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## Research Resources

A monthly newsletter of the  
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Dear Colleagues,

I am deviating from our planned focus this month to reflect on the work of Dr. Gary Kielhofner, a significant scholar who passed away after a brief illness on September 2, 2010. It is probable that most occupational therapists in the world are aware of Dr. Kielhofner's work with the Model of Human Occupation. First published as a series of four papers in *The American Journal of Occupational Therapy* in 1980, the model has evolved over the years so that it now has international impact, many associated assessments and publications, an annual symposium and its own clearinghouse of information at the [University of Illinois at Chicago](#).

The AOTF Board of Directors has announced the creation of the Kielhofner Graduate Fellowship to honor Dr. Kielhofner's memory. The AOTF will match each contribution to a total of \$75,000 in creating the endowment, which will provide a generous annual fellowship once it is fully endowed. You can join me and others who wish to remember Dr. Kielhofner through a donation and double the impact of your gift by [contributing online](#).

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles', followed by a horizontal line.

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

## Wilma L. West Library Resource Notes

### Americans with Disabilities Act

July 26, 2010 marked the twentieth anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) into law. The ADA ensures equal opportunity and access to individuals with disabilities in employment, education, public facilities, transportation, communication and other aspects of life. Two useful government sites concerning the ADA are the [US Department of Justice](#) and the [US Department of Labor](#).

Within two years of the signing of this landmark legislation, the American Occupational Therapy

Association (AOTA) added a paper on the ADA to its group of official documents. (Kornblau, 1992). This paper was upgraded to a Position paper in 1993, revised in 2000 and rescinded in 2005.

Occupational therapy practitioners and consumers will find application of the ADA in these current official AOTA documents:

*Specialized knowledge and skills in technology and environmental interventions for occupational therapy practice (2009)*. Retrieved September 27, 2010 from <http://www.aota.org/Practitioners/Official/Skills/Technology.aspx>.

*Occupational therapy's perspective on the use of environments and contexts to support health and participation in occupations (2009)*. Retrieved September 27, 2010 from <http://www.aota.org/Practitioners/Official/Position/Position.aspx>.

American Occupational Therapy Association. (2004). [Occupational therapy services in early intervention and school-based programs](#). *The American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 58, 681-685.

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Kornblau, BL. (1992). [White Paper: Occupational Therapy and the Americans with Disabilities Act](#). *The American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 46, 470-471.

Pardeck, JT & Pardeck, JA. (2007). [An overview of and comments on the Americans With Disabilities Act \(ADA\)](#). *Journal of Social Work in Disability and Rehabilitation*, 6(1/2), 69-91.

Petrilo, J. (2009). [Congress restores the Americans With Disabilities Act to its original intent](#). *Psychiatric services*, 60, 878-879.

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### Conference Announcements

[The S.O.S. \(Sequential Oral Sensory\) Approach to Feeding  
Conference; Basic and Advanced Courses \(December 1 - 5, 2010,  
Denver, Colorado\)](#)

Kay A. Toomey, PhD, pediatric psychologist, will teach her internationally renowned intervention for problem feeders.

[25th Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine \(PRM\)  
Research, Education, Quality of PRM Programmes and the Fields  
of Competence of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine \(October  
14 - 16, 2010, Marseilles, France\)](#)

All physicians, health and social professionals, and representatives of

## Image of the Month

### **OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health Fall 2010**

**OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health, published quarterly by the American Occupational Therapy Foundation, Inc., offers original research articles of professional interest to the practicing occupational therapist with a focus on occupation and fostering interdisciplinary research.**

**Visit: [OTJR Online](#).**

Editorial - The role of occupational therapists in helping consumers understand their health and medical conditions  
Jane Case-Smith, EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA

Hands-On Learning Versus Learning by Demonstration at Three Recall Points in University Students - Morna Kathleen Hearn, MOT, OTR/L, Barbara Kopp Miller, PhD, David L. Nelson, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA

Predictors of Research Utilization Among Pediatric Occupational Therapists - Ted Brown, PhD, MSc, MPA, BScOT (Hons), OT(C), OTR, AccOT, Mei Hui Tseng, ScD, OTR, Jacqueline Casey, MSc, BSc (Hons) OT PrCHFP

structures dealing with PRM will have an opportunity to benefit from face to face interactions and information of all kinds.

### **[Canadian Association of Cardiac Rehabilitation: 20th Annual Meeting and Symposium \(October 22 - 24, 2010, Montreal, Quebec\)](#)**

This year's theme will be Cardiac Rehabilitation from Policy to Patient.

### **[4th National Spinal Cord Injury Conference \(October 28 - 30, 2010, Niagara Falls, Ontario\)](#)**

This conference is intended to promote collaboration and exchange among attendees in a variety of formats and will feature some of the following topics: assistive technology/devices, gait and mobility, hand function, patient education, neuropathic pain, new therapies, outcome measures, outpatient care.

### **[Community Participation by People with Disabilities: How Do We Measure Up? \(October 28 - 29, 2010, Kansas City, Kansas\)](#)**

This state-of-the-science conference will explore the latest findings in the areas of independent living, health care, measurement processes and outcomes, participation and access for people with disabilities, advocacy, rehabilitation, administration, and related topics. It will precede the annual conference of the Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL), scheduled for October 30 - November 1, so participants can attend both conferences.

### **[27th Annual Pacific Rim International Conference on Disabilities \(April 18 - 19, 2011, Honolulu, Hawaii\)](#)**

This year's conference theme is Humanity: Advancing Inclusion, Equality and Diversity. Submissions will be considered for poster presentations, interactive roundtables, topical presentations, breakout presentations, seminars/colloquiums, and interactive workshops.  
**The deadline is December 22, 2010.**

### **[Investing in Our Future: A New Generation of Researchers \(October 7, 2010, 12:00 - 1:30 pm, Dirksen Senate Office Building G50, Washington, DC\)](#)**

To ensure that we have the research leaders of tomorrow, the US must cultivate a new generation of scientists by investing in agencies such as the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. This briefing will highlight the societal benefits of federal research and the challenges and opportunities early-career investigators face in establishing a foothold in the scientific profession.

## **Web Resources**

### **[Call for Comment on ACOTE Standards Issues \(Deadline October 15, 2010\)](#)**

The Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) is inviting comment for revisions to the ACOTE Accreditation Standards for: (1) Doctoral-Degree-Level Educational Programs for the Occupational Therapist; (2) Masters-Degree-Level Educational Programs for the Occupational Therapist; and (3) Educational Programs for Occupational Therapy Assistant.

Rachael McDonald, PhD, PGDip(Biomech), BAppSc(OT), Carissa Lyons, Bpsych

The Meaning of Occupational Gaps in Everyday Life in the First Year After Stroke  
Gunilla Eriksson, OT, PhD, Kerstin Tham, OT, PhD

Falls Self-Efficacy Among Adults With Multiple Sclerosis: A Phenomenological Study - Elizabeth W. Peterson, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, Gary Kielhofner, DrPH, OTR/L, FAOTA, Kerstin Tham, PhD, OT reg, Lena von Koch, PhD, RPT

Reliability and Validity of the Health Enhancement Lifestyle Profile (HELP)  
Jengliang Eric Hwang, PhD, OTR/L

## Grants, Fellowships, and Education Opportunities

### NIH Critical Illness and Injury in Aging

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) are requesting research grant applications that are focused on mechanisms and management of critical illness and injury (including trauma and neurotrauma) in aging. The type of investigation may be mechanistic, observational or interventional.

**Deadline: October 5**

## Two e-learning classes presented by the Human Rights Education Associates (HREA)

The HREA is an international non-governmental organization that supports human rights learning; the training of activists and professionals; the development of educational materials and programming; and community-building through on-line technologies. **Application deadline for both classes is October 1, 2010**

[The Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(October 20 - November 30, 2010\)](#)

[Health and Human Rights \(October 18 -November 28, 2010\)](#).

## Health and Human Services announces new website in Spanish

This is the first website of its kind in Spanish and will help consumers take control of their health care by connecting them to new information and resources to help them access quality, affordable health care coverage. This is a partner site of HealthCare.gov, and has information specifically for people with disabilities in the Personas con Incapacidad section of the site.

## Publications

### Issues in Human Rights Protection of Intellectually Disabled Persons

This book develops a legal argument as to how persons with intellectual disability can flourish in a liberal setting through the exercise of human rights, even though they are perceived as non-autonomous. Using Ronald Dworkin's theory of liberal equality, it argues that ethical individualism can be modified to accommodate persons with intellectual disability as equals in liberal theory. Dimopoulos, Andreas (2010) *Issues in Human Rights Protection of Intellectually Disabled Persons* Surrey, UK: Ashgate.

## AOTF Institute Image of the Month

From the Archives of the AOTA, housed in the AOTF Wilma L. West Library.



On September 2, 2010, the world lost a visionary with the death of Gary Kielhofner, DrPH, OTR/L, FAOTA.

*As a beginning scholar, over 30 years ago, he had a dream of advancing the field of occupational therapy in order to assist individuals with chronic health conditions and disability live fulfilling and satisfying lives. His dream became a reality when he crafted the Model of Human Occupation, also known as MOHO. Gary's work has inspired and impacted the lives of thousands and thousands of therapists, students, clients and colleagues. He made history, broke ground, and shaped the future of the profession. He shared a unique sense of pride when mentoring students and colleagues, bringing out the best in them. As a visionary,*

2010.

**NIH Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy**

The National Institutes of Health request applications to conduct studies on the degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions.

**Deadline: October 5, 2010.**

*he thought of a world of peace, in which social justice reigns and individuals' occupational performance needs are met.* Yolanda Suarez-Balcazar, Professor and Head, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Illinois at Chicago

Dr. Kielhofner was also a member of the AOTF Academy of Research since 1984 and AOTF is proud to have supported his research since 1981. He will be greatly missed.

The AOTF Institute makes this image, as well as the [Guide to the Archives of the AOTA](#), available publicly as part of its mission to honor the past and be the best possible steward of the unique body of knowledge that is occupational therapy. To this end, the AOTF Institute warmly welcomes individuals from within and beyond occupational therapy to explore the guide and use the archives for purposes of research, education, and leadership.

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