



SPEAKER BIOS

2018 ALOTA SPRING CONFERENCE

Melissa Bearden, MACN, OT/L

Melissa Bearden is a Manager for Center for Psychiatric Medicine (CPM) Therapy Services at UAB Hospital. She currently manages occupational, recreational, and exercise therapy. In addition, she is involved with program development and quality improvement within the psychiatric setting.

Randie Carter, OTR/L

Randie Carter leads the inpatient spinal cord injury (SCI) rehabilitation team at UAB Spain Rehabilitation Center. Randie has worked closely with administration and the medical/therapy teams to improve delivery of care and continuation of care for the SCI population. Randie continues to work in the acute care setting and guests lectures at MSOT programs across the state.

Susan Denham, EdD, MS, OTR/L, CHT

Susan Denham is Professor and Department Chair of Occupational Therapy at Alabama State University. Dr. Denham has 29 years experience as an occupational therapist and maintains a clinical practice in outpatient hand therapy and industrial rehabilitation with Physical Therapy Solutions and King Rehabilitation.

Sherry Kolodziejczak, MS, OTR/L

Sherry Kolodziejczak is Director of Therapy Services/Cardiac Rehab/ALS Care Clinic at Crestwood Medical Center in Huntsville, AL. Sherry is well-known for service as Vice President of the ALSA Board of Directors and as AARP Driver Safety Deputy State Coordinator for Alabama. Sherry continues to present workshops on Stroke and Head Injury Rehabilitation, ALS, Seating and Wheelchair Mobility and Parkinson's/MS treatment.

Amy Lippy, OTR/L

Amy Lippy is a practicing occupational therapist at UAB Spain Rehabilitation Center. Amy earned her adaptive driving certification through ADED in 2007 and served as the driving rehabilitation specialist for Spain Rehab from 2005 through 2009. Amy has over 20 years experience working with the SCI population and also works closely with Revenue Cycle and Corporate Compliance focusing on the appeals process for CMS Denials.

Libby Rogers, OT/L

With 20 years experience in various settings, Libby's focus has returned to her first "OT love," the geriatric population. She is a graduate of Tuskegee University and is now working at UAB Hospital in acute care. In the Geriatric Scholar Program, Libby is part of an interdisciplinary team bringing a new level of care to the greatest generation.

Felicia Sanders, COTA/L

Felicia Sanders has over 20 years of clinical experience, primarily in acute care, but also including inpatient rehabilitation, long-term care, public school, and community-based therapy. Felicia was honored as 2008 COTA of the Year by ALOTA and is a recipient of the UAB Innovation Award. Presently, with a passion for burn care, she is actively participating in research and providing clinical education to improve functional outcomes within the burn population.

Laura Smith, MS, OTR/L

Laura Smith is an occupational therapist with Kindred at Home. After working in many practice settings, Laura found her niche in home health, where she has worked for the last seven years. Laura promotes the power of occupational therapy in home health and recently won the Mary Liz Beaton Volunteer of the Year award.

Bryan Stone

As a person diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) in 2016, Mr. Stone has participated in the ALS at Home Study to determine if accurate measurements can be taken in the home environment which might be useful to the person with ALS and the medical community. Mr. Stone has recently taken part in the 2017 ALS Advocacy Conference in Washington D.C. and became a Neals Research Ambassador to spread awareness of ALS and ALS research.