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Dr. Jacobs' research examines the interface between the environment and human capabilities. In particular, she examines the individual factors and environmental demands associated with increased risk of functional limitations among populations of university and middle school aged students, particularly in technology & backpack use. In addition to being an occupational therapist, she is also a board certified professional ergonomist (CPE) and the founding editor-in-chief of the international, interdisciplinary journal *WORK: A Journal of Prevention, Assessment and Rehabilitation* (IOS Press, The Netherlands).