Dear Colleagues,

This combined summer issue of Research Resources recognizes occupational therapy's only accredited honor society, Pi Theta Epsilon (PTE). PTE was established in 1958 to honor scholastic excellence and, among other purposes, to encourage research development. For many years, PTE has sponsored or participated in many activities to advance this end, including the Mary J. Bridle Research Award, designed to provide a modest allocation of seed money for a student's first research experience.

Members of AOTF's Academy of Research (AoR), consisting of the field's most respected scientists, have committed to supporting our efforts to encourage outstanding students, including PTE members, to consider a career as a scientist to advance theory and practice in the field. Evidence seems to show that both recognition and sponsorship can help in recruiting talented students into a research career.

In keeping with this theme, the Wilma L. West Library staff has assembled some articles that address research involving recognition and mentoring or sponsorship. While this research mostly comes from outside occupational therapy, it helps inform our organizational efforts at AOTF, demonstrating that we too embrace the principles of evidence-based practice in our Foundation initiatives to build research capacity in the field.

The staff of the Wilma L. West Library have also embarked on an exciting new initiative to digitize the early writings of the pioneers of occupational therapy. With your help, the Archives of Occupational Therapy (1922-1924) will be digitized and made available to all for free. Please support this important project.

As always, thanks for your support of AOTF, and for your interest in Research Resources.

Cordially,

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Wilma L. West Library Resource Notes

Care and feeding of future scientists/researchers/scholars

As Dr. Christiansen described in the letter above, Pi Theta Epsilon (PTE) is 53 years old. A 1998 article in the American Journal of Occupational Therapy told the history of PTE. To learn about PTE today including information on chapter events and activities sponsored to promote scholarship and
occupational therapy, read past issues of its newsletter, *Scroll & Pen*, on the AOTF web site.


The Mary J. Bridle First Research Award is a very tangible PTE program to encourage students to become involved in research related to occupational therapy. With one exception, all past recipients were successful in having their research published in a peer-reviewed journal. The list follows, with names of the recipients underlined.


As described above, there have been studies that have reflected on the impact of honor societies, awards, mentoring, or sponsorship on the development of future scientist, scholars, researchers in other fields of medicine and health. Here are a few for you to review.

Babbott, D, Weaver, SO & Baldwin, DC Jr. (1989). *Personal characteristics, career plans, and specialty choices of medical students elected to Alpha Omega Alpha*. *Archives of Internal Medicine*, 149, 576-580.


**Support the Wilma L. West Library Digitization Initiative**

The Wilma L. West Library is embarking on an exciting initiative to digitize the original Archives of Occupational Therapy. These early journals (1922-1924) are the first writings of occupational therapy scientists and practitioners. Once digitized, the journals will be available for free to the public! Please support this initiative which AOTF hopes to be the first of many such projects by the Wilma L. West Library.

Eleanor Clarke Slagle - an early pioneer of occupational therapy

**Conference Announcements**

Accelerating Clinical Trials and Outcomes Research (ACTOR) Conference (December 1-2, 2011, Washington, DC metro area)

This conference, sponsored by AOTA, AOTF, and AHRQ) is designed to promote clinical trials and outcomes research in occupational therapy and related disciplines. The conference will bring together experienced clinical scientists and emerging investigators with a goal of increasing understanding of the design and conduct of rigorous clinical trials, comparative effectiveness studies and the measurement of clinical outcomes. To receive future notices about this conference, please email the Foundation
Guest Editorial
The NIH Roadmap: An Opportunity for Occupational Therapy, Jane Bear-Lehman, PhD, OTR, FAOTA

Feature Articles
Personal Projects of Boys With Developmental Coordination Disorder, Anne A. Poulsen, PhD, BOccThy (Hons); Fiona M. Barker, BOccThy (Hons); Jenny Ziviani, PhD, MEd, BAppSc (OccThy)

Time Use of Mothers With Adolescents: A Lasting Impact of a Child’s Disability, Terry K. Crowe, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA; Hallie J. Michael, MOT, OTR/L

Occupational Adaptation in People With Multiple Sclerosis, Eva Månsson Lexell; Susanne Iwarsson; Maria Larsson Lund

Participation Profile of Adults With Class III Obesity, Mary Forhan, OT Reg(Ont), PhD; Mary Law, OT Reg(Ont), PhD; Brenda H. Vrkljan, OT Reg(Ont), PhD; Valerie H. Taylor, MD, FRCP(C), PhD

Rest Is a Meaningful Occupation for Women With Hip and Knee Osteoarthritis

AHRO 2011 Annual Conference: Leading Through Innovation & Collaboration (September 18-21, 2011, Bethesda, Maryland)
This free event will emphasize how AHRO is leading change in addressing today’s challenges in improving access to care and its quality and cost, as well as partnering with others at the forefront of these issues. Registration is required for this free conference.

2011 ACRM - ASNR Annual Conference Progress in Rehabilitation Research (October 11-15, 2011, Atlanta, Georgia)
Choose from internationally recognized plenary speakers and symposia covering methodology and technology; practice, policy and reimbursement; neuroscience and neurorehabilitation; and musculoskeletal, aging, and development. In addition, there are six pre-conference symposia and an Early Career Course on Wednesday. Paper presentations and poster displays, and an exhibition featuring state-of-the-art equipment and services for the rehabilitation professional.

The conference will focus on various fields of Integrative Medicine such as: Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Naturopathy, Chiropractic Medicine, Herbalism, Traditional Chinese Medicine, Ayurveda, Meditation, Yoga, Biofeedback, Hypnosis, Homeopathy, Acupuncture, Nutritional-Based Therapies and many more. Abstract submission deadline: December 11, 2011.

Nutrition and Healthy Aging in the Community (October 5-6, 2011, Washington, DC)
The Institute of Medicine (IOM) will hold a public workshop on October 5-6, 2011 to explore technical and policy issues related to community-based delivery of nutrition services for older adults. Through invited presentations and discussions of social services and nutrition professionals and others, this workshop will address the importance and scope of such services, their strengths and limitations, and intervention and research needs.

3rd Annual Health Literacy Research Conference (October 17-18, 2011, Chicago, Illinois)
The Health Literacy Annual Research Conference is an interdisciplinary meeting for investigators to advance the field of health literacy, a method to raise the quality of our research, and a venue for professional development. This year’s conference will include several overlapping activities with the International Conference on Communication in Healthcare.

2011 Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (AER) Regional Conference (August 11-13, 2011, Boston, Massachusetts)
This conference will feature hands-on presentations in the field of blindness and visual impairment. Topics to be presented include Orientation and mobility, general education, and early intervention/multiple disabilities.

The objective of this meeting is to introduce the report to US audiences. The product of a multi-year effort by over 300 contributors from all parts of the world, the World report provides documented evidence of the social and economic status of persons with disabilities, the state of disability services, the problems and good practices, as well as recommendations for needed research and development. It will also include the first update of WHO's global disability prevalence estimates for more than thirty years. For the topics discussed, it represents the best single source of knowledge on disability at the global scale. The symposium will examine the implications of the World report for the U.S. domestically and internationally.

43rd Annual Nordic Ergonomics Society Conference (September 18-21, 2011, Oulu, Finland)

The Nordic Ergonomics Society (NES) conference, Wellbeing and Innovation Through Ergonomics, brings together researchers and practitioners with an interest in ergonomics. This facilitates the sharing of results and contributes to the foundation of networks as well as improving the quality of ergonomics. Call for full papers (camera-ready copy) is before August 19, 2011.

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World Report on Disability

This pioneering World Report on Disability, produced jointly by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Bank, suggests that more than a billion people in the world today experience disability. People with disabilities have generally poorer health, lower education achievements, fewer economic opportunities and higher rates of poverty than people without disabilities. This is largely due to the lack of services available to them and the many obstacles they face in their everyday lives. 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.

Publications

To Serve a Larger Purpose: Engagement for Democracy and the Transformation of Higher Education


Grand challenges in global mental health

A consortium of researchers, advocates and clinicians announces research priorities for improving the lives of people with mental illness

**The Disability Rights Movement: From Charity to Confrontation**

In this updated edition, the authors expand their encyclopedic history of the struggle for disability rights in the United States, to include the past ten years of disability rights activism. The book includes a new chapter on the evolving impact of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the continuing struggle for cross-disability civil and human rights, and the changing perceptions of disability. Based on interviews with over one hundred activists, *The Disability Rights Movement* tells the story of an ongoing movement that seeks to create an equitable and diverse society, inclusive of people with disabilities. Fleischer, DZ & Zames, F (2011) *The Disability Rights Movement: From Charity to Confrontation* Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press.

**AOTF Institute Image of the Month**

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

Eleanor Clarke Slagle (2nd from left) and friends walking on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City at the National Society for the Promotion of Occupational Therapy Meeting, 1922. Slagle, one of the founders of occupational therapy, was an early advocate for using OT in the mental health field. Her writings can be found in the *Archives of Occupational Therapy*, soon to be digitized and made available by the Wilma L. West Library of AOTF.

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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