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## Research Resources



### **New Year Greetings to *Research Resources* colleagues:**

The New Year is often regarded as a time of beginning something new. At AOTF and its Institute for the Study of Occupation and Health, we are always looking for new opportunities to advance research and science that improves the lives of the people we serve and supports occupational therapy practice. In the coming year, the Institute will be working on some exciting new directions and initiatives that will be shared with you in the coming months.

Our *Research Resources* readers include our most respected scientists as well as novices who are eager to make a commitment to supporting future research. Some readers engage in applied research while others contribute to dissemination and adoption of occupational therapy evidence in practice. Regardless of your position, there are abundant opportunities for new resolutions related to research in the coming year.

In recent months, I have had the privilege of interacting with some of our occupational therapy leaders to seek their wise counsel regarding future research priorities at AOTF. As I listened, a few themes emerged which could serve as the foundation for your New Year's resolutions related to occupational therapy research. Research begins with:

- a societal problem that needs solutions;
- a multidisciplinary network of mentors and collaborators;
- education and experiences that build knowledge and skills; and
- resources that provide funding and guide questions, methods, and priorities.

At the American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference in San Diego, AOTF will once again sponsor a variety of events

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## Support AOTF

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 profession through:

\* Scholarships

designed to celebrate our successes in research and build research capacity for the future. In this *Research Resources*, we are highlighting online resources that support occupational therapy research and thus, are important bookmarks in our favorites folder.

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,



Julie D. Bass, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA  
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Institute for the Study of Occupation and Health

## Resources Notes:

### Resources for Researchers via the Internet

The following list is meant to provide starting points for occupational therapy practitioners interested in beginning or expanding a research initiative. We realize it is not a comprehensive list and welcome our readers to send their recommendations of other sources to [mbinderman@aotf.org](mailto:mbinderman@aotf.org) to be added to this list. With few exceptions, these sources are based in the United States. Short lists of related books and journals are added at the end.

[Read more.](#)

## OT: History in Focus

### Herbert J. Hall and the Work Cure

Although he died in 1922 at the young age of 53, early in the

first decade of the professional association he helped to establish, Dr. Herbert J. Hall of Massachusetts was a staunch proponent of the work cure. The work cure advocated the use of active engagement, including arts and crafts, to treat those with "nervous disorders". This he implemented at the Marblehead Sanitarium, which he headed, employing the services of people like Jessie Luther, a skilled artisan who had worked at Hull House in Chicago, a settlement house with multiple historical connections to occupational therapy. Hull House served as the location of the third annual meeting of the American Occupational Therapy Association, held in Chicago in 1919.

[Read more](#)



Herbert Hall

## Conference Announcements

**Health Disparities Research at the Intersection of Race, Ethnicity, and Disability: A National Conference (April 25 -26, 2013, Washington, DC)**

\* Research support and publications including *Research Resources* and *OTJR*

\* Development and recognition of leadership

\* Education and maintaining the largest collection of occupational therapy resources in the country.

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## OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health: Online Advanced Release

***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.](#)

Articles appearing in this "Online Advanced Release" section have been peer-reviewed and accepted for publication in *OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health* and posted online before print publication.

[A Qualitative Review of Occupational Therapists' Listening Behaviors and Experiences When Caring for Patients in Palliative or Hospice Care](#)

Janis Davis, PhD, OTR/L; Michelle Asuncion, OTR/L; Jennifer Rabello, OTR/L; Caitlin Silangcruz, OTR/L; Elizabeth van Dyk, OTR/L

[Participation Patterns of Urban Preschoolers Attending Head Start](#)

Meredith P. Gronski, OTD, OTR/L; Ann Niemann, MA Ed; Christine Berg, PhD, OTR/L

[Mental Health Payment-by-Results Clusters and the Model of Human Occupation Screening Tool](#)

Sun W. Lee, PhD, OTR/L; Kirsty Forsyth, PhD, OTR, FCOT; Mary

The Institute on Development & Disability at Oregon Health & Science University is accepting submissions for presentations focused on health or healthcare issues for people with disabilities in underserved racial or ethnic groups. [Abstracts](#) are due: **January 14, 2013.**

**12th European AAATE Conference (Association for the Advancement of Assistive Technology in Europe) Conference (September 19-22, 2013, Vilamoura, Portugal)**

Presentations are sought which will contribute to the advancement of assistive technology, not only in technological areas, but in all the fields closely related with this domain of knowledge: education and training, service provision, research, industry, legislation. [Abstract/proposal deadline: March 12, 2013.](#)

**The Cochrane Collaboration's 2013 Colloquium (September 19-23, 2013, Québec City, Québec)**

The focus of this year's [colloquium](#): Better Knowledge for Better Health will focus on evidence that informs health care decisions at every level - from patient to practitioner, to institutional or government policy maker. Founded in 1993, The Cochrane Collaboration is the largest global network of scientists, researchers, health policy-makers and consumer advocates involved in the production of systematic reviews of healthcare evidence. **Abstract submission deadline: April 1, 2013.**

**AOTA Education Summit (October 4-5, 2013, Atlanta, Georgia)**

AOTA is seeking proposals the three presentation tracks: pedagogy and instructional design; foundations for OT/OTA education and practice; and capacity building with the profession and academia. [Proposal deadline: January 16, 2013.](#)

**16th International Congress of World Federation of Occupational Therapists (June 18-21, 2014, Yokohama, Japan)**

Presented in collaboration with the 48th Japanese OT Congress & Expo, the Congress themes are: disaster preparedness, response and recovery, inter-professional collaboration and the role of OT, wisdom: learning from the past, tradition for the future, innovations and challenges in OT, education and research: meeting the demands from the field, evidence-based practice and quality of OT, the nature of human occupation, community & OT. [Abstract submission deadline: April 30, 2013.](#)

**Nordic Network on Disability Research - 12th Research Conference (May 30-31, 2013, Turku, Finland)**

[NDR2013 conference](#) welcomes a wide range of contributions applying social, cultural, historical and philosophical perspectives to the study of disability.

**28th Annual International Technology and Persons with Disabilities Conference (February 25 to March 2, 2013, San Diego, California)**

[Conference Keynote Speaker](#) Dr. Deana McDonagh, an Empathic

Morley, D. OccT Dip COT, MHM, FCOT; Mike Garnham, Dip COT; David Heasman, MSc OT, Dip COT; Renee R. Taylor, PhD

[Participation and Self-Management Strategies of Young Adult Childhood Cancer Survivors](#)

Christine Berg, PhD, OTR/L; Robert J. Hayashi, MD

[Changes in Activity Levels of Older Adult Cancer Survivors](#)

Kathleen Doyle Lyons, ScD, OTR/L; Lisa A. Lambert, MD; Stefan Balan, MD; Mark T. Hegel, PhD; Stephen Bartels, MD

[Occupational Therapists and Observation: What Are You Looking At?](#)

Diane E. MacKenzie, MAEd, BSOT, BSPE; David A. Westwood, PhD

**AOTF Events at AOTA Conference,**

San Diego, April 25-28, 2013

For more information and registration info see the [AOTA web site.](#)

**Breakfast with a Scholar** -- Rear Admiral Marty Evans, US Navy (Retired) will speak on learning from past failures of imagination.

**Research Colloquium** -- A New Era of Rehabilitation Research in Occupational Therapy: Science and Scientists.

**Doctoral Network** -- Stories of Doctoral & Post-Doctoral Education and Different Career Paths.

**Gala** -- AOTF Takes Flight -- AOTF will salute the military at the San Diego Air & Space Museum.

**Balboa Park Garden Tour** -- Take a docent-led tour of the Alcazar and Japanese Friendship Gardens, includes lunch and round-trip bus transportation.

Design Research Strategist, will focus on enhancing the quality of life for all through more intuitive and meaningful products which can lead to emotional sustainability.

### **Canadian Disability Studies Association 2013 Annual Conference (June 5-7, 2013, Victoria, British Columbia)**

**CDSA's 2013 theme** "Disability @ the Edge" reflects the ways in which disability both pushes and is pushed to the edges of varied cultural, social and political realms. It is part of the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, June 1-8).

### **29th Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability & Diversity (April 29-30, 2013, Honolulu, Hawaii)**

The **conference theme** embraces the ideals of all people living together harmoniously and happily in a barrier-free world without fear of exclusion from social, economic or political life.

### **5th Annual Health Literacy Research Conference (October 28-29, 2013, Washington, DC)**

This **interdisciplinary meeting** for investigators dedicated to health literacy research is an opportunity to advance the field of health literacy, a method to raise the quality of our research, and an venue for professional development.

## **Publishing Opportunities**

### **Journal of Health Communication**

The Journal is seeking original manuscripts that present empirical research in advancing the field of health literacy. Papers relating to measurement are particularly encouraged. Deadline for manuscript submission is **February 6, 2013**. Any questions please email: [mpo@bu.edu](mailto:mpo@bu.edu). Author instructions can be found at [online](#).

## **Education Opportunities**

### **Training in Grantsmanship for Rehabilitation Research (TIGRR) (January 15-19, 2013, Chapel Hill, North Carolina)**

**TIGRR**, (previously known as Enhancing Rehabilitation Research in the South, ERRIS), seeks to mentor junior and mid-level faculty towards NIH or NIDRR level funding. The format is a 4-1/2 day workshop providing mentoring in grant writing, clinical trial design, biostatistics, informatics, collaboration, grantsmanship, budgeting, and career development through lectures and individual consultation.

### **The Global Leadership Institute**

The GLI is an ongoing training program creating an international network of leaders in mental health fostering the development of recovery oriented practice for individuals with serious mental illnesses or psychiatric disabilities. Potential candidates include people such as: leaders of professions serving those with serious mental illnesses, leaders of associations advocating for this group; agency administrators, administrators of government bodies/agencies/divisions; system administrators, legislators, researchers, program evaluators, or others. Professionals with their own experience of serious mental illnesses (e. g, administrators, legislators, researchers/program evaluators, educators) who are emerging leaders in recovery and/or psychiatric rehabilitation are particularly welcome. Applications are due **February 25, 2013**. The one-week classroom session will begin the end of May/early June 2013. 6 months of mentorship will follow. Contact [Marianne Farkas](#), ScD, for an application form.

## **AOTF on Facebook**

**THE AOTF Facebook page seeks to provide news of a more personal or timely nature tailored for the OT community.**

What you missed on Facebook in November/December:

[Former NFL players reach out to Marines for advice on life transitions.](#)

[Where in health is disability?](#) A webcast from the CDC.

[IssueLab](#) provides free access to thousands of case studies, evaluations, white papers, and issue briefs addressing some of the world's most pressing social problems.

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### **Dates to Remember**

**AOTA/NBCOT Student Conclave**, November 15-16, 2013, Jacksonville, Florida  
**AOTA Conference**, April 25-28, 2013, San Diego, California.

## Grant Information

### AHRQ Grant Procedural Change

Notice Number: NOT-HS-13-002

Release Date: November 27, 2012

The [Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality \(AHRQ\)](#) will require all Federal Financial Reports (FFRs) (annual and final) due on or after December 20, 2012 to be submitted using the electronic FFR system in the eRA Commons. This includes all initial FFRs being prepared for submission and any revisions being submitted or re-submitted to AHRQ. Any FFRs that are submitted to AHRQ through [GFFR@ahrq.hhs.gov](mailto:GFFR@ahrq.hhs.gov) or by mail will NOT be acknowledged or reviewed. The eRA Commons web-based FFR system allows recipients to view information on currently due and late FFRs and to submit FFRs electronically to the AHRQ.

## Employment Opportunities

### Georgia State University: Cluster Hire in Disability and Health

GSU seeks senior faculty in [communication disorders](#), [psychology](#), and [public health](#) to address health disparities occurring at the intersection of developmental disabilities and racial and ethnic minority status. These positions are part of GSU's [Second Century Initiative](#) (2CI) a major program to expand the University's priority research areas. These new faculty will add depth and breadth to current GSU interdisciplinary efforts related to the reduction and elimination of disparities in access, quality, and outcomes experienced by individuals with neurodevelopmental disabilities from racial and ethnic minorities.

### The Institute on Disability, Postdoctoral Research Associate

The [IOD](#) Postdoctoral Research Associate will have primary responsibilities related to two research projects: the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Project: Health and Health Care Disparities among Individuals with Disabilities Project and the Health Disparities & Intellectual Disability Project, funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), respectively. This individual will also have access to the IOD Health and Genetics Research Team, which includes eight additional disability and health projects in its portfolio. Please contact [Jennifer Squires](#) for further information.

### Research Methodology Faculty Sought

The Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill seeks applications for two open rank, open track research methodology faculty positions. Primary responsibilities are research and scholarship, methodological consultation and collaboration with interdisciplinary teams, and graduate level teaching and mentoring. [Deadline for applications: January 31, 2013.](#)

## Online Resources

### Recommendations to Improve Children's Health Care Quality Measures: Background Report on the 2012 Process

This [background report](#) describes the process used to identify, evaluate, and select children's health care quality measures to be recommended for addition to the initial core set of 24 measures released by the AHRQ.

## About Us

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### Occupational Therapy Resources

#### American Occupational Therapy Foundation (AOTF)

- [Research Resources](#), a monthly e-newsletter
- [Research Weblinks](#), online resources to assist in finding funding

#### American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)

- [Researcher resources](#)

#### AOTF and AOTA jointly supported resources

- [AOTF and AOTA Research Agenda](#): The Occupational Therapy Research Agenda identifies the major research goals and priorities for occupational therapy research. The goals and priorities span five categories: Assessment/Measurement, Intervention Research, Basic Research, Translational Research, and Health Services Research. A sixth related category, Research Training, addresses capacity building to accomplish the research goals and priorities.
- [AOTA/AOTF Research Advisory Panel](#) advises the AOTA and AOTF boards of directors in several matters, including the translation of research to education and practice, and the review of the research agenda of the profession and its alignment with national research priorities and emerging social and technology issues. The panel also fosters critical analyses of issues related to the delivery of services, evolution of theories, and the overall body of knowledge relevant to occupational therapy.
- [OT SEARCH](#) is a bibliographic database covering the literature of occupational therapy and related subject areas from early 1900's to the present.
- [OTSeeker](#) is a database that contains abstracts of systematic reviews and randomized controlled trials relevant to occupational therapy. Trials have been critically appraised and rated to assist you to evaluate their validity and interpretability. These ratings will help you to judge the quality and usefulness of trials for informing clinical interventions. In one database, OTSeeker provides you with fast and easy access to trials from a wide range of sources.

#### Federal Resources

- [Healthy People 2020](#) provides science-based, 10-year national objectives for improving the health of all Americans.

#### Federal Grants

- [Grants.gov](#) provides a clearinghouse of information on related to federal grants, including an overview of federal grants, eligibility requirements, application process, and opportunities. There are 26 federal grant making agencies. Some examples of agencies that provide funding related to occupational therapy are the [Department of Health and Human Services](#), Department of Education, and Social Security Administrations.
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has [11 operating divisions](#) that establish research priorities and fund research that addresses societal needs.
- [National Institutes of Health](#), Office of Extramural Research
- [U.S. Department of Education, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research \(NIDRR\)](#)

- [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality](#)

### Foundations and Associations\*

- [Alzheimer's Association Research Center](#)
- [American Heart Association](#)
- [Autism Speaks](#)
- [The Commonwealth Fund](#)
- [Epilepsy Foundation](#)
- [The John Merck Fund](#)
- [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#)
- [The SCAN Foundation](#)
- [W.K. Kellogg Foundation](#)

### Data Bases (bibliographic and factual)

- [ClinicalTrials.gov](#) is a registry and results database of publicly and privately supported clinical studies of human participants conducted around the world. Learn more About Clinical Studies and About This Site, including relevant History, Policies, and Laws.
- [DIRLINE](#) is a directory of health organizations, including associations and foundations maintained by the National Library of Medicine.
- [Foundation Directory Online \(FDO\)](#), a resource of the [Foundation Center](#), is updated weekly and provides the most comprehensive and accurate information on U.S. grantmakers and their funding activities.
- [HSRproj \(Health Services Research Projects in Progress\)](#) provides information about research-in-progress before results are available in a published format.
- [Government Research Directory](#) lists research facilities and programs of the U.S. and Canadian federal governments.
- [PubMed/Medline](#) comprises more than 22 million citations for biomedical literature from MEDLINE, life science journals, and online books.
- [REHABDATA](#) is produced by the [National Rehabilitation Information Center \(NARIC\)](#) and describes over 80,000 documents covering physical, mental, and psychiatric disabilities, independent living, vocational rehabilitation, special education, assistive technology, law, employment, and other issues as they relate to people with disabilities. The collection spans 1956 to the present.

### Books

- Carter, R. E., Lubinsky, J., & Dumholdt, E. (2011). *Rehabilitation research : principles and applications*. St. Louis, MO : Elsevier Saunders.
- DePoy, E., & Gitlin, L. N. (2011). *Introduction to research : Understanding and applying multiple strategies*. St. Louis, MO : Elsevier Mosby.
- Gitlin, LN and Lynos, KJ. *Successful Grant writing: strategies for health and human service professionals*. (3rd Ed.). (2008). NY, NY : Springer Publishing Company.
- Kielhofner, G. (2006). *Research in occupational therapy : methods of inquiry for enhancing practice*. Philadelphia, PA : F.A. Davis.
- Morgan, D. L., & Morgan, R. K. (2009). *Single-case research methods for the behavioral and health sciences*. Los Angeles, CA : Sage.

### Journals

- [Health Services and Outcomes Research Methodology](#)
- [Journal of Health Services Research & Policy](#)
- [Qualitative Health Research](#)
- [Research Ethics](#)

\*Links are to the grant/research programs of these organizations.

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## History Continued

Hall was elected president of AOTA in 1920, having succeeded Eleanor Clarke Slagle in a closely contested election by only a single vote. Trained at Harvard Medical School, Hall received two grants from Harvard to study the use of occupation with patients with nervous disorders. In today's dollars, the grants he received would be worth about \$50,000 each. Herbert Hall the author of [The Untroubled Mind](#) and *The Work of our Hands*, was an early proponent of research. He believed that the profession should take a scientific approach to understanding how its practices caused change, and that an important first step was to have standardized measures of occupational therapy. He also described and advocated three key principles of intervention, which he described as immunities, equivalents, and substitutions. These were elaborated in a book entitled *OT: A New Profession* which he wrote during the last years of his life. Herbert Hall played a prominent role in the evolution of occupational therapy, despite early criticism that his focus on attracting wealthy patients to his Devereaux Workshop and Sanitarium in Marblehead, Massachusetts was elitist.

AOTF is pleased to present OT: History in Focus, recollections of, through photos and reports, events and people that have shaped and defined the profession during its distinguished history.

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