Dear Colleagues,

An early Happy New Year to you from the AOTF Institute for the Study of Occupation and Health! As we enter 2009, we remain very grateful for your continued support of our programs, and we wish you and your colleagues every success in your own work.

The new year will see the AOTF Institute continue to expand its scanning of the research, education, and leadership environments and build strategically on existing and new networks, especially in the context of the Healthy People 2020 initiative of the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP). This month’s external spotlight - on the NIH-supported resource called 4researchers - is one among many new partnerships you will see emerge in 2009. We are grateful to Rebecca R. Kameny, PhD, for her time and her assistance in designing this spotlight.

Also on the horizon are AOTF Institute programs that will take place April 2009 in Houston, Texas, during the annual conference and exhibition of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). The month’s AOTF Institute Spotlight focuses on our Research Colloquium, entitled "Life in Space: Research on Occupational Performance and Reflections of a NASA Astronaut" and featuring Leroy Chiao, PhD, veteran NASA astronaut of four space flights and former Commander and Science Officer of the International Space Station. The program, to be moderated by Linda Tickle-Degnen, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, of Tufts University, will take place on Friday, April 24 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Finally, please look in this issue for a new feature that highlights an "Occupational Therapy Image of the Month" from the archives of the AOTA, which are housed in the AOTF Wilma L. West Library. With the guide to this special collection now available online, we encourage individuals from within and beyond occupational therapy to explore this resource and consider using the archives for research, education, and leadership.

Thank you again for subscribing to Research Resources and for encouraging your colleagues to connect to AOTF through this monthly publication and its associated news alerts.

Sincerely and with all best wishes in this New Year,

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AOTF Institute Cooperation Spotlight:
4researchers

What is 4researchers?
4researchers is a project funded by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). In disseminating practical "how-to" information about conducting research, 4researchers seeks to provide a rich and easily accessible resource for early, mid-level, and senior researchers from a range of disciplines who are confronted with the inevitable challenges of conducting research in the real world. Topics covered on the 4researchers web site include funding,
research design, study management, study participants and management, collaboration, dissemination, and career advancement. Over 90% of the information on the 4researchers web site is free and open to the public.

Who contributes content?
Contributors to 4researchers include well-respected experts in a variety of fields who share valuable advice and knowledge on topics such as research design, participant issues, collaboration, study management, dissemination, and career advancement. For a full list of contributors and short biographies, visit the Contributor Bios page. If you are interested in becoming a contributor, please contact 4researchers.

Who developed 4researchers?
4researchers is developed and maintained by the 3-C Institute for Social Development (3-C ISD). 3-C ISD creates scientifically validated assessment and intervention tools for professionals and parents who wish to help children build positive peer relationships and social coping skills.

How is it funded?
4researchers has been funded in part with federal funds from NIMH, NIH, and HHS under contracts #N43MH32060 and #H9SN278200443100C.

AOTF Institute Program Spotlight:
Research Colloquium & Tea

Life in Space: Research on Occupational Performance and Reflections of a NASA Astronaut

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.

Registration includes tea: $30.00 per person

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AOTF Institute Program Reminders

AOTF Dissertation Research Grant Program
Next deadline: February 1, 2009.

Conference Announcements

National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) 2009 Conference
The NACCHO Annual Conference Workgroup is seeking sharing session proposals for the NACCHO Annual 2009 Conference, set for July 29 - 31, 2009 in Orlando, Florida. “The New Public Health-Working Across Sectors to Leverage Investment in Communities” is the theme of NACCHO Annual 2009. This conference is being designed to provide an interactive setting for local health officials and their public health partners from around the country to examine strategies, share ideas, and plan actions necessary for public health leaders to create “the new public health. The goal of the NACCHO Annual 2009 Conference is to enhance the ability of participants to create “the new public health” that will result in measurably improved health outcomes and health benefits as well as a return on the public’s investment in the health of communities. Proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m. EST on Monday, Jan. 26, 2009.

Families USA: Health Action 2009
Health Action 2009, sponsored by Families USA in conjunction with a wide range of national organizations, is a grassroots health advocacy conference that will bring together health care professionals from across the country to discuss critical issues in the health care field. The
The 8th Global Conference on Making Sense of Health, Illness and Disease

Making Sense of: Health, Illness and Disease revolves around an annual series of conferences staged each July in the United Kingdom and Europe. An active publication program supports the work of the project, along with an email discussion group and eForum. The 2009 conference is in Oxford, United Kingdom July 3 - 5, 2009. This inter-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary project aims to explore the processes by which we attempt to create meaning in health, illness and disease. The 2009 Conference is extending a call for papers which must be submitted by February 6, 2009.

Making Sense of Human Ageing

This inter-disciplinary research and publications project examines the idea and meaning of the human 'life course'. Making Sense Of: Human Ageing seeks to bring together varied approaches to the study and contemplation of the life-course, the aim being the establishment of a forum for conversations among disciplines and areas of interest. Abstracts for this project are due February 6, 2009.

Publication Announcements

Systemic Risk: A Fresh Look

The stability of the financial system and the potential for systemic events to alter its functioning have long been critical issues for central bankers and researchers. Recent events, suggest that older models of systemic shocks in the financial system may no longer fully capture the possible channels of propagation and feedback arising from major disturbances. Nor can existing models account entirely for the increasing complexity of the financial system, the spectrum of financial and information flows, or the endogenous behavior of different agents in the system. Fresh thinking on systemic risk is therefore required. In May 2006, a conference cosponsored by the National Academy of Sciences and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York was convened to promote a better understanding of systemic risk. The sessions brought together a broad group of scientists, engineers, economists, and financial market practitioners to engage in a cross-disciplinary examination of systemic risk that could yield insights from the natural and physical sciences useful to researchers in economics and finance. The report can be read free, online. Kambhu, J., Weidman, S., & Krishnan, N. Rapporteurs, National Research Council (2008) New Directions for Understanding Systemic Risk: A Report on a Conference Cosponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the National Academy of Sciences, Washington DC: National Academies Press.

HHS in the 21st Century: Charting a New Course for a Healthier America

The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) profoundly affects the lives of all Americans. Its agencies and programs protect against domestic and global health threats, assure the safety of food and drugs, advance the science of preventing and conquering disease, provide safeguards for America's vulnerable populations, and improve
gained prominence in the first decade of the 21st century: health literacy, undergraduate public health, and evidence based practice. More information can be found at the website of the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research.

Remember AOTF

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Grant Announcements & Resources

Ringing Rocks Foundation Supports Indigenous Healing Practices

Ringing Rocks Foundation believes that it is critically important to help protect and conserve cultural and healing practices, as well as to facilitate learning about diverse wisdom ways. The Foundation's Discretionary Fund Grants Program provides support to grassroots nonprofit organizations around the world that work to promote indigenous healing practices and cultural traditions. Grants of $500 to $5,000 are provided for start-up costs and program development. Funded projects must have support from the indigenous community served. Letters of intent are due by February 2, 2009.

The Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program

In its second year, this national program seeks to provide professionals in health and aging with the experience and skills necessary to make a positive contribution to the development and implementation of health policies that affect older Americans. The goal is to create a cadre of professional leaders who will serve as positive change agents in health and aging policy, helping to shape a healthy and productive future for older Americans. The application deadline for the 2009-2010 fellowship year is April 15, 2009.

AOTF Institute Image of the Month

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

Wearing the official reconstruction aide cape of dark grey wool lined with maroon sateen, the Misses Randall, Mullarky, Labrie, and Phinney pose for the camera at Camp Taylor, Kentucky, 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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