Celebrating Black History Month

Greetings and Salutations,
February is Black History Month. Here at the American Occupational Therapy Foundation, we would like to take a moment to acknowledge those contributing to the research and evidence of OT. While our field continues to strive for more diversity and inclusion, those of the African American community have and continue to influence the profession specifically in the area of research. There are several clinicians and researchers doing great work. The following is not comprehensive. Yet, it highlights some of the work and available literature by our fellow African American OTs acknowledged during the Centennial.

The following was retrieved (February 24, 2020) from 100 Influential People in Occupational Therapy's 100 Year History.

- Lela Llorens, PhD, OTR, FAOTA, played a vital role in establishing OT research as she chaired AOTA's Research Advisory Council in the mid-1980s. Her efforts in the field are vast and were acknowledged during the AOTA Centennial.
- Jerry Bentley, MS, OTR, FAOTA, has been an advocate and activist for social justice for decades. She is a supporter of the Foundation and volunteer.
- Shirley Jackson-Jackson, PhD, OT/L, FAOTA, scholarly activity extends from 1986 as an academic and researcher. She has a focus on diversity and health disparities research.
- Panelpha (Penny) L. Kyler, ScD, OT, FAOTA, has impacted our field by being the first occupational therapist in the area of translational genetics and OT's role in treatment and intervention.
- Joyce Lane, PhD, OTR, FAOTA, influenced the profession's focus on social justice. Dr. Lane's research is in the area of policy decision making and on professional development.
- Letha J. Mosley, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA (1957-2017), focused her research on health disparities. She implemented community-based participatory research establishing community programs for health and wellness.
- Shirley A. Wells, DrPH, OTR, FAOTA, scholarship relates to culture and health. She is an advocate and driver for the use of gender neutral language in AOTA official documents.

Related Research Articles:
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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 inter-disciplinary research. OTJR is now indexed in MEDLINE/PubMed. [Download current, past, and future OTJR articles](#).

The 2018 OTJR's impact factor has increased to 1.234, and the 5-year impact factor is now 1.478.

Add these sessions to your 2020 AOTA Conference agenda:

- **March 25, 2020 | Boston**
  - AOTF Pre-Conference Institute
  - *Manuscript Writing and Reviewing Academy*

- **March 26, 2020 | Boston**
  - AOTF OTJR Short Course
  - *Advances in Technology to Enhance Manuscript Writing and Publishing*

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**Doctoral, Postdoctoral, and Research Training Opportunities**

**Fellowships at Northwestern University**
Open fellowship positions in the Integrated Fellowship Program in Health Services Research at Northwestern University.

**Online Training Modules Designed to Provide Quality Healthcare for Persons with Disabilities**
The Ohio Disability and Health Program offers online training modules that are designed to increase the capacity of health care providers to provide quality healthcare for persons with disabilities. Part I: Persons with Physical and Sensory Disabilities (WB2695) and Part II: Persons with Developmental Disabilities (WD2564) trainings present various disability issues, serving to strengthen participants' competence in physical/sensory and developmental disabilities are approved for continuing education by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for health professionals in multiple areas.

**Rehabilitation Research Career Development Program (RRCD) -- NIH K12 Positions**
The goal of the program (presented by UTMB with UF and USC) is to provide OTs and PTs (with postdoctoral or related research experience) with the skills and research experience necessary to become independent investigators and future academic and scientific leaders in their professions. Scholars will receive mentored training in. Send any questions or requests to: [rehab.info@utmb.edu](mailto:rehab.info@utmb.edu)

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**Grants and Funding Opportunities**

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars to address complex health problems**
Deadline to apply is March 11, 2020.

**NCMRR Early Career Research Award (R03 Clinical Trial Optional)**
Application deadline is March 30, 2020.

**Community Care Corps Proposals: Innovative Local Models to Provide Volunteer Non-*
Medical Assistance to Older Americans, Persons with Disabilities, and Family Caregivers
Applications due April 3, 2020, 5:00 PM ET.

Pathways to Prevention Workshop Program "Can Physical Activity Improve the Health of Wheelchair Users?"
March 30-31 at NIH's Natcher Conference Center.

National Advisory Board on Medical Rehabilitation Research (NABMRR) Meeting
May 4-5, will also be videocast.

NEW: NIDILRR is posting its FY 2020 grants forecast in the Grants.gov database at https://www.grants.gov. To identify NIDILRR opportunities, use the search terms NIDILRR or 93.433

NCMRR Early Career Researcher R03 has been reissued as PAR-20-042
The next due date is March 30, 2020.

The National Center for Advancing Translations Sciences (NCATS) Is Soliciting Applications for Upcoming Funding Opportunities
NCATS has two funding opportunities open for small business biotech entrepreneurs and researchers under the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs.

National Artificial Intelligence Research Institutes Funding Opportunity

NIH Grants and Contracts

Additional Funding Sources

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News and Resources

NIMHD Loan Repayment Program

Network of Patient Safety Databases (NPSD)

Boston Rehabilitative Impairment Study of the Elderly (Boston RISE), 2009-2014 (ICPSR 37045)

ACRM Webinar Library

MentorSpace - a new free resource from SAGE Publishing

New CDC funding will expand knowledge about children with autism spectrum disorder

NIH News and Links

- Update on NIH's efforts to address sexual harassment in science
- Biosketch help
- Revised NIH Grant Policy Statement for 2019
- New Video Provides Overview of New NIH Policies on Human Subjects Research and Clinical Trials
- NIH Grant website
- Advice from NIH on resubmitting grant applications
- Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (Parent K01)
- NIH Pathway to Independence Award (Parent K99/R00)
- Independent Scientist Award (Parent K02)
- Midcareer Investigator Award in Patient-Oriented Research (Parent K24)
Conferences and Calls for Papers

**Pathways to Preventions Workshop: Can Physical Activity Improve the Health of Wheelchair Users?** March 30-31, 2020
Register for this free workshop on the NIH Main Campus.

**AOTA Annual Conference & Expo (March 26-29, 2020, Boston, Massachusetts)**
The largest gathering of OT professionals in the world features educational and poster sessions, exceptional speakers, and an Expo Hall filled with the latest products and opportunities. Pre-Conference Institutes take place on March 25.

**3rd NCI Symposium on Cancer Health Disparities (April 16-17, 2020, Bethesda, MD)**

**Registration for the 2020 OT Summit of Scholars is now OPEN!** (June 19 - 20, 2020, Colorado State University | Fort Collins, CO)
Abstract submissions will close on February 29 with notifications of acceptance in mid-March. Preceded by the 5th Annual AOTA/AOTF Summer Institute for Future Scientists, June 18.

**Save the Date: NIH Rehabilitation Research (Oct. 15-16, 2020, Bethesda, MD)**

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