

Baum Appointed Next Editor of *OTJR*



The American Occupational Therapy Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of Carolyn M. Baum, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, as the next editor

of *The Occupational Therapy Journal of Research*. Baum is the Elias Michael Director of the Program of Occupational Therapy at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri and associate professor of both occupational therapy and neurology.

Baum brings to *OTJR* a wealth of experience both as a past president of the American Occupational Therapy

Association and as a member of the elite group of Eleanor Clarke Slagle lecturers. In addition, Baum is a recipient of AOTA's Award of Merit. Baum's focus on occupation as the core of occupational therapy is evident in her book, *Occupational Therapy: Enabling Function and Well-Being*, co-edited with Charles Christiansen. Her doctoral dissertation explored the effect of occupation on the behaviors of individuals with dementia of the Alzheimer's type and their caregivers. Baum also addressed occupation-based practice in a recent article in *OT Practice*.

To insure a smooth transition, Baum is working with the current editor, Bette Bonder, and will assume full responsibility for the journal as of January 1, 2001.

AOTF Mission

The American Occupational Therapy Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable, nonprofit organization dedicated to refining and expanding the body of knowledge of occupational therapy, advancing practice of the highest quality, and promoting understanding of the value of occupation in the interest of the public.



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New Institute Envisioned by AOTF

In October 2000, the American Occupational Therapy Foundation will launch an institute that will serve as the umbrella for AOTF's many programs. The focus of the institute will be the study of occupation and health.

Since April this year, Laura Gitlin, PhD, and Mary Corcoran, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, have been working under a contract with AOTF to identify possible models for the institute, themes that will unify the institute's programs, and potential funding sources. Strong emphasis is being placed on societal themes that represent new trends in health care, health economics, and higher education. Concepts of occupation will be central to the institute and its activities and programs.

Although Gitlin and Corcoran have deferred the institute's mission statement until after their work is completed, they have projected three possible goals: 1) to provide a way for the pro-

fession to respond rapidly to and influence social and global trends; 2) to enable the profession to generate evidence supporting occupation's relevance for health; and 3) to support innovation in OT education.

It is thought that the new institute will be organized around professional values as they relate to society's needs. It will exemplify what Wilma L. West, visionary founder of AOTF, who believed that occupational therapy should concern itself with the social and political systems that determine quality of life, as well as

providing therapeutic interventions on behalf of those individuals and families whose occupational function has been disrupted.

The revised *International Classification of Function and Disability: ICFIDH-2*, released by the World Health Organization, has strongly influenced

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OT Students Receive \$31,000 In Scholarships

This spring, AOTF awarded 43 scholarships to deserving occupational therapy students throughout the country. State occupational therapy associations, non-profit groups, and AOTF memorial scholarship funds all helped to support scholarships.

For the 25th consecutive year, Kappa Delta Phi sorority made occupational therapy education the beneficiary of its national service activities. Kappa's gift funded seven scholarships at the master's and bachelor's degree levels. The scholarship fund will continue to benefit from Kappa's generosity in 2001 with their recent announcement of a \$5000 gift.

AOTF also administers and awards several scholarships established in memory of prominent occupational therapists including Thomas Cole, Janice McGraw, Mary Fiorentino, Helen Willard, and Clare Spackman. One scholarship at the associate degree level in honor of Carlotta Welles was also awarded.

The Foundation congratulates all scholarship winners and gratefully acknowledges the unwavering dedication of the AOTF Scholarship Selection Committee who reviewed and rated hundreds of applications this year. ■

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CORE Advances Outcomes Research

The Center for Outcomes Research and Education (CORE) located in the Department of Occupational Therapy at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) takes a multifaceted approach to generate specific outcomes studies. CORE seeks to build the profession's capacity to create leaders who are committed to outcomes research in occupational therapy. CORE also aims to enhance knowledge and skills and create strong bonds between researchers, practitioners and institutions that will sustain a robust tradition of occupational therapy outcomes research.

CORE is the fourth Center funded through a joint financial commitment from AOTA and AOTF. AOTA has committed a total of \$150,000 from its operating budget. AOTF is supporting the CORE through individual contributions from AOTA members, over \$80,000 in personal contributions from members of the AOTF Board of Directors and a generous gift from Smith & Nephew-Rehabilitation Division. Smith & Nephew is known internationally as a manufacturer of physical rehabilitation products including splinting materials, braces and supports, clinical equipment, and self-help products.

"We have created an interacting community of scholars with four research faculty from UIC and twelve research fellows from other settings in the U.S., Canada, and Europe," says principal investigator Gary Kielhofner, DrPh, OTR. "Our goal is to provide access for these scholars to appropriate expert information and consultation through a series of symposia and ongoing Internet communication mechanisms through the Center," continues Kielhofner. The Center will also support a cadre of doctoral and postdoctoral fellows. Kristy Forsyth, PhD, OTR, SROT, has been named as a part-time postdoctoral CORE fellow and Anita Iyenger, BSc, IOTR, and Mary Ellen

Phillips, OTR/L, have been named pre-doctoral fellows from UIC.

Symposia, led by national experts, are based on established outcomes methodologies and offer a perspective on how significant outcomes research programs are developed. Over the three years of the project, the participating scholars will each develop proposals for outcomes studies that generate evidence concerning the effectiveness of occupational therapy.

Information on outcomes research is being disseminated on an ongoing basis through institutes at AOTA's annual conferences. The first institute, which took place in April 2000 in Seattle, addressed the role of collaboration in developing outcomes research. A second institute planned for the 2001 annual conference in Philadelphia will focus on involving master's and doctoral students in outcomes research.

The Center is also sponsoring ongoing workshops and colloquia. The first workshop on documenting outcomes of therapy, co-sponsored by the Illinois and Wisconsin Occupational Therapy Associations, was offered at UIC in August 2000 and another is planned for spring 2001. CORE is also developing a website on outcomes research.

CORE Research Fellows

Faculty from the University of Illinois at Chicago

Gary Kielhofner, DrPH, OTR
Principal Investigator

Joy Hammel, PhD, OTR
Co-Investigator

Christine Hellrich, PhD, OTR

Jin-Shei Lai, PhD, OTR

Marcia Finlayson, PhD, OTC, OTR

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Steadfast Supporter Makes \$10,000 Gift

Betty Risteen Hasselkus, PhD, OTR, FAOTA shows unselfish support in many ways and sharing her time, talents and energy with the profession is nothing new—although donating \$10,000 in stock to AOTF was a first for Hasselkus and her husband Ed.



The Hasselkus' generous gift became possible when the technology-based company their son co-founded went public. Hasselkus and her husband were then able to make their gift to the Foundation. "I always wondered how people did this, but I can see under certain circumstances that you can," said Hasselkus.

A Professor Emeritus in the Occupational Therapy Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Hasselkus is considered a pioneer in qualitative research and focuses her area of study on care giving for the elderly. Her commitment and interest in the profession reach far and wide; she is a member of the Academy of Research, a Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association and editor of the *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*.

AOTF was one of the first organizations Hasselkus thought of because of her longtime association with the Foundation. "AOTF has provided a lot of opportunities to me personally and to my graduate students," said Hasselkus. "I believe strongly in AOTF's mission of research."

The Foundation is grateful to have such a dedicated and accomplished supporter. Hasselkus' gift will certainly move the Foundation closer to creating opportunities through research and education.

Seattle Breakfast With a Scholar Raises \$23,000

Seattle, Washington set the stage for the Foundation's sixth annual Breakfast with a Scholar, held in conjunction with the 2000 AOTA Conference. More than 300 conference attendees helped AOTF raise \$23,000 by joining guest speaker Graham Rowles, PhD and the Foundation at this rousing event.

Rowles, Associate Director of the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging at the University of Kentucky, explored the changing relationship between elders and their environments, and its implications for health and well being. Based on his ethnographic research of a rural Appalachian community, Rowles presented poignant and humorous case studies of his favorite elders and their world.

The Breakfast was made possible, in part, through a generous gift from Maginnis/Seabury & Smith. Inspired by the leadership of former Maginnis Chairman and current AOTF Board member Donald Lang, the corporation has made a multiyear pledge and is

now the event's exclusive sponsor through 2001.

Loyal Contributors Move AOTF Initiatives Forward

Once again, AOTF friends and colleagues rose to the occasion by supporting the Foundation's fundraising initiatives. Last fall, 1,000 donors contributed \$115,000 in support of key Foundation initiatives to generate and promote evidence-based research.

These gifts enabled the Foundation to help fund the new Center for Outcomes Research and Education (CORE). Your contributions are already helping CORE develop and implement research studies to demonstrate the efficacy of occupational therapy.

This fall, AOTF will ask donors to help fund several important programs. One such initiative is an institute for the study of occupation and health (see page 1). The Foundation is grateful for the dedication of its loyal supporters. Their ongoing commitment proves that AOTF's donors represent the profession's finest resources.

Foundation Loses Longtime Friend



Courtesy of the Walter Reuther Library at Wayne State University

Health Professions at Wayne State.

Jewett enjoyed a productive retirement in Florida. She was a committed volunteer in the gift shop of her retirement community for over 12 years. Her professional dedication extended into retirement as she maintained active correspondence with many of her students. As a final gesture of her love for occupational therapy, Jewett named the American Occupational Therapy Foundation as a major beneficiary of her estate.

Visiting Fellows:

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(Toronto, Canada)

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Rodin Museum Opens its Doors
for Fundraising Reception**



Courtesy of the Philadelphia Museum of Art

Mark your calendar for a 2001 Conference event you won't want to miss. Join friends of AOTF in Philadelphia at a private showing of the great French sculptor Auguste Rodin. The Rodin Museum houses over 100 of the artist's plaster studies, drawings, books and bronze casts including *The Thinker* and *The Gates of Hell*.

Don't miss a rare opportunity to explore the greatest Rodin collection outside of Paris while you network with colleagues and enjoy fine hors d'oeuvres and an open bar in one of the City of Brotherly Love's most unique venues.

Your attendance on Saturday, April 21st, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., will help raise funds to support the

Foundation's research and education programs. Tickets may be purchased for \$100 each after January 1, 2001 via AOTA's Conference Registration, or by calling Sue Mitchell, AOTF's Development Associate, at 301-652-2682, extension 2552. Register early, as attendance is limited by the museum's size.

Breakfast With a Scholar Comes to Philadelphia

Join friends and colleagues for the Foundation's seventh annual Breakfast with a Scholar. Held on Sunday, April 22nd in conjunction with the 2001 AOTA Conference in Philadelphia, the breakfast features a noted scholar from another field whose focus is especially relevant to our study of meaningful occupation.

Past guest speakers have included ethologist Jane Goodall, sculptor J. Seward Johnson, sociologist Mary Catherine Bateson, NBC news correspondent John Hockenberry, psychologist Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, and most recently, social geographer Graham Rowles.

The Foundation is already pursuing a dynamic speaker for Philadelphia so keep your eye on the News & Events page of AOTF's website at www.aotf.org for the announcement. This event traditionally sells-out quickly so be sure to make your plans early. Tickets will be available after January 1, 2001 through AOTA's Conference Registration, or by calling Sue Mitchell, AOTF's Development Associate, at 301-652-2682, extension 2552.

the planning for the institute. In identifying the barriers to social participation for citizens with disabilities, *ICIDH-2* validates occupational therapy's perspective on participation in society, as well as West's beliefs about occupational therapy."

"We are considering three possible divisions of the institute, each responsive to a major aspect of societal need that might be well served by occupational therapy and through studies of human occupation," says Martha Kirkland, AOTF's Executive Director. "These divisions roughly correspond to the three goals mentioned above, and might be called pedagogy, scientific inquiry, and social policy." Each of the branches will address an aspect of the Foundation's mission and the priorities established by the Board of Directors. "The institute will provide the structure through which we support the Foundation's future programs to promote excellence in education and research," continues Kirkland.

Through the institute's focus on pedagogy, or teaching, AOTF will support faculty and graduate education in the profession. Already on the drawing board is a series of educational offerings, designed and implemented in collaboration with AOTA's Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education and Commission on Education. "Our immediate goal is to help OT program directors, faculty, and fieldwork supervisors design graduate curricula that meet the new educational standards mandating post-baccalaureate professional entry," says Kirkland.

Significant resources of the institute will be directed to scientific inquiry, or research, to develop evidence in support of the science of occupation and the practice of occupational therapy. "Research has been the principal concern of the Foundation since 1979," explains Nedra Gillette, the institute's interim

director. "Our future support for scientific inquiry will include doctoral and post-doctoral fellowships, a mentoring program for grant writers, and the continuation of our annual Gordon-style research conferences," reports Gillette.

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Jane Davis Rourk, President of the Foundation adds, "As occupational ther-

apy practitioners we understand the significance of occupation and occupational therapy in responding to major societal issues. Through the social policy initiatives of the institute, AOTF will provide leadership in promoting occupation and occupational therapy as positive forces in addressing social themes such as aging in place, delaying disability, reducing violence, and promoting participation.

"As the institute for the study of occupation and health evolves, the Foundation expresses its gratitude to our many colleagues who have provided direction and guidance along the way. We are especially grateful to AOTA for its invaluable support and financial assistance in helping to launch the institute and secure its future programs," concludes Rourk. ■

Friends of the Foundation Kicks-off in Pittsburgh

AOTF has taken its message on the road with Friends of the Foundation, a regional outreach effort aimed at sharing information with colleagues on estate planning, personal investment strategies, and AOTF's initiatives and need for support.

A fall 1999 gathering was co-hosted by AOTF Board Secretary Hanna Gruen and former Board member Caroline Brayley. Twenty guests enjoyed lunch at the Concordia Club in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where a financial planner, an attorney and Martha Kirkland, AOTF's Executive Director, were on hand to briefly present their areas of expertise.

Plans for gatherings in New York, Chicago, Boston and Los Angeles are currently underway. If you would like to attend a Friends event, please contact Sue Mitchell, Development Associate, at 301-652-2682, extension 2552. ■

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