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EDUCATION:

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| 2014 | Saint Louis University
PhD. Educational Studies, Foundations |
| 1991 | California State University Long Beach
M.S. Health Care Administration |
| 1982 | Washington University, St. Louis
M.S. Occupational Therapy |
| 1975 | Ohio State University
B.S. Allied Medical Professions
Occupational Therapy |

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION:

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| 4/98-Present | Professional Occupational Therapist
State Board of Healing Art, Missouri
#003367, recertification through June 2019 |
| 6/93-Present | Sensory Integration and Praxis Certification
#6483 |
| 8/75-Present | National Board Certification in Occupational Therapy
#303339, recertification through March 2017 |

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

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| 7/19- Present | Associate Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy Edward and Margaret Doisy College of Health Sciences, Saint Louis University |
| 7/13-6/19 | Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy Edward and Margaret Doisy College of Health Sciences, Saint Louis University |
| 7/08-6/13 | Vice Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy Edward and Margaret Doisy College of Health Sciences, Saint Louis University |
| 3/06-6/08 | Vice Chair and Assistant Professor, Department of Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy Edward and Margaret Doisy College of Health Sciences, Saint Louis University |
| 8/94-2/06 | Assistant Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy Edward and Margaret Doisy College of Health Sciences, Saint Louis University |

8/83-7/94 Adjunct Clinical Faculty, Department of Occupational Therapy
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

8/82-7/94 Children Hospital Los Angeles, LA, CA
Department of Physical & Occupational Therapy
Director 9/89 -7/94
Assistant Director 3/88 – 8/89
Supervisor 8/82 -2/88

8/80-6/82 Washington University, St. Louis, MO
Research and Teaching Assistant
Department of Occupational Therapy

9/76-6/80 Hamilton County Office of Education
Special Center for Learning
Cincinnati, OH
Senior Therapist

9/75-8/76 Cincinnati General Hospital
Cincinnati, OH
Staff Therapist

CONSULTATIONS:

National

2/03 Consultant-BSOS Curriculum, Eastern Kentucky University.

Regional

9/98-6/04 Consultant, Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, Special Education Task Force, Definition of Occupational and Physical Therapy Services.

Local

2/02-Present Consultant, St. Louis Transitional Hope House Child Development Center.
4/98-6/09 Case Consultant, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Eastern Missouri.
8/96-5/98 Consultant, Department of Communications Disorders: Early Childhood Learning Center, Saint Louis University.
11/91-6/94 Consultant, Definition of PT and OT Task Force, California Childrens Services
Los Angeles, CA.
5/85-6/94 Consultant, Special Feeding Clinic-Occupational Therapy, University Affiliated Project, University of Southern California.
1/81-6/82 Consultant, Sensory Integration, Special School District, St. Louis County.

GRANTS

Funded

1/19-1/20 Spark Grant: The Sensory Classroom Pilot Study, Funded \$1,000 . Role Co-Team Member

- 1/18-1/19 Spark Grant: Interdisciplinary Collaboration in Development of an Assessment Center, Funded \$1,000. Co-Team Leader
- 1/07-12/15 St. Louis Variety: The Children's Charity: St. Louis Transitional Hope House Child Development Center. Early Identification, Referral, and Occupational Therapy Services for Children at Risk for Developmental Delay, Funded: \$103,400. over eight years, Role: PI.
- 12/12 Autism Speaks Equipment Grant: Saint Louis University Connections Program for Children, Adolescents and College Students, Funded: \$5,000. Role: Team member with K. Serfas and PI J. Eichler.
- 11/12 J.R. Albert Foundation, Outdoor Play in the Urban Community: Occupational Therapy at Saint Louis Transitional Hope House Child Development Center, Equipment Grant Funded: \$1,000, Role: PI.
- 6/12 Allen P. and Josephine B. Green Foundation Grant: Saint Louis University Connections Program for Children, Adolescents, and College Students, Funded: \$8,000. Role: Team member with K. Serfas and PI J. Eichler.
- 5/12 Autism Speaks Student Scholarship Grant: Saint Louis University Connections Program for Children and Adolescents, Funded: \$1,000. Role: Team member with K. Serfas, OTD, OTR and PI J. Eichler, MOT, OTR.
- 2/12 J.R. Albert Foundation, Occupational Therapy in Early Intervention and Early Childhood at Saint Louis Transitional Hope House Child Development Center, Equipment Grant Funded: \$1,000, Role: PI.
- 7/08 - 5/09 Monsanto Community Garden Project, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics. Funded at 2% salary recovery, Role: OT team member with K. Serfas, OTR and PI M. Mattfeld, PhD.
- 8/03 - 7/08 Mengel, M., Cook, K. Midwest Regional Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Training Center. American Teachers of Preventative Medicine, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. PI: M. Mengel Role: non-funded community trainer.
- 6/00 - 12/02 City of Saint Louis Department of Human Services. Early Identification of Children at Risk for Developmental Disabilities: A Community Approach to Closing the Gap, Funded: \$17,000, Role: Co-PI with E. Wilder, MA, PT.
- 7/01 - 6/02 Saint Louis University School of Allied Health Faculty Development Research Award for Early Identification of Children at Risk for Developmental Disabilities: A Community Approach to Closing the Gap, Funded: \$1,093, Role: Co-PI with E. Wilder, MS, PT.
- 9/96-6/99 Missouri Rural Health Services Outreach Grant. Health Outreach and Preventive Education (HOPE) Interdisciplinary Primary Care Delivery Systems Project: Child Development Clinic. Saint Louis University, Sidebottom, J., Lavin, M., Hilton, C., Miller, P. Murray, R., Rybski, D., Tebbe, B., Wilder, E. Funded: \$300,000, Role: Clinical team member with 10 % salary recovery. PI: M. Lavin, PhD, RN.
- 7/85-6/87 Maternal and Child Health Training Grant for Occupational Therapists Working with Children with Disabilities and Their Families, Funded: \$58,682, Co-PIs S. Vulpe, PHD, OTR and F. Clark, PhD, OTR. Role: Co-Trainer and program evaluator with R. Phelps with 5% salary recovery.
- 6-8/1981 Occupational Therapy for Preschool Children with Developmental Disabilities Service Grant: Regents of St. Louis, Funded: \$600. Role: PI.

GRANTS

Submitted: Not Funded

- 8/12 Children's Services Fund of St. Louis County: Occupational Therapy Connections Program for Children, Adolescents and College Students, Not- Funded: \$80,000, Role: Co-investigator with team member Serfas, OTD, OTR and PI J. Eichler, MOT, OTR.
- 2/05 Missouri Foundation for Health: Early Identification and Intervention for Marginalized Urban Children at Risk for Disability. Not funded: \$35,000, Role: Co-PI with C.B. Royeen PhD, OTR.
- 2/04 Maternal and Child Health Bureau Continuing Education Grant. Gateway Access Kids Project:

100% Access 0% Disparities, Approved but not funded: \$30,000, Role: Project coordinator with PI.
C. Royeen, PhD, OTR.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National

9/75-Present American Occupational Therapy Association
Developmental Disabilities Section
Sensory Integration Section
Early Intervention and School Systems Section
1978-Present American Occupational Therapy Foundation
2001-Present Society for the Study of Occupation: USA
1980-Present Rehabilitation Engineering Society of North America
1978-Present World Federation of Occupational Therapy
1978-1994 Sensory Integration International
1994-2015 Neurodevelopmental Treatment Association

State

9/94-Present Missouri Occupational Therapy Association
8/82-7/94 Occupational Therapy Association of California

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

International

1/83-12/89 Sensory Integration International
1/88 – 12/89 President
1/83 – 12/89 Director

National

6/16-6/18 Reviewer, AOTA Research Abstracts for 2016-2018 AOTA conference
5/97-6/02 American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)
Missouri Partnerships: State Committee of Occupational Therapist and State
Departments of Special Education and Mental Health
Collaborative Support to First Steps
1/00-1/01 Member, Nomination Committee, AOTA Education Special Interest Section
1/90 Invited Participant, AOTA Directions for the Future Symposium
6/87-6/92 Reviewer, AOTA Conference Program
10/03-Present Society for the Study of Occupation: USA (SSO: USA)
10/06-10/08 Member, Conference, Long Range Planning Committee
10/06-10/10 Chair, Donor/Sponsor Subcommittee, Conference Committee
10/05-10/06 Member, Executive Board
10/05-10/06 Chair, Conference Committee
10/03-10/05 Member, Communications Committee

State

1988-1992 Member, State Conference Committee, Occupational Therapy Association of California
10/77-9/79 Chairperson, Cincinnati District, Ohio Occupational Therapy Association

UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

University

10/18-Present Occupational Therapy member for the development and implementation of the SOE
Interdisciplinary Autism Assessment Clinic
2014-Present University Disability Services Advisory Committee, DCHS representative.
2009-2012 Presenter for Saint Louis University Urban Vocation Lecture Series: Occupational Therapy with
Mothers and Children who are Homeless.
1/95-12/08 Member and interviewer, St. Louis University Presidential Scholarship Committee.
3/03-2/09 Volunteer, Campus Kitchen, Saint Louis University.
9/87-6/91 Fieldwork Representative, Post-Professional Masters Curriculum to AOTA Commission on
Education, University of Southern California.

College

3/16-7/16 Chair, Doisy College of Health Sciences, Workload Policy Committee
10/15-10/16 Member, Doisy College of Health Sciences, AT/PT Chair Search Committee
11/14-7/19 Member, Doisy College of Health Sciences, 2015 Strategic Implementation Planning Committee
7/13-7/19 Member, Doisy College of Health Sciences, Dean's Coordinating Council
8/11-9/12 Member, Doisy College of Health Sciences and Department of Physician Assistant, Department
Chair Search Committee.
1/11-4/11 Member, Doisy College of Health Sciences and Department of Clinical Laboratory Science,
Department Chair Search Committee.
7/09-7/11 Member, Doisy College of Health Sciences & School of Nursing Diversity Committee.
7/09-6/10 Member, Doisy College of Health Sciences, Faculty Awards Committee.
3/05-1/06 Member and Secretary, Scholarship of Engagement (Practice) Merger Committee, Doisy College
of Health Sciences, Saint Louis University.
5/04-12/07 &
1/10-12/12 Member, Rank and Tenure Committee, Doisy College of Health Sciences, Saint Louis University
12/05-12/09 Member, Academic Progressions Committee, Department of Physical Therapy, Doisy College of
Health Sciences, Saint Louis University.
7/98 – 5/04 Member, Academic Grievance Committee, Doisy School of Allied Health Professions, Saint Louis
University.
7/98-6/01 Member, Doisy School of Allied Health Professions ITS Committee, Saint Louis University.

Department

77/13-7/19 Chair & Program Director, Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, Doisy
College of Health Sciences, Saint Louis University.
3/06-6/13 Vice-Chair, Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, Saint Louis
University.
3/06-6/13 Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy,
Saint Louis University. Successful Searches:

- 2018 One Non-tenure track faculty position
2017 One Tenure track faculty position
2013 One Tenure track faculty position
2012 One Non-tenure track faculty position
2011 Two Tenure track faculty positions
2010 One Tenure track faculty position
2008 Two Non-tenure faculty positions
2006 One Non-tenure faculty position
- 3/06-6/13 Administrator, Faculty Practice, Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, Saint Louis, University.
- 3/06-6/13 Member, Student Awards Committee, Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, Saint Louis, University.
- 3/03-2009 Member, Recruitment Committee, Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, Saint Louis University.
- 7/09-12/11 Member, Curriculum Committee, Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, Saint Louis University.
- 1/00-5/03 Co-Chair, Proposal and Curriculum Design Committee for new Master in Occupational Therapy (MOT) and Bachelor of Science in Occupational Science (BSOS) degrees, Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, Saint Louis University.
- 7/96-7/08 Chair, Committee on Academic Progression and Procedures, Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, Saint Louis University.
- 1996, 2000 & 2001, 2017 Member, Accreditation Council of Occupational Therapy Education Self-Study Site Review Team, Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, Saint Louis University.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- 5/02-5/05 Member, Annunciation School Board, (K-8 grades) and Special Needs Representative
- 6/03-Present Consultant to St. Louis Transitional Hope House Child Development Center for Early Intervention and Developmental Surveillance and Screening services
- 11/02-12/12 Member, Mayor's Summit on Early Childhood Success
Child Health & Development Subcommittee
- 6/01-12/08 Leader, Girl Scouts

AWARDS/HONORS:

- 4/13 Faculty Excellence Award for Commitment to Experiential Learning Nomination Student Government Association, Saint Louis University
- 11/12 Community Partner St. Louis Variety: The Children's Charity. Stellar Performance Award for Behavioral Health and Children's Services at Saint Louis Transitional Hope House, St. Louis, Missouri.
- 11/10 Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award: The Emerson Excellence in Teaching Awards Program, St. Louis, Missouri.
- 5/09 Excellence in Clinical Teaching: Faculty Award, Doisy College of Health Sciences, Saint Louis University.
- 10/03-10/10 Professional Service Award, Society for the Study of Occupation: USA
- 4/08 Nominated for a Faculty Excellence Award, Student Government Association, Saint Louis University.
- 7/00 Fellow of the University of Southern California Faculty Development Summer Institute on Evidence Based Decision Making.

- 10/96-present Faculty Member, Alpha Eta Society, Saint Louis University.
10/95 Faculty Member, Pi Theta Epsilon National Occupational Therapy Honor Society, Saint Louis University.
9/90 Award for Leadership Service: 1983-1989 Sensory Integration International
7/80-5/82 Maternal and Child Health Bureau U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Specialization in Community Pediatrics, Fully Funded Fellowship at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri.

PUBLICATIONS:

Peer Review Journals

- 2019 Davenport, M.J. **Rybski, D.**, Voss, J., and Richter, D. Efficacy of an interprofessional strength, coordination and balance training program for children with Developmental Coordination Disorders A pilot randomized Control Trial. submitted to Research in Developmental Disabilities August 2019.
- 2019 **Rybski, D.** & Israel, H. Social skills and problem behaviors in preschool children who are homeless or poor housed. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*. In Revision
- 2018 **Rybski, D.** & Israel, H. Social skills and sensory processing in preschool children who are homeless or poor housed. *Journal of Occupational Therapy Schools and Early Intervention*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19411243.2018.1523768>.
- 2017 **Rybski, D.** & Israel, H. Impact of social determinants on parent sense of competence in mothers who are homeless or poor housed. *Journal of Occupational Therapy in Mental Health*, 33(54): 342-359. doi.org/10.1080/0164212X.2017.1344901
- 2008 **Rybski, D.** & Wilder, E. A pilot study to identify developmental delay in children in underserved community child care. *Journal of Allied Health*, 37(1), e34-49.
- 1992 **Rybski, D.** A quality implementation of Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 46(5), 419-426.
- 1984 **Rybski, D.**, Almli, C.A., Powers, J. and Gisel, E. Sucking behaviors of normal three day old female neonates during a 24 hour period. *Developmental Psychobiology*, 17(1), 79-86.
- 1984 **Rybski, D.** and Gisel, E. Optimal and sub-optimal feeding behaviors of neonates. *Physical and Occupational Therapy in Pediatrics*, 4(2), 37-48.

Book Chapter and Book Contributions

- 2019 Gupta, J., Lynch, A, Pitonyak, J., **Rybski, D.** and Taft, S. Adversity in early development: Enhancing occupational potential through a Life Course Health Development approach. In Manifesto for Occupation Based Social Inclusion (Book) edited by E. Van Bruggen. H. Kantartzis, S., Pollard, N, Elsevier, Churchill, Livingstone. In Press.
- 2010 Arnold, M. and **Rybski, D.** Occupational justice. In M. Scaffa, M. Pizzi, & M. Reitz, (Eds.), *Occupational therapy in the promotion of health and wellness*. (Chapter 8, pp.135-156) Philadelphia: F.A. Davis Company.
- 2002 Hilton, C., Miller, P., **Rybski, D.** Wilder, invited contributing authors (2002). In E Accardo, P. Whitman, B. (Eds.), Behr, S. Farrell, A., Magenis, E., Morrow-Gorton, J. (contributing authors), *Dictionary of Developmental Disabilities Terminology*, 2nd Edition, Baltimore: Brookes Publishing.

Articles, Monographs & Non-Peer Reviewed Journals

- 1996 **Rybski, D.** (1996). Sensory integration research profiles: Shelly Lane PhD, OTR, Sensory

- 1987 Integration Special Interest Section Newsletter, Vol. 19, Number 4, December.
Phelps, R. & **Rybski, D.** (1987). Training needs of occupational therapists in pediatric clinical settings. In Vol. I Proceedings of the Occupational Therapy for Maternal Child Health Conference. AOTA, Rockville: 71-80.
- 1986 Mehn, J., Dennis, S., & **Rybski, D.** (1986) PT/OT role delineation in a combined department. *Clinical Management in Physical Therapy*. 6(3):30-33.
- 1985 **Rybski, D.** (1985). Occupational Therapy in transition: A review of the profession. *Occupational Therapy Association California News*, Vol. 10, No. 1.

PRESENTATIONS:

Peer-Reviewed Papers/Posters

International

- 2918 **Rybski, D.** Impact of Social Determinants on Parent Sense of Competence in Mothers Who are Homeless or Poor Housed. 2018 ENOTHE Conference; poster: Cascais, Portugal. October 6-8.
- 2014 **Rybski, D.** Mother Sense of Competence: Association with Child Sensory Processing and Social Skills/ Behavior Challenges in Families Who are Homeless or Low-Income Housed. Poster, 2014 United States and Canada International Occupational Science Conference; paper: Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 12, 2014

National

- 2013 **Rybski, D.** & Israel, H. A Mother's Sense of Competence: Association with Housing Status, Residential Moves, Employment, Relationship Status and Education. 12th Annual Research Conference of the Society for the Study of Occupation: USA, Lexington, Kentucky, October 19, 2013.
- 2011 **Rybski, D.** Co-occupations of Mothers with Young Children Who are Homeless, 10th Annual Research Conference, Society for the Study of Occupation: USA, Park City Utah, October 22, 2011.
- 2011 **Rybski, D.** Mother-Child Co-occupations in Families Who are Homeless. Midwest Dean's Research Conference, 24th Annual Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, March 5, 2011.
- 2010 **Rybski, D.** Sensory Processing and Social Emotional Behavior in Infants and Toddlers Who are Homeless. Midwest Dean's Research Conference, 23rd Annual Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, March 20, 2010.
- 2010 **Rybski, D.** Mother's Reports of Social Emotional Behaviors in Infants and Toddlers Who are Homeless. American Occupational Therapy Association 90th Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida, April 30, 2010.
- 2010 **Rybski, D.** Social Emotional Screening of Infants and Toddlers Who are Homeless. American Occupational Therapy Association 90th Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida, April 30, 2010.
- 2009 **Rybski, D.,** Gettemeier, P, & Serfas, K. Occupational Justice Informed by Service Learning in Undergraduate Occupational Science Students. 8th Annual Research Conference, Society for the Study of Occupation: USA, New Haven Connecticut, October, 15, 2009
- 2008 **Rybski, D.** Social Emotional Development in Infants and Toddlers Who are Homeless as Reported by Mothers. 7th Annual Research Conference, Society for the Study of Occupation: USA, Fort Lauderdale Florida, October, 24, 2008.
- 2007 **Rybski, D.** Developmental Screening of Homeless Children: Comparison of a Parent Questionnaire and the Denver II. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Meeting, St.

- Louis, MO, April 20, 2007.
- 2005 **Rybski, D.** & Arnold, M. Occupational Justice and the Promotion of Health and Well Being. 4th Annual Research Conference, Society for the Study of Occupation: USA, Potomac Maryland, October, 28, 2005.
- 2004 **Rybski, D.** & Wilder, E. Identification of At-Risk Children in Community Child Care: An Interprofessional University and Community Collaboration. The American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, May 12, 2004.
- 2003 Arnold, M. & **Rybski, D.** Broadening the Concepts of Community and Occupation: Perspectives in a Global Society. 2nd Annual Research Conference, Society for the Study of Occupation: USA, Park City, Utah, October 17, 2003.
- 2002 **Rybski, D.** & Arnold, M. "Program Development: Determining the "Goodness of Fit" Between an Occupational Science Curriculum and Bachelor of Science Degree." 1th Annual Research Conference, Society for the Study of Occupation: USA, Galveston, Texas, November 16, 2002.

State

- 2013 **Rybski, D.**, Belfield, A., Seier, M. & Smith, R. Occupational Therapy with Mothers and Young Children Who are Homeless. Missouri Occupational Therapy Association State Conference, St. Louis, MO November 15, 2013.
- 2009 **Rybski, D.** Early Intervention in Children at Risk: Linking Occupational Therapy with Developmental Health Practices. Missouri Occupational Therapy Association State Conference, St. Louis, MO November 5, 2009.
- 2006 **Rybski, D.**, Hilton, C., & Royeen, C.B. Academic and Community Partnerships for Early intervention For Developmentally Delayed Children. Missouri Area Health Education Center, St. Louis, Missouri, March 15, 2006.
- 2000 **Rybski, D.** & Lehn S. Evidence Based Decision Making for Occupational Therapy Practice", Missouri Occupational Therapy Association Conference, St. Louis, MO, November 4, 2000.
- 1993 **Rybski, D.** , Feldman, A., & Baldwin, C. Research Activities in Physical and Occupational Therapy Patient Care Settings, Occupational Therapy Association California Conference, San Jose, CA, November 5, 1993.
- 1990 **Rybski, D.** & Thompson, B., Implementing Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990: An Occupational Therapy Perspective, Occupational Therapy Association California Conference, Los Angeles, CA, October 16, 1992.
- 1990 **Dennis, S.**, Rollinger, B. & **Rybski, D.** (author only), Role Delineation, Occupational Therapy, Occupational Therapy Association California Conference, Irvine, CA, November 2, 1990.

Peer-Reviewed Panels

National

- 2013 Dennis, C., Marshall, A., Randall, Y., **Rybski, D.**, Smith, V., Barrett, K., & Pierce, D. Undergraduate programs in occupational science: An innovative disciplinary trend. 12th Annual Research Conference of the Society for the Study of Occupation: USA, Lexington, Kentucky, October 18, 2013.

Peer-Reviewed Posters

International

- 2018 **Rybski, D.** & Israel, H. Impact of Social Determinants on Parent Sense of Competence in Mothers who are Homeless or Poor Housed. European Network of Occupational Therapy Education,

- Cascais, Portugal, , October 5, 2018.
- 2010 **Rybski, D.** A Participatory Occupational Justice Framework with Mothers and Infants/Toddlers Who are Homeless. Joint Canadian Society of Occupational Science-Society for the Study of Occupation: USA Annual Research Conference: London Ontario, Canada, October, 14, 2010.

National

- 2018 **Rybski, D.** Davenport, M.J. Voss, J., Richter, D., Plank, N., Savell, M. Jaramill, J. Prus, J, Thoelecke, C., & Ranheim, D. Written Communication Skills in Primary School Children with Developmental Coordination Difficulties: An Inter-professional Approach and Pilot Study. American Occupational Therapy Association, 98th Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, March 31, 2018.
- 2017 **Rybski, D.**, & Israel, H. Impact of social determinants on Parent Sense of Competence in mothers who are homeless or poor housed. American Occupational Therapy Association, 97th Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, March 31, 2017.
- 2016 **Rybski, D.**, Huston, C. Israel, H. Families who experience poverty, homeless or housed: relationships between mothering occupations and children's outcomes. American Occupational Therapy Association, 96th Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois April 8, 2016.
- 2016 **Rybski, D.**, Huston, C. Israel, H. Need for social skills intervention in preschool children Identified by mothers who experience poverty as homeless or housed. American Occupational Therapy Association, 96th Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois April 9, 2016.
- 2015 **Rybski, D.** Family Occupational Engagement: Promoting Resilience in Young Children who Experience Homelessness. 15th Annual Research Conference of the Society for the Study of Occupation: USA. Ft. Lauderdale Florida, October 3, 2015.
- 2015 **Rybski, D.** Predictors of Social Skills and Problem Behaviors in Homeless and Low-income Housed Preschool Children. American Occupational Therapy Association, 95th Annual Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, April 16, 2015.
- 2014 **Rybski, D.** Social Emotional Behavior and Sensory Processing in Preschool Children Who are Homeless or Low-Income Housed. American Occupational Therapy Association, 94th Annual Conference, Baltimore Maryland, April 5, 2014.
- 2014 **Rybski, D.** Mother's Sense of Competence Associated with Housing, Residential Moves, Employment, Relationship Status and Education. American Occupational Therapy Association, 94th Annual Conference, Baltimore Maryland, April 4, 2014.
- 2014 **Webber, A. & Rybski, D.** Childhood neglect: Implications for Occupational Therapy in awareness, advocacy & intervention. American Occupational Therapy Association, 94th Annual Conference, Baltimore Maryland, April 4, 2014.
- 2014 & 2013 **Seier, M., & Rybski, D.** Parental self-efficacy in mothers of young children from multi-risk populations. 12th Annual Research Conference of the Society for the Study of Occupation: USA. Lexington, Kentucky, October 17, 2013. American Occupational Therapy Association, 94th Annual Conference, Baltimore Maryland, April 3, 2014.
- 2012 **Rybski, D.** Evidence-Based Literature Review of Interventions for Preschool Children with Behavioral or Psychosocial Problems. American Occupational Therapy Association, 92th Annual Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, April 28, 2012.
- 2011 **Scoles, L & Rybski, D.** Play-Based and Social Skill Occupational Therapy for Preschool Children with Behavior Problems who are Homeless. Midwest Dean's Research Conference, 24th Annual Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, March 5, 2011.
- 2011 **Postl, T. & Rybski, D.** Occupational Therapy for Infants with Developmental Trauma Disorders, Midwest Dean's Research Conference, 24rd Annual Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, March 5, 2011.

- 2010 Serfas, K., Mattfeldt-Beman, M., Hayes, A., **Rybski, D.**, & Clagett, M. Developing Accessible Gardens for Children with Special Needs, American Occupational Therapy Association, 90th Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida, May 1, 2010.
- 2010 Laumann, C.& **Rybski, D.** Effects of Socio-economic Risk Factors on Social-emotional Development in Infants and Toddlers: Implications for OT Practice and Policy. 23rd Annual Midwest Deans' Conference, Saint Louis University, March 20, 2010.
- 2010 Hout, S., Muntges,L.& **Rybski, D.** Social Emotional Curricula and Programs for Children Ages Birth to Five Years, 23rd Annual Midwest Deans' Conference, Saint Louis University, March 20, 2010.
- 2009 **Rybski, D.** Association Between Social Emotional and Sensory Processing Behavior in Infants and Toddlers Who are Homeless. American Occupational Therapy Association 88th National Conference, Houston, TX. April 23, 2009.
- 2008 **Rybski, D.** Sensory Processing in Children who are Homeless. American Occupational Therapy Association 87th National Conference, Long Beach, CA April 21, 2008.
- 2006 **Rybski, D.**, Barron, M., Cook, K., Cacchione, P., Reese, C., et.al. Synergy, Benefits, and Barriers, to Developing a College Wide Interprofessional Faculty Practice. Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions National Meeting, Chicago, Ill., October 6, 2006.
- 2006 **Rybski, D.** & Alley, J. Developmental Screening of Children who are Homeless and in Child Care. American Occupational Therapy Association 86th National Conference, Charlotte, NC, April 28, 2006.
- 2006 Hilton, C.& **Rybski, D.** Jump Start to Social Skills Program for Elementary School Children. American Occupational Therapy Association 86th Annual Conference, Charlotte, NC, April 28, 2006.
- 1997 Miller, P. Tebbe, B. Hilton, C. **Rybski, D.** & Wilder, E. HOPE: A Rural Health Initiative. Missouri Occupational Therapy Association Conference, Lake of the Ozarks, MO, November 14, 1997.

State

- 2013 Webber, A. & **Rybski, D.** Childhood neglect: Implications for Occupational Therapy in awareness, advocacy & intervention. Missouri Occupational Therapy Association Conference, St. Louis, MO, November 16, 2013.
- 2011 Jefferson, M. & **Rybski, D.** Temperament and Sensory Processing in Low-Income Toddlers. Missouri Occupational Therapy Association Conference, St. Louis, MO, November 5, 2011.

Invited

National

- 2003 **Rybski, D.** Program Development: Determining the "Goodness of Fit Between an Occupational Science Curriculum and Bachelor of Science Degree. Faculty Development Presentation, Eastern Kentucky University, Department of Occupational Therapy, Richmond, KY, February 13, 2003.

State

- 1986 **Rybski, D.** and Phelps, R., Clinical Training Needs of the Pediatric Occupational Therapists, MCH Conference, Continuing Education for Occupational Therapists Working with Children and Their Families, Santa Monica, CA, January 14, 1986.
- 1986 **Rybski, D.** Clinical Training Needs of the Occupational Therapist Choosing to Specialize, University of Southern California, Clinical Education Council, Los Angeles, CA, March 7, 1986.
- 1979 **Rybski, D.** Sensory Integration: Basis for Learning, Ohio School Psychology Convention. Columbus OH, May 20, 1979.
- 1978 **Rybski, D.** Occupational Therapy as Part of the Team, Ohio Council for Exceptional Children Convention, Columbus, OH, October 10, 1978.

Community

- 2016 **Rybski, D.** Predictors of Social Skills and Problem Behaviors in Homeless and Low-income Housed Preschool Children. Doisy College of Health Sciences Research Symposium, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO, March 2, 2016.
- 2015 **Rybski, D.** Israel, H. Mother's Sense of Competence Associated with Housing and other Social Determinants. Center for Interprofessional Education and Research Saint Louis University, September 24, 2015.
- 2015 **Rybski, D.** Mother's Sense of Competence Associated with Housing, Residential Moves, Employment, Relationship Status and Education. Doisy College of Health Sciences Scholarship Symposium, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO, February 20, 2015.
- 2015 **Rybski, D.** Promoting Language and Literacy in Young Children. Parent Community Meeting St Louis Transitional Hope House, Child Development Center, St. Louis, MO, February 2, 2015.
- 2014 **Rybski, D.** Promoting Early Childhood Language and Literacy in the Classroom and Community St Louis Transitional Hope House, Child Development Center, St. Louis, MO, November 26, 2014.
- 2013 **Rybski, D.** Promoting Student Social, Emotional, and Academic Learning. St Louis Transitional Hope House, Child Development Center, St. Louis, MO, March 28, 2013.
- 2012 **Rybski, D.** Positive Behavior Supports for Preschool Children with Challenging Behaviors. St Louis Transitional Hope House, Child Development Center, St. Louis, MO, November 16, 2012.
- 2011 Jefferson, M. & **Rybski, D.** Temperament and Sensory Processing in Low-Income Toddlers: Classroom Strategies. St. Louis Transitional Hope House, Child Development Center, St. Louis, MO, November 15, 2011.
- 2011 Brown, J. & **Rybski, D.** Positive Parenting: Family Routines, Communication, and Discipline. St. Louis Transitional Hope House, Child Development Center, St. Louis, MO, October 26, 2011.
- 2011, **Rybski, D.** Fetal Alcohol Assessment and Intervention for Young Children
2008 St. Louis Transitional Hope House: Child Development Center, St. Louis, MO.
- 2010 **Rybski, D.** Social Emotional Development and Intervention Strategies for Parents, Teachers and Care Providers. Cornerstone Center for Early Learning, St. Louis, MO, April 12, 2010.
- 2008 **Rybski, D.** Head and Neck Cancer: Occupational Therapy to Support Eating and Feeding. Saint Louis University Cancer Center Multidisciplinary Cancer Education Program, St. Louis, MO, January, 30, 2008.
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- 2007 **Rybski, D.** Sensory Processing Disorders in Children: An overview. Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders, St. Louis, MO, November 7, 2007.
- 2006 Mueller, L. & **Rybski D.** Fine Motor Kindergarten Readiness: Early Childhood Training Program. St. Louis Transitional Hope House, Child Development Center, St. Louis, MO, March 29, 2006.

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- 2001 **Rybski, D.**, How to Keep Children from Becoming Bored Over the Long Summer Break, KMOX-radio interview, St. Louis, MO, June 4, 2001.
- 1993 **Rybski, D.**, Gift Ideas for Children with Disabilities. KTLA-5 Television News, Los Angeles, CA, December 20, 1993.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- 2005-Present Master Project Mentor for Applied Research MOT 549, MOT 550, MOT 5650 & MOT 5660 (3-6 credits per student)
2005 One student
2006 Two students
2007 Four students
2008 Four students
2009 Five students
2010 Four students
2011 Four students
2012 Five students
2013 Two students
2014 Three students
2015 One student
2016 Three students
2017 Two students
2018 Two students
2019 One student
- 2004-Present Course Developer, Coordinator & Instructor, Occupational Therapy Intervention for Children MOT 5600 (4 credits), Saint Louis University.
- 2004-2013 Course Developer, Coordinator & Instructor, Person Environment Occupation II: Pediatrics MOT 5450 (3 credits), Saint Louis University.
- 2014-present Course Developer & Instructor, Person Environment Occupation II: Pediatrics MOT 5450 (3 credits), Saint Louis University
- 2003-Present Co-course Developer, Coordinator & Instructor (2003) Instructor (2004-Present), Biomedical and Phenomenological Aspects of Illness and Disability MOT 5200 (4 credits), Saint Louis University.
- 2002-2010 Course Developer, Coordinator & Instructor, Evolution and Development of Humans as Occupational Beings OCS 332 (4 credits), Saint Louis University.
- 2003-2011 Course Developer, Coordinator & Instructor, Occupation in a Global Society OCS 372 (4 credits), Saint Louis University.
- 2008-2012 Lecturer, Sensory Processing for Perceptual Motor Learning, Doctorate of Physical Therapy 405, Saint Louis University.
- 1994-2003 Course Developer, Coordinator & Instructor, Person Environment Occupation II: Pediatrics BSOT 220 (4 credits), Saint Louis University.
- 1995-2004 Course Developer, Co-Coordinator & Instructor, Occupational Therapy Intervention: Rehabilitation, BSOT 336, (6 credits), Saint Louis University.
- 1995-2004 Course Developer, Co-Coordinator & Instructor, Occupational Therapy Intervention: Neuromotor Control and Function, BSOT 438 (5 credits), Saint Louis University.

- 1995-2004 Instructor, Occupational Therapy Intervention: Specialty Practice, BSOT 432
(3 credits), Saint Louis University.
- 1994-2002 Course Coordinator & Instructor, Clinical Reasoning, BSOT 332 (3 credits), Saint Louis University.
- 1991-1994 Course Developer, Coordinator & Instructor, Management & Supervision in Occupational
Therapy Services, MOT 401 (2 credits), University of Southern California.
- 1988 Lecturer, Sensory Integration Theory and Practice, OT 423, University of Southern California.

AREAS OF ONGOING RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP:

My ongoing scholarship focuses on early identification and intervention of children at risk for developmental delay due to poverty and homelessness. I consult and engage in research at St. Louis Transitional Hope House, Child Development Center. This center services children 0-6 years of age in child care and older children in an after-school program. This Center serves families who are homeless transition to permanent housing. In the past, I explored the use of screenings in community settings; studied the use of parent questionnaires compared to direct administered developmental screenings; and investigated the use of two screenings to identify sensory processing disorders and its relationship to infant mental health. I explored the development of cultural competence in occupational therapy professional students through the use of an extended fieldwork experience in a culturally different community center. Currently, I am completing the analyses on three ongoing projects at Hope House: 1) best practice use of developmental screenings in the community, 2) sensory processing disorders and its relationship to infant mental health and 3) developmental trauma in children experiencing poverty and homelessness. This community based research is also the focus of my dissertation research which explored the impact of sensory processing, mothers' sense of competence and homelessness vs. housing on preschool children's social skills and behaviors in order to inform occupational therapy family centered and community based practice; and develop curricula for Occupational Therapy programs in community-based organizations and primary care.

My second area of scholarship also emanates from my work with children who experience early toxic stress and subsequent disparities in accessing support for health promotion and learning opportunities. This research is grounded in the science of Occupation as the foundation of Occupational Therapy. I support students in the exploration of topics that address occupation as a universal value, occupation in a global society, and occupational injustice. My special interest in this joint effort leads my exploration of health care disparities in children who are poor and to consider it as an outgrowth of occupational injustice. This collaborative effort has produced multiple papers for national conferences and one book chapter. My future plans are to investigate the potential contributing factors to the lack of opportunities for participation in healthful occupations that exist in communities exuding toxic stress and its impact on children and families and further investigate the factorial relationship to a risk of occupational injustice.

My final area of future research focuses on 1) What are the knowledge, attitudes and behaviors of school based therapists who treat children who are homeless, 2) Based on the information found in a national KAB study how can therapists professional knowledge and needs be supported by OT professional training grant funded by DOE and NAEHCY.