Life History of Dr. Wanda Berg
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Methodology
- Qualitative study using life history approach
- Participant was assigned by list developed by course instructors through purposive sampling
- No specific gate keeper issues
- Initial contact was made by course instructors
- Informed consent was given
- Interview questions were modified from a predetermined interview schedule
- Data was collected from verbatim transcription
- Interview was 59 minutes via video chat
- Semi-structured interview
- Coding was then completed by the researchers
- The Kawa model guided the interview schedule
- Looking at how all elements of Dr. Berg’s life were influenced by everything around her, including OT

Data Analysis and Findings
- The transcription was coded and collapsed to categories and themes
- Elements of the transcription were used to created codes, themes, categories and then an overall assertion

Categories and themes
- OT profession
  - Great need to advocate for OT profession
  - OT has evolved over time
  - OT values line up with personal values
  - Personal/professional achievement
  - Importance of education
  - Professional/personal benefits of being involved professional OT organizations
  - OT profession provides versatility and ability to work in multiple settings
- Support
  - OT can provide financial stability throughout ones lifetime
  - Family and colleague support are vital
- Growth
  - Job changes create life transitions throughout one’s OT career
  - Personal and personal growth occurs throughout the career and lifetime
- Every individualized has their own perception about what OT is to them

Discussion/Conclusion
Assertion: Dr. Berg feels that the occupational therapy profession provides versatility in education and employment. It also provides opportunity for personal and professional growth throughout one’s life time. OT has evolved greatly over time, but continues to allow for financial stability and personal satisfaction as professionals can still enjoy a family and positive relationships with their colleagues.
- Dr. Berg’s story exemplifies OT practice by over time by showing the versatility of the profession
- By the use of changing technology in advancing OT practice and education
- Changes in technology greatly affect OT practice and education
- Advocating for OT is still vital since we have reached the centennial and many people are still not aware of what OT is
- Having a positive relation with your colleagues can determine work place satisfaction
- Personal and professional growth are closely tied for OT professionals, growth in one leads to growth in the other
- OT’s values are prominent and respected by the practitioners.
- Changes in OT have lead to advancements in care for patients.

References