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Dear Research Resources colleagues,

With Gratitude to the AOTF Family for their Support in 2015

November affords me the opportunity to pause and thank all members of the AOTF family for their support during the 2015 year. A small foundation like the American Occupational Therapy Foundation could not achieve its mission to *advance the science of occupational therapy to support people's full participation in meaningful life activities* without the involvement of our extended family. Who is part of this family?

AOTF staff and board members, the Scientific Advisory Council, AOTA and NBCOT partners, members of the Academy of Research and Leaders & Legacy Society, presenters and sponsors for AOTF events and initiatives, committed donors, engaged students, volunteers who serve as reviewers for our grant and scholarship programs, and the

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Call For Papers:

scores of scientists, scholars, educators, and practitioners who advance the science of occupational therapy and evidence-based practice. If you (or someone you know) would like to join the AOTF family to help us realize our vision for the future, [drop me a line](#).

Interdisciplinary Science Opportunities for Occupational Therapy: A Look Back at 2015

Over the last year, our *Research Resources* newsletters have explored a variety of interdisciplinary science opportunities for occupational therapy research and provided an overview of professional associations, conferences, journals, evidence-based resources, and funding mechanisms for each interdisciplinary area. All past issues can be found on the [AOTF website](#).

- January: Public health
- February: Neuroscience
- March: Gerontology
- April: Children and pediatrics
- May: Rehabilitation
- June: Assistive technology
- July/August: Post-acute care quality initiatives: Impact Act 2014
- September: Mental and behavioral health
- October: Everyday activities

At the September 2015 board meeting of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation, there was strong support for [eight interdisciplinary research priorities](#) that will shape our initiatives in the next few years. These priorities are based on a comprehensive review of the strategic plans of federal agencies and major foundations, guidance from our Scientific Advisory Council, and input from key stakeholders and partners. In the coming months, you will learn more about these research priorities and the strategies that we believe will be important to build knowledge and research capacity in occupational therapy.

Academy of Research Member Profiles: A to Z

The Academy of Research honors individuals who have made exemplary and distinguished contributions toward the science of occupational therapy. The last installment of our AOTF Academy of Research member profiles as part of our 50th anniversary year

OTJR Supplement on Occupation and Justice

Elizabeth Anne Kinsella & Evelyne Durocher, Guest Editors

This [call for papers](#) invites studies that consider occupation and occupationally-oriented health and social care practices in the interests of fostering justice at individual, organizational, community and/or global levels. Attention to occupation in the interests of justice calls for critical reflection and reflexivity into social, cultural, historic, discursive, economic, ethical, epistemic, and political factors that enable or create barriers to occupation, participation, and wellness.

Papers are welcome that undertake rigorous empirical or conceptual investigations that inquire into the links between occupational perspectives and occupational therapy practices as they relate to justice from a variety of perspectives and angles.

Submission open: September 1, 2015

Submission deadline: February 1, 2016

Expected publication: October 2016.

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- [Catherine Trombly Latham](#)
- [Craig A. Velozo](#)
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As we end our Academy of Research profiles in Research Resources, we hope you will direct students to the [AOTF website](#) to learn about the contributions and areas of research of the Academy's members

2010-2015

This month, we look back at the last half of AOTF's fifth decade. This era was marked by major health reform legislation, new federal agencies, and world reports on disability and aging. During this same time, AOTF formed a Scientific Advisory Council, launched the Intervention Research Grant Program, and celebrated the 50th anniversary of its mission to advance the science of occupational therapy. A few highlights are included in this issue of Research Resources.

- [The last half of the fifth decade of AOTF](#)
- [A few significant events in health science and policy](#)

We invite our readers to submit research opportunities to our Communications Associate [Helene Ross](#) for publication in the next edition of Research Resources. As always, we thank you for the news 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
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Director of Research

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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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Editorial

Sherrilene Classen and Liliana Alvarez

[Evidence-Informed Reviews-Moving Occupational Therapy Practice and Science Forward](#)

Articles

Erika Johansson, Raymond Dahlberg, Hans Jonsson, and Ann-Helen Patomella

[Does a Falls Prevention Program Impact Perceived Participation in Everyday Occupations? A Pilot Randomized Controlled Trial](#)

Sherrilene Classen, Jeffrey D. Holmes, Liliana Alvarez, Katherine Loew, Ashley Mulvagh, Kayla Rienas, Victoria Walton, and Wenqing He

[Clinical Assessments as Predictors of Primary On-Road Outcomes in Parkinson's Disease](#)

Christine Berg, Mary McCollum, Esther Cho, and Dawn Jason
[Development of the Adolescent and](#)

Bryna Luchauer and Timothy
Shurtleff

[Meaningful Components of Exercise
and Active Recreation for Spinal
Cord Injuries](#)

Tahmineh Mousavi, Shafik
Dharamsi, Susan Forwell, and
Elizabeth Dean

[Occupational Therapists' Views of
Nussbaum's Life Capability: An
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The Academy of Research in Occupational Therapy (continued)

Linda Tickle-Degnen, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA

Dr. Tickle-Degnen is Professor, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Department of Occupational Therapy, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts and Director of the Health Quality of Life Lab. Her research is directed toward understanding and promoting positive social functioning and wellness in Parkinson's disease and other chronic conditions. In particular she studies nonverbal and verbal communication, cross-cultural health care interactions, interpersonal rapport, engagement in meaningful daily activities, and quality of life. She is interested in increasing occupational therapists' participation in inter- and multi-disciplinary clinical interventions and research activities that have the goal of improving the health and quality of life of individuals with chronic conditions. (Retrieved on October 6, 2015 from <http://ase.tufts.edu/hql/people.asp>.)



For more on [Linda Tickle-Degnen](#).

Catherine Trombly Latham, ScD, OTR, FAOTA

Dr. Trombly Latham is Professor Emerita, Department of Occupational Therapy, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts. She is author and editor of the well-known textbook, *Occupational Therapy for Physical Dysfunction*, now in its 7th edition. In 1994, Dr. Trombly Latham was recipient of the American Occupational Therapy Association's Eleanor Clarke Slagle Lectureship. When inducted into the American Occupational Therapy Foundation's Academy of Research, Dr. Trombly-Latham's research contributions were described as follows:



Catherine Trombly has been named a Charter Member of the Academy of Research in recognition of her sustained and exemplary contributions to our understanding of clinical approaches to neurorehabilitation, particularly following cerebral vascular accident. [Dr.] Trombly is perhaps best

known for her well-documented and definitive textbook, Occupational Therapy for physical dysfunction. However, her clinical research efforts, spanning two decades, have included a broad spectrum of studies focusing principally on rehabilitation of the hand. She is one of the few occupational therapists who hold membership in societies for both behavioral and electrophysiological kinesiology. Accordingly, a number of her studies have included electromyographic analyses of hand musculature during and following activity, exercise, and positioning. (1984, pp. 621-622).

For more on [Catherine Trombly Latham](#).

Craig A Velozo, PhD, OTR/L

Dr. Velozo is Division Director and Professor, Division of Occupational Therapy, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina. His research interests include traumatic brain injury, stroke and patient/proxy reported outcome measure. He was formerly a Professor and Associate Chair in the Department of Occupational Therapy at the University of Florida. He was also a Research Health Scientist at the Rehabilitation Outcomes Research Center, the Research Enhancement Awards program and the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health Center. Dr. Velozo has a long track record of funded research in the functional cognition - TBI area. (Retrieved on October 18 from <http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/chp/directory/faculty/velozo.htm>, <http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/chp/alumni/enewsletters/2013summer/ot/Division%20Director.htm>.)



For more on [Craig Velozo](#).

Patrice L. Tamar Weiss, BSc(OT), MSc, PhD

Dr. Tamar Weiss is Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy, Faculty of Social Welfare and Health Sciences, University of Haifa, Mount Carmel, Haifa, Israel and Head of the Laboratory for Innovations in Rehabilitation Technology. Her research interests are in the areas of rehabilitation technology, ergonomics, biomechanics and distance learning. (Retrieved on October 14, 2015 from <http://hw2.haifa.ac.il/index.php/en/component/content/article/116-occupational-therapy/occupa-staff/academicstaffripui/251-tamarweisscv>.)



For more on [Patrice Tamar Weiss](#).

G. Gordon Williamson, PhD, OTR, FAOTA

Dr. Williamson was Associate Clinical Professor in the Rehabilitation Medicine Department, Columbia University, New York, New York and founder and director of the pediatric rehabilitation department, John F. Kennedy (JFK) Medical Center in Edison, New Jersey. His research focused on how children with special needs and their families cope with the challenges of daily activities.



While at the JFK Medical Center, Dr. Williamson directed two projects: (1) the COPING Project, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, offering training and technical assistance to support the provision of family-centered early intervention services that enhance adaptive functioning; and (2) the Social Competence Project, previously funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, a model demonstration program to foster the interpersonal skills of children with disabilities. (Retrieved on October 14, 2015 from <http://columbiaot.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Winter-Spring-2006-2007.pdf> and http://products.brookespublishing.com/cw_contributorinfo.aspx?

For more on [G. Gordon Williamson](#).

Elizabeth June Yerxa, EdD, LHD (Hon.), ScD (Hon.), DMed (Hon.), OTR, FAOTA

Dr. Yerxa is Distinguished Emeritus Professor, Mrs. T.H. Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California. Dr. Yerxa is



highly regarded for her contributions to the philosophical base and values of occupational therapy, for her research on life satisfaction of people living with severe disabilities and the nature and management of time, as well as for her work initiating and advocating occupational science research. In 1966, Dr. Yerxa was awarded occupational therapy's highest academic honor, the Eleanor Clarke Slagle Award, and delivered her Slagle Lecture entitled "Authentic Occupational Therapy". She . . . received the AOTA Award of Merit, the highest award from the Association, in 1987. Since 1988 she has been an Emerita Professor at USC. (Retrieved on October 14, 2015 from http://chan.usc.edu/faculty/directory/Elizabeth_Yerxa.)

For more on [Elizabeth Yerxa](#).

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2010-2015: The End of AOTF's Fifth Decade

Intervention Research Grant Program

[The AOTF Intervention Research Grant](#) program was launched in 2013 as part of AOTF's mission to advance the science of occupational therapy to support people's full participation in meaningful life activities. The purpose of this grant program is 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. The program awarded five grants in 2014 and seven grants in 2015. The Intervention Research Grant program received major funding from The National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT®),

Scientific Advisory Council

[The AOTF Scientific Advisory Council](#) (formerly the AOTF Research Commission) was formed in 2012 for the purpose of advising the AOTF Board and the CEO on priorities and programs for advancing the science of occupational therapy that supports people's full participation in meaningful life activities. The Council's current members include Drs. Carolyn Baum (chair), LeeAnne Carey, Wendy Coster, Susan Fitzpatrick, Helene Polatajko, Elizabeth Skidmore, and Joan Rogers. (Dr. Laura Gitlin was an early member of the Commission). The AOTA Chief Academic and Scientific Affairs Officer (Dr. Neil Harvison) and the editor of *OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health* (Dr. Sherrilene Classen) are invited to participate in all meetings that address research priorities and joint initiatives for advancing the science of occupational therapy. Dr. Julie Bass, AOTF Director of Research staffs the Council.

OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health

[OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health](#), the Foundation's peer-reviewed research publication, planned for three key changes that took place in 2015: The journal appointed a new editor (Dr. Sherrilene Classen), selected a new publisher ([Sage](#)), and experienced its first full year of indexing as part of the National Library of Medicine's MEDLINE/PubMed database.

ACCELERATING CLINICAL TRIALS AND OUTCOMES RESEARCH (ACTOR)

CONFERENCE December 1-2, 2011

The ACTOR Conference, presented by AOTF and AOTA and funded by AHRQ, addressed the insufficient

number of published clinical trials and outcomes research in occupational therapy and related discipline. It increased scientists' understanding of the design and conduct of rigorous clinical trials and outcomes research and increased the research capacity in occupational therapy and related disciplines by providing them with tools and collaborative opportunities.

The Leaders & Legacies Society

[The Leaders & Legacies Society](#) was established to identify, honor, and fully engage a cadre of professionals who have demonstrated their leadership abilities and skills through sustained service to occupational therapy and wish to continue advancing the profession. Over 150 founding members were inducted into the Society in 2015 in Nashville at the AOTA Annual Conference on April 17 at the Country Music Hall of Fame.

*Mary Binderman, MSLS
The Wilma L. West Library*

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2010-2015: A Few Significant Events in Health Science and Policy

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148)

On March 23, 2010, the [Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act](#) was signed into law. The Act proposed changes to increase access to health care, provide new consumer protections, improve health care quality and lower health care costs. Features of the Affordable Care Act included more emphasis on research and programs that address primary care, prevention and public health, and health disparities

Blue Ribbon Panel on Medical Rehabilitation Research

In 2011, a [Blue Ribbon Panel](#) was appointed to review medical rehabilitation research at NIH. The Panel made nine recommendations including the status and changes needed in functions of NCMRR, structure, definitions, and research capacity.

Administration on Community Living (ACL) and National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR)

In 2012, [the ACL](#) was created to address fragmentation in federal programs serving older adults and people with disabilities. It is organized around the principle that "people with disabilities and older adults should be able to live where they choose, with the people they choose and fully participate in their communities." In 2015, the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) is added as the ACL "grants-making agency that sponsors grantees to generate new disability and rehabilitation knowledge and promote its use and adoption."

World Health Organization (WHO) World Reports: Disability, Ageing and Health

In 2011, the WHO released the [first world report on disability](#). The report "provides the best available evidence about what works to overcome barriers to health care, rehabilitation, education, employment, and support services, and to create the environments which will enable people with disabilities to flourish. The report ends with a concrete set of recommended actions for governments and their partners."

In 2015, the WHO released a [world report on ageing and health](#). The report "outlines a framework for action to foster Healthy Ageing built around the new concept of functional ability. Making these investments will have valuable social and economic returns, both in terms of health and wellbeing of older people and in enabling their on-going participation in society."

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Grants and Funding Opportunities

RWJF: Evidence for Action: Investigator-Initiated Research

[This new initiative](#) from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) seeks to support rigorous, high-impact, creative research projects to build and disseminate information for evidence-based approaches to building a Culture of Health. The program will also support efforts to assess outcomes and set priorities for action by encouraging and supporting creative, rigorous research on the impact of innovative programs, policies and partnerships on health and well-being, and on novel approaches to measuring health determinants and outcomes. Approximately \$2.2 million will be awarded annually. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

American Hand Therapy Foundation Grants

[These grants](#) will support novice or experienced researchers who are able to expand the scientific evidence, visibility, and quality of upper extremity and hand rehabilitation. As a goal of the funding process, opportunities are provided for new researchers to complete standard grant application forms, to demonstrate expertise as a principal investigator, to be responsible for handling budgeted funds, and to collect pilot data for larger funding opportunities.

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Doctoral, Post-Doctoral and Research Training Opportunities

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](#).

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows

[The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows program](#) provides mid-career health professional and behavioral and social scientists with an interest in health and health care policy a comprehensive learning experience in Washington, D.C. Fellows participate in the policy process at the federal level and use that leadership experience to improve health, health care, and health policy. The fellowship requires, at a minimum, a 12-month residential experience in Washington, D.C., with additional support for health policy leadership development activities. The program will select up to seven fellows. Optional applicant web conference calls: November 5, 2015.

Application deadline: November 12, 2015

[Barbara Kornblau](#), JD, OTR/L, was a RWJF fellow from 2006 to 2007. She is willing to mentor occupational therapy professionals in the application process; please contact her at barbarakornblau@gmail.com.

2016 NCHS/AcademyHealth Health Policy Fellowship

[This fellowship program](#) brings visiting scholars in health services research-related disciplines to the National

Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) in Hyattsville, Maryland. During the 13-month tenure, the selected fellow will work closely with an NCHS staff member who can provide technical expertise related to the fellow's research, assist in accessing NCHS data systems and other resources, and help identify other collaborative opportunities within the Center. Application deadline is November 9, 2015.

Postdoctoral Fellow Position: Program in Occupational Therapy, Washington University in St. Louis

The [Participation, Environment and Performance Laboratory](#) at Washington University in St. Louis is recruiting a full-time postdoctoral fellow to be a part of a team of scientists and trainees from diverse backgrounds. The fellow will conduct research in the area of function and the environment for cognitively normal older adults aging in place. The focus 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. If interested, email a letter describing your research interests and a CV to: [Dr. Susan Stark](#).

Mayo Clinic Center for Innovation - William Drenttel Innovation Fellowship

The [Mayo Clinic Center for Innovation's William Drenttel Innovation Fellowship](#) post-doc candidate will ideally possess an area or areas of expertise that expand the core skills of the Center for Innovation, helping Mayo Clinic better understand and address the challenges and opportunities in transforming the experience and delivery of health care. This is a hybrid model, which includes working remotely following on-site project(s) initiation with up to 90 days on site as a research collaborator.

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News and Other Resources

ASSISTance Options for Submitting Your Application to NIH

[ASSIST \(the Application Submission System and Interface for Submission Tracking\)](#) is now available as an option for submitting your R01 applications, as well as most individual career development (K) award applications. ASSIST is a web-based system that was developed by NIH, in close partnership with Grants.gov, to address common application submission challenges identified by the community. When applying, a button to use ASSIST is linked from the required application instructions section of funding opportunity announcements (FOAs) if ASSIST as an option for that opportunity.

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 webinars.

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Conferences and Calls for Papers

Aging and Society: Fifth Interdisciplinary Conference (November 5-6, 2015, Washington, DC)

[The 2015 Aging and Society Conference](#) special focus on inter-generational relationships will explore the barriers, benefits, and ways to facilitate inter-generational relationships.

Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Annual Scientific Meeting (November 18-22, 2015, Orlando, Florida)

GSA is the nation's oldest and largest interdisciplinary organization devoted to research, education, and practice in the field of aging. The principal mission GSA is to advance the study of aging and disseminate information among scientists, decision makers, and the general public. Watch the [web site](#) for conference details and call for papers information.

The 3rd Conference on Rehabilitation Medicine and Health Care (December 18-20, 2015, Guilin, China)

[This conference](#) will cover issues on rehabilitation medicine and health care. It dedicates to creating a stage for exchanging the latest research results and sharing the advanced research methods.

ATIA (Assistive Technology Industry Association) Conference (February 4-6, 2016, Orlando, Florida)

[The ATIA conference](#) is the largest international conference showcasing assistive technology tools and services. Attendees hear from the biggest names in AT about the latest trends and methods, as well as view state-of-the-art AT tools and services in the exhibit hall.

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.

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".
Submission deadline: December 17, 2015.

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.<http://www.wcnr2016.org/>
[Abstract Submission Deadline](#): November 9, 2015

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.
Abstract Submission deadline: Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

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

Theme: Out of the Shadows - Making Mental Health a Global Development Priority. Enquiries and pre-registration: [Patricio Marquez](#), Lead Health Specialist.

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Linda Tickle-Degnen (continued)

Q and A

Identify three words that others have used to describe you.

Big picture person, Mentor, Interdisciplinary.

How do you hope to make a difference in the world through research?

I hope to build the capacity of research in OT by mentoring interdisciplinary researchers and also to provide strong models of programmatic research through my work in Parkinson's disease and caregiving.

What is one piece of advice you have for individuals considering a career in science and research?

Choose an area that will entice you for life! It has to be something very close to the heart.

Beside your own areas of inquiry, what is one research priority that you believe is important for the future of occupational science and occupational therapy?

Research that contributes to developing community health & wellness models of OT.

Describe the most important role that mentors played in your professional journey.

They taught me to not be afraid of the complex problems and to keep going after them, not giving up.

Identify a favorite occupation that renews you outside of your work.

Yoga, biking, kayaking, skiing, drumming, and hiking -- love it all!

What has been the most surprising or rewarding aspects of a career in science and research?

Seeing occupational therapy science & research come to be recognized (nationally and internationally) as fundamentally important to the entire health endeavor.

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Catherine Trombly Latham (continued)

Q and A

Identify three words that others have used to describe you.

Thorough, Knowledgeable.

How do you hope to make a difference in the world through research?

I am retired now, but my hope was to validate the effectiveness of therapeutic interventions used in the treatment of persons with neurological disabilities, especially stroke. I made a start at it while in active service and am thrilled that several of my students continue to do so. I also hoped to make a difference in the practice of occupational therapy for persons with physical dysfunction by organizing knowledge, with evidence to support where available, into a textbook from which students would learn and practitioners could refer; I just completed active involvement in the 7th edition of Occupational Therapy for Physical Dysfunction.

What is one piece of advice you have for individuals considering a career in science and research?

Enter into a good mentoring situation; do a post doc if possible.

Beside your own areas of inquiry, what is one research priority that you believe is important for the future of occupational science and occupational therapy?

Translation of research findings into practice.

Describe the most important role that mentors played in your professional journey.

My professional journey started before research was a part of OT or research mentorship was even thought of. I had no real mentor. However, I learned a lot from the first physiatrist I worked for who insisted that we actively engage in a monthly journal club that he attended and asked piercing questions. He also included me in his research team and encouraged my early attempts at research and graduate education. We were expected to publish.

Identify a favorite occupation that renews you outside of your work.

Gardening, reading mysteries, genealogy, knitting & crocheting.

What has been the most surprising or rewarding aspects of a career in science and research?

It has been rewarding to demonstrate what effects do or do not occur secondary to certain interventions. It is very rewarding to see OT establish its scientific base and that the science supports the underlying philosophy of OT for the most part.

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