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The *Open Journal of Occupational Therapy* (OJOT) is pleased to recognize Cynthia Bournazos, Ph.D., OTRL, as the sponsor for the Winter 2017 issue. Dr. Bournazos is a senior-level health care consultant with extensive experience in analytics, organizational redesign, and process optimization. Her colleagues and clients recognize her for improving the information available to providers to effect change that drives improved quality, greater efficiency, and improved outcomes.

After earning her bachelor's degree in occupational therapy with distinction (Magna Cum Laude) at Western Michigan University (WMU), Dr. Bournazos went on to earn a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy from Sargent College at Boston University, where she received a Health Education and Welfare Traineeship. Following her success at Boston University, Dr. Bournazos earned her doctoral degree from New York University's Department of Applied Psychology, Research Design and Methodology Program. Once again, she graduated with distinction, having been inducted into the Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society for Education. Her doctoral dissertation research focused on collaborative practice in the acute hospital setting.

While in New York, her professional experiences included serving as a Principal in the clinical transformation service lines of several leading strategic consulting firms. Among her many accomplishments are her experiences developing process assessment, Meaningful Use readiness assessment, and gap analysis tools, and successfully leading multi-disciplinary teams serving clients in process optimization and organization change management engagements. In 2014, she joined the Advisory Board Company in Washington, D.C., as a Crimson Executive Partner, and she is responsible as a strategic thought partner and content matter expert to non-profit and for-profit health systems on issues related to accountable care, physician alignment, and care

transformation. She also maintains active membership with several professional organizations, including the American Medical Informatics Association, the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society, and the American Psychological Association.

In recognition of her many professional achievements, the College of Health and Human Services at WMU inducted Dr. Bournazos into the Academy of Outstanding Alumni in October, 2014, following a nomination by Dr. Ben Atchison, Chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy.

In 2016, by way of a major gift provided by Dr. Bournazos, the occupational therapy department established the Dr. Cynthia Bournazos Endowed Occupational Therapy Research Award. This award supports WMU occupational therapy student and/or faculty research, especially translational research, with a preference to those who disseminate the research in OJOT. The occupational therapy department expects to give the first award in Fall 2017.