



## Call for Nominations for the 2020 Ruth Zemke Lecture in Occupational Science

Dear SSO:USA members:

This call invites you to nominate colleagues for the Ruth Zemke Lecture in Occupational Science (RZLOS). The person selected to deliver this honorary lecture will give a speech at the 2020 Society for the Study of Occupation: USA (SSO:USA) Conference. Please submit your nomination and related documents electronically using the following web form: [2020 RZLOS nomination](#) by the **deadline of June 30, 2019**. Note that the web form will ask nominators to log in with existing SSO:USA credentials, or create a new login, but nominators do NOT need to be current members of SSO:USA.

The [Ruth Zemke Lecture in Occupational Science](#) is an honorary lecture dedicated to the spirit of questing intellectual curiosity expressed by Dr. Ruth Zemke in her work within occupational science. The intent of the Lecture is to offer selected individuals a unique opportunity to challenge the thinking of occupational scientists at the research conferences of the SSO:USA. Criteria for selection include significant contributions to occupational science and a demonstrated commitment to building a community of scholars in the discipline. At the Lecture, the honoree is presented with a kaleidoscope, a favorite object of Dr. Zemke’s, to symbolize the simplicity, complexity, multiplicity of views, and ever-changing nature of the discipline of occupational science.

**Primary criteria for selection of the Ruth Zemke Lecturer in Occupational Science:**

1. Significant contributions to the occupational science literature
2. Intellectual curiosity and vision in relation to occupation and occupational science
3. Contribution to the building of the occupational science community

Past scholars whose contributions to occupational science have been honored with this lecture are listed in the table below.

**Chronology of Lecturers for the Ruth Zemke Lecture in Occupational Science**

	<b>Lecturer</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Title</b>
1st	Dr. Ruth Zemke	2002	Galveston, TX	Occupational Science: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow
2nd	Dr. Elizabeth Yerxa	2003	Park City, UT	<a href="#">The Infinite Distance Between the “I” and “It”</a>
3rd	Dr. Jeanne Jackson	2004	Kah Nee Tah, OR	Occupation at the Center: Creating Authentic Lives in Social Worlds
4th	Dr. Florence Clark	2005	Baltimore, MD	<a href="#">One Person's Thoughts on the Future of Occupational Science</a>
5th	Dr. Charles Christiansen	2006	St. Louis, MO	<a href="#">Adolf Meyer Revisited: Connections between Lifestyles, Resilience and Illness</a>

6th	Dr. Graham Rowles	2007	Albuquerque, NM	<a href="#">Place in Occupational Science: A Life Course Perspective on the Role of Environmental Context in the Quest for Meaning</a>
7th	Dr. Clare Hocking	2008	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	<a href="#">The Challenge of Occupation: Describing the Things People Do</a>
8th	Dr. Virginia Dickie	2009	New Haven, CT	<a href="#">Are Occupations 'Processes Too Complicated to Explain'? What We Can Learn by Trying</a>
9th	Dr. Gelya Frank	2010	London, Ontario	<a href="#">Occupational Therapy/Occupational Science/Occupational Justice: Moral Commitments and Global Assemblages</a>
10th	Dr. Doris Pierce	2011	Park City, UT	<a href="#">Promise</a>
11th	Dr. Malcom Cutchin	2012	Portland, Oregon	<a href="#">The Art and Science of Occupation: Nature, Inquiry, and the Aesthetics of Living</a>
12th	Dr. Debbie Laliberte Rudman	2013	Lexington, KY	<a href="#">Embracing and Enacting an 'Occupational Imagination': Occupational Science as Transformative</a>
13th	Dr. Elizabeth Townsend	2014	Minneapolis, MN	<a href="#">Critical Occupational Literacy: Thinking about Occupational Justice, Ecological Sustainability, and Aging in Everyday Life</a>
14th	Dr. Ruth Humphry	2015	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	<a href="#">Appropriation and Transformation of Occupations: So What is Know-How Anyway?</a>
15th	Dr. Kitty Reed	2016	Portland, ME	<a href="#">Pioneering OT and OS: Ideas and Practitioners before 1917</a>
16 <sup>th</sup>	RZLOS Panels of former Lecturers	2017	Seattle, WA	Panel Discussions
17 <sup>th</sup>	Dr. Wendy Wood	2018	Lexington, KY	Envisioning the Environment, Time, and Occupation
18th	Dr. Charlotte Royeen	2019	Scottsdale, AZ	TBD

Thank you, we look forward to seeing a well-qualified group of nominees for the highest honor within the Society for the Study of Occupation: USA.

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