

Susan Giarratano

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I am a passionate pediatric occupational therapist. I utilize a holistic approach and involve the family to the fullest extent in intervention sessions. I value and utilize Ayres sensory integration and the Model of Human Occupation in my practice. My graduate research looked at how attitudes about race, culture and ethnicity affect occupational therapy practice and I plan to continue this research in the future.

Experience -----

Pediatric Occupational Therapist - Dymond Speech & Rehab, Sanford, NC

November 2016-

Current

- Evaluate and treat children from 10 months-11 years
- Specialize in sensory integration, fine motor skills and gross motor skills
- Collaborate closely with ST & PT
- Treatments done in home, preschools and in our outpatient clinic in Lee county

Level 2 Student Clinician - Cortland School District, Cortland, NY

2016

- Evaluated and treated students at the four district elementary schools
- Encouraged fine and gross motor skill development through individual and group facilitation

Student Clinician - Ithaca College OT/PT Clinic

2012-2016

- Planned, organized and lead interventions for multiple clients
- Evaluated and treated preschool, adolescent, young and older adult over 4 semesters

Presentations & Publications -----

Presentation at OT Graduate Research Colloquium

March

2016

Ithaca, NY

- Occupational Therapists' Racial and Ethnic Attitudes: A Replication Study

"It's Okay to Laugh, Right?": Toward a Pedagogy of Racial Comedy

December

2015

in Multicultural Education

Presentation at the National Association for Multicultural Education

October

2015

New Orleans, LA

- Breaking the Tension: A Racial Comedy Pedagogy for Multicultural Education

**Presentation at James J. Whalen Academic Symposium
2015**

April

Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY

- The Race Comedy Project: The Fine Line Between Comedy and Racism

**Presentation at the National Association for Multicultural Education
2014**

November

Tucson, AZ

- Going Too Far? Exploring Race and Humor in Teacher Education

Community Involvement -----

Volunteer at Gigi's Playhouse, *Raleigh, NC*

January 2016-

Current

- Leaps & Bounds classes (infant-3 years)
- LMNOP classes (3-5 years)
- Work closely with class leader to incorporate sensory activities into each class

Volunteer Teacher Assistant at Beverly J. Martin Elementary, *Ithaca NY*

August 2013 - March 2016

- Acted as a positive role model for a second grade classroom
- Encouraged perseverance when working with students one on one and in groups

Education -----

Masters in Occupational Therapy

2016

Ithaca College, School of Health Science and Human Performance

Ithaca, NY

- Independent Thesis - Occupational Therapists' Racial and Ethnic Attitudes: A Replication Study
- Graduate Professional Excellence Award

Bachelor of Health Science in Occupational Therapy

2015

Ithaca College, School of Health Science and Human Performance

Ithaca, NY

- Minor in Communication Disorders
- Independent study in Education
- Award for Creative and Innovative Thought