Dear Colleagues,

This issue of Research Resources features the many research and education programs supported by the AOTF Institute during the upcoming Annual Conference and Exhibition of the American Occupational Therapy Association in Houston, Texas. Among the programs are three keystone research initiatives co-sponsored by the AOTF Institute and AOTA, and we are pleased to highlight these in cooperation with our AOTA colleagues Maureen Peterson, MS, OT/L, FAOTA, AOTA Chief Professional Affairs Officer and Susan Lin, ScD, OTR/L, AOTA Director of Research.

As always, we thank you for your interest in receiving Research Resources, as well as your overall support of our collaborations to advance occupational therapy through programs of research, education, and leadership, and 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.

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 and 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.**  
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 morning, April 26**  
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 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.**  
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.**
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 Levelton, 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.

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.

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 Doctoral Network Meeting.

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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.
31st Annual Association for Integrative Studies Conference - Creativity and Play Across the Disciplines
Come to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, October 8-11, 2009 to participate in sustained reflection upon dramatic changes in the knowledge economy that make urgent approaches to learning, scholarship, research, and engagement that activate the creative capacities of higher education communities. Deadline for proposals is March 15, 2009.

Global Education Network (GEN) Conference - International Perspectives in Education
The GEN will be hosted by National University's School of Education in collaboration with the School of Media and Communication in San Diego, California, October 8-10, 2009. Conference sessions and workshops will address a wide variety of international and global issues encountered at all levels of the educational system. The four Conference strands are: Developing Educators with a Global Perspective, Global Networks, Exchanges, Partnerships and Service, Curriculum and Instruction with a Global Perspective, and Technology for Global Education. The deadline for abstracts/proposals is March 31, 2009.

Improving Health WITH Communities: The Role of Community Engagement in Clinical and Translational Research
This is the second annual conference to discuss, share and explore best practices and effective and successful models for collaboration with communities and health care providers to improve health. Participants will develop recommendations for academic-community collaborations and partnerships with other community programs to establish research agendas. Discussions will include ways to transform the clinical research enterprise through effective collaboration. The poster submission deadline is March 19, 2009 for this May 14-15, 2009 conference located on the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland.

Global Challenge, Local Action: Ethical Engagement, Partnerships and Practice
The Society for Applied Anthropology is meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico for their 69th annual meeting March 17-21, 2009. This year there will be over 40 papers having to do with occupational therapy, occupational science, and/or disability studies included in their impressive program.

Making Cities Livable Conference
The 47th International Making Cities Livable Conference: Cities for Health and Well-Being (Mary 10-14, 2009, Portland Oregon) will focus on planning for community by foot and bike, health effects of sprawl, dangers of social isolation for the young and elderly, and making streets work to improve social and physical health.

Web-Based & Related Resources
President's Stimulus Bill Will Impact Health Care
On February 17, 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law a $787 billion economic stimulus package. The bill's approval has jump-started the Obama administration's plans for health care. By launching broad federal initiatives for biomedical and comparative effectiveness research, the adoption of health information technology, and the protection of the privacy and security of medical records, the stimulus law should have
Foundation has funding opportunities to help organizations improve the quality of life for those living with a spinal cord injury/disease (SCI/D). These grants are awarded to qualifying nonprofit (501(c)3) organizations that provide innovative rehabilitation, independent living, recreation and education programs for people living with spinal cord injury/disease throughout the United States and Canada. The Neilsen Foundation also supports one-year fellowships in SCI training. First deadline is March 31, 2009.

Publication Announcements

State of the USA Health Indicators: Letter Report
The nonprofit State of the USA, Inc. (SUSA) is developing a new website intended to provide reliable and objective facts about the US in a number of key areas, including health, and to provide an interactive tool with which individuals can track the progress made in each of these areas. In 2008, SUSA asked the Institute of Medicine's Committee on the State of the USA Health Indicators to provide guidance on 20 key indicators to be used on the organization's website that would be valuable in assessing health. This 2008 report can be read for free online. Committee on the State of the USA Health Indicators (2008) State of the USA Health Indicators: Letter Report Washington, DC: National Academies Press.

From Research to Manuscript: A Guide to Scientific Writing
This updated writing guide goes beyond grammar and style by demonstrating how to pull together the information needed for each section of a polished scientific paper. This book is a systematic guide, leading you from the data on your desk through the drafts and rewrites that are needed to build a complete and tightly-written science article. From Research to Manuscript provides a format for integrating writing and research in order to strengthen your science, compose a better paper, and get the paper published. Katz, MJ (2009) From Research to Manuscript: A Guide to Scientific Writing. New York: Springer.

Finish Your Dissertation Once and For All: How to Overcome Psychological Barriers, Get Results, and Move on with Your Life
This book is designed to help graduate students finish their dissertations or be more effective at any stage of graduate school. It is also a book about doing what matters in your life. Combining psychological support with a project management approach that breaks tasks into manageable chunks, experienced dissertation coach Alison B. Miller, PhD, shows you how to overcome negative thoughts, feelings, and emotions, and succeed beyond your own expectations. By the end of the process, not only will you have finished your dissertation-you will also have learned the self-confidence that comes from knowing how to stay engaged when difficulties arise and experienced the joy that comes from accomplishment. Miller, AB (2008) Finish Your Dissertation Once and For All: How to Overcome Psychological Barriers, Get Results, and Move on with Your Life. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.
awarded to faculty and staff from AHRI academic members. Funds will be provided to support analyses of industry and academic databases that will facilitate improvements in rehabilitation policy and practices especially in the areas of physical, occupational and speech therapy. The deadline for applications is May 25, 2009.

**Local Funding Partnerships Call for Proposals Released**
Funded through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Vulnerable Populations Portfolio, Local Funding Partnerships (LFP) projects address some of society's most daunting and seemingly intractable health problems head-on at the community level. These projects are brought forward by local grantmakers who propose a funding partnership by nominating community initiatives that offer new solutions to significant health or health care problems. Through this matching grants program, LFP brings together the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, local funders and local organizations so better health can take root in our communities. Proposals are due July 7, 2009.

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


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New Hope Resources for Child Development, a small nonprofit organization, is looking for individuals or organizations to donate their time and skills to help train parents and teachers in Vietnam who care for autistic children. There is a severe lack of professional input in Vietnam leading to poor and possibly dangerous application of occupational therapy methodology.

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