

We are excited to announce that we had two cohorts graduate and our 3rd cohort will graduate in December of 2023. Students have been busy contributing to our field by presenting at the annual AOTA conference and expo and the NYSOTA annual conference.



Our faculty team consists of skilled clinicians and researchers who bring expertise in pediatrics, sensory integration, brain injury, and assistive technology. The faculty has a combined 50+ years of experience in Occupational Therapy.

John Damiao, Chairperson, Assistant Professor Occupational Therapy: **John Damiao, Chairperson, Assistant Professor Occupational Therapy:** Dr. John Damiao has been practicing since 2000 as a COTA and since 2009 as an OTR specializing in seating and mobility. He simultaneously joined Pace University in 2020 and earned his PhD from Virginia Commonwealth University the same year. Within his first year at Pace, he became the recipient of the College of Health Professions 2021 Dean's Award for Outstanding Teaching. He is the OT program research coordinator, with a focus on assistive technology and student success. He is inventor of the Google Impact Challenge Grant winning indiego mobility device and has been a key figure in acquiring more than \$1.5M in assistive technology related grants. He has 14 peer-reviewed journal publications, 1 textbook contribution, 6 clinical articles, 5 short courses and 20 poster presentations.

Dr. Supawadee Lee: Assistant Professor and Founding Program Director: Dr. Lee has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor and granted Tenure at Pace University. This promotion reflects her significant contributions and commitment to excellence in the domains of service, research, and teaching. Dr. Lee holds OT licenses in both New York and New Jersey as well as certifications in Ergonomics Assessment Specialist and Sensory Integration. Her research interests include visual perception, the use of mobile technology in OT, and OT education. Her research studies have been published in peer-reviewed journals, and she has presented her work at state, national, and international professional conferences at NYSOTA and AOTA conferences.



Jennifer Tokash, Academic Fieldwork Coordinator, Clinical Associate Professor Occupational Therapy: Dr. Tokash has been practicing occupational therapy for 25 years. She recently completed her PPOTD from Touro University. She graduated from Chatham University with her MOT and Bethany College with a BS in Biology. Her experience includes serving as the Clinical Fieldwork Coordinator/Supervisor for Occupational Therapy at New York Presbyterian/Brooklyn Methodist. She received the 2023 Dean's Award for Outstanding teaching. Her focus has been on occupation-based practice and advocating for best practice initiatives. She is a published researcher and presents her work at regional, national, and global conferences.

Alison Rebels, Clinical Assistant Professor Occupational Therapy. Dr. Alison Rebels has over 13 years of experience working as an occupational therapist across a variety of practice settings. She received her Doctorate in Occupational Therapy, Master of Science in Occupational Therapy, and Bachelor of Science in Therapeutic Studies from Boston University. Alison became an Adjunct Instructor within the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy Program at Pace University in 2021 and joined the department as a full-time faculty member in 2023. Sharing her genuine passion for the field and mentoring future occupational therapists is one of Alison's most meaningful occupations. Alison has presented at a variety of conferences, including AOTA and NYSOTA. Current areas of particular interest include child development, the student experience in higher education, and spirituality in occupational therapy practice.

Pace Adjunct Professors: Diane Vitillo, Christina Davino, Rachael Chamberlain

Our state-of-the-art simulation center and high-tech laboratory allows the students to participate in experiential learning with standardized patients and virtual reality technologies. Our 3-Dimensional printer provides students the opportunity to design and create many items including orthotics. Our program is in the community through a partnership between Pace University's OT program and Rehabologym. Our students use the state-of-the-art driving simulator for community-based pre-driving evaluations and research.

