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Greeting Research Resource Colleagues!

The days are counting down until the 2016 AOTA Annual Conference in Chicago! AOTF will offer a variety of educational sessions, special events and meetings at the conference to advance the science of occupational therapy. These programs provide unique opportunities for our research-practice-education communities to gather to learn from each other and celebrate the progress we have made in building knowledge and research capacity for our profession. We are grateful to our colleagues at the AOTA for the ongoing collaboration and coordination that makes it possible to highlight our programs at the annual conference.

Attending AOTF events at the annual conference has been a priority for me for as long as I can remember! As a young occupational therapist, I quickly learned that the conference sessions that had 'AOTF' as a sponsor introduced the latest knowledge, had phenomenal speakers, and were important venues for building my professional network.

AOTF sessions were instrumental in forming my personal philosophy of occupational therapy, increasing my awareness of interdisciplinary research, and challenging my assumptions and perspectives on a variety of issues. Our signature research events are on 'Foundation Friday' and include Breakfast with a Scholar and the State of the Science Symposium (previously the Research Colloquium). This year,

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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](#).

you will not want to miss the Wednesday pre-conference institute, Large Data and Data Sharing Research. There is still time to register for these special research events! Join me in making the AOTF events at the conference an annual tradition in your professional development.

Join us for these research sessions:

Wednesday:

[Pre-Conference Institute -- Large Data and Data Sharing Research \(AOTA/AOTF\)](#)

Thursday:

[National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research \(NIDILRR\) and Department of Defense Grant Funding \(AOTA/AOTF\)](#)

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It is an exciting time for advances in the science of occupational therapy. We recently announced the [2016 recipients of the AOTF Intervention Research Grants](#) and noted the extraordinary recognition of Academy of Research member, [Elizabeth Skidmore](#), PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA as a recipient of the [Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers](#). Please join me in congratulating these individuals who are *Building Evidence to Improve Practice & Health*.

We invite our readers to submit research opportunities to our communications associate, [Helene Ross](#) for publication in the next issue of *Research Resources*. As always, we thank you for the news

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alerts you share with us, your ideas on ways we can improve this monthly newsletter, and your financial support of AOTF.

Warm regards,



Julie D. Bass, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA

Associate Director, Institute for the Study of Occupation and Health

Director of Research

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AOTF Announces the 2016 Intervention Research Grant Recipients

AOTF launched the [Intervention Research Grant \(IRG\)](#) program in 2013 to lay the necessary groundwork for larger intervention studies and support the profession's Centennial Vision of occupational therapy as science-driven and evidence-based.

This year, the IRG targeted principal investigators (PI) who have a funding history associated with early stage, emerging, or early midcareer investigators and a commitment from an experienced research mentor.

The IRG program is undertaken with major funding from the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) and the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), and additional support from the St. Catherine Challenge.

The 2016 IRG award recipients are:

- Mary Khetani, University of Illinois at Chicago, "Feasibility Test of a Pediatric Web-Based Care Planning Guide"
- Mansha Mirza, University of Illinois at Chicago, "Piloting an Occupational Therapy Intervention in a Primary Care Clinic"
- Juleen Rodakowski, University of Pittsburgh, "Empowering Caregivers after Stroke"



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For registration information, see the [AOTA website](#).

Wednesday, April 6

Institute 003: Large Data and Data Sharing Research: Issues, Methods and Opportunities
(AOTF/AOTA) 12:00-6:30 p.m.

This institute will provide an overview of research studies that may be conducted using Medicare claims and

other large datasets in the context of post-acute care settings. Topics include the availability of large datasets for disability, rehabilitation, and occupational therapy research and new federal initiatives related to data sharing. The newly NIH-funded Center for Large Data Research and Data Sharing in Rehabilitation will be introduced along with the services that are provided by the center, including pilot projects mechanisms, the visiting scholar program, and the technical assistance related to large data analytics. Kenneth J. Ottenbacher, PhD, OTR; Timothy A. Reistetter, PhD, OTR, FAOTA; Amol Karmarkar, PhD, OTR; all of University of Texas Medical Branch; Natalie E. Leland, PhD, OTR/L, BCG, FAOTA; University of Southern California; Tracy Mroz, PhD, OTR/L; University of Washington; George Alter, PhD; Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan; William Erikson, MS, and K. Lisa Yang; Hock E. Tan Institute on Employment and Disability, Cornell University; Mary A. Khetani, Sc.D., OTR/L, and Gail Fisher, MPA, OTR/L; Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC).

Chicago From All Sides: Bus and Walking Tour of Chicago 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Tour include the University of Chicago campus, Chicago Women's Park and Gardens, and OT historical sites. Includes lunch.

Thursday, April 7

WS 102. National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) and Department of Defense Grant Funding (AOTA/AOTF) 8:30-11:30 a.m.

This session describes the goals and research portfolios of the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) and the Department of Defense (DoD). NIDILRR's new federal home and changes in organizational structure will be explained.

WS 109

AJOT and OTJR Editors share tips to get your manuscript published (AOTA/AOTF) 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Tracy Jirikowic, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, University of Washington; Barbara Doucet, PhD, OTR/L, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center; Stephen Page, PhD, OTR/L, FAHA, FACRM, The Ohio State University; Roxanna Bendixen, PhD, OTR/L, University of Pittsburgh; Lorie Richards, PhD, OTR/L, FAHA, University of Utah; Diane Smith, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, MGH Institute of Health Professions; Liliana Alvarez, PhD, OTR; Sherrilene Classen, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, OT Reg (Ont), both of University of Western Ontario; Mariana D'Amico, EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA, BCP, CIMI, Nova Southeastern University.

Friday, April 8



Breakfast with a Scholar 7:00-9:30 a.m. **NEW TIME**

Still Alice: Understanding Alzheimer's

This year's AOTF Breakfast with a Scholar features Lisa Genova, PhD, neuroscientist and author of *Still Alice*. Dr. Genova brings the impact of neurological disorders from a clinical setting into the open. She views her novels as a way into people's hearts. Dr. Genova will speak about why she chose to write a novel about a woman with Alzheimer's; what she learned about living with AD and how to connect to people with AD. The novel, and its subsequent movie starring Julianne Moore, gives an understanding of what it feels like to have Alzheimer's; it gives us a chance at empathy, compassion, and real connection. Dr. Genova's books will be available for purchase and book signing.

State of the Science Symposium 2:00-4:30 p.m.

25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act

The American with Disabilities Act was enacted 25 years ago to support participation of individuals with disabilities in all aspects of community life. What progress have we

made in creating environments that support full participation of all people in meaningful life activities?

Keynote speakers, Joy Hammel, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, University of Illinois at Chicago and Diane Smith, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, MGH Institute of Health Professions, conducted comprehensive reviews of the literature to summarize current knowledge related to participation for individuals with disabilities. They will share evidence on the factors that influence participation, recent advances, areas of certainty and uncertainty, gaps in our knowledge, and best practice.



Joy Hammel

Elliot Roth, MD, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago and Robin Jones, MPA, COTA, Great Lakes ADA Center will discuss implications of these findings for policy, practice, research, and education.



Diane Smith

Gala 8:00-11:00 p.m.

Something for Everyone

This year's gala will have music to dance to, space to reunite with old friends, and food and drink to enjoy.

Saturday, April 9

Session 302 AOTF Intervention Research Grants: An Overview of Priorities and Process

8:00-9:30 a.m.

This session will provide an overview of the AOTF Intervention Research Grants program which has received major funding from AOTA, NBCOT, and the St. Catherine Challenge. Research priorities, objectives, eligibility criteria, and application process will be reviewed. Information on successful proposals will be highlighted. There will be opportunity for questions and discussion.

Session 342 Advancing the Science of Occupational Therapy: Overview of Emerging Research Priorities

2:00-3:30 p.m.

This session will provide an overview of the research priorities that AOTF has identified as important to advancing the science of occupational therapy and addressing societal issues. Background information and funding opportunities will be described for each priority area.

Grants and Funding Opportunities

Grant Opportunities from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJ)

[Innovative Research on Policies to Improve Health and Well-Being](#)

RWJ is seeking proposals for innovative research that can inform what policies can serve as levers to improve population health and well-being and achieve greater levels of health equity.

Approximately \$1.5 million will be awarded, each grant will award up to \$250,000 for a maximum funding of 24 months. Letter of Intent deadline: March 15, 2016.

[Global Ideas for U.S. Solutions](#)

RWJ is looking for ideas to help build a Culture of Health in the United States, where everyone has the opportunity to live healthier lives, no matter who they are, where they live, or how much money they make.

They will support grants from \$50,000 up to \$250,000 (USD), for up to 18 months. The total number of

grants is undetermined.

March 30, 2016 (11 a.m.-12 p.m. ET) Webinar for prospective applicants.

May 31, 2016 (3 p.m. ET) Deadline for receipt of brief proposals.

[Healthy Eating Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity--Round 10](#)

[This national program](#) supports research on environmental and policy strategies with strong potential to promote healthy eating among children to prevent childhood obesity, especially among groups at highest risk for obesity: black, Latino, American Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander, and children who live in lower-income communities (urban, suburban, and/or rural). Findings are expected to advance RWJF's efforts to help all children achieve a healthy weight, promote health equity, and build a Culture of Health.

Approximately \$2.6 million will be awarded.

May 11, 2016 (3:00 p.m. ET) Concept papers due in RWJF Online System.

US Department of Health and Human Services Grants

Search the [grants.gov website](#) for up to date information on grants that are available.

Doctoral, Post-Doctoral and Research Training Opportunities

Training Fellowship in Rehabilitation Policy Research

The University of Washington (UW) announces a [competitive fellowship](#) for individuals with a demonstrated academic and personal interest in the areas of aging, disability, rehabilitation, and policy research in order to increase the number of successful independent rehabilitation policy researchers prepared to conduct investigations related to healthcare policy in individuals with disabilities across the lifespan, with an emphasis on older adults.

This two-year fellowship offers a unique training experience that will produce fellows with the expertise necessary to conduct high quality research on disability and aging policy.

Direct questions to the director, [Dr. Molton](#).

Deadline for stage 1: April 1, 2016

Postdoctoral Training Opportunity: Children's Participation in Environment Research Lab (CPERL)

[The Children's Participation in Environment Research Lab](#) (CPERL) at the University of Illinois at Chicago is recruiting a [full-time postdoctoral trainee](#). The focus of the training experience will be technology-based research in early childhood disability. All inquiries about this opportunity can be directed to [Dr. Mary Khetani](#).

USC's PhD Program in Occupational Science

The Musculoskeletal Sonography and Occupational Performance (MSOP) Laboratory in the [Mrs. T.H. Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy](#) at the University of Southern California (USC) is seeking a qualified individual interested in completing a PhD in Occupational Science. The USC MSOP is currently conducting a CDC-funded study (R01-OH010665) and other research that aims to enhance the assessment, workplace prevention and clinical rehabilitation of upper extremity musculoskeletal disorders using sonographic imaging, ergonomics, mind-body interventions and other techniques.

Individuals interested in a position in the USC MSOP Lab should submit a CV and letter of interest to Assistant Professor [Dr. Shawn Roll](#). Individuals interested in learning more about the PhD program or other PhD student openings should contact Director of Admissions [Dr. Liz Carley](#).

PhD Program in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at The Ohio State University

The Child & Adolescent Health, Rehabilitation, & Evaluation (CAHRE) Lab at The Ohio State University is seeking exceptional, experienced pediatric occupational therapists that are interested in completing a PhD in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. They are currently conducting two NIH-funded RCTs of Pediatric Constraint-Induced Movement Therapy (PCIMT; R01-HD0683 & R01-HD074574) and are looking for pediatric practitioners. Students are fully funded and receive: 1) tuition, 2) stipend, and 3) health insurance. Interested therapists should submit a CV and letter of interest to Drs. [Andrew Persch](#) or [Amy Darragh](#).

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News and Other Resources

On Pins & Needles: Caregivers of Adults with Mental Illness

[This new study](#), released by the National Alliance for Caregiving in partnership with Mental Health America and the National Alliance on Mental Illness, on the obstacles and opportunities facing caregivers of adults with mental illness. It identifies startling inadequacies in the US health care system in meeting the needs of families who manage moderate-to-serious mental illness.

New Reports and Workshop Summaries from the Institute of Medicine

[A Framework for Educating Health Professionals to Address the Social Determinants of Health\(SDH\)](#)

An expert committee of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine developed a high-level framework for educating health professionals to address the SDH. The committee's framework aligns education, health, and other sectors to better meet local needs in partnership with communities.

[Policy and Research Needs to Maximize Independence and Support Community Living: Workshop Summary](#)

This workshop explored the policies and research needed to support community living and maximizing independence of people with disabilities and older adults.

[Meeting the Dietary Needs of Older Adults: Workshop in Brief](#)

This workshop examined factors in the physical, social, and cultural environment that affect the ability of older adults to meet their daily dietary needs. Organized by session, this workshop in brief highlights key points made by individual speakers during the workshop presentations and discussion.

[Obesity in the Early Childhood Years: State of the Science and Implementation of Promising Solutions: Workshop in Brief](#)

The workshop examined what is currently known about the prevalence of obesity in young children, its trends over time, and its persistence into later childhood, adolescence, and adulthood; epigenetic factors related to risk of early childhood obesity; and the development of taste and flavor preferences in the first few years of life. The workshop explored recent developments in the science of modifiable protective and

risk factors associated with obesity through age 5, including a mother's pre-pregnancy weight and weight gain during pregnancy; smoking during pregnancy; breastfeeding; complementary feeding, responsive parenting; and sleep, activity, and sedentary behavior in young children.

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Funding Announcements

On February 1st, [PCORI posted five funding announcements](#) for Cycle 1 of 2016.

- Improving Methods for Conducting Patient-Centered Outcomes Research - Cycle 1 2016
- Communication and Dissemination Research - Cycle 1 2016
- Improving Healthcare Systems - Cycle 1 2016
- Addressing Disparities - Cycle 1 2016
- Assessment of Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment Options - Cycle 1 2016
- Limited PCORI Funding Announcement: Dissemination and Implementation of PCORI Funded Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Results and Products in Real World Settings - Cycle 1 2016

Request for Comment on New and Revised Methodology Standards

[PCORI seeks public comment](#) on proposed changes in their methodology standards. The deadline for submitting comments is March 28, 2016 at 5 pm ET.

Assessing the Impact of Applications of Digital Health Records (DHRs) on Alzheimer's Disease (AD) Research: Workshop Summary

On July 20, 2015, the IOM's Forum on Neuroscience and Nervous System Disorders held a public session at the 2015 Alzheimer's Association International Conference in Washington, DC, to explore how DHRs may be used to help improve clinical trial design and methodology for AD research. While there are a number of potential uses of DHRs, speakers discussed some of the currently available DHR databases that are being mined to better understand the progression of AD and design more effective clinical trials. [Click here to read workshop summary.](#)

Free Webinars on TBI and Psychological Health

The Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE) hosts free monthly webinars on topics related to psychological health and TBI. See their [website](#) for more information and an archive of past webinar. Next webinar:

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Conferences and Calls for Papers

AOTA's 96th Annual Conference & Expo (April 7-10, 2016, Chicago, Illinois)

[The AOTA Annual Conference](#) provides attendees with opportunities for dialogue through general sessions, workshops, networking and peer to peer connections. Leaders exchange information and ideas, provide input on AOTA initiatives and advocacy and policy agenda items.

Council for Exceptional Children (April 13-16, 2016, St. Louis, Missouri)

Special Education Exhibition and Expo.

Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists Annual Conference (April 19-22, 2016, Banff, Alberta)

The CAOT conference will celebrate the leadership role that occupational therapy and occupational science contributes to realizing peak performance and mastering the occupations of everyday living.

The Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity (April 25-26, 2016, Honolulu, Hawaii)

The Pac Rim conference is in its 32nd year; it is one of the largest in the country for diversity and disability. This year the theme will be "From the Margins to the Center".

International Biophilia Society (IBRA)

IBRA advances research in rehabilitation medicine. The term "biophilia" represents people's regaining body function with activating works of the brain by the latent powers which we have in the brain.

- BIOPHILIA Workshop Academy 2016 (April 27-28, 2016, Tokyo, Japan) is an international forum for advances in rehabilitation medicine that may lead to functional recovery. To present your paper or join the RCT study.
- IBRA Conference (July 18-19, 2016, Geneva, Switzerland)

WCNR 2016: 9th World Congress for NeuroRehabilitation (May 10-13, 2016, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

From Science to Society, the theme that has been chosen for this Congress, will cover both inspiring innovations in neurorehabilitation and their societal impacts.

Society for Disability Studies (June 8-11, 2016, Phoenix, Arizona)

Theme: Disability in the Public Sphere.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) (July 6-9, 2016, Denver, Colorado)

The national NAMI conference will feature researchers and clinicians providing information and tools to advance and sustain recovery from mental illness as well as people living with a mental illness and their families with their own important perspectives on recovery.

Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North American (RESNA) Annual Conference (July 10-14, 2016, Arlington, Virginia)

The theme of this year's conference is: Promoting Access to Assistive Technology

Alzheimer's Association International Congress (AAIC) (July 22-28, 2016, Toronto, Ontario)

This conference will bring together international investigators, clinicians and care providers to share the latest study results, theories and discoveries in dementia science. There will be a track focused on evidence-based approaches to dementia care.

Developing topic submission deadline: April 18, 2016.

International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions (IACAPAP). (September 18-22, 2016. Calgary, Alberta)

Conference theme: Fighting Stigma, Promoting Resiliency and Positive Mental Health.

World Bank Group and the World Health Organization (April 2016, Washington, DC)

Theme: [Out of the Shadows - Making Mental Health a Global Development Priority](#).

5th Annual Summer Research Institute: Basic and Advanced Behavioral Intervention Research (June 6-8, 2016 and June 9-10, 2016, Baltimore, Maryland)

Apply Today at nursing.jhu.edu/aginginstitute. Early Bird Special, Scholarships, and Fellowships are available.

Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC) (July 24-27, 2016, Toronto)

[A Global Forum to Advance Dementia Science](#)

2016 Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury Summit - State of the Science: Advances, Current Diagnostics and Treatments of Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury in Military Health Care (September 13-15, 2016, Falls Church, Virginia)

Health care professionals and academics are invited to submit abstracts. Abstract topics for oral presentation may refer to any topic related to advances in diagnostics and treatments of psychological health and/or traumatic brain injury in military health care.

[Closing Date for Abstracts](#): April 11, 2016.

Society for the Study of Occupation/Canadian Society of Occupational Scientists (September 28-October 1, 2016, Portland, Maine)

[Navigating the Seas of Change: Diversity of Occupation](#)

Call for Papers/Abstract Proposals deadline: March 4, 2016

Southwest Conference on Disability (October 5-7, 2016, Albuquerque, New Mexico)

The theme for 2016 is Reducing Disparities For People With Disabilities Through Systems Change.

The [2016 Southwest Conference on Disability](#) seeks contributions that focus on reducing or eliminating disparities through systems change in:

- Improving Access To Health Care And Human Service
- Data to Drive Policy and Practice
- Workforce
- Inclusion Of People With Disabilities in Mainstream Programs And Services
- Emergency Preparedness for People With Disabilities

American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual conference (October 29-November 2, 2016, Denver, Colorado)

[The theme of this year's conference](#) is: Creating the Healthiest Nation: Ensuring the Right to Health.

ACRM Annual Conference (October 30, 2016-November 4, 2016, Chicago, Illinois)

The theme of the [American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine's 93rd Annual Conference](#) is Progress in Rehabilitation Research: Translation to Clinical Practice.

Scientific papers and posters deadline: April 11, 2016.

American College of Rheumatology Annual Conference (November 11-16, 2016, Washington, DC)

[For more information](#).

Society for Neuroscience Annual Conference (November 12-16, 2016, San Diego, California)

[For more information.](#) Abstract Submission: April 14-May 5, 2016.

5th Health and Wellbeing in Children, Youth, and Adults with Developmental Disabilities Conference (November 16-18 2016, Vancouver, BC, Canada)

The goal of [the conference](#) is to help clinicians and caregivers learn effective ways to work with individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, and to improve their quality of life experience.

Deadline for abstracts/proposals: March 31, 2016

Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting (November 16-20, 2016, New Orleans, Louisiana)

[This year's theme:](#) New Lens on Aging: Changing Attitudes, Expanding Possibilities

Abstracts Deadline: March 15, 2016.

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- Research support including the Intervention Research Grants program
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