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**Saturday May 28, 2022**

**9AM-4PM Morocco Time**

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**Saturday May 28th, 2022**  
**University of New England Tangier, Morocco**

**Time Outline 9AM - 4PM**

**08:00-09:00 Registration**

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| <b>09:00-09:15</b> | <b>Introduction &amp; Logistics :</b><br>Dr. Said Nafai, OTAM President<br>Dr. Anouar Majid, Vice President of Global Affairs, University of New England |
| <b>09:15-09:30</b> | Dr. Anita Hamilton, PhD, OT, Australia   |
| <b>09:30-09:45</b> | Zakaria Garno, MS, Morocco   |
| <b>09:45-10:00</b> | Yara Peterko, MS, OT, Austria  |
| <b>10:00-10:15</b> | Dr. Razan Hamed, PhD, OTR/L, Jordan/USA  |
| <b>10:15-10:30</b> | Dr. Hamza Chainabou, PhD, Morocco  |
| <b>10:30-10:45</b> | Dr. Rochelle, India/USA  |
| <b>10:45-11:00</b> | Adel Senhaji, Morocco  |

**11:00-11:30 Tea/Coffee Break & Posters Session**

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| <b>11:30-11:45</b> | Dr. Stacey Woods, OTD, OTR/L, Canada |
| <b>11:45-12:00</b> | Nour Bendahman, Morocco              |

**12:00-12:30 Keynote Presentation**

**Members of the First Occupational Therapy Cohort in Morocco**

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| <b>12:30-12:45</b> | Dr. Suzanne Rappaport, OTD, OTR/L, USA |
| <b>12:45-01:00</b> | Mohammed Belgaith, OT, Tunisia         |
| <b>01:00-01:15</b> | Dr. Pat Precin, PhD, OTR/L, USA        |

**01:15-02:00 Lunch Break & Awards Ceremony**

**Awards:**

***Dr. Khalid Benhassan, MD / Dr. Mohamed Tricha MD, PhD***

***Khadija Bouabaidi / Nour Bendahman***

***Members of First Occupational Therapy Cohort in Morocco***

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| <b>2:00-2:15</b> | <b>Distinguished Guest Speaker:</b> Dr. Mohamed Tricha MD, PhD, Morocco   |
| <b>2:15-2:30</b> | Dr. Adam DePrimo, PhD, OTR/L, USA   |
| <b>2:30-2:45</b> | Emily Belastock, OT/s, Haley Wheeler OT/s,<br>Marilyn Wey, OT/s, Rita-Marie Young, OT/s American International College, USA |
| <b>2:45-3:00</b> | Gerald Oler BS, OT, Botswana & Kelly Emblem MSc, OT Reg. Ont, Canada  |
| <b>3:00-3:15</b> | Ahmed Maouhoub, Morocco   |
| <b>3:15-3:30</b> | Jamal Dirkaoui, MS, Morocco   |
| <b>3:30-3:45</b> | Hanan Errami, Morocco   |
| <b>3:45-4:00</b> | Mohamed Ben Dahmane, BS, OT, Morocco, Ayoub Znifech BS, OT, Morocco, Wafae<br>Laachachi BS, OT, Morocco                     |

**4:00 Conclusion & End of Conference**



## Conference Chair

### *Dr. Said Nafai*



OTD, OTR/L, CLT, CAPS, Morocco/USA

President of the Occupational Therapy Association of Morocco

Associate OT Professor, American International College, USA

Dr. Said Nafai was born and raised in Morocco. He received his doctorate from Boston University. He is considered "The Father of OT in Morocco". Dr. Nafai is known for his advocacy and promoting OT worldwide. He provides OT services in rehab hospital and rehab facilities. He is a member of the GATE Community a group of the World Health Organization that aims to improve access to assistive technology worldwide. He has presented worldwide about the distinct value of OT. He is a certified aging in place specialist, a certified lymphedema therapist, and a board member of the Lymphedema Advocacy Group that aims to improve insurance coverage for compressions for lymphedema in the United State of America.

<https://lymphedematreatmentact.org/>





## Board Members of the Occupational Therapy Association of Morocco



*Dr. Said Nafai OTD, OTR/L, CLT*

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## Introduction

Dr. Said Nafai and Dr. Anouar Majid, PhD

### *Dr. Anouar Majid, PhD*



Professor Anouar Majid is the Vice President for Global Affairs and director of the Center for Global Humanities at the University of New England. He conceived and established UNE's campus in Tangier and oversees UNE's operations in Morocco. Dr. Majid has published widely on relations between Islam and the West. He was the co-founder and editor-in-chief of the print magazine *Tingis*, a Moroccan-American magazine of ideas and culture, which he now edits online at [Tingismagazine.com](http://Tingismagazine.com).



## Conference Keynote Speakers

### Members of the First Graduated Cohort of the Occupational Therapy Program in Morocco



*Hafsa Achebri, BS, OT*



*Chaimae Aloumi, BS, OT*



*Rkia Al Abyad, BS, OT*



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## **4th Annual Occupational Therapy Association of Morocco Conference**

### **Lunch & Awards Ceremony**



## **Leadership Excellence Award**



*Dr. Khalid Benhassan, MD*



*Dr. Mohamed Tricha, MD, PhD*



*Khadija Bouabaidi*



*Nour Bendahman*

## ***Leadership Excellence Award***

### **Dr. Khalid Benhassan, MD, Morocco**

**Director of the King Mohammed VI National Center for People with Disability**



Dr. Benhassan is the Director of the King Mohammed VI National Center for people with disability, since 2013. He is a member of the Moroccan Delegation to the International Conference on Population and Development (CIPS + 25), Nairobi, December 2019. He is a consultant at the Strategic Partnerships Seminar for the Promotion of Reproductive Health Rights of Populations in the Arab Region based on the ICPD program of action, Dubai, 03, 04 and 05 December 2018. Dr. Benhassan is a consultant to the Moroccan Ministry of Health for the Development of the 2025 Health Strategy, in charge of the National Health Commission for the Vulnerable and People with Disability, year 2018.



## ***Leadership Excellence Award***

**Dr. Mohamed Tricha, MD, PhD, Morocco**

**Head of Rehabilitation and Neurosciences Department**



Dr. Tricha is the Head of Rehabilitation and Neurosciences Department and Professor of Biomechanics, Faculty of Science in Rabat, University Mohamed V, Rabat, Morocco. He is the Founder President of the Moroccan Handigolf Association. He is the President of the Commission of Scuba Diving and Marine Activities for People with Reduced Activity.

He is the former President of the Madrid Federation Medical Commission of Sport for Physically disabled Persons. He is the Ambassador of Tamkine Foundation and Euro-Moroccan Alliance of Geriatrics and Gerontology in Morocco. Dr. Tricha is the Executive Director of the National Project: "Inclusive Education for Disabled People".

He is the Author of several articles of biomechanics and Rehabilitation.

## ***Leadership Excellence Award***

### **Mrs. Khadija Bouebaidi, Morocco**

**President of the Association La Crèche de Tangier  
for Newborn and Abandoned Children**



Mrs. Bouebaidi is the President of the Association La Crèche de Tangier for Newborn and Abandoned Children since 2006. She is the Vice President of the Chamber of Discipline of Freight Forwarders Approved in Customs in Casablanca since 2020. She is the Vice President of the Management Support Association of LaLLa Meriem Institute for Autistic Children in Tangier since 2020. She is the Vice Treasurer of the Support Association for the Multifunction Space for Women in Tangier since 2019. Ms. Bouebaidi is also the Vice President of the Association Musical Confluences in Tangier since 2018. She is the President of the Support Association for Mghougha Women's Education and Training Center Kbira in Tangier since 2015.

## ***Leadership Excellence Award***

### **Mrs. Nour El Hayat Bendahman, Morocco**

**President of the Nour Association of Alzheimer's Patients in Kenitra**



Mrs. Nour El Hayat Bendahman is the President of the Nour Association of Alzheimer's Patients in Kenitra (NAAPK), since 2014. She worked as a French teacher in the Moroccan public schools for 34 years. Then, in 2005, benefitted from early retirement. Mrs. Bendahmane opted for putting her energy in the associative work. She was a fervent member of Moroccan Human Rights Organization, Kenitra local branch. Then as a member of the executive committee of the same organization. NAAPK was born inside Mrs. Bendahman 's parental family, as her father suffered from the disease, and afterwards her mother as well. So, from Mrs. Bendahman' s suffering, AANPK was created.



## *Dr. Anita Hamilton, PhD, OT, Australia*



Dr. Anita Hamilton is an occupational therapy educator with 14 years' experience as a clinician and 20 years' experience in Higher Education. Anita teaches at all levels of the occupational therapy program and enjoys using immersive teaching techniques. Her research areas are in the areas of mental health, assistance animals, digital literacy, and scholarship in Higher Education. Anita recently completed an EMBA to enhance her own business literacy skills and to bring these skills to her teaching practice. Her vision is to collaboratively build the business literacy of her own students and our profession.

**Title:** At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

**Learning Objectives:** After attending this presentation, attendees will be able:

1. Define business literacy
2. Identify our profession's gaps and strengths in business literacy skills
3. Highlight the link between business literacy and sustainability

## *Mr. Zakaria Garno, MS, Morocco*



Mr. Zakaria Garno is President of the Ismailia Association for People with Disabilities in Meknes. He has a Masters in Litigation Law and he is a Doctorate candidate in private law in University of Oujda. He is a Consultant entrepreneur and civil society actor. He has more than 20 years of experience in various fields of professional and extra professional activity.

**Title:** Integrating People with Disability into Society: Exemplary Cases from the Ismailia Association for People with Disabilities

**Learning Objectives:** At the end of the presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Learn about the Ismailia Association
2. Learn about the importance of inclusion in the provided examples
3. Describe the Ismailia Association new initiatives and goals

## Yara Peterko, MS, Austria



Ms. Yara Peterko is an occupational therapist who works in an international team for Physiopedia as well as for Austria's national OT association. She graduated in Occupational Therapy (2009) and did her master's degree in health assisting engineering (2014). She combined working in the clinical field as well as teaching as external lecturer at Universities in Austria and overseas. Within her role as WFOT Delegate and board member, she has been involved in reviewing and developing occupational therapy curricula in Austria. Recently she joined the team of Physiopedia, to work on developing an interprofessional toolkit for the education of rehabilitation professionals around the globe.

**Title:** All Aboard': Generating Rehab Workforce Capacity Through Collaborative Interprofessional Education

**Learning Objectives:** At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Understand how collaborative approaches to education can optimize human-, teaching- and learning resources to strengthen the workforce and integrate occupational therapy alongside other rehabilitation professions into health systems, especially in lower-resourced areas.
2. Recognize the distinctiveness and commonalities within professional competencies, standards of practice, standards of education, and entry level curricula for physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and prosthetics and orthotics.
3. Reflect on their own educational programs to find opportunities to optimize resources to strengthen and integrate rehabilitation into health systems.



## *Dr. Razan Hamed,* PhD, OTR/L, Jordan/USA



Dr. Razan Hamed is an associate professor at the occupational therapy programs at Columbia University. She teaches courses in Statistics and Research Methods. She has taught various courses in different academic institutions including leadership and management, mental health, and psychosocial occupational therapy. She has an extensive research experience in adapting culturally relevant assessment tools for occupational therapists in Arab countries. She is a strong advocate for cultural humility, diversity, equity, inclusion, non-discrimination, and justice. She is an active member of the AOTA DEI committee in the US, and she is currently working on developing the occupational therapy group for Arab-American occupational therapy practitioners.

**Title:** Towards a Culturally-Relevant OT Practice in Morocco: Lessons learned from Jordan

**Learning Objectives:** At the end of the presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Review what cultural relevant OT practice means: considerations for education, practice, & advocacy
2. Review important steps toward achieving culturally relevant OT practice
3. Review examples of a similar culturally relevant OT practice from Jordan

## *Dr. Hamza Chainabou, PhD, Morocco*



Dr. Hamza Chainabou is a professor of clinical psychology at University Mohammed 5th and a member of the American Psychology Association (APA). Dr. Chainabou was also the coordinator of the support cell during COVID-19 to support the community at large and to students.

**Title:** The Psychological Impact of COVID-19 in Morocco

**Learning objectives:** At the end of the presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Learn about the psychological support cell that was created at the start of COVID-19
2. Understand the prevalence of psychological symptoms: Result of Study
3. Learn about the importance of psychology in the future

## *Dr. Rochelle Mendonca, PhD, OTR/L, India/USA*



Dr. Rochelle Mendonca, PhD, OTR/L, is an Assistant Professor in the Occupational Therapy program at Columbia University. Her research revolves around developing and testing assistive technology and accessibility interventions, and their impact on participation for individuals with disabilities. She has worked for numerous years on evaluating medical device access for people with disabilities and has served on the United States Access Board Committee to develop standards for medical device accessibility. An additional area of research focus for Dr. Mendonca is the impact of activity based on interventions on the quality of life and participation of women diagnosed with cancer.

**Title:** Implementing a Novel Train-the-Trainer Paradigm for Rehabilitation Assessment Capacity Building in Botswana

**Learning objectives:** At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the need for train-the-trainer program implementations in the Botswana Context.
2. Articulate the components of the hybrid assessment training and competency-testing program for occupational therapists.
3. Evaluate the effectiveness of the capacity building and testing components of the program



## *Mr. Adil Senhaji, Morocco*



Mr. Senhaji is a behavioral therapist and the Director of the Yahya Association and the Center for Autistic Persons in Tetouan. He participated in a group of television programs on disability in general and autism spectrum disorder in particular. He is a member of a group of associations working on early childhood and women. He is the Treasurer of the Coalition of Associations working in the Field of Autism in Morocco. He is a member of the Regional Alliance of Associations working in the Field of Autism in the Tangier-Tetouan-Al Hoceima Region. He is a member of the Regional Committee of the National Initiative for Human Development in Tetouan.

**Title:** Autism and Intervention Mechanisms in Morocco

**Learning objectives:** At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Learn about nationally approved forms used in autism
2. Learn about the constraints and challenges faced by families in the intervention systems
3. Learn about the Yahya Association for Children with Autism in Tetouan as a model for intervention in children with autism

## ***Tea/Coffee Break & Posters Session***

**11:00-11:30**

**Poster #1 Title: A Seat for Every Child: Creating Safe and Dignified Mealtimes**  
**Department of Occupational Therapy**

**St. Catherine University, USA**



*Natalie Bruno, BS, OT/s*



*Marissa Smith, BS, OT/s*

**Poster # 2 Title: The Role of Hippotherapy in Occupational Therapy Practice**  
**Regis College, Department of Occupational Therapy, USA**



*Meaghan Lawrence, BS, OT/s*

**Poster # 3 Title: What is the Relationship between Depression and Retirement of Professional Athletes?**

**Regis College, Department of Occupational Therapy, USA**



*Tyrelle Robinson, BS, OT/s*

**Poster # 4 Title: Breast Cancer and Occupational Therapy Treatment Programs in Occupational Therapy**

**Department of Rehabilitation and Regenerative Medicine  
Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons**

**Columbia University, USA**



*Katie Lahey, BS, OT/s*



*Sara Lin, BS, OT/s*



*Mallory Moore, BS, OT/s*



*Azmina Panjwani, BS, OT/s*



**Poster #5 Title: Autism Spectrum Disorder and Occupational Therapy  
Programs in Occupational Therapy  
Department of Rehabilitation and Regenerative Medicine  
Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons  
Columbia University, USA**



*Carla Duval, BS, OT/s*



*Miranda Kalish, BS, OT/s*



*Selena Rhine, BS, OT/s*



*Sabrina Zhang, BS, OT/s*

**Poster # 6 Promoting Occupational Therapy in Morocco  
Occupational Therapy Program**

**Higher Institute of Nursing Professions and Health Techniques, Rabat, Morocco**



*Maryam Zegumouni, OT/s*



*Hinda Bouhbouch, OT/s*

## **Poster # 7 The Benefits of Integrating the Arts into Medical Education**

**Faculty of Medicine, Pharmacy and Dentistry, University Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah, Fez. Morocco**



*Zineb Lazrak, Medical Student*

## **Poster #8 The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Healthy Lifestyle Behaviors, Perceived Mental and Physical Health of People Living with Non-Communicable Diseases**

**Pharmacy and Dentistry, University Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah, Fez. Morocco**



*Salma Azzouzi, Medical Student*

## **Poster #9 Development of a Follow-up Booklet for People with Disabilities in Primary Health Care**

**Faculty of Medicine, Pharmacy and Dentistry, University Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah, Fez. Morocco**



*Zahra Chanchaf, Medical Student*

## **Poster #10 The Role of Occupational Therapy in Managing Rheumatoid Arthritis**

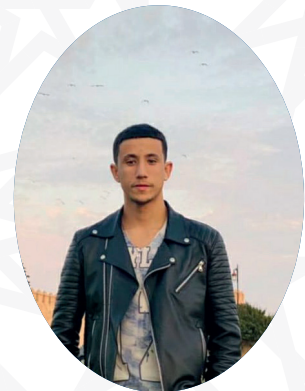
**Higher Institute of Nursing Professions and Health Techniques, Rabat, Morocco**



*Abdelouakil Kadri,  
OT/s*



*Othmane Ksaiber,  
OT/s*



*Mustapha Lemrhari,  
OT/s*



## Dr. Stacey Woods, OTD, OTR/L, Canada



Dr. Woods is an occupational therapist, clinical educator and Medical Science Liaison. She has worked in a variety of hospitals and community settings providing occupational therapy services to clients with neurological, cognitive, and musculoskeletal impairments. She has a passion for neurorehabilitation, technology, and has spent most of the past 10 years assisting with the adoption and integration of rehab technology into clinical settings. She has held several program development, management, and clinical education positions. Stacey has a Doctorate in Occupational Therapy from Boston University, as well as Bachelor's degrees in Kinesiology and Occupational Therapy from McMaster University.

She is licensed and registered to practice in both Canada and the United States. Her experience has focused on neurological, physical and cognitive rehabilitation and she has presented at peer-reviewed conferences nationally and internationally.

**Title:** Brain Vital Signs: An Overview of a Direct Measure of Cognition

**Learning objectives:** At the end of the session, attendees will be able to:

1. Discuss how the use of technology can be used to track and monitor cognitive changes in a clinical population
2. Identify three event related potentials related to cognition
3. Discuss the findings of research study tracking brain function pre and post-concussion

## *Mrs. Nour El Hayat Bendahman, Morocco*



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**Titles:** The Impact of Alzheimer's disease on Patients and Family Caregivers

**Learning Objectives:** At the end of the session, attendees will be able to:

1. Learn about the Alzheimer's disease in the Moroccan context
2. Learn about the challenges facing patients of Alzheimer's disease and their families
3. Learn about intervention and strategies provided to patients and families to minimize these challenges

## Keynote Presentation

12:00-12:30PM



*Hafsa Achebri, BS, OT*



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## *Dr. Suzanne Rappaport, OTD, OTR/L, USA*



Dr. Suzanne Rappaport, OTD, OTR/L believes life to be a big adventure, so she left her corporate career to pursue art, skiing, and flying trapeze. After years of wandering, she realized these activities would make a great therapeutic intervention and found occupational therapy. Dr. Rappaport now spends her time in academia, as well as, working with students with mental health challenges, teaching adaptive ski lessons, and serving food to the homeless. In addition to her clinical roles, she has presented her research work at the MAOT annual conference, the AOTA Conference, as well as, internationally at COT, OT24Vx, and at WFOT.

**Title:** Impact of Stress on Functioning, Behavior Patterns, and Sensory Processing

**Learning objectives:** At the end of the presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the effects of sensory dysregulation and its impact on stress
2. Articulate how stable sensory integration allows for beneficial performance
3. Describe the developmental pyramid and possible causes of atypical behavior

## *Mohamed Belghith, MS, OT, Tunisia*



Mr. Mohamed Belghith is an occupational therapist graduated from the University of Tunis El Manar and working in the department Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Sfax Hospital. Mr Belghith completed a master's degree in Disability and Rehabilitation (University of Manouba) and in Adapted Physical Activity and Health (University of Sfax). He is certified in Multiple Sclerosis Rehabilitation at the Hasselt University. Mr Belghith has 12 years of experience at private centers and public hospitals between Tunisia and Oman, he is the founding member of the Tunisian Association of difficulties and learning disabilities in Sfax and co-founder of AMAL XR. He has received several awards in the field of health technology (hacking health 2018, international digital health forum 2019, connect'innov 2021...).

**Title:** Stroke and Virtual Reality: Technology is at the Heart of Occupational Therapy Innovation

**Learning objectives:** At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Know the difficulties encountered in daily practice in occupational therapy (evaluation, technique, patient motivation)
2. Understanding the effect of virtual reality in stroke rehabilitation
3. Learning about the impact of innovation in the field of occupational therapy in the developing countries

## **Dr. Pat Precin, PhD, PsyD, NCPsyA, LP, OTR/L, FAOTA, USA**



Dr. Pat Precin is an Assistant Professor in Occupational Therapy at Columbia University and a licensed practicing psychoanalyst in New York, USA. She has two doctorates, one in Research Psychology and the other in Psychoanalysis with additional degrees in Biophysics, Pre-Medicine, Psychology, and Occupational Therapy. She has practiced psychosocial OT for over 35 years with extensive publications and presentations. Pat, along with two of her colleagues, were awarded a 1.9 million dollar 4-year inter-professional grant to provide people with and educate people on trauma informed care in underserved areas of the USA.

**Title:** An Occupational Therapy Recovery Process for Psychological Trauma

**Learning objectives:** At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Define trauma and be able to identify traumatic symptoms in clients
2. Learn different techniques for helping clients manage traumatic symptoms
3. Facilitate a long-term healing process with clients who have suffered traumas



## Lunch Break & Awards Ceremony

1:15-2:00PM

### Awards



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*Dr. Mohamed Tricha MD, PhD*



*Khadija Bouebaidi*



*Nour Bendahman*

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## *Distinguished Guest Speaker*

2:00-2:15PM

*Dr. Mohamed Tricha, MD, PhD, Morocco*

Head of Rehabilitation and Neurosciences Department



Dr. Tricha is the Head of Rehabilitation and Neurosciences Department and Professor of Biomechanics, Faculty of Science in Rabat, University Mohamed V, Rabat, Morocco. He is the Founder President of the Moroccan Handigolf Association. He is the President of the Commission of Scuba Diving and Marine Activities for People with Reduced Activity.

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He is the Author of several articles of biomechanics and Rehabilitation.

**Title:** Scuba Diving for People with Disabilities as a Modality for Inclusion

**Learning objectives:** After attending this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Get an idea of the course of diving for people with disabilities
2. know the benefits to complement the rehabilitation of diving on disability
3. Understand the role of diving in the inclusion of people with disabilities in society



## *Dr. Adam DePrimo, PhD, OTR/L, USA*



Dr. Adam DePrimo is an assistant professor at the University of New England. He first found the world of occupational therapy and occupational science through his work with the Intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) community as an anthropologist. Since then, his primary OT experience has been in pediatrics with a special interest working with adolescents and young adults with IDD to navigate their post-secondary transitions. His current research interests and work include critical analyses of societal and occupational understandings of life transitions, applied research related to challenging and abolishing ableist structures within clinical practice and community life, and pedagogical approaches to OT and occupational science curriculum design.

**Title:** Disability Perspectives of Adolescents and Young Adulthood: The Occupations of Identity and Transition

**Learning objectives:** At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Approach the concepts of "identity" and "transition" as both an occupation and being associated with occupational expectations
2. Discuss the concept of "self-determination" and its importance during the transition to adulthood
3. Identify strategies to promote occupation-centered approaches during the transition to adulthood

## ***Ms. Emily Belastock, BS, OT/s, USA***



Emily Belastock is a 3rd year occupational therapy student in the Master's program at American International College, USA. She is finishing her final fieldwork rotation in a home care setting. She received a Bachelor's degree in Exercise Physiology from University of Massachusetts Lowell. Prior to entering the field of occupational therapy, she was a physical therapy aide at an outpatient rehabilitation clinic and enjoyed teaching tennis to children part-time. Guided by a compassionate and holistic approach, Emily is committed to helping others live life to the fullest.

## ***Ms. Marilyn Wey, BS, OT/s, USA***



Ms. Marilyn Wey is a 3rd year occupational therapy student in the Master's program at American International College, USA. She is finishing her final fieldwork rotation in outpatient rehabilitation. She holds a Bachelor's degree in English from University of Massachusetts Lowell and an associate degree in Legal Studies from Norwalk Community College. Prior to entering the field of occupational therapy, she was a legal assistant supporting attorneys specializing in the field of medical malpractice and personal injury litigation. She found her passion for occupational therapy from recognizing and wanting to fulfill the occupational needs of her clients in that setting.

## ***Ms. Haley Wheeler, BS, OT/s, USA***



Ms. Haley Wheeler is a 3rd year occupational therapy student in the Masters of Occupational Therapy program at American International College, USA. She received her Bachelor's degree in Occupational Science at the American International College as well, as a part of the accelerated 5-year program. Haley is currently completing her final fieldwork rotation in an acute care setting. She has always had a passion for helping others, and is committed to using the principles of occupational therapy to help others participate in life to the fullest through meaningful occupations.

## **Ms. Rita Young, BS, OT/s, USA**



Ms. Rita Young is a 3rd year occupational therapy student in the Master's program at American International College, USA. She is finishing her final rotation in a hand therapy setting. She received a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Florida Atlantic University. Prior to entering the field of occupational therapy, she was a Personal Care Attendant (PCA) for a nonverbal child and babysat part-time for two families with children with autism. Rita is passionate about helping others and is committed to be a part of her clients overall growth and journey of reaching meaningful goals.

**Title:** Promoting Education and Skills Training for Caregivers of Children and Adolescents with Autism in Morocco

**Learning objectives:** At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the current societal climate surrounding a diagnosis of autism in present-day Morocco
2. Describe why general education surrounding a diagnosis of autism, and education about advocacy efforts, are necessary for caregivers of children with autism in Morocco
3. Describe why skills training is necessary for caregivers of children with autism in Morocco



## *Mr. Gerald Oler,* MS, OT, Botswana



Gerald is an OT with over 10 years of experience in working in multi-national and multicultural settings having worked in Kenya and currently Botswana. Most of his experience is in community-based rehabilitation where he has consistently practiced for 8 years in Botswana where he has been involved in numerous community projects as well as initiated some. He is also the founder and president of Rotary club Palapye, Botswana. Gerald has also presented in various OT conferences around the world.

## *Ms. Kelly Emblem,* MS, OT Reg. Ont. Canada



Ms. Kelly Emblem is an occupational therapist in Ottawa, Canada. She has worked in Northern Canada with indigenous youths, provided virtual rehabilitation to patients in South India, and worked with the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists to further the profession nationally. Currently, she works as a clinical manager and OT running programs for military veterans, first responders and the police in Canada. Kelly is passionate about engaging in role-emerging occupational therapy opportunities, as well as advocating for the vulnerable and low-resource communities around the world. Currently, she is in Botswana, Africa, working on a community project.

**Title:** Occupational Therapy in the Community: Innovation, Sustainability, and Collaboration

**Learning objectives:** At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Learn how to do needs assessment in a population based OT interventions
2. Identify how to come up with community projects for health promotion
3. Identify how occupational therapists can collaborate within OT and other disciplines and government departments for development and sustainability of community projects

## *Mr. Ahmed Maouhoub, Morocco*



Mr. Ahmed Maouhoub experienced disability since his first year in life. In 1984, he continued his primary studies in the British League. He then joined the capital, Rabat, to complete his preparatory, secondary, and university studies.

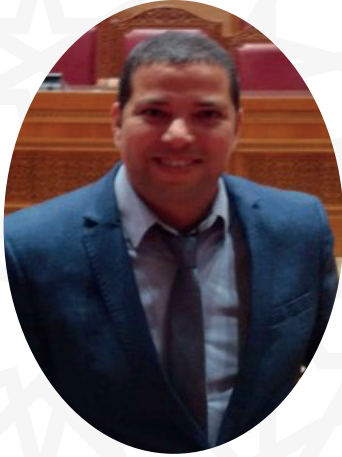
The American Institute internationally accredits him in the field of advancing the rights of people with disabilities through civil advocacy and public consultation mechanisms for Continuing Education and Studies and by the Ministry in charge of Relations with Parliament and Civil Society. He is the President of the Rabie El-Omar Foundation for Persons with Disabilities. He is a human rights activist along with the President of the National Federation for the Monitoring and Tracking of Persons with Disabilities in Morocco.

**Title:** Representations of Disability within the Moroccan Society

**Learning objectives:** At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Learn about the status of disability in Morocco
2. Learn about recent gains for people with disability in Morocco
3. Discuss advocacy strategies to promote the right for people with disability in Morocco

## *Mr. Jamal Dirkaoui, MS, Morocco*



Mr. Jamal Dirkaoui is the former coordinator of the occupational therapy program in Morocco (2017-2020). He has a Master degree in Paramedical Education. He is currently in training at the Higher Institute of Administration of Morocco.

He is PhD candidate at Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy of Rabat / Morocco. He is a Researcher in the field of addictions

He graduated in community health and family health from the School of Public Health of Andalusia Seville, Spain

**Title:** Occupational Therapists in the Field of Drug Addiction: a Great Added Value

**Learning objectives:** At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the important role of OT in the treatment of drug addiction
2. Explore through a literature review the different experiences of OT in this area
3. Learn about a special program or module on OT in the field of addictions in Morocco



## *Mrs. Hanan Errami*, Morocco



Mrs. Hanan Errami is an Arabic language teacher in Morocco. She is a Psychology student and researcher at Ibn Tofail University, Kenitra, Morocco.

She is a Member of the Moroccan Association of Dyslexia. She is interested in learning difficulties and disorders in children as well as special education

She is family education consultant and a researcher in nutritional systems.

**Title:** Children's Learning Disorders in the Moroccan Schools

**Learning objectives:** At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Understand learning disorders in Moroccan schools
2. Learn about the constraints & problems that the educational institution & the family face in this turmoil
3. Learn about the important role of associations in society to minimize these challenges

***Mr. Mohamed Ben Dahmane,*** **BS, OT, Morocco**



Mr. Mohamed Ben Dahmane is from Taza, Morocco. He graduated in the second cohort of the occupational therapy program in Morocco in 2021 from the high Institute of Nursing Professions and Health Techniques of Rabat (ISPITS). He is working now as an occupational therapist at the University Hospital Center Hassan II Fes at the Psychiatric department- Hospital Ibn Al Hassan. He is certified by the American Alzheimer's Association in the Person-Centered Dementia Care: A Habilitation Therapy Training Curriculum. He has great interest in Alzheimer's disease and dementia care in general and with his two colleagues, they completed their end of school project helping people with Alzheimer's remain safer at home by improving environmental safety at home.

***Ms. Wafae Laachachi,*** **BS, OT, Morocco**



Ms. Wafae Laachachi from Meknes, she is graduated in the second cohort of the occupational therapy program in morocco in 2021 from the High Institute of Nursing Professions and Health Techniques of Rabat ( ISPITS). She is an occupational therapist in the regional hospital of Errachidia in the Psychiatric Department. She has great interest in Alzheimer's disease and dementia care in general and with her two colleagues, they completed their end of school project helping people with Alzheimer's remain safer at home by improving environmental safety at home.

## Mr. Ayoub Znifech, BS, OT, Morocco



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**Title:** Physical environmental risks at home of people with Alzheimer's disease: An OT Approach at the Nour Alzheimer's Association in Kenitra, Morocco

**Learning objectives:** At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Know Alzheimer's disease and its impact on the person and his environment
2. Know the expertise of occupational therapists in identifying physical risks in the homes of people with Alzheimer's disease
3. Learn about the role of the occupational therapists in maximizing the safety of people with Alzheimer's disease and minimizing environmental risks in their living environment



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