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Dr. Laura Gras is the Department Chair and Program Director at Ithaca College. She has been a practicing physical therapist for 28 years in various settings including inpatient geriatric rehabilitation, skilled nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for adults with lifelong disabilities, and in a private practice treating patients with vestibular issues. She has been a full-time faculty member teaching neurological rehabilitation for 21 years. She is a board-certified clinical specialist in Geriatrics from the APTA. Laura chairs the Interprofessional Education Event at Ithaca College. Her area of research is in balance and falls as well as IPE.

**Selected IPE Publication and Presentations:**

**Gras L**, Brown S, Durnford S, Fishel S, Elich Monroe J, Plumeau K, Valdez Tavez J. The impact of a one-time interprofessional education event for rehabilitation after stroke for students in the health professions. *Journal of Allied Health*. 2019; 48(3): 167-171.

Mayer J, Fishel S, Taves J, Rogalski Y, Elich Monroe J, **Gras L**. Interprofessional education through a monthly stroke support group. Presented at 3 national meetings: Association of Schools of Allied Health Professionals, San Antonio, TX, October 2017; Combined Sections Meeting, New Orleans, LA, February 2018; AOTA New Orleans, LA, April 2019.

Waller J, Durnford S, **Gras L**, Elich Monroe J, Valdez Taves J, Brown S, Fishel S, Plumeau K. An interprofessional education (IPE) initiative: preparing students for interprofessional practice through a collaborative case-based model. ASHA, Boston, MA, November 2018.