Beginnings of the Network for LGBTQIA+ Concerns in Occupational Therapy in the United States (1992-1995)

Peggy Martin, PhD, OTR/L, University of Minnesota
Christine Peters, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, Historian, New York
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Historical Method
Behind Closed Doors: 1980’s-1990’s
The Hotel Room

Panel 103E

1:30–3:00 pm

Temporal Adaptation and Human Occupation
Moderator: Florence Clark, PhD, OTR, FAOTA

Temporal Adaptation and Self-Identification as Lesbian or Gay
Wendy Wood, MA, OTR/L, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.

Does sexual orientation influence temporal adaptation? A literature review and pilot study with lesbians and gay men suggest that it does. Implications for practice and occupational science are developed.

Re relationship Between Themes of Meaning and Daily Occupations
Jeanne Jackson, MA, OTR, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.

The relationship of personal themes of meaning to the choice of daily occupation in the adolescent, adult, and elderly population is suggested. Implications for practice are outlined.

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THE PRESENTATION IN HOUSTON, 1992
THAT STARTED IT ALL
“In a recent letter to AOTA President Mary Evert, Ms. Wood said she and her supporters believe the formation of such a group is critical to the well-being of the profession.”
“I have joined the network in order to work toward greater mutual understanding and to minimize the effects of naive bias in our professional association and, hopefully, in our society.”

“I, however, cannot condone the practice of it, as the Bible is clear that the practice of homosexuality is wrong.”

“Let’s just be occupational therapists! Let each person bring to their job the skills, experience, etc. that make them who they are.”

Letters to the Editor, (August 10-31, 1992). Jean-Nikolaus Trettor Collection in Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Studies (Box 1, Folder 275), University of Minnesota
Storming Seattle: 1993 AOTA Conference

“Though it wasn’t the only move on the chess board at this year’s meeting, the attempt by the Network for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Concerns to gain some control of the conference content was the most surprising one. And it may have generated far more debate than was heard on the floor of the assembly.”
Diversity: Our Journey Together

(Evert, 1995, Presidential Welcome, Conference Guide)
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