

Michael Ota

Résumé

- Objective** To facilitate access and interdependence so that all individuals have the necessary tools and support for achieving social, emotional, and behavioral health and success.
- Education** University of Texas, Austin
- *PhD School Improvement. Expected graduation, August 2023.*
 - MA Special Education with BCBA. GPA 4.0. August 2016.
 - MEd Instructional Technology. GPA 4.0, August 2013.
 - BA Math, December 1998. GPA 3.3511.
 - BBA Finance, August 1995. GPA 3.40, 19% class ranking.
- Certifications** Board Certified Behavior Analyst and Licensed Behavior Analyst
Teaching certificate math, special education, tech apps, and ESL, Texas
- Instructional Implementation** **Faculty/Program Lead/Intervention Specialist**
Round Rock ISD, 1998 – 2005, 2010 - 2019
- Taught high and middle school mathematics.
 - Taught special education in autism, emotional, and behavioral disorders.
 - Lead teacher of Connect (a school-wide SEB intervention program), including proposal, research, pilot, implementation, and maintenance phases.
- Adjunct Faculty**
Austin Community College, 1995 – 2002
- Taught developmental and college level math.
- Instructional Design** **Content Developer/Project Lead**
Time to Know, Inc., Austin, TX, 2008 – 2010
- Provided content for Internet-based platform in elementary math.
- Content Specialist/Project Lead**
Pearson, Inc., Austin, TX, 2007 – 2008
- Provided content expertise for a multi-state algebra I EOC.
- Math Editor/Project Lead**
Harcourt Achieve, Inc., Austin, TX, 2005 - 2007
- Edited and wrote elementary and middle school mathematics instructional materials.
 - Led team of content developers, including coordinating project production within the team and across publishing departments.
- Instructional Technology** **Developer and Trainer**
Blog Training for Teachers
- Oversaw planning, design, and implementation of training and teacher materials on utilizing blogs in K-16 classrooms.

Project Manager and Developer

Staging your Home Game

- Oversaw planning, design, and implementation of a Flash-based game on staging a home for higher resale.

Instructional Research

Research Assistant/Graduate Research Assistant/Doctoral Research Assistant

Dana Center, University of Texas at Austin

- Trainer of advanced math, coordinator for online PD, and conducted statistical analysis on various projects under Dr. Cathy Seely.

Department of Counseling, Leadership, Adult Education & School Psychology, Texas State University at San Marcos

- Research assistant responsible for design, implementation, data collection, data analysis, and written product on various projects under Dr. Jim Koschoreck.

Department of Educational Psychology, University of Texas at Austin

- Interviewed subjects and evaluated data on *You Can't Say You Can't Play* under Dr. Amanda Harrist.

Department of Human Ecology, University of Texas at Austin

- Data collection and analysis on various research projects under Dr. Vicki Hampton.

Primary Researcher (Unpublished)

Department of Curriculum and Instruction, University of Texas at Austin

- *Change in Social Deficits in Students with Autism and Emotional Disabilities due to Blogging Activities* under Dr. Joan Hughes.
- *Instructional Design Changes Teacher Attitudes Towards Instructional Technology* under Dr. Paul Resta.
- *Social and Emotional Expressions in Online Blogs on Multi-purposed Websites* under Dr. George Velestianos.

Department of Special Education, University of Texas at Austin

- *Use of Emotion Avatars as Treatment for Social Deficits of Individuals with Autism: A Literature Review* under Dr. Mark O'Reilly.

Published Works

- *Advanced Mathematical Decision Making, 2009.*
- *Deep Pressure Therapy (DPT) Use in the Reduction of Challenging Behaviors for an Individual with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Intellectual Disability, 2016 (thesis).*
- *Learner Experiences with MOOCs and Open Online Learning, 2013.*

Recognitions/Awards

Teacher of the Year, Round Rock ISD, 2010.

Next Generation Digital Classroom, Round Rock ISD, 2014.

Grant Recipient, *Safe Hugs Sensory Jackets*, 2015, 2018.

Doctoral Merit Fellowship, Texas State University, 2019-2020

Professional Memberships

Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI)

Autism Society of America (ASA)

Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi