

# Michael Ota

## *Résumé*

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- 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
- 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 - Present
- Taught high and middle school mathematics.
  - *Currently teaching 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**

Department of Human Ecology, University of Texas at Austin

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

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.

Dana Center, University of Texas at Austin

- Wrote, implemented and trained teachers across the country on advanced math course curriculum.
- Web coordinator for PD online community, connecting teachers across the country for support and continued training.
- Collected data and conducted statistical analysis on various projects under Dr. Cathy Seely.

#### **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/Dr. Paul Resta.
- *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.
- *Understanding the ADD/ADHD Mind* under Dr. Lucia McKay.

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.

### **Professional Memberships**

Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI)

Autism Society of America (ASA)

Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi