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Dr. Yuping Chen joined the Department of Physical Therapy in the College of Health and Human Sciences (renamed to the Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing and Health Professions) at Georgia State University in August 2009. She was appointed as a tenure-track Assistant Professor and promoted to Associate Professor in August 2015. She is a pediatric physical therapist by training, whose primary research interests are in determining the effectiveness of novel physical therapy interventions (virtual reality gaming and robotic therapy) in improving arm function in children with developmental disabilities. The target populations she studies now are children with cerebral palsy and infants at high risk of developing

cerebral palsy (i.e., infants born prematurely). Recently she expanded her research to examine if parental stress, fatigue, and depressive symptoms influence children's improvement in physical function to further use family as a unit to provide interventions to improve quality of life for both parents and children with developmental disability.

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