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Judy has been the recipient of many significant awards. These include the Dorothy B. Kaufmann Lectureship Award from the Hand Rehabilitation Foundation (2006), Senior Professor at Rehabilitation of the Hand meeting in Philadelphia (2001), the ASHT Natalie Barr Lectureship Award (1999) and she is also a Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association (1996). She is an honorary member of the Hand Societies in Argentina, New Zealand, France and Venezuela.

In 1996, she established the company *HandLab* which offered online video courses and DVD/CD independent learning modules. Judy was also co-author of the CD-ROM: *The Interactive Hand – Therapist’s Edition*. She was a frequent contributor at the ASHT Annual Meetings and also provided clinical consultancy work across the USA and globally in places as far and wide as Singapore, Nepal and Sweden.

Judy has been profoundly prolific throughout her career with output that includes numerous juried professional papers, peer-reviewed publications (including articles in the *Journal of Hand Therapy* and chapters in *Rehabilitation of the Hand*), over 90 invited professional presentations, holding several patents pertinent to hand therapy and she has delivered over 100 workshops and symposia.

Judy is semi-retired but continues to support the advancement of hand therapy knowledge and skills. Her online video courses are now available free of charge to hand therapists worldwide at BraceLab.com. You may still see her at a selected number of national and international meetings.