SummerGreetings to Research Resources colleagues:

Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic said Sir Arthur C. Clarke (author, futurist, 1917-2008). Occupational therapists have long recognized the magic that technology can provide in changing everyday lives.

Technology is identified as a social determinant of health, function, and quality of life in Healthy People 2020 that influences how people live, learn, play, and work across the lifespan. In the last several decades, we have seen technology change every aspect of our lives.

Technology has also become an increasingly important environmental intervention in services for individuals with disabilities. The National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) identified Technology for Access and Function as a priority area in its proposed Long-Range Plan for Fiscal Years 2013-2017. The goal of this priority is to enhance community integration, independence, productivity, competitiveness, and equal opportunity by mitigating or eliminating barriers found in large social systems such as public transportation, telecommunications, information technology, and the built environment. Technology is important across all areas of practice, but is particularly important in occupational therapy services for children with special needs.

There is growing recognition that evidence-based technology can provide children with disabilities important tools for growing and learning in the school, home, and community. The U.S. Department of Education recently posted several grant opportunities that focus on technology for students. There are also a variety of organizations (e.g., RESNA) that emphasize the interdisciplinary nature of technology and the importance of research and evidence-based practice.

The American Occupational Therapy Association provides a variety of resources related to technology in occupational therapy, including a Special Interest Section on Technology, a Specialized Knowledge and Skills paper on Technology and Environmental Interventions, and Tech Day at the annual conference.

This month, Research Resources features publications that support occupational therapy interventions and identify opportunities for future study related to technology, particularly for children with special needs. We invite you to survey the sample assembled by our staff in the Wilma L. West Library. As always, we welcome your ideas on ways we can improve this monthly newsletter, and we thank you for your support of AOTF.

Warm regards,
As Dr. Bass writes in her summer letter, the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) provides resources related to technology, including two official documents. One is a "Specialized Knowledge and Skills" paper (AOTA 2010a) and the other a "Position Paper" (2010b). Two recent papers reporting on the use of technology with the pediatric population from AOTA's Technology Special Interest Section are included in this list of articles dating from 2010 to the present and retrieved from OT SEARCH (Bibb, O'Brien & Custer, 2012 and McGrath & DeCoste, 2011). Another type of article not usually included in the library resource lists for the Research Resource is a continuing education article from OT Practice (Bondoc, Powers, Herz & Hermann, 2010 Jun 28).

The remaining citations are a selection of research articles that represent the wide variety of technology occupational therapy practitioners are enlisting in their interventions for multiples populations and diagnoses.


A. Jean Ayres Award and other AOTF awards -- October 1

Scholarships -- November 15

AOTF Facebook Page

What you missed on Facebook
Our Facebook page posts links to news of a more immediate or personal nature. These are some of last month's postings.

Does the culture of Black women give clues on how to ease military suicides?


Indian dance troupe features dancers with disabilities

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The American Occupational Therapy Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting our profession today and for the future. Gifts to AOTF help us make a real difference for so many people in our Cardon, TA, Wilcox, MJ & Campbell, PH. (2011). Caregiver perspectives about assistive technology use with their young children with autism spectrum disorders. Infants and Young Children, 24, 153-173.


Mann, WC & Ferreira de Mello, MA. (2010). Assistive technology use
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Watch this space for AOTF Events at the AOTA Annual Conference, San Diego, April 25-28, 2013

Watch for news about Foundation events -- Breakfast with a Scholar, Research Colloquium, and our Gala.

OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health
Summer 2012

by the elderly in Brazil and the United States. *Topics in Geriatric Rehabilitation*, 26, 62-69.


**Conference Announcements**

*4th Annual Health Literacy Annual Research Conference (HARC) (October 22-23, 2012, Bethesda, Maryland)*
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

International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health as the Glue
Kathleen Matuska, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA

Feature Articles

Correlates of Community Participation Among Families Transitioning From Part C Early Intervention Services
Mary Alunkal Khetani, ScD, OTR; Gael Orsmond, PhD; Ellen Cohn, ScD, OTR, FAOTA; Mary C. Law, PhD, FCAOT, FCAHS, OT Reg (Ontario); Wendy Coster, PhD, OTR, FAOTA

Factors Associated With the Satisfaction of Participation in Daily Activities for Adults With Class III Obesity
Mary A. Forhan, PhD, OT Reg (Ontario); Mary C. Law, PhD, FCAOT, FCAHS, OT Reg (Ontario); Valerie H. Taylor, MD, PhD; Brenda H. Vrkljan, PhD, OT Reg (Ontario)

HARC is an opportunity to advance the field of health literacy, a method to raise the quality of our research, and a venue for professional development.

2012 State Conference, Occupational Therapy Australia (September 13-15, 2012, Cairns, Queensland)
With the theme Navigating Change in an Ocean of Opportunity, this conference/expo will deliver public information sessions, guest speakers, pre-conference workshops, keynote speakers, papers, invited speakers, workshops and posters. AOTF Executive Director Charles Christiansen will be one of the keynote speakers.

The Cognitive Orientation to Daily Occupational Performance (CO-OP) Approach (The Basics October 9-10, 2012) (Certification Option February 1, 2013) Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri
The Cognitive Orientation to daily Occupational Performance (CO-OP) approach is an intervention to support the therapist in enabling performance. Initially created for children with Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD), CO-OP is now used more broadly with both children and adults, particularly with those with head injury and stroke who have occupational performance difficulties.

International Conference on Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (March 8-10, 2013, Lucknow, India)
The theme of the conference is From Dogmas towards Evidence. Pre Conference Workshop: March 6-7, 2013.

29th Annual Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity Conference (April 29-30, 2013, Honolulu, Hawaii)
Call For proposals opens August 1, 2012.

8th World Congress of the International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine Conference (June 6-11, 2015, Berlin, Germany)


2012 AOTA/NBCOT National Student Conclave - Students only (November 9-10, 2012, Columbus, Ohio)

2012 AOTA Specialty Conference - Adults with Stroke (November 30 - December 1, 2012, Baltimore, Maryland)

Online Resources

AOTA/AOTF ACTOR Conference Webinar on Researcher-Clinician Collaborations: Issues to Consider
Participate in the free webinar based on the Accelerating Clinical Trials and Outcomes Research (ACCTOR) conference held December 1,
The Mirror Neuron System: Innovations and Implications for Occupational Therapy
Sook-Lei Liew, MA, OTR/L; Kathleen A. Garrison, MS, PhD; Julie Werner, MA, OTR/L; Lisa Aziz-Zadeh, PhD

Contribution of Tactile and Kinesthetic Perceptions to Handwriting in Taiwanese Children in First and Second Grade
Tzu-Ying Yu, PhD, OT; Jim Hinojosa, PhD, OT, FAOTA; Tsu-Hsin Howe, PhD, OTR; Gerald T. Voelbel, PhD

Neighborhood Influences on Participation Among Older Adults With Chronic Health Conditions: A Scoping Review
Carri Hand, PhD, BSc(OT); Mary C. Law, PhD, FCAOT, FCAHS, OT Reg (Ontario); Mary Ann McColl, PhD, MTS; Steven Hanna, PhD; Susan J. Elliott, PhD

Funding Opportunities
Health Impact Project: Advancing Smarter Policies for Healthier Communities Program Grants
This call for proposals supports: 1) Health

2011.
Monday, July 30, 2012, 2:00-3:00 pm EST  Presenter: Susan L. Murphy, ScD, OTR, University of Michigan
RSVP by July 26, 2012 and you will receive the URL link and instructions for joining the webinar.

Free ACTOR Resources
AOTA and AOTF announce the availability of video presentations and discussions and PowerPoint presentations from the ACTOR Conference held on Dec. 1-2, 2011, with the generous support of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

Research Universities and the Future of America: Ten Breakthrough Actions Vital to Our Nation's Prosperity and Security Status
This National Academies Press report examines trends in university finance, prospects for improving university operations, opportunities for deploying technology, and improvement in the regulation of higher education institutions. It also explores ways to improve pathways to graduate education, take advantage of opportunities to increase student diversity, and realign doctoral education for the careers new doctorates will follow. The report can be read free online.

In November 2011, the Institutes of Medicine (IOM) Roundtable held a workshop to discuss the growing recognition that health literacy depends not only on individual skills and abilities but also on the demands and complexities of the health care system. This free document summarizes the workshop.

Treatment for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder in Military and Veteran Populations: Initial Assessment Released: July 13, 2012
Congress asked the Department of Defense, in consultation with Veterans Affairs, to sponsor an IOM study to assess their PTSD treatment programs and services. This first of two mandated reports examines some of the available programs to prevent, diagnose, treat, and rehabilitate those who have PTSD and encourages further research that can help to improve PTSD care. It is available free online.

Redesigned Health Games Research Database
Health Games Research, a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Pioneer Portfolio, released an update to the largest publicly available database in the field to make it easier to search for health games, research publications, organizations, and events.

Education Resources
Connect: Vivo Design Thinking Workshop (August 28-30, 2012, Omaha, Nebraska)
This workshop, hosted by Vivo (Good Samaritan Society), the American Occupational Therapy Foundation, Schwartz-Powell (a
Impact Assessments (HIA) demonstration projects that inform a specific decision and help to build the case for the value of HIA; and 2) HIA program grants to enable organizations with previous HIA experience to conduct HIAs and develop sustainable, self-supporting HIA programs at the local, state, or tribal level.

Brief proposal deadline: September 14, 2012

Investigations
Furthering Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities
The Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program provides General Disability and Rehabilitation Research Grants to plan and conduct research, demonstration projects, training, and related activities, including international activities, to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration of individuals with disabilities, and to design firm based in Minneapolis), and AIGA - Nebraska, will provide an opportunity to develop an innovative community concept with housing services, retail, and businesses targeted at seniors and their families on the 20 acres acquired by the Good Samaritan Society and possibly to be replicated by their communities around the country.

Publications

Under New Management Universities, Administrative Labor, and the Professional Turn
Randy Martin explores the gulf between professors, who feel a loss of autonomy, and administrators, who face a panoply of institutional risks.


Publishing Opportunities

Special Issue of Family Relations on Families and Disabilities: Implications for Policy and Practice
Guest Editors Anne F. Farrell and Gloria L. Krahn are planning a special edition focusing on families and disabilities from interdisciplinary perspectives. Call for Papers Deadline: December 15, 2012.

Submissions on Soldier Rehabilitation Sought

WORK: A Journal of Prevention, Assessment and Rehabilitation is currently accepting article submissions for a special issue on soldier rehabilitation. A variety of presentation styles will be accepted, including but not limited to: clinical and research papers, literature reviews, and case studies. Manuscript description is due August 15, 2012 and the manuscript will be due by October 1, 2012. For more information, contact Guest Editor Rebecca Wolf.

Grants Bestowed

Metro-New York District of NYSOTA Bestows 25 Research Grants
Over a span of 15 years, the Metropolitan New York District (MNYD) of the New York State Occupational Therapy Association (NYSOTA) has fostered research for evidenced-based practice with 25 start-up grants of $500.00 to members. This successful local program has been extended to the state level by NYSOTA to help foster larger OT specific research and has garnered interest from other states interested in the organization of the program and in the parameters of the research produced.

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improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act. The application deadline is **August 24, 2012.**

**Grants Available for Coop Programs that Enhance Quality of Life for Rural Seniors**

Mutual Service Cooperative Fund (MSC) administered by the Cooperative Development Foundation is looking for proposals on cooperative solutions for seniors in rural communities, with a preference for proposals integrating cooperative home care into rural housing developments. Applications are due **August 3, 2012.**

**American Association on Health and Disability Accepting Applications for 2012-2013 Scholarship Program**

This program supports students with disabilities pursuing higher education in a field related to disability and health. Deadline for submission is **November 15, 2012.**

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**Two First Ladies: Same Name, Same Cloth**

On Tuesday Evening, September 14, a special banquet was held at the 21st Annual Meeting of the American Occupational Therapy Association, held in Atlantic City, NJ at the Hotel Chelsea. The meeting was the largest in the history of the association at that point, and the banquet was well attended, as it was honoring Eleanor Clarke Slagle, the retiring secretary of the association, who earlier in the day had been named an honorary president.

Speaking in tribute to Mrs. Slagle that evening, were Adolph Meyer, preeminent American psychiatrist and chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University, who lauded her dedication to occupational therapy and her influence on his work, and Eleanor Roosevelt (ER), wife of President Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR).

During her remarks, Mrs. Roosevelt lauded the untiring work of Eleanor Clarke Slagle, but could not resist the temptation to speak on the professional activities of women and the importance of advancing the cause of women in society. American society at the time was moving slowly but steadily in the direction of recognizing women's rights and during the preceding 20 years (coinciding with the work of Eleanor Clarke Slagle), America had amended the Constitution to permit voting by women, had elected its first Congresswoman, and had experienced its first woman on the Cabinet (Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins*) appointed by FDR after strong advocacy by Eleanor Roosevelt.

The women's movement was greatly advanced by the tireless work of Eleanor Roosevelt. Her first book while serving as first lady was titled, *It's Up to the Women.* ER firmly believed women were special, that they had qualities that made them effective peacemakers, conferees, and mothers as well as fine politicians, professionals, and advocates.

It turns out that the two Eleanors had a great deal in common. They both worked in Settlement Houses as younger women. They were each exceptional leaders. They each had the skill, tenacity, and passion to achieve their aims in a culture dominated at the time by men, but most importantly, they each left legacies of accomplishment in their wake that continue to benefit others. For Eleanor Clarke Slagle, it's hard to imagine a more fitting speaker at her retirement than Eleanor Roosevelt.
* Perkins served for 12 years, longer than any other Labor Secretary and is credited with many important accomplishments. She was largely responsible for the U.S. adoption of Social Security, unemployment insurance, federal laws regulating child labor, and adoption of the federal minimum wage.

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