



HFES FELLOWS PROFILE



Name: Karen Jacobs

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Short biography: Dr. Jacobs is the founding editor of the interdisciplinary, international journal *Work: A Journal of Prevention, Assessment, and Rehabilitation*. She has published and presented widely on the topics of ergonomics and marketing. She is the author of *Ergonomics for Therapists and Occupational Therapy: Work-Related Programs and Assessments*; and coeditor of *Quick Reference Dictionary for Occupational Therapy*, *Occupational Therapy Essentials for Clinical Competence*, and *AOTA's OT Manager* (5th edition); Dr. Jacobs is the past-president and vice-president of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) and a Certified Professional Ergonomist (CPE). Dr. Jacobs is a 2005 recipient of The J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship, the 2009 recipient of the Award of Merit from the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (CAOT), the Award of Merit from the American Occupational Therapy Association in 2003, and the 2011 Eleanor Clarke Slagle Lectureship Award from AOTA.

Career philosophy/mission statement: Think outside the box and create stretch goals for yourself.

Advice for students: Don't be reluctant to reach out to someone to be a mentor and persevere!

Specialty Area(s): Academia & Teaching; Research & Development; Applications & Practice; Management & Supervision

Field of Interest(s): Aging; Applied Research; Biomechanics; Children; Consultant; Educator; Ergonomics or Ergonomist; Healthcare; Human Performance; Leadership; Macroergonomics; Manager or Management; Musculoskeletal; Occupational Health; Physical Ergonomics; Practitioner; Researcher; Safe Patient Handling; Safety; Task Analysis

Geographic Location: Boston, Massachusetts

Willingness to communicate with students/availability for face-to-face or virtual meetings: Yes, I am available

If you are willing to communicate with students, how can students contact you? Email

Fellow status: Active

HFES Technical Group Affiliation(s): Children's Issues Technical Group; Environmental Design Technical Group; Health Care Technical Group (Formerly Medical Systems and Rehabilitation); Macroergonomics Technical Group (formerly the Organizational Design and Management)

Year inducted as a fellow: 2015



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Awards/Honors: HFES Fellow, American OT Association Fellow, Eleanor Clarke Slagle Award

Links to publications /Lab website/Research Gate or similar profile: <http://sites.bu.edu/projectcareer/>

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