Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from the AOTF Institute for the Study of Occupation and Health, where we have just received news that its cornerstone unit, the Wilma L. West Library, is the beneficiary of a valuable resource awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the primary source of federal funding of museums and libraries located across the United States.

The WLW Library is among the first organizations in the country to receive the IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf, a core set of conservation books, DVDs, and online resources designed to help preserve library collections of all kinds for present and future purposes and to better connect people to information and ideas that advance research and education. The bookshelf was made possible by a cooperative agreement between the IMLS and the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH), and with support from the Getty Foundation, the Henry Luce Foundation, and the Samuel H. Kress Foundation.

The IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf - and the institution-to-institution relationships it helps to establish - will be invaluable as AOTF looks to the future and to identifying new and dynamic ways to preserve, expand and refine the body of knowledge of occupational therapy and promote understanding of the value of occupation in the interests of the public good.

And as we look ahead to new frontiers of opportunity for the benefit of occupational therapy and for many communities beyond, we thank you for your participation in our programs, for your engagement in our mission, and for sharing AOTF Research Resources with your colleagues.

Sincerely,

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AOTF Institute Program Spotlight

The AOTF Doctoral Network presents “Collaboration, Integration and Research Models: Necessary Tools for Success”

In today's fast-paced world of academic research, collaboration is key to successful development of research and grant applications. Knowing how to engage in such collaboration - and with whom and in various circumstances - is vital to occupational therapy educators and researchers as they connect to allied disciplines and cultivate research agendas that help to meet tenure requirements.
Joan Rogers, PhD, OTR/L, will address this subject in her keynote to this year's Doctoral Network.

Dr. Rogers is Professor of Occupational Therapy, Nursing, and Psychiatry and Chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. She received her professional education from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, and her doctoral degree in educational psychology/life-span human development from the University of Illinois-Urbana. Her clinical expertise is in geriatric occupational therapy and she was the first elected chair of the AOTA Gerontology Special Interest Section. Her research focuses on disability in older adults with physical, mental, or affective impairments. The National Institute of Nursing Research singled out her intervention study, designed to improve the functional independence in morning care tasks of nursing home residents with dementia, as a "science advance" that made a difference in peoples' lives. Dr. Rogers is a charter member of the AOTF Academy of Research and a recipient of the AOTA's Eleanor Clark Slagle Lectureship, Award of Merit, and Fellow designation. She is also a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America and a Distinguished Scholar of the Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals. In 2007, she was named Chair of the newly formed AOTA/AOTF Research Advisory Panel; she served on the AOTA Board of Directors from 2005-08

Please join us on Wednesday, April 9 from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. for what promises be an exceptional 2008 DocNet. This session is open to all.

About the AOTF DocNet. Coordinated by Penny Kyler, MA, OTR, the DocNet facilitates development of doctoral education among occupational therapy practitioners chiefly by providing networking opportunities and collaborative engagement among emerging and established scholars. Occupational therapy practitioners currently enrolled in doctoral programs or who have already earned their doctoral degrees are eligible to join the DocNet. For more information about the DocNet, and about its own weekly communication, please contact Penny Kyler.

Department of Defense Money is Available for MS Research

MS is now officially a research area under the Peer-Reviewed Medical Research Program of the US Department of Defense. $50 million is available for a broad range of studies as part of the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program.

Toward Culturally Responsive Disability Services: An International Conference

An international conference on Culturally Responsive Disability Services will be held October 6 and 7, 2008, in Niagara Falls, NY. Abstracts must be received by March 31, 2008.

3rd National Spinal Cord Injury Conference

Toronto Rehabilitation Institute is presenting Spinal Cord Rehabilitation: Innovation, Impact and Future Directions on November 6, 7, 8, 2008 in Toronto, Canada. Deadline for poster abstract submissions is March 15, 2008.
There are four award mechanisms, funding grants from $900,000 to $2.5 million plus indirect costs.

Publication Announcements

New Book on Social Science Research

This is a comprehensive resource manual to help students carry out library research in the social sciences, develop writing strategies for formal papers, and orally present and defend their work. Staines, G.M., Bonacci, M. & Johnson, K. (2008) Social Sciences Research: Research, Writing, and Presentation Strategies for Students Lanham: Scarecrow Press.

Watch for AOTF Events at the AOTA 2008 Conference in Long Beach, California

ACRM-ASNR Joint Conference - Rehabilitation Research: Interdisciplinary · International · Interactive

The American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM) and the American Society of Neurorehabilitation (ASNR) Conference will be held in Toronto, Canada, October 15-19, 2008. The conference reflects the focus of the ACRM and ASNR on creating a dynamic, innovative, evidence-based educational conference that brings together generators, users, and funders of rehabilitation science and research in a collaborative effort. The paper submission deadline is March 16, 2008.

World Stroke Congress September 24-27, 2008 in Vienna, Austria

This congress will focus on future and global perspectives towards the challenge of the epidemic of stroke. Scientific sessions will cover all aspects of stroke, including basic research, clinical applications, recovery and rehabilitation. Papers are due March 25, 2008

CAOT 2008 Annual Conference

The Canadian Occupational Therapy (CAOT) Annual Conference will take place June 12-14, 2008 in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada.

2008 AMPS Symposium: Measuring, Planning, and Implementing Occupation-based Programs

The 2008 International Assessment of Motor and Process Skills (AMPS) Symposium (July 29 - August 1, 2008 Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada) will offer delegates the opportunity to critically explore areas of practice related to implementing and documenting occupation-based programs, client-centered practice, occupational therapy within the school system, and occupational justice. Additionally, there will be presentations related to new evidence that supports the validity, reliability, and utility of the AMPS and the School AMPS, as well of the development of other assessments that can be used by occupational therapists, including the Evaluation of Social Interaction Skills.

Eighth International Research Conference on Service-learning and Community Engagement

The conference theme is The Scholarship of Engagement: Dimensions of Reciprocal Partnerships and it will explore the variety of partnerships that flourish in educational institutions and their communities through service-learning courses, community-based research projects, and student-led multi-curricular activities. The conference will take place October 25-28, 2008 at Tulane University, New Orleans. Papers are due March 19, 2008.

Design a Life: A Community of Ideas

Experience creativity through workshops with artists, craftspeople, musicians, and writers as you consider how to incorporate creative activities into your daily life and to promote health and wellness.

May 16-17, 2008, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Stages of Autism: Adolescence & Beyond: 2nd Biennial Conference

This unique conference will provide an open forum for discussion and cover a multitude of topics related to adolescent and adult Autism.
Spectrum Disorders. It will take place in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada April 23 -24, 2008.

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