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Elin Schold Davis has coordinated the American Occupational Therapy Association's (AOTA) Older Driver Initiative since 2003. She is a registered/licensed occupational therapist (OTR/L) and a certified driving rehabilitation specialist (CDRS). Her experience in long term care and adult rehabilitation at The Sister Kenny Rehabilitation Institute Minneapolis, Minnesota, led her to her current position with The American Occupational Therapy Association as the Coordinator of the AOTA Older Driver Initiative. Ms. Schold Davis has authored articles, co-edited the book *Driving and Community Mobility: occupational therapy strategies across the lifespan* and lectured nationally and internationally on the topics of both cognitive rehabilitation and driving.

In her current position with AOTA, Ms. Schold Davis manages projects funded by cooperative agreement with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration dedicated to build awareness of occupational therapy's role in senior safe mobility and increase the capacity of occupational therapy programs to work collaboratively with providers and stakeholders to address driving as an instrumental activity of daily living. Significant initiatives include collaboration with The MIT Age Lab and The Hartford's' Center for Mature Market Excellence to develop the educational brochure Your Road Ahead: A Guide to Comprehensive Driving Evaluations, and the CarFit collaboration between AAA, AARP and AOTA.

Schold Davis is a member of the Transportation Research Board's Safe Mobility for Older Person's Committee and its sub-committee addressing Medical Advisory Boards and is a member of the National Older Driver Safety Advisory Council.