

Gary Kielhofner in memory

On Thursday the second of September early morning local time Gary Kielhofner passed away after a short illness. His wife Renee was at his side.

It is of great sorrow for all of us that have had personal friendship with him and/or personal memories of his dynamic and intellectual sharp personality in lectures, seminars and workshops. One memory that comes to mind was a seminar some years ago with intensive, engaging discussions about issues that related to the nature of work. Inspired by the discussion Gary spontaneously said: ***This is fun - this is not work - this is play!***

With his outstanding work on the Model of Human Occupation (MOHO) he contributed to the development of the field theoretically and scientifically. His work was always directed to how to apply MOHO in clinical practice - it should be a useful tool for enhancing occupational therapy as an advanced profession that made significant change for our clients. Assessment development was an important part of his work and many assessments has been translated and tested in Europe by students for their Master thesis in our programme. Gary travelled often to Europe for numerous lectures and seminars that had a very large influence on the development in European occupational therapy.

On several occasions he was involved in the OT-EuroMaster in seminars and lectures that our students had the privilege to participate in. He kept himself well informed about the master and valued the form and international approach that we have in the program.

**We will keep a very bright memory of him as a very nice person and an outstanding scholar in Occupational Therapy.**

Please also visit and read the memorial of Gary at the MOHO Clearinghouse:  
<http://www.moho.uic.edu/>

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