Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from the AOTF Institute for the Study of Occupation and Health, the programmatic arm of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation, where we continue to advance AOTF's mission through our own initiatives and connections to key organizations.

This issue of Research Resources contains our second spotlight on the AOTF Institute's own Dissertation Research Grant Program and grant recipients who recently completed their dissertations and have been awarded their doctorates. Our first spotlight appeared in the September issue of Research Resources.

This issue also contains a spotlight on the National Library of Medicine (NLM), the world's largest medical library and a vital part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the premier medical research agency in the United States. AOTF staff recently worked with NLM staff to include the Wilma L. West Library in NLM's Directory of Information Resources Online (DIRLINE), and this spotlight follows not only on this successful collaboration but also through cooperation with the Friends of the National Library of Medicine (FNLM), which, as a 501(c)(3) organization, supports, and promotes the NLM.

Beyond the NLM, the AOTF Institute is connecting to many more organizations which we plan to spotlight in the coming months. We look forward to bringing these to you as we grow our programs of research, education, and leadership, and, in so doing, aim 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.

Thank you again for subscribing to Research Resources and for encouraging your colleagues to connect to AOTF through this monthly publication, its associated news alerts and our blog. Please know that we appreciate your support now and always.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S. Reznick, PhD
Director, AOTF Institute for the Study of Occupation and Health

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**AOTF Institute Cooperation Spotlight:**

**The National Library of Medicine**

The National Library of Medicine (NLM), located at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, is the world's largest medical library. The institution oversees a vast array of resources in all areas of biomedicine and health care, including biomedical aspects of technology, medical humanities.
and the history of medicine, and scholarship in the physical, life, and social sciences. NLM's journal resources are indexed in its MEDLINE database (Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System Online Database) which contains nearly eleven million records from over 7,300 different publications.

PubMed
- Access to the National Library of Medicine
The resources of the NLM, including MEDLINE, are available online and free of charge through PubMed. Over 900 million searches of MEDLINE are completed each year by health professionals, scientists, librarians, and the public. MeSH (Medical Subject Headings) is NLM's thesaurus and gives uniformity and consistency to the indexing and cataloging of MEDLINE resources. PubMed Central (PMC) is a free digital archive of biomedical and life sciences journal literature.

MedlinePlus
MedlinePlus directs visitors to information which helps to answer health questions based on data drawn from the NLM, from the NIH, and from other government agencies and health-related organizations. Pre-formulated MEDLINE searches are included in MedlinePlus and offer easy access to medical journal articles. MedlinePlus also has extensive information about drugs, an illustrated medical encyclopedia, interactive patient tutorials, and latest health news. Its companion magazine - which is available for free - is published four times a year by the Friends of the National Library of Medicine.

NLM Online Tutorials
NLM publishes a number of online tutorials, including PubMed, MEDLINE, MeSH, and MedlinePlus, to help enhance use of its resources by researchers and the public.

Resources for Health Services Research & Public Health Information Programs
Integrating Resources for Research and Practice is a NLM initiative which includes details on collaborative projects, databases, subject access projects, outreach and training, publications, and informatics.

NLM Gateway
Explore the many resources of NLM through any of the specific links noted above or through the NLM Gateway, which is targeted to Internet users who visit the NLM online not knowing exactly what its web site offers, or how best to search its many pages.

AOTF Institute Program Spotlight
Dissertation Research Grant Program
Since 2006, the AOTF Institute for the Study of Occupation and Health has awarded dissertation research grants to doctoral candidates whose research directly contributes to one of the profession's Research Priorities and Parameters of Practice for Occupational Therapy. Today, the AOTF Institute is pleased to announce that four grant recipients have completed their dissertations and have been awarded their doctorates. This issue of Research Resources spotlights two of these recipients.

In 2006, AOTF awarded a Dissertation Research Grant to Dory Marken, then of the University of Kentucky, to support her dissertation entitled "Beliefs of Grandmothers Raising Grandchildren in Their Provision of Nutrition." This qualitative, case-study research plan focused on the occupations of grandmothers as caregivers for their grandchildren. It explored how the unique nature of a grandmother's life course, age-related changes in her physical function, and environmental factors support or inhibit her engagement in the mother role, particularly her ability to provide meals for members of the intergenerational household. The expected long-term outcome of this research is to inform effective intervention strategies for grandmothers who encounter barriers to occupational performance.

Marken's award enabled five geographically-distant and culturally-diverse
grandmothers to participate in the study through an interview and observation process that explored each individual's caregiving in the contexts of home and community.

The next step for Dory Marken, PhD, OT/L, FAOTA, now associate professor at Eastern Kentucky University, is to secure funds for research that will focus on grandfathers' contributions to the daily routines of parenting and their role in shaping grandchildren's engagement in occupation. This research will add depth to her dissertation and extend her examination of late-life parenting to include grandfathers as integral members of the intergenerational family. Dr. Marken's dissertation can be found in the Wilma L. West Library: Marken, D. (2007) Beliefs of grandmothers raising grandchildren in their provision of nutrition Lexington: University of Kentucky.

In 2007, the AOTF Institute awarded a Dissertation Research Grant to Kayoko Takahashi of Boston University to support her dissertation entitled "Behavior in Parkinson's Disease as Related to Self-efficacy and Outcome Expectancy." The study found that the nonverbal and verbal behavior of people with Parkinson's disease changes across different interview contexts. People with the disease show more or less hopeful, hopeless, apathetic, or protesting behavior, depending on whether positive or negative topics are discussed with male or female interviewers. The results suggest that clinical observational procedures for assessing motivational behavior in Parkinson's disease are possible and valid.

The grant enabled Takahashi to expand her experience both academically and clinically. The grant specifically supported the design, development, and completion of rating sessions, which were essential for her research and honed her expertise in measuring motivational behavior. Subsequently, Takahashi was able to enroll in a clinical practicum course at Tufts University, complete a fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital, and explore the clinical meaning and implications of her dissertation findings.

Kayoko Takahashi, ScD, OTR is now a clinician and researcher specialized in neuro-rehabilitation for Parkinson's disease at Kitasato University Higashi Hospital, and a research associate in the Department of Occupational Therapy, Kitasato University, Kanagawa, Japan. She plans to become a clinical faculty member while continuing to conduct studies that apply to clinical settings. She hopes to contribute to the science of occupational therapy by developing and testing assessments and interventions designed to improve the quality of lives for people with Parkinson's disease. Dr. Takahashi's dissertation can be found in the Wilma L. West Library: Takahashi, K. (2008) Behavior in Parkinson's disease as related to self-efficacy and outcome expectancy Boston: Boston University.

Grant Announcements & Resources

Health Behavior Theory Postdoctoral Position at NCI

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) will award a unique post-doctoral fellowship training award in the area of Health Behavior Theory. The fellow will function as a member of the Behavioral Research Program and work with scientists on projects aimed at advancing the development, use, and testing of health behavior theory in basic and applied cancer prevention and control research. For more information contact Kara L. Hall, PhD, Health Scientist, Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences, National Cancer Institute.

Conference Announcements

Opening Doors: A State of the Science Conference

This conference, November 10-11, 2008, Bethesda, Maryland) examines the state of the science related to early screening, community inclusion and transition for children and youth from underserved populations, including new immigrant communities. The conference is designed to
Publication Announcements

AOTF Institute Program Reminders

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

AOTF Scholarship Program
Application due date: November 11, 2008.

AOTA/NBCOT Student Conclave
The national student conclave (November 14-16, 2008, suburban Chicago, Illinois) was created by AOTA and NBCOT exclusively for occupational therapy and occupational therapy assistant students giving them an insider's view of the profession; access to, and tips from, some of the nation's top employers; and a jump on career skills.

Web-Based & Related Resources

New Resource on Research Integrity and Scientific Misconduct
AAAS, in collaboration with the National Academies, has established a web site on scientific misconduct and research integrity. Subjects covered include conflicts of interest, plagiarism, use of research animals, and protecting human subjects, among others. The site is intended as

optimize interaction among all participants. There will be opportunities for discussion among researchers, clinicians, policy makers, parents, youth and community-based organization leaders.

2009 Conference on Text and Academic Authoring (TAA)
Join your fellow textbook and academic authors from June 25-27, 2009 in San Antonio, Texas for this three-day conference on textbook authoring and scholarly publishing. The conference features free one-on-one mentoring sessions with authoring attorneys, a literary agent and veteran authors, and plenty of opportunities for networking. TAA is seeking proposals for 30-minute and 60-minute sessions that would appeal to textbook authors, academic authors (authors of journal articles, dissertations, grants, scholarly books, etc), and both groups. Deadline for proposals is November 15, 2008.

National Conference on Therapeutic Communities
This conference, October 5 - 8, 2008, Denver, Colorado, focuses on therapeutic communities for offender populations. The conference theme - A Tradition of Change (TC) - highlights the traditions of the TC model, its evolution, and new technologies that are used to help offenders change their lives.

Creativity: Worlds in the Making
The Wake University Program for Creativity and Innovation is sponsoring this interactive symposium, March 18 - 20, 2009, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, designed to position creative engagement as a core literacy in today's global environment and to model critical, interdisciplinary perspectives for creative research, collaboration and innovative outcomes. The deadline for abstracts/proposals is October 15, 2008.

Altered Standards of Care and Surge Capacity Training Conference: Mass Casualty Management in Times of Crisis
This conference, presented by Homeland Defense Journal and Government*Horizons, October 27 - 28, 2008, Washington, DC, will teach preparedness at the federal, state, regional, community, and health systems levels and how to plan and support surge capacity in healthcare systems and develop altered standards of care to meet mass casualty needs during all hazard and hazard-specific emergencies.

Publication Announcements

Identifying Consumption
Robert Dunn provides a comprehensive guide to the study of modern consumer behavior before summarizing and critiquing the major theories of consumption. Dunn proposes a method of analysis that focuses on the significance of status and lifestyle in social relations that can help explain how the consumer marketplace is shaped. He concludes by raising issues about different ways of consuming and the relationship between consumption and identity.

Rebuilding the Research Capacity at HUD
The National Research Council makes seven major recommendations about HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research's (PD&R) resources and responsibilities, including more active engagement with policy makers, formalizing various informal practices, strengthening surveys and data sets. This book is also available free online. Committee
A resource for students, researchers, administrators, and policymakers. It highlights upcoming events and recent literature, links to podcasts and other online resources, and more.


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