

# BOYT SCHELL VISITING OCCUPATIONAL SCIENCE SCHOLAR

## THINKING DIFFERENTLY ABOUT LEADERSHIP: AN OCCUPATION INFORMED POINT OF VIEW



### Janice P. Burke, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA

Named one of the 100 Influential People in Occupational Therapy History, Dr. Burke's remarkable career includes service to the community, teaching, research collaboration, and direct care. She is Emeritus Professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy (OT) and Founding Dean of the School of Health Professions at Thomas Jefferson University (TJU) in Philadelphia. In her role as Dean, Dr. Burke built the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning and supported research agendas across all departments by seeding faculty projects and facilitating interprofessional collaborations. In addition, she served as Executive Director of Jefferson Elder Care, a nationally recognized program offering evidenced-based OT services to older adults and their caregivers. For over 15 years, she received USDE training funds to prepare OTs for positions in early intervention and school-based settings.

A member of the first graduating OT class at Utica College, Dr. Burke attended the University of Southern California, where she received certification from the Andrus Gerontology Center and a master's degree in OT. At USC she studied under Dr. Mary Reilly which prepared her for the theoretical and analytic work that is a cornerstone of her career and her contributions to the field.

Following graduate school, she was Director of Training in OT at the University Affiliated Program at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles where, as a member of an interdisciplinary team, she developed a lasting commitment to the importance of interprofessional collaborations. Dr. Burke received advanced training in sensory integration and cofounded Therapy West, a private practice in Culver City, CA.

She received her PhD from the University of Pennsylvania in Educational Leadership focusing her research on the convergence of education, culture, and society in therapeutic interactions. In the following 30 years, she contributed to research addressing children with sensory integration disorders and individuals with dementia.

A mentor and consultant to academic programs, Dr. Burke has held multiple leadership positions and remains active in the AOTA. She is the recipient of numerous awards including the A. Jean Ayres Award and the Eleanor Clarke Slagle Lectureship. She is currently Consulting Professor at Duke University.

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