

Orli M. Weisser-Pike, OTD, OTR/L, CLVT, SCLV, CAPS

OWeisser@uthsc.edu

(901) 448-8393

Education:

- 2013 Doctorate, Occupational Therapy (OT). Chatham University, Pittsburgh, USA
1996 Bachelor of Science, Occupational Therapy. University of Cape Town, South Africa
1993 National Diploma, Fine Art. Technikon Witwatersrand, South Africa

Licensure:

- 2003-present License to practice OT, Tennessee #3093
1997-present Registered OT, National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)
1999-2003 License to practice OT, North Carolina
1997-2003 License to practice OT, Virginia

Professional Certifications:

- 2015 Certification, Neuro-Integrative Functional Rehabilitation and Habilitation approach by Waleed Al-Oboudi (Neuro-IFRAH). Neuro-IFRAH Organization.
2015 Certified Aging in Place Specialist (CAPS). National Home Builders Association.
2009 Certificate, Clinical Research. University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC)
2006 Specialty Certification in Low Vision (SCLV). American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)
2004 Certified Low Vision Therapist (CLVT). Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP)

Professional Positions:

- 2017-present Assistant Professor, UTHSC, Department of OT
2016-2017 Adjunct Assistant Professor, UTHSC, Department of OT
2016-2017 Consultant, Boston University, Sargent College Department of OT
2016-2017 Guest Lecturer, Department of OT, Ono Academic College, Israel
2015-2016 Owner, Therapy At Home, LLC
2014-2016 Adjunct Instructor, St. Catherine University
2013-present Staff occupational therapist, St. Francis Hospital (PRN)
2011-2017 Assistant Director, Low Vision Service, Hamilton Eye Institute (part-time)
2008-2011 Assistant Director, Low Vision Service, Hamilton Eye Institute (full-time)
2008-2014 Adjunct Clinical Professor, UTHSC, Department of OT
2010-2011 Instructor, CMI Education Institute, Inc.
2006-2010 Co-owner and instructor, In the Zonule Productions, LLC
2009-2010 Consultant, Nova Vision Research
2007-2008 Staff occupational therapist, Baptist Rehabilitation Germantown (full-time)
2004-2007 Low Vision Program Director, Baptist Rehabilitation Germantown (full-time)

2003 Area occupational therapist, Alliance Care Healthy Lifestyles (full-time)
 2002-2003 Staff occupational therapist, Memorial Hospital of Martinsville (part-time)
 2002-2003 Staff occupational therapist, Housecall Home Healthcare (part-time)
 1999-2001 Lead occupational therapist, Morehead Memorial Hospital (full-time)
 1999 Staff occupational therapist, Danville Regional Medical Center (full-time)
 1997-1998 Staff occupational therapist, Therapy Associates of Martinsville (full-time)

Professional Service:

2015-present Board Member, ACVREP
 2015 Member, NBCOT Continuing Competency Product Development Taskforce
 2010-2017 Co-Chair, ACVREP Subject Matter Expert Committee, Low Vision Therapy
 2006-present Application Reviewer, AOTA Specialty Certification in Low Vision
 2013 Abstract Reviewer, 16th World Federation of Occupational Therapy Congress
 2011 Member, OT TBI Vision Screen Consensus Panel, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine
 2011 Facilitator, Charles Retina Institute Low Vision Support Group
 2009-2011 Continuing Education Consultant, American Foundation for the Blind
 2009; 2016 Manuscript Reviewer, WORK: A Journal of Prevention Assessment, & Rehabilitation
 2006-2010 Member, ACVREP Low Vision Therapy Certification Committee
 2006-2010 Chair, VisionQuest Memphis
 2006-2007 Guest Lecturer, UTHSC
 2006 Manuscript Reviewer, Canadian Journal of Ophthalmology
 2004 Item Writer, ACVREP Low Vision Therapy Test Development Team
 2004-2006 Secretary, VisionQuest Memphis
 2004-2006 Member, AOTA Low Vision Specialty Certification Panel

Grants:

2007 Durham Foundation: \$50,000.00 to create a Low Vision Lending Library, the first of its kind in Memphis, TN.

Recognition:

2015 Recognition of Contribution: Continuing Competency Product Development Committee, NBCOT
 2013 Recognition of Achievement Award: OT Leadership & Advancement in Low Vision, AOTA
 2013 Jeanette Bair Writer's Award, AOTA
 2006 Service Commendation, AOTA

Peer-Reviewed Publications:

Weisser-Pike, O. (submitted). An Evidence-Based Occupational Therapy Intervention for Caregivers of People with Low Vision: A Pilot Study. *Annals of International Occupational Therapy*.
 Perlmutter, M., & **Weisser-Pike, O.** (in press). Chapter 3: How the Person Functions. In *American Academy of Ophthalmology Vision Rehabilitation Preferred Practice Guidelines*.

- Flax, M., Kumar, U., Lampert, J., Parikh, S., Rebovich, A., **Weisser-Pike, O.**, & Wheeler, A. (2017). *CLVT Practice Exam*. [Electronic practice exam]. Retrieved from <https://www.acvrep.org/certifications/study-guides>
- Weisser-Pike, O.** (2017). Technologies for People with Low Vision—Part 1. *Israeli Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 26(2), E19-E25.
- Weisser-Pike, O.** (submitted). A pilot intervention for caregivers of people with low vision. *Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness*.
- Weisser-Pike, O.** (2013). Assessing abilities and capacities: Vision and visual processing. In M. Radomski, & C. Latham, *Occupational Therapy for Physical Dysfunction* (7th ed.). Baltimore, MD: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.
- Weisser-Pike, O.** (2012). The multidisciplinary approach. In M. Taub, M. Bartuccio, & D. Maino, *Visual Diagnosis and Care of the Patient with Special Needs*. Philadelphia, PA: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.
- Weisser-Pike, O.** (2011). Near vision equivalencies (Table E5, p. 617). In H. Smith-Gabai, *Occupational Therapy in Acute Care*. Bethesda, MD: American Occupational Therapy Association.
- Flax, M., **Weisser-Pike, O.**, Tomasik, M., van Naerssen, J., & Whittaker, S. (2008). *Low Vision Therapist Study Guide*. Alexandria, VA: Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Professional Articles:

- Weisser-Pike, O. (2013, December 14). Eye witnesses: Keeping low vision caregivers' needs in sight through occupational therapy. *OT Practice*, 14–18.
- Kaldenberg, J., & **Weisser-Pike, O.** (2010, February 20). Occupational therapy approaches to facilitate productive aging for individuals with low vision (Continuing education article). *OT Practice*, 15(3), CE 1-8.
- Warren, M., Bettenhausen, D., Kaldenberg, J., Sokol-McKay, D., & **Weisser-Pike, O.** (2006, March 20). Low vision rehabilitation: A reflection on specialized practice. *OT Practice*, 19-23.
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2005). The importance of writing in low vision rehabilitation of the older adult. *International Congress Series*, 1282, 331-336.

Book contributions:

- Watson, G., Whittaker, S., & Steciw, M. (2010). *The Pepper Visual Skills for Reading Test* (3rd ed.). (G. Watson, M. Flax, & **O. Weisser-Pike**, Eds.) Madison, WI: Fork In The Road Vision Rehabilitation Services, LLC.
- Wright, V., & Watson, G. (2010). *Learn To Use Your Vision For Reading Workbook* (2nd ed.). (M. Ehret & **O. Weisser-Pike**, Eds.) Madison, WI: Fork In The Road Vision Rehabilitation Services, LLC.

Academic Lectures:

- 2016 OSOT8200: Occupation, Participation and Justice — 5 credits. An online course that prepares students to foster occupation, participation and justice through community-based participatory research. Fall semester. St. Catherine University.
- 2014 OSOT8010: Evolution of Ideas in Occupational Therapy—3 credits. An online course about the philosophical assumptions, societal influences, core concepts,

- theories, models, and frames of reference in occupational therapy and occupational science. Summer semester. St. Catherine University.
- 2012-2014 In OT633: Occupation-Centered Practice with Older Adults—1 credit. Low vision. Spring semester. UTHSC.
- 2006-2011 In OT641: Perspectives of Aging. Low vision rehabilitation. Four-part lecture series. UTHSC.

Professional Seminars for Continuing Education Providers:

- 2017 Low Vision Rehabilitation for Occupational Therapists. *Online course and on-site workshop. Collaboration with Boston University and Ono Academic College (Israel). Equivalent to 3 credits.*
- 2015 Vision Loss and Older Adults. *Online course. One and a half contact hours approved by AOTA. MedBridge Education Online Training, Seattle, WA.*
- 2011 Low Vision Essentials for Rehab Professionals. *Multi-disc digital video recording and audio with electronic manual and instructions. Six clock hours approved by AOTA. PESI, Eau Claire, WI.*
- 2011-2012 Low Vision Rehabilitation: Interventions to implement with your patients immediately. *On-site seminars. Six clock hours approved by AOTA. MEDS-PDN Education Seminars, Eau Claire, WI.*
- 2008-2010 The Nuts and Bolts of Low Vision Rehabilitation. *Two-day on-site seminars. Twelve clock hours approved by AOTA. In The Zonule Productions, LLC., Madison, WI.*

Professional Presentations:

- Weisser-Pike, O.,** Kaldenberg, J., Jacobs, K., Ferziger, N., and Bar-Haim Erez, A. (2017). International collaboration in occupational therapy education in low vision rehabilitation. Presentation at AOTA Annual Conference and Exposition, Philadelphia, PA.
- Weisser-Pike, O.,** Kaldenberg, J., Jacobs, K., and Ferziger, N. (2016). International collaboration in OT education in low vision rehabilitation. Presentation at OT24Vx16 International Virtual Conference.
- Flax, M., Whittaker, S., and **Weisser-Pike, O.** (2015). Test design & characteristics of the new ACVREP examination for certification for low vision therapists. Presentation at Envision Conference, Denver, CO.
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2014). The role of occupational therapy in low vision rehabilitation. Invited speaker at the 11th International Conference on Low Vision, Melbourne, Australia.
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2013). Keeping low vision caregivers' needs in sight. Presentation at Envision Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2013). Low vision rehabilitation. Lecture to ophthalmology residents, Hamilton Eye Institute, Memphis, TN.
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2013). Keeping low vision caregivers' needs in sight. Faculty Scholarship Lecture, UTHSC College of Allied Health.
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2012). What you need to know about low vision. In-service presentation, Baptist Rehabilitation Germantown.

- Weisser-Pike, O.,** Sweeney, J., and Bender, A. (2011). Childhood cancers, low vision and occupational therapy at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Presentation at AOTA Annual Conference and Exposition, Philadelphia, PA.
- Weisser-Pike, O.,** & Faulkner, L. (2011). The importance of addressing dynamic balance and mobility in clients with low vision. Presentation at AOTA Annual Conference and Exposition, Philadelphia, PA.
- Weisser-Pike, O.,** & Faulkner, L. (2011). Are occupational therapy practitioners addressing the components of dynamic balance in activities of daily living that are most affected by central vision loss? Poster at AOTA Annual Conference and Exposition, Philadelphia, PA.
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2011). Are you blind? Guest speaker, Clinical Laboratory Sciences Laboratory Management Continuing Education Day, UTHSC.
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2010). Teamwork: Meeting multiple, diverse needs by sharing and learning. Guest speaker, Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired International Conference, Little Rock, AR.
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2010). Low vision rehabilitation. Guest speaker, Clinical Update in Ophthalmology, Hamilton Eye Institute.
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2010). Low vision rehabilitation in a client with CHARGE syndrome. Presentation, Grand Rounds, Hamilton Eye Institute.
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2009). PRL ID & EVT x OT. Presentation at Envision Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2009). Untangling the jungle of low vision credentials. Presentation at Envision Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2009). A toolbox for interventions in the homes of patients with low vision. Presentation at Envision Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2008). The good, the quick, and the dirty: Practical PRL identification in an outpatient occupational therapy setting. Invited speaker and panelist, International Conference for People with Sight Loss, Montréal, Canada.
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2008). Reading & writing: More than functional communication. Invited speaker and panelist, International Conference for People with Sight Loss, Montréal, Canada.
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2008). The role of occupational therapy in treatment of people with vision disabilities across the lifespan. Full-day presentation at Tennessee Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Nashville, TN.
- Whittaker, S., van Naerssen, J., & **Weisser-Pike, O.** (2008). Occupational therapy practitioners in the land of low vision and blindness rehabilitation. Presentation at AOTA Annual Conference and Exposition, Long Beach, CA.
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2008). What is low vision rehabilitation? Lecture to ophthalmic technicians, Hamilton Eye Institute.
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2007). Low vision rehabilitation. Guest speaker, Tennessee Occupational Therapy Association—West Tennessee District Meeting.
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2007). Issues in low vision. In-service presentation, Trinity Home Health.
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2006). The introduction of low vision as a subspecialty in occupational therapy. Guest speaker, American Academy of Ophthalmology Low Vision Continuing Education Day (Representing AOTA).

- Weisser-Pike, O. (2006). The low vision rehabilitation continuum of care. Guest speaker, American Foundation for the Blind Josephine L Taylor Leadership Institute.
- Kaldenberg, J. Sokol-McKay, D., Bettenhausen, D., **Weisser-Pike, O.**, Knott, L., & Mattingly, W. (2006). Using optical devices in low-vision rehabilitation. Institute presentation at the AOTA Annual Conference and Exposition, Charlotte, NC.
- Weisser-Pike, O. & Sokol-McKay, D. (2006). Enabling reading and writing in the older adult with low vision. Presentation at AOTA Annual Conference and Exposition, Charlotte, NC.
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2006). Low vision rehabilitation. In-service presentation, management team meeting, Baptist Rehabilitation Germantown.
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2006). Low vision rehabilitation. In-service presentation, case managers meeting, Baptist Memorial Hospital.
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2006). Low vision rehabilitation. In-service presentation, rehabilitation department, Baptist Memorial Hospital.
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2005). The importance of writing in low vision rehabilitation of the older adult. Poster presentation at the International Conference for People with Sight Loss, London, England.
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2005). The role of occupational therapy in low vision care. Invited speaker at the American Optometric Association Annual Conference Low Vision Rehabilitation Section (Representing AOTA).
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2005). SmartSight: The American Academy of Ophthalmology Initiative in Vision Rehabilitation. Invited speaker, Memphis Eye Society.
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2005). Occupational therapy and low vision rehabilitation. Presentation at the Tennessee Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference.
- Weisser-Pike, O. (2005). Homemaking solutions for people with low vision. Invited speaker, West Tennessee Division of Mental Retardation Services.

Community Presentations:

- 2016 Spring cleaning: Making our home safer for low vision. Guest speaker, BrightFocus Chats (online).
- 2014 How to remain independent despite low vision. Guest speaker, BrightFocus Chats (online).
 Keeping caregivers in sight. Keynote presentation at Insight: A Low Vision Expo, Lynnwood, WA.
 Low vision rehabilitation update. Guest speaker, Foundation Fighting Blindness, Memphis Chapter.
- 2009 How to relate to people with disabilities. Invited presentation, Lions International Leadership Conference, Memphis, TN.
 What you can do about low vision. Guest speaker, Foundation Fighting Blindness, Memphis Chapter.
- 2008 The next step: Low vision rehabilitation. Invited presentation, Foundation Fighting Blindness Vision Seminar, Memphis, TN.
- 2008 What to do if you are 'hard of seeing'. Guest speaker, Germantown Home Extension Service.
- 2007 What is low vision rehabilitation? Invited speaker, International Macular Degeneration Support Group (online).

- Bring your life into focus. Invited speaker, Baptist Women's Hospital
Community Outreach Program.
- 2006 Maintain your independence through low vision therapy. Guest speaker, Baptist
Memorial Hospital Community Outreach.
What is low vision? Invited speaker, Rotary Club, Germantown, TN.
- 2004 Low vision rehabilitation. Invited speaker, Kiwanis Club, Germantown, TN.
Low vision rehabilitation. Presentation, Alliance Healthy Lifestyles Community
Outreach.