registration: \$150

Without Conference Registration: \$195

Institute 018: CarFit Technician Training Plus Event Coordinator Training: \$50

Institute 021: New Academic Fieldwork Coordinator Workshop: \$75

Institute 022: Doctoral Capstone Coordinator Training: \$75

3) Special Events

ASD Connection Gathering: This meeting is open to ASD Representatives & Alternates (Students ONLY. No fee to attend.)

AOTF Breakfast with a Scholar (CE)

Friday, March 22 | 7:00 am–9:00 am

- ▶ **Member/Non-member:** \$75.00

AOTF State of the Science Symposium (CE)

Friday, March 22 | 3:00 pm–5:30 pm

No Fee to attend. Open to all registrants

- ▶ **OTs/OTAs:** \$50
- ▶ **Students:** \$25

Fun with AOTPAC - Game Time

Friday, March 22 | 4:00 pm–5:00 pm

Enjoy an hour of fun with a special event – more to come.

- ▶ **Member/Non-member:** \$15.00

International Breakfast

Saturday, March 23 | 9:00 am–10:30 am

- ▶ **Member/Non-member:** \$60.00

AOTPAC Night

Saturday, March 23 | 7:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Enjoy the last night of INSPIRE 2024 with colleagues and friends while supporting AOTPAC Music and Dancing – more details to come.

- ▶ **OTs/OTAs/Guests:** \$50
- ▶ **Students:** \$25



Benefits of Attending

- ▶ **Fulfill Your Licensure Requirements with Ease:** Attain all the continuing education credits necessary in one convenient location for professional licensure recertification, streamlining the process for maintaining your professional credentials.
- ▶ **Immerse Yourself in a Variety of Engaging Sessions:** Elevate your skills and knowledge with diverse session types tailored to meet the needs of practitioners from all backgrounds.
- ▶ **Join a Global Gathering of Professionals:** Elevate your professional network by participating in AOTA INSPIRE, drawing practitioners and students worldwide in the largest events for occupational therapy practitioners and students in the world.
- ▶ **All-Encompassing Event Experience:** Streamline your learning, networking, and vendor interactions into a power-packed, two-day event with AOTA INSPIRE—an all-in-one experience designed for maximum impact.
- ▶ **Tailor Your Learning:** Unlock the flexibility to shape your conference experience based on your specialization or venture into new areas to explore.
- ▶ **Dive into a Multitude of Activities:** Immerse yourself in a vibrant atmosphere with 24-26 simultaneous activities, ensuring an engaging and dynamic experience throughout the conference.
- ▶ **Expertly Curated Content for Your Growth:** Access peer-reviewed sessions, guaranteeing content curated and validated by practice experts for your professional advancement.
- ▶ **Unleash the Full Power of AOTA INSPIRE:** Harness the potential of the conference app to optimize your AOTA INSPIRE experience and make the most out of every moment.
- ▶ **Beyond the Conference:** Elevate your social experience with alumni receptions, discounted theme park tickets, and more.
- ▶ **In-Person Learning:** Immerse yourself in a rich and immersive learning experience with in-person continuing education, ensuring you maximize the value of your educational investment.

