Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from the AOTF Institute for the Study of Occupation and Health as we look forward this month to the 2009 Annual Conference and Exhibition of the American Occupation Therapy Association (AOTA) in Houston, Texas. This issue of Research Resources spotlights all of our own and jointly-sponsored, AOTA/AOTF, research and education programs to be held there, and we hope that you will be able to participate in one or more of these exciting initiatives. This issue also features a new AOTF Institute Cooperation Spotlight on the Science and Human Rights Coalition of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). The AOTF Institute recently became an affiliate member of this coalition, and in doing so, we hope that it will help to open opportunities for scientists in the occupational therapy community to contribute their knowledge and expertise. We are grateful to Jessica Wyndham, LLM, LLB, Project Director of the AAAS Science and Human Rights Program for her cooperation and guidance in realizing this spotlight, and we look forward to working with her and her colleagues to connect interested scientists to the coalition’s programs.

Our cooperation with the AAAS Coalition stands among the several we have developed during the past year, including those with The Foundation Center (June 2008), Healthy People 2020 initiative of the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) (July-August 2008, and December 2008), Society for the Study of Occupation: USA (September 2008), National Library of Medicine (October 2008), the NIH-supported resource 4Researchers (January 2009), and the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (ISSOTL) (February 2009).

We look forward to seeing you at the AOTA annual conference. And, as always, we thank you for subscribing to Research Resources and supporting our mission to advance occupational therapy through programs of philanthropy, research, education and leadership, and, in doing so, helping to promote a society in which individuals, regardless of age or ability, may participate in occupations of their choice that give meaning to their lives and foster health and well being.

Sincerely,

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Spotlight: AOTA-AOTF Jointly Sponsored Research Events at AOTA Conference

AOTA/AOTF Pre-Conference Institute 003 - Meet the Grant Makers
Wednesday, April 22, Noon-6:30 p.m.
Hilton Americas 351 ABC
This pre-conference institute will be targeted to doctoral-level researchers with defined research plans - and especially to postdoctoral research fellows - who are aiming to obtain research funding in the immediate future and who wish to meet, learn from, and discuss potential collaborations with representatives of grant makers whose funding priorities relate to the Research Priorities and Parameters of Practice for Occupational Therapy. After presentations from representatives of federal agencies and private foundations, attendees will be able to meet the speakers and exchange thoughts in roundtable sessions. In advance of the forum, a survey will be sent to registrants via email to facilitate organization overall and the roundtable sessions in particular. Representatives from the following organizations are currently scheduled to attend: American Heart Association; National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Biological Sciences and Career Development, National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research (NCMRR), Eunice Kennedy Shriver) National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), National Institutes of Health (NIH); National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research.

Note: Postdoctoral fellows who register for this pre-conference institute will receive a reduced registration rate for the AOTA/AOTF Postdoctoral Research and Networking Forum to be held Wednesday morning. (see immediately below)

AOTA/AOTF Postdoctoral Research and Networking Forum
Wednesday, April 22, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
Brown Convention Center 351 ABC
This forum will provide current postdoctoral fellows with an opportunity to dialogue with members of AOTF's Academy of Research, who will offer strategies related to selecting an institution and a position involving research, writing successful grant proposals, obtaining tenure, and identifying and connecting with mentors and research collaborators.

AOTA/AOTF Workshop
The Latest OT Research: Innovative Research and the Career Pathways of Scientists
Sunday, April 26 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Hilton Americas Ballroom E
This workshop will spotlight the latest research and career pathways of scientists who have received research training awards. Faculty from programs with NIH K12 training programs will describe the application process and the educational and training opportunities. Finally, we will discuss how to increase the research capacity of our profession. Speakers will include M. Carolyn Baum, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, and member of the AOTF Academy of Research, Washington University; Joan C. Rogers, PhD, OTR/L, and member of the AOTF Academy of Research, University of Pittsburgh; William Mann, PhD, OTR/L, and member of the AOTF Academy of Research, University of Florida, Gainesville; Susan Murphy, ScD, OTR, University of Michigan; Arlene Schmid, PhD, OTR, Indiana University, Indianapolis; Sandra Winkler, PhD, OTR/L, ATP, University of Florida, Gainesville; Roxanna Bendixen, PhD, OTR/L; University of Florida, Gainesville; Elizabeth Skidmore, PhD, OTR/L, University of Pittsburgh, and Jessica Kramer, PhD, OTR/L, Boston University.

Spotlight: AOTF Institute Events at AOTA Conference

AOTF Qualitative Research Exchange (QRE)
Qualitative Research and Opportunities in Public Health
Thursday, April 23, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
Brown Convention Center 372
This program will focus on the public health priorities generated by the Healthy People 2020 initiative of the US Department of Health and Human Services and the opportunities for occupational therapy researchers to contribute. Key questions that will undergird QRE 2009 are: How can occupational therapy as a profession better align research and practice priorities with national health initiatives that stress population (versus individual) health, and in what ways can and should qualitative research play a leading role? Drawing on a unique set of studies, invited speakers will examine the current status of occupational therapy's contributions to public health-oriented research, and the range of methods by which we can broaden attention to the social and physical determinants of health through more careful consideration of research issues and policy.

Speakers will include Trudy Mallinson, PhD, OTR/L, NZROT, Associate Director, Center for
Rehabilitation Outcomes Research, Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago; Kathy Kniepmann, MPH, CHES, OTR/L, Instructor, Washington University School of Medicine, Program in Occupational Therapy; and Brenda H. Vrkljan, PhD, OT Reg. (Ont.), Assistant Professor, Occupational Therapy, School of Rehabilitation Science, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. The moderator will be Cathy Lysack, PhD, OT(C), and Member of the AOTF Academy of Research, Associate Professor, Gerontology and Occupational Therapy, and Deputy Director, Institute of Gerontology, Wayne State University.

**AOTF Research Colloquium & Tea**
**Life in Space: Research on Occupational Performance and Reflections of a NASA Astronaut**
**Friday, April 24, 1:30-4:40 p.m.**
**Hilton Americas Grand Ballroom AB**

Join the AOTF Institute for the Study of Occupation and Health for a unique Research Colloquium and Tea. The program will feature Leroy Chiao, PhD - veteran NASA astronaut of four space flights and former Commander and Science Officer of the International Space Station - who will share his experiences, as well as scientists from occupational therapy and allied disciplines whose research intersects with NASA as the agency addresses not only the challenges of living outside earth and after reentry from space, but also the benefits of such research for understanding daily activity on our planet.

Joining Dr. Chiao in this dynamic program will be Jeffrey P. Sutton, MD, PhD, Director, National Space Biomedical Research Institute; Helen S. Cohen, EdD, OTR, FAOTA, Professor, Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery (Baylor College Medicine); Jacob J. Bloomberg, PhD, Senior Research Scientist, Neuroscience Laboratories, Human Adaptation and Countermeasures Division (NASA/Johnson Space Center); Lauren Leveton, PhD, Senior Research Scientist, Behavioral Health and Performance Division, (NASA/Johnson Space Center). Linda Tickle-Degnen, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, of Tufts University, will moderate the program and the subsequent discussion period.

**AOTF Pre-Conference Institute 002**
**Program for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Occupational Therapy**
**Wednesday, April 22, Noon-6:30 p.m.**
**Brown Convention Center 360 DE**

AOTF's AOTA pre conference institute on the scholarship of teaching and learning - the final of three planned sessions by AOTF since 2007 - will further enhance faculty professional development using the scholarship of teaching and learning, which is generally defined as "scholarly inquiry into student learning which advances the practice of teaching by sharing this research publicly." Participants in this pre-conference institute will learn about the scholarship of teaching and learning and, through mentorship, develop their own SoTL inquiry project. During the year following these projects will be implemented with ongoing support through a mentored learning community and dedicated online resources. Participation requires a one-year commitment culminating in an AOTF-sponsored poster session one day prior to the pre-conference institutes of the 2010 AOTA Conference and Exhibition.

**AOTF Doctoral Network Reception and Annual Meeting (DocNet)**
**Everything You Ever Wanted or Needed to Know About Preparing for a Doctorate**
**Wednesday, April 22, 7:30-9:30 p.m.**
**Hilton Americas Ballroom of the Americas E**

Elizabeth Blesedell Crepeau, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, Professor Emeritus at the University of New Hampshire, Occupational Therapy Department, will look at the life and needs of doctoral students and answer such frequently asked questions as: What do I look for when selecting a doctoral program? How should I shape my professional career? How can I gain an understanding of academic life? An optional roundtable mentoring session (6:30-7:30 p.m.) will consist of ten tables of eight participants, with each table led by its own mentor. Participants must sign up for their mentor prior to attending the
Spotlight: AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition

Introduction
Launched on January 14-16, 2009, the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition is a network of scientific membership organizations that recognizes a role for science and scientists in efforts to realize human rights. Composed of scientific associations, professional societies, and science academies, as well as individual scientists, the Coalition aims to facilitate communication and partnerships on human rights within and across the scientific community, and between the scientific and human rights communities.

Background
The impetus for the Coalition arose from a conference held in July 2005, the purpose of which was to explore ways in which the scientific community could become more directly engaged in human rights. Conference participants, including representatives of many of the largest scientific organizations in the US, confirmed the need for a network of scientists engaged in human rights, endorsed the formation of a Science and Human Rights Coalition, and affirmed AAAS as its natural home. Between June 2007 and December 2008, over twenty scientific associations participated in the creation of the Coalition. An additional twenty-five associations and twenty-four individual scientists have joined the Coalition since its launch in January 2009.

Goals
The four main goals of the Coalition are to: identify what the scientific and human rights communities can contribute to each other's work; enhance the capacity of each community to incorporate methods and concerns of the other; encourage scientific associations to explore discipline-specific contributions to human rights work; and expand human rights awareness and programs within the scientific community.

Programs
The Coalition's programs are being carried out by five working groups devoted to: Welfare of Scientists; Science Ethics and Human Rights; Service to the Scientific Community; Service to the Human Rights Community; and Education and Information Resources.

In addition, the Coalition membership as a whole will promote the realization of the human right to the benefits of scientific progress (Article 15, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights).

Membership
Membership of the Coalition is open to scientific associations, professional societies, and science academies who share the Coalition's goals. Individual scientists are encouraged to participate through their scientific organizations, but may also be involved as affiliated scientists.

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Next meetings:
July 23, 2009 Meeting of the Coalition Council
July 24, 2009 Meeting of the Coalition
### Personal Electronic Health Records: From Biomedical Research to People’s Health

**Friends of the National Library of Medicine - 2009 Conference**

This conference (May 20-21, 2009, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland) will be dedicated to a state-of-the-art review of the implementation of Personal Electronic Health Records (PEHRs). Alternative systems and their settings will be reviewed by the experts managing their development and implementation. Presentations addressing systemic, clinical, patient, research, legal/ethical and national policy issues will be featured throughout the two-day meeting.

### From Research to Practice: Building Bridges in Brain Injury - April 16 - 18, 2009, Edmonton, Alberta

The primary focus of Alberta's fourth biennial conference for Acquired Brain Injury will be on innovations in research prevention and the implications for programming that are of interest to survivors, families, service delivery specialists, caregivers, employers and practitioners in the field of brain injury.

### 16th Annual Conference on Neurobehavioural Rehabilitation in Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) May 7 - 8, 2009, Hamilton, Ontario

Under the following theme: "Managing Transitions in ABI across the Lifespan - Advances in Research and Practice", the conference will explore and review the latest ABI research and its potential impact on treatment, outcome and day-to-day practice, examine innovations and approaches to assessment and treatment across the continuum of care and provide an opportunity to network, share experiences, and cultivate partnerships.

### Iowa Dept of Elder Affairs - Aging Well Expo May 13-15, 2009 Des Moines, Iowa

The conference provides many opportunities for participants to expand their knowledge and understanding of the multiple and complex issues related to the process of aging.

### The Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health (MACMH) APRIL 26 - 28, 2009 Duluth, Minnesota

This annual conference offers professionals and families opportunities to improve policy and enhance practices for children who have or are at risk for mental health disorders, acquire skills and strategies that will improve outcomes for children with mental health needs, gain knowledge of best practices and latest research in infant, early childhood, and children's mental health and related fields, and enrich understanding of different perspectives and common goals in support of all children.

### Healthy People 2020 Objective Development Preliminary Comment Period

In preparation for the process of creating an initial set of draft objectives for Healthy People 2020, the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) is seeking preliminary comments on existing Healthy People 2010 objectives. As they create the draft objectives for Healthy People 2020, they will consider comments made through the Healthy People 2020 web site. Comments should be received by April 24, 2009. This is a preliminary input period that will help inform the...
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A Request from the Wilma L. West Library

The Wilma L. West Library seeks a donation of *OT International* Volume 4 (April 1997). The Library needs this issue to complete its collection of *OT International*. Please contact Mindy Hecker if you can help.

Grant Announcements & Resources

**Brookdale Foundation Seeks Proposals for Alzheimer's Disease Respite Program**
A program of the Brookdale Foundation Group, the Brookdale National Group Respite Program awards seed grants to organizations working to develop and implement social model group respite programs. The goals of the program are to provide persons with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia with opportunities to engage in meaningful social and recreational activities in a secure and supportive setting in order to maximize development of a set of draft Healthy People 2020 objectives. ODPHP is using the existing Healthy People 2010 objectives as a starting point to develop the Healthy People 2020 objectives. A more extensive public comment period on the draft Healthy People 2020 objectives will be conducted through the web site at a future date.

**Summer Institute for Advanced Study of Disaster and Risk - Beijing Normal University**
Applications are being accepted for the 2009 Summer Institute for Advanced Study of Disaster and Risk at Beijing Normal University. The institute, which will focus on the essentials of disaster and risk theory, is open to junior faculty, post-doctoral researchers and qualified PhD candidates with an interdisciplinary focus related to natural disaster, risk management, social vulnerability, or resilience. For more information or to apply, visit the Institute web site. Application deadline is April 30, 2009.

**The 2009 NIH Summer Institute on Community-Based Participatory Research Targeting the Medically Underserved - August 2-7, 2009, New Orleans, Louisiana.**
The course will address essential conceptual, methodological, and practical issues inherent in planning and conducting research on health promotion, disease prevention, and health disparities that is conducted in partnership between communities and researchers and targets medically underserved areas (MUAs) and medically underserved populations (MUPs). The Institute is intended for investigators who wish to develop NIH grant applications for research targeting the medically underserved, especially funding announcements PA-08-074, PAR-08-075 and PAR-08-076. Applications are due May 15, 2009.

**Web-Based & Related Resources**

**State of the Science Workshop: Virtual Reality - May 8, 2009, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC**
The overall objective of this course co-sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh and the Walter Reed Army Medical Center is to provide participants with an overview of current techniques utilized and programs implemented in the area of virtual reality. The course will attain this objective by showcasing research talks regarding the application of the latest strategies in treatment, rehabilitation, community reintegration, and full participation of people with disabilities. Registration ends May 6, 2009.

**Proceedings of the Expanding Research and Evaluation Designs to Improve the Science Base for Health Care and Public Health Quality Improvement Symposium Now Available Online**
This symposium, held September 13-15, 2005, reviewed a range of quality improvement interventions (QIIs) and the critical questions that arise in evaluation of these interventions, identified the strengths, weaknesses, and tradeoffs of alternative designs and methods for evaluating QIIs, and suggested strategies to facilitate possible changes in funding mechanisms, review processes, research and publication standards, and research training to help accelerate the development and spread of reliable QII research methods.

Publication Announcements
University of Pittsburgh Announces Postdoctoral Program in Health Services Research

The Program is supported by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and is a collaborative effort between the University of Pittsburgh and RAND Health Pittsburgh. The Program will provide a two-year health services research training experience for motivated, creative individuals with prior health professional or research doctorates who are interested in research careers focused on health care delivery, health policy, patient safety, quality improvement, patient-centered care, health care organization and financing, and health care disparities.

Potential applicants should contact the Program Director, Dr. Kevin Kraemer.

New Book Looks At Disaster Vulnerability


Partnerships for Emerging Research Institutions: Report of a Workshop

Constituting one-third of all U.S. institutions of higher education, emerging research institutions (ERIs) are crucial to sustaining the nation's technological competitiveness through innovation and workforce development. Many, however, are not fully engaged in sustained sponsored research. This book summarizes the discussions at a workshop that examined the barriers ERIs face in building more robust research enterprises and approaches for overcoming those barriers. The book includes a description of federal programs that focus on capacity building and institutional collaborations. The publication can be read online for free. Committee on Partnerships for Emerging Research Institutions; National Research Council (2009) Partnerships for Emerging Research Institutions: Report of a Workshop. Washington, DC: National Academies Press.

AOTF Institute Image of the Month

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

W.R. Dunton, Jr., MD at his desk at home. A founder of the National Society for the Promotion of Occupational Therapy, he later served as the second president of the American Occupational Therapy Association from 1917-1919.

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 consider using the archives for purposes of research, education, and leadership.

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by NIH to help fulfill the goals of the Recovery Act to help stimulate the economy through support of biomedical and behavioral research. The application due date for supplements is April 21, 2009.

Head Start Graduate Student Research Awards

The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) with the United States Administration for Youth and Families (ACF) is offering Head Start Graduate Student Awards which will support dissertation research conducted in partnership with Head Start and Early Head Start programs and faculty mentors. Letters of intent are due April 30, 2009 and applications are due June 1, 2009. Proposed projects must address applied research questions that will inform and improve local and/or national Head Start policies and practice.

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