

## San José State University Emeritus Faculty Association Biography

**Name:** Lorraine A. Pedretti

**Department:** Occupational Therapy

**Academic Rank:** Professor

**Year Retired:** 1994

**City of Residence:** San Jose



**Facebook Page or Website URL:**

**Birthplace:** Hackensack, New Jersey      **Birth Year:** 1936

**Marital Status:** Married      **Spouse or Partner's Name:** Robert L. Pedretti

**Children's Names:** Mark S.

**No. of Grandchildren:** 0      **No. of Great Grandchildren:** 0

<b>Colleges or Universities Attended:</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Degree</b>
New York University	1959	B.S.
San Jose State College	1964	M.S.

<b>Teaching Experience:</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
San Jose State University	1968	1994
Assistant Professor	1968	1979
Associate Professor	1979	1990

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Professor	1990	1994
Metropolitan Education District, ESL Instructor	2000	2010

### **Administrative, Business, or Professional Experience (other than teaching):**

Occupational Therapist, Bellevue Hospital, New York City

Occupational Therapist, Mountainside Hospital, Montclair New Jersey

Occupational Therapist, Hartford Rehabilitation Center, Hartford, CT

### **Selected Publications:**

Textbook: Occupational Therapy: Practice Skills for Physical Dysfunction  
1981; 1985; 1990; 1996; 2001. (5 Editions).

The Use of Adjunctive Modalities in Occupational Therapy, American Journal of Occupational Therapy, December, 1992.

A Frame of Reference for Occupational Therapy in Physical Dysfunction; OT Week, Feb. 20, 1992.

•Larson, O, Ratchford-Stevens, R, Pedretti, LW, Crabtree, J:  
(eds.): The Role of Occupational Therapy with the Elderly,  
second edition, Bethesda, MD, 1996, The American  
Occupational Therapy Association.

Instructional Videotapes (8)

### **Personal Commentary (please limit comments to one page):**

I have enjoyed several professional roles in my career in occupational therapy. I started as an occupational therapist and practiced on the east coast for about 8 years. I became interested in teaching after earning my master's degree at San Jose State College in 1964. After a few more years of clinical work, I returned to San Jose State to assume a teaching position. I enjoyed 26 rewarding years as a teacher and mentor to students. During that time I authored and edited five editions of an occupational therapy textbook, and several instructional videotapes that changed the way I taught clinical skills.

After my retirement I became involved in teaching English as a Second Language and earned the teaching credential required to become a certificated teacher with the Metropolitan Education District.

My professional colleagues at SJSU mentored and supported me over the years and helped my career progress. I am especially indebted to Anne Murany, Amy Killingsworth, Lela Llorens, Jean Still, and the late Gwen Wright. The faculty and staff of Instructional Technology, especially Jerry Kemp and Bob

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Reynolds were so helpful in the development of the self-instructional video modules that I used for many years. I had a rich and rewarding career as a therapist, teacher, writer and editor.

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