Greetings to Research Resource Colleagues!

I recently had the opportunity to attend the 77th Scientific Sessions of the American Diabetes Association. There has been a lot of recent discussion about potential opportunities for OT practitioners and researchers in chronic disease, with diabetes being one of the more prominent topics. At the ADA meeting, there was a whole session dedicated to the first-ever Psychosocial Position Statement for the ADA. The statement itself is intended to provide evidence-based practice guidelines for the psychosocial assessment and care of people with diabetes and their families. The session promoted the importance of integrated person-based team care and proceeded to mention endocrinologists, nurse practitioners, psychologists, registered dietitians, and social workers, but absolutely no mention of a role for occupational therapy. We have compiled a set of psychosocial resources; these can be a starting point for research in the field.

I believe that the unique skill set of occupational therapists should be included in the discussion of care of people with diabetes and obesity. I also think that the OT research community could add a lot to our research knowledge of diabetes and diabetes care, and should be a major contributor to the evidence generated to deal with the ongoing diabetes epidemic. Enjoy your summer and remember there is much work to be done to better the health of our clients/patients.

Best wishes,

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OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health

OTJR, published quarterly by AOTF, offers original peer-reviewed research articles of professional interest to the practicing OT with a focus on occupation and fostering interdisciplinary research. OTJR is now indexed in MEDLINE/PubMed. To download current, past, and future OTJR articles – see the OTJR website.

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Driving Errors That Predict On-Road Outcomes in Adults With Multiple Sclerosis
Sarah Krasniuk, Sherrilene Classen, Sarah A. Morrow, Miriam Monahan, Tim Danter, Heather Rosehart, Wenqing He

Sexuality and Spinal Cord Injury: The Lived Experiences of Intimate Partners
Kate Eglseder, Barbara Demchick

Measuring Disability in Patients With Cervical Dystonia According to the

AOTF Intervention Research Grant

program is now open for 2018.

These grants, of up to $50,000, are targeted to PIs with a funding history associated with early stage, emerging, or early mid career investigators. Aligned with AOTF’s Research Priorities, these grants fill a critical funding gap in the development of ideas and data.

Applying for the IRG is a two-step process. Step 1 – the Letter of Intent – is due August 24, 2017. Approved applicants can go on complete the application which is due November 9, 2017.

The IRG RFA, Award Guidelines, and link to begin the application process can be found on the AOTF website.
The 2018 Nedra Gillette Endowed Research Fellowship is now open

This one-time award of $1,500 is in support of a postdoctoral researcher’s foundational occupational therapy study into the human condition as it is influenced by health, participation in valued roles, and social justice. The award is open to postdoc OTs in a postdoc research program or non OT postdocs in an OT research program with mentors. Application deadline is October 14, 2017; see the AOTF website for more information.

AOTF Seeks a Scientific Programs Officer.
Join the AOTF team and develop, implement, manage, and evaluate the Foundation’s scientific programs.

AOTF is looking for a Chief Development Officer.

Publications

Knowledge for Social Change: Bacon, Dewey, and the Revolutionary Transformation of Research Universities in the Twenty-First Century
Employing history, social theory, and a detailed contemporary case study, Knowledge for Social Change argues for fundamentally reshaping research universities to function as democratic, civic, and community-engaged institutions dedicated to advancing learning and knowledge for social change.

Doctoral, Post-Doctoral, and Research Training Opportunities

Postdoctoral Fellowships to Safeguard Astronaut Health and Performance during Deep Space Exploration
NSPIRES Solicitation Number: TRIRFA1701
The Translational Research Institute (TRI) seeks to support postdoctoral fellows in performing research related to human space flight. Two-year fellowships are available in any U.S. laboratory carrying out biomedical research. Applicants must submit research proposals together with an identified mentor and institution. Proposal deadline: July 31, 2017.

Postdoc Fellowship at The Center for Clinical Outcomes Development and Application (CODA), Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, University of Michigan
This is a two-year postdoctoral fellowship position with and mentored by Drs. Noelle Carlozzi and Anna Kratz and will be involved in our NIH-sponsored project that is designed to develop new health-related quality of life measures for use in caregivers of individuals with traumatic brain injury as well as other projects. Applicants should have completed a PhD in psychology or a related discipline.

Training in Grantsmanship for Rehabilitation Research (TIGRR) January 9-13, 2018
Accepting Applications July 3 - August 7, 2017
This intensive grant-writing workshop (TIGRR) builds upon the successful model used by the Enhancing Rehabilitation Research in the South (ERRIS) workshops that resulted in many junior investigators receiving NIH and other NIH level research funding. The centerpiece is the one-on-one mentorship that maximizes the chance of success.

The Science of Caregiving: Bringing Voices Together
August 7-8, 2017
The event will bring together an audience of researchers, advocates, healthcare providers, educators, and others interested in the science of caregiving. This event is free but space is limited and registration is required. The event will be livestreamed and archived.

Postdoctoral position – University of Pittsburgh
Dept of OT and the Health Policy Institute, Health Services - geriatric focus desirable. If interested, send name, phone number, email address, statement of career goals and CV to Dr. Juleen Rodakowski.

Postdoctoral Fellow Opportunity - University of Florida
The Dept. of OT invites applications for a full-time postdoctoral fellow under the mentorship of Dr. Sherrilene Classen in multidisciplinary research with a focus on driving rehabilitation science. Applicants must have a PhD in Rehabilitation Science or a closely related field and are preferably licensed/license-eligible as an occupational therapist in the state of Florida.

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Multiple Sclerosis Research - Johns Hopkins University
The overall goals of this two-year postdoctoral research Fellowship funded by the National MS Society and Johns Hopkins Dept. of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation are to:
1. Train clinician-scientists who will go on to be leaders in the advancement of rehabilitative strategies for people with MS.
2. Equip trainees with the skills needed to become independent, grant-funded investigators.
This program will provide clinical and research training in MS-related rehabilitation science, For more information, contact Meghan Beier.

Postdoctoral Fellow Position Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis
One position is available for a highly motivated PhD interested in translational occupational therapy research in aging. The primary task of the postdoctoral research fellow will be to conduct research in the area of function and the environment for cognitively normal older adults aging in place. The focus of the research will be on identifying functional changes over time for older adults with and without preclinical Alzheimer disease and preventing falls among community dwelling older adults. The role involves working in a team-based environment and collaborating with different researchers on a range of projects. The research includes analysis and preparation of manuscripts for publication based on data from clinical studies, as well as the preparation and submission of grant proposals.

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Grants and Funding Opportunities

US Department of Health and Human Services Grants
Search the grants.gov website for up to date information on grants that are available. Learn about how to apply for NIH grants.

Conferences and Calls for Papers

Down Syndrome Medical Interest Group-USA Annual Symposium: (July 21, 2017, Sacramento, California)
This symposium provides an interdisciplinary forum for sharing of knowledge and experiences related to clinical care of children and adults with Down syndrome, clinical research related to Down syndrome, and development of Down syndrome clinics.

Human Animal Bond and Animal Assisted Therapy Three Day Summit (August 12-14, 2017, Rochester, Michigan)
Industry leaders from across the country will come together and discuss standards of practice and ethical considerations in the field of Human Animal Bond and Animal Assisted Therapy. This event will cover ethics in the industry, legitimizing the field, animal welfare, and establishing best practices, which will serve as the catalyst for future practice, research and publication opportunities.

Learn how to build an ergonomics program or maximize an existing program – on any budget, for any industry.

AOTA Specialty Conference: Mental Health (September 15-16, 2017, Indianapolis, Indiana)
(pre-conference sessions: September 14)

Second International Conference on Paediatric Acquired Brain Injury (September 20-23, 2017, Rome, Italy)
Conference theme: New Strategies to Improve Outcome and Quality of Life. This conference will focus on the development of new assessment tools, innovative therapies and devices, rehabilitation programs, teaching strategies, psychological and social support, increasing the potential to recovery in young people affected by brain injury and giving, at the same time, support to the families.

Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust Conference (September 27-28, 2017, Glasgow, UK)
World-renowned speakers will share current research strategies and developments in brain injury treatment and rehabilitation.

12th Annual Thompson Center Autism Conference (September 21-22, 2017, St. Louis, Missouri)
Connect with international experts in autism for the latest evidence-based best practices and research findings on
working with and treating individuals with autism. Three conference strands will be offered: current topics, applied behavior analysis, and autism in schools.

**Southwest Conference on Disability 2017 (October 5-8, 2017, Albuquerque, New Mexico)**
Main conference theme: The Intersection of Disability and Other Underserved Populations. Special emphasis themes: Disability in Native America: Causes, Impacts, Solutions and Addressing the Intersections of Adversity and Disability Prenatally and in Early Childhood: Research, Prevention, Intervention and Capacity-Building.

**Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity (October 9-11, 2017, Honolulu, Hawaii)**
PRICDD encourages and respects voices from "diverse" perspectives across numerous areas, including: voices from persons representing all disability areas; experiences of family members and supporters across all disability and diversity areas; responsiveness to diverse cultural and language differences; evidence of researchers and academics studying diversity and disability; stories of persons providing powerful lessons; examples of program providers, and; action plans to meet human and social needs in a globalized world.

**5th International Institute on Kielhofner's Model of Human Occupation (MOHO) (October 14-15, 2017, Houston, Texas)**
MOHO theme: Perspectives on Client-Centered Practice

SSO:USA theme for 2017: Participation: People, Places & Performances

**CAG2017 (October 19-21, 2017, Winnipeg, Manitoba)**
Canadian Association on Gerontology 46th Annual Scientific & Educational Meeting theme: Evidence for Action in an Aging World

**ACRM 94th Anniversary Conference (October 23-28, 2017, Atlanta, Georgia)**
American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine conference theme: Progress in Rehabilitation Research – Translation to Clinical Practice

**ENO THE 2017 Meeting (October 26-28, 2017 Zagreb, Croatia)**

**AOTA Education Summit: (October 27-28, 2017, Ft. Worth, Texas)**

**AOTA/NBCOT National Student Conclave (November 3-4, 2017, Birmingham, Alabama)**

**American Public Health Association (APHA) 145th Annual Meeting (November 4-8, 2017, Atlanta, Georgia)**
Meeting theme: Creating the Healthiest Nation: Climate Changes Health.

**Society for Neuroscience (SfN) 2017 (November 11-15, 2017, Washington, DC)**
The SfN 47th annual meeting, Neuroscience 2017, is the world’s largest neuroscience conference for scientists and physicians devoted to understanding the brain and nervous system.


**AOTA School Based Specialty Conference (December 1-2, 2017, Orlando, Florida)**

**AOTA Annual Conference & Expo (April 19-22, 2018, Salt Lake City, Utah)**
(pre-conference institutes: April 18)

**News and Other Resources**
Webinar Series on the AOTF Intervention Research Grants (IRG)
Pi Theta Epsilon-Omicron Chapter at Boston University is holding a series of live interviews with IRG recipients on their research. The "AOTF Intervention Research Grant Recipients Webinar Series" will be uploaded to YouTube after airing.

The first webinar by 2017 IRG recipients Kathleen Lyons, ScD, OTR/L (Supporting Caregivers of Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation Patients: A Feasibility Study of the Ready to CARE Program) and Evan Dean, PhD, OTR/L (Supporting Employment Through Self-determination for Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder) is available now.

Disability Stigma and Your Patients
The University of Washington Healthy Aging Rehabilitation Research Training Center (RRTC) has released a fact sheet as a guide for health care providers on how to have respectful, stigma-free interactions with their patients.

Canadian Institute for the Relief of Pain and Disability (CIRPD) Webinar Series
CIRPD is currently running two research-based, webinar series: chronic pain and return to work. Each series has upcoming, live webinars as well as a library of webinar recordings.

NIH News and Info

- NIH Grant website.
- Perspectives on Evidence-based Funding, a talk by NIH Deputy Director for Extramural Research, Mike Lauer on concerns about the hypercompetitive nature of applying for NIH support and other topics.
- Advice from NIH on resubmitting grant applications.

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- Scholarships
- Research support including the Intervention Research Grants program
- Maintenance of the largest collection of occupational therapy resources in the country, the Wilma L. West Library.

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