

Occupational Therapy Centennial Celebration Influential Leaders Nomination Form

Directions: For your influential leader nominee, please provide a substantiated rationale for why you nominated this person using the established criteria. Specifics are required.

Name of Nominee: Lorraine Williams Pedretti, M.S., OTR/Retired

Rationale for Nomination and Substantiation of Influence

It is my honor to nominate Lorraine Williams Pedretti as an Influential Leader for the Occupational Therapy Centennial Celebration. Lorraine's significant contribution is the creation of one of the first (1981 – First Edition) and most highly regarded textbooks devoted to occupational therapy treatment for persons with physical disabilities. Soon to be in its 8th edition, this stellar publication (Elsevier) called Pedretti's Occupational Therapy: Practice Skills for Physical Dysfunction is used throughout the United States and in Occupational Therapy programs around the world. It has been translated into four different languages including Japanese and Korean. The book has been consistently identified as one of the top 10 publications used by NBCOT in providing evidence for item writers for the Occupational Therapy Certification Examination and is frequently cited in AOTA documents including the Occupational Therapy Practice Framework. The array of contributors to the book represent the most highly recognized experts in their areas of knowledge and practice specialties – a tradition initiated by Lorraine Pedretti. The book has continually been known for its accessibility and practical application supported by cutting edge research and evidence. It was Lorraine Williams Pedretti's vision and devoted hard work that culminated in this significant and ongoing contribution to the profession of occupational therapy.

On a personal note, it was my privilege to have Lorraine Williams as my instructor for Physical Disabilities while I was earning my Certificate in Occupational Therapy at San Jose State University in 1972. Lorraine was an excellent teacher who conveyed the care, concern, and dedication for providing practical and cutting edge intervention for this unique population. At the time we had access to the fourth edition of Willard and Spackman - information which was augmented by Professor Williams' own mimeographed materials (including splinting and treatment protocols) which were presented in a course manual. Her enthusiasm for working with this population inspired me to devote my career in OT to treating adults with physical disabilities at Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center in Southern California. As my career progressed I became aware of the "Pedretti Book" when interning OT students at Rancho (from programs all over the country) brought forth and consulted their "bibles"! I then realized that the "Pedretti" was Lorraine Williams Pedretti! my former teacher and I was so proud and impressed at her accomplishment! Not a surprise but what an achievement to have the vision and the

fortitude to take on such a monumental project. It was beautifully written and reflected the knowledge and professional level of practice I was experiencing at Rancho! It was truly a valuable tool for not only occupational therapists but other members of the rehabilitation team who wanted to understand the gamut of concerns regarding physical disabilities.

Years later – I returned to San Jose State University as a member of the OT faculty and was fortunate to be mentored by Lorraine as I assumed her “Phys Dys” courses. She was just incredibly giving and empowering! To my surprise and honor, I was encouraged by her to become the co-editor with my colleague Winifred Schultz-Krohn of the 6th and subsequent editions of the Pedretti book. Lorraine Pedretti’s stellar exemplar encouraged us to seek and achieve the tradition of excellence the book enjoyed. Rather than keep these skills relegated to the smaller audience of a single OT program, Lorraine Pedretti’s willingness to dedicate her hard work to developing a textbook (and other related learning materials) opened up high quality occupational therapy knowledge to everyone. I believe she made a significant contribution to the profession, the lives of people with physical disabilities and deserves recognition as an Influential Leader!

Title(s) and Term(s) of Office for Professional Leadership Position(s):
Please see Major Accomplishments below

Major Accomplishments of Professional Leadership Position(s):

- Occupational Therapy Association of California, Santa Clara Valley Chapter, Faculty Representative, 1993-94.
- AOTA Commission on Education, Task Force on Educational Preparation for Use of Physical Agent Modalities in Occupational Therapy, 1992; member.
- AOTA Commission on Practice, Committee for Revision of the Position Paper on Purposeful Activity, 1992; member.

Dates and Names of Professional Awards and Honors:

- Certificate of Recognition for Significant Contributions to Occupational Therapy Education, American Occupational Therapy Association, Commission on Education, 1996.
- Service Award, American Occupational Therapy Association, 1993.

See CV for additional Professional Awards

Professional Publications (provide full reference):

Books

- Pedretti, LW & Early, MB (eds.): *Occupational Therapy: Practice Skills for Physical Dysfunction*, fifth edition, St. Louis, 2001, Mosby/Harcourt Health Sciences.
- Pedretti, LW (ed.): *Occupational Therapy: Practice Skills for Physical Dysfunction*, fourth edition, St. Louis, 1996, Mosby-Year Book, Inc.
- Pedretti, LW: *Study Guide to Accompany Occupational Therapy Practice Skills for Physical Dysfunction*, St. Louis, 1996, Mosby-Year Book, Inc.
- Larson, O, Ratchford-Stevens, R, Pedretti, LW, Crabtree, J: (eds.): *The Role of Occupational Therapy with the Elderly*, second edition, Bethesda, MD, 1996, The American Occupational Therapy Association.
- Pedretti, LW and Zoltan, B (eds.): *Occupational Therapy: Practice Skills for Physical Dysfunction*, third edition, St. Louis, 1990 The CV Mosby Co.
- Pedretti, LW: *Occupational Therapy: Practice Skills for Physical Dysfunction*, second edition, St. Louis, 1985, The C.V. Mosby Co.
- Pedretti, LW: *Occupational Therapy: Practice Skills for Physical Dysfunction*, St. Louis, 1981, The C.V. Mosby Co.

Articles

- Pedretti, LW et. al: *Use of Adjunctive Modalities in Occupational Therapy*, American Journal of Occupational Therapy, 46:12 (December 1992).
- Pedretti, LW: *A Frame of Reference for Occupational Therapy in Physical Dysfunction*, OT Week, 6:7 (Feb. 20,1992), Rockville, MD, The American Occupational Therapy Association.
- Shiotsuka, W, Burton, GU, Pedretti, LW and Llorens, LA: *An Examination of Performance Scores on Activities of Daily Living Between Elders with Right and Left Cerebrovascular Accident*, Physical and Occupational Therapy in Geriatrics, 10:4 (1992).
- Pedretti, LW: *Self-Paced Learning in Occupational Therapy Education*, OT Education Bulletin, Winter, 1988. In Occupational Therapy News, 42:2, (February 1988) Rockville, MD, American Occupational Therapy Association.

Videotapes with Study Guides: In addition to developing the aforementioned textbook, Professor Pedretti developed a series of highly regarded self-paced learning module study videos (see list below) which were available through San Jose State University to other occupational therapy programs.

•Curran-Walser, B and Pedretti, LW: *Transfer Techniques for Patients with Hemiplegia and Severe Neurological Impairment*, San José, 1994, San José State University, Instructional Television Services.

•Monfore, J and Pedretti, LW: *Back Safety in OT*, San José, 1992, San José, CA, San José State University, Instructional Television Services.

•Caron, N and Pedretti, LW: *Evaluation of the Hand*, San José, 1990, San José State University, Instructional Television Services.

•Pedretti, LW: *Sensory Evaluation*, San José, 1986, San José State University Instructional Television Services.

•Pedretti, LW: *Independent Splint Construction: The Cock-Up Splint*, San José, 1986, San José State University, Instructional Television Services.

•Pedretti, LW: *Independent Splint Construction: The Resting Splint...* San José, 1986, San José State, University Instructional Television Services.

•Pedretti, LW: *Therapeutic Exercise*, San José, 1986, San José State University, Instructional Television Services.

•Pedretti, LW: *Manual Muscle Testing of the Upper Extremity*, San José, 1985, San José State University, Instructional Television Services.

Documentation of Major Non-published Accomplishments:

Please see attached CV

Documentation of Contribution to a Major Development in the Profession:

Please see attached CV

Attachments: If available and appropriate, please attach your nominee's curriculum vitae/resume, text of major awards, obituary and/or memorial statement(s).

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Co-nominator in support/collaboration with Nomination already completed and submitted by Penny Kyler, Sc.D, OTR, FAOTA

Name of Nominator(s)

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