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Dear Colleagues:

In this issue of *Research Resources*, we invite attention to research directions. Just as travelers need guidance through maps and GPS devices to reach their destinations, so too do scientists benefit from "research maps" to focus their efforts and guide their questions and projects.

One view holds that faster progress is likely to be made when many people collectively address the same problem. This was part of the thinking when the NIH announced its famous [research roadmap](#), developed in 2002 under the leadership of Elias A. Zerhouni, MD. The roadmap has provided important strategic direction for many NIH programs during this decade.

[The Occupational Therapy Research Agenda](#), released in October 2009, provides similar strategic direction for scientific efforts in occupational therapy. It has become the profession's research roadmap. Occupational therapy has had many efforts over the years to guide its research directions, and the staff of the Wilma L. West Library has assembled a list of many of these efforts as reflected in published documents over the years. I hope you find these of historical interest.

As always, we appreciate your interest in occupational therapy research and your support of AOTF.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Chuck' followed by a horizontal line.

Charles Christiansen
Executive Director
Interim Director, Institute for the Study of Occupation and Health

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Wilma L. West Library Resource Notes

Selected guideposts along the road to the new AOTF/AOTA research agenda

Establishment of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation (AOTF) - 1964/1965 (AOTA, 1964 and Yerxa, 1967).

AOTF/AOTA sponsorship of the 1976 Research Seminar (West, 1976 and Yerxa & Gilfoyle, 1976).

Creation and of the Research Advisory Committee and Research Associate position by the AOTA Board of Management and House of Delegates - 1978
(AOTA, 1978).

Founding of The **Occupational Therapy Journal of Research - 1980** (Llorens, 1981 and West, 1981)

Research competencies, (1983 and 2000)

Training researchers by including research in occupational therapy across the curriculum (Mitcham, 1985, 1986 and Crepeau, 2000)

Research Priorities developed by the Research Advisory Council - 2004

AOTA/AOTF Research Agenda - 2009 (AOTA website, March 13, 2010 and Rogers, 2010)

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AOTF Institute Spotlight - Events at the AOTA Annual Conference

Join AOTF at the following events at the AOTA Annual Conference in Orlando, Wednesday April 28 to Saturday May 1, 2010.

For registration information visit the [AOTA web site](#).

Wednesday, April 28 12 - 6:30 p.m. Pre-conference Institute: Grant Writing for Researchers.

Presented in cooperation with AOTA, this Institute will address strategies, resources, grant writing tips, and how to interpret and respond to reviewer critiques. Selected resources and grant writing materials will be presented. A variety of topics will be addressed, including developing effective specific aims, developing a budget and timeline, and responding to reviewers. Moderator: Laura N. Gitlin, PhD, Thomas Jefferson University. Presenters: Nancy Baker, ScD, OTR, University of Pittsburgh, Jane Case-Smith, EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA, Ohio State University, Charles Christiansen, AOTF.

Thursday, April 29 12:30-3:30 p.m. Qualitative Research Exchange: Engaging Marginalized Populations Through Qualitative Research

This qualitative research exchange (QRE) will focus on understanding the experiences of marginalized populations (particularly stigma), how these experiences influence their occupational choices and participation, and what this knowledge suggests for future occupational therapy education, practice, and research. Moderator: Marcia Finlayson, PhD, OT, University of Illinois at Chicago. Speakers: Mary Forhan, MHSC, OT Reg(Ont), McMaster University, Rene Padilla, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, LMHP, Creighton University, Toby Hamilton, PhD, MPH, OTR/L, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Friday, April 30 1:30-4:30 p.m. Research Colloquium and Tea: Research on the Role of Environments in Promoting Occupation, Participation, and Health

The physical and social environments of home, work, and community--including places of learning, play, and work--are vitally linked to our health and well-being. This colloquium explores occupational therapy and occupational science research on how environments promote health across the lifespan, and the role of occupational therapists and scientists in interdisciplinary initiatives related to designing and adapting environments that advance the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities. Moderator: Winifred Dunn, PhD, OTR, FAOTA. Speakers: Wendy J. Coster, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, Joy Hammel, PhD, OTR/L, Dory Sabata, OTD, OTR/L, SCEM, Jon Sanford, MArch.

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[State of the Science Symposium: Care of the Combat Amputee
\(April 16, 2010, Washington, DC\)](#)

This free, full-day workshop will commemorate the release of the

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[Support for School-Based Running Programs](#)

ING Run For Something Better (ING RFSB), in partnership with the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE), seeks to increase physical activity in students and help fight childhood obesity nationwide through the creation of school-based running programs. The School awards program will provide a minimum of fifty \$2,000 grants to schools that desire to establish a school-based running program or expand an existing one.

[NIH Regional Seminars on Program Funding and Grants Administration](#)

Each year, the Office of Extramural Research (OER) sponsors two NIH Regional Seminars on

textbook *Care of the Combat Amputee*, published by the Borden Institute as part of the Textbooks for Military Medicine. This textbook is the formal publication of work from a consensus conference of the same name, held on Sept. 17-19, 2007 at the Center for the Intrepid in St. Antonio, Texas, where rehabilitation experts from the Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, and the civilian community united to define the state of care for rehabilitation of the combat amputee. The State of the Science Symposia is a series of quarterly, one-day workshops held at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

[Canadian Disability Studies Association 7th Annual Conference \(June 2-4, 2010, Montreal, Quebec\)](#)

The Congress 2010 theme (Connected Understanding: Intersections and Connections with Disability Studies) encapsulates the increasingly interdisciplinary nature of research and the importance of connecting the academic world with users of knowledge from all sectors. It also refers to the impact of the rise of digital technology on scholarly research.

[The 2010 Integrated Medical, Public Health, Preparedness and Response Training Summit \(May 12-16, Nashville, Tennessee\)](#)

This forum, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), permits coordination, collaboration and interaction amongst the target audience - the leaders and members of these preparedness and response partner organizations. The Integrated Training Summit will enhance the knowledge, skills and abilities of participants, which in turn will improve their capability to deliver public health and medical care services during disasters of any origin.

[Canadian Stroke Congress 2010 \(June 7-8, Quebec City, Quebec\)](#)

The program will present science and education through plenary sessions, lively debates, clinical trial updates, poster and moderated poster presentations, simultaneous oral sessions, interactive workshops, public forums and more.

[Military Medical Technology Summit \(March 31 - April 02, 2010, Vienna, Virginia\)](#)

This summit is designed to highlight the latest technologies that our medical teams can utilize to improve their quality of care. While our medical community continuously strives for improvements in their clinical capabilities, their capacity to provide the best of care is often dependant on having the right equipment and technology in order to properly prevent, diagnose, and treat our wounded warfighters.

Web-Based & Related Resources

[Secretary's Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion](#)

Program Funding and Grants. This year the seminars will be in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Portland, Oregon. These seminars are intended to help demystify the application and review process, clarify federal regulations and policies, and highlight current areas of special interest or concern. The seminars serve the NIH mission of providing education and training for the next generation of biomedical and behavioral scientist.

[Steppingstones of Technology Innovation for Children with Disabilities Awards](#)

These awards, sponsored by the US Department of Education, require grantees to develop, implement and evaluate innovative technology approaches designed to improve results for children with disabilities. Projects funded under Phase 1 must develop and refine a technology-based approach, and test its feasibility for use with children with disabilities. Projects funded under Phase 2 must select a promising technology-based approach that has been developed and tested in a manner consistent with the criteria for activities funded under Phase 1, and subject the approach to rigorous field-based research to determine its effectiveness in educational or early intervention settings

[and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2020: April 1, 2010 Internet Meeting, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time](#)

The meeting will be open to the public. Members of the public are invited to listen to the online Committee meeting.

[Sage Launches New Journal: Geriatric Orthopaedic Surgery & Rehabilitation](#)

Geriatric Orthopaedic Surgery & Rehabilitation is a online-only peer-reviewed bimonthly journal being launched in September 2010 by SAGE. *Geriatric Orthopaedic Surgery & Rehabilitation* addresses a broad range of musculoskeletal disorders in the aging patient through peer-reviewed research reports and reviews, technical perspectives, case studies, and other evidence-based articles.

Publication Announcements

[New Book on Redesigning Continuing Education in the Health Professions](#)

This book illustrates a vision for a better system through a comprehensive approach of continuing professional development, and posits a framework upon which to develop a new, more effective system. The book also offers principles to guide the creation of a national continuing education institute. Read online for free.

Committee on Planning a Continuing Health Professional Education Institute; Institute of Medicine (2010) *Redesigning Continuing Education in the Health Professions*. Washington, DC: National Academies Press.

AOTF Institute Image of the Month

From the [Archives of the AOTA](#), housed in the AOTF Wilma L. West Library.



Rhoda Goldstein works with two patients at the US Army Hospital, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey,

circa 1940s.

**McCormick Foundation:
McCormick Veterans
Program**

The McCormick Veterans Program supports nonprofit organizations that assist veterans in overcoming their unique challenges and successfully re-entering life at home and work with grants of \$5,000 to \$250,000. Letters of inquiry may be submitted throughout the year.

**Nominate a Colleague
for the 2010 Lienhard
Award and Sarnat Prize**

The Institute of Medicine (IOM) is now accepting nominations for both awards online through **May 7, 2010**. This Sarnat prize recognizes individuals, groups, or organizations for outstanding achievement in improving mental health and is accompanied by a medal and \$20,000. The Lienhard Award a medal and \$40,000--recognizes individuals for outstanding achievement in improving health care services in the United States.

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and Health*** published quarterly by the American Occupational Therapy Foundation, Inc., offers original research articles of

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Watch for AOTF Events at the AOTA 2010 Conference in Orlando, Florida

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Wednesday, April 28

12 - 6:30 p.m. Institute 003 AOTA/AOTF Grant Writing for Researchers

7:30 - 10 p.m. DocNet Reception and Annual Meeting - Powerful Practice and Unique Opportunities

Thursday, April 29

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Friday, April 30

7:30 - 9 a.m. Breakfast with a Scholar -Personal Project Pursuit: On Human Doings and Well-Beings - Brian R. Little, PhD, psychologist

1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Research Colloquium & Tea - Research on the Role of Environments in Promoting Occupation, Participation, and Health

8 - 11 p.m. AOTF Gala - Dance the night away at the Cuba Libre Restaurant & Rum Bar

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