



4720 Montgomery Lane • PO Box 31220 • Bethesda, Maryland 20824-1220
www.aotf.org • (301) 652-6611 x2550

AOTF Appoints Julie Bass, PhD OTR/L, FAOTA as Institute Associate Director

March 9, 2012

Bethesda, Maryland - The American Occupational Therapy Foundation (AOTF) is pleased to announce the appointment of Julie Bass, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, as Associate Director of the Institute for the Study of Occupation and Health.

This new position will further advance AOTF's mission of research, education, and public awareness for occupational therapy. The Associate Director will establish innovative programs, engage researchers, educators and practitioners in AOTF initiatives, and work with key organizational partners such as the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), to further develop research capacity in the field.

Dr. Bass has been Professor and Program Director of Occupational Therapy and more recently Director of the Program in Public Health in the Henrietta Schmoll School of Health at St. Catherine University. She is an established and well-published scholar who has been a frequent presenter at AOTF sponsored events. Dr. Bass earned her undergraduate degree in occupational therapy at the University of Minnesota, and completed graduate study in Educational Psychology at the University of Minnesota, earning an MA in 1989 and a PhD in 1990. She is a Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association.

In commenting on the appointment, Dr. Charles Christiansen, AOTF Executive Director, said, "We are pleased to welcome Dr. Bass to our Foundation staff. Dr. Bass brings important experience, skills, and perspectives that are well suited to helping us advance key programs necessary to achieve the Foundation's goals.

The American Occupational Therapy Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) charitable, scientific and educational organization established in 1965. Its mission is to advance research, education, and leadership in the field of occupational therapy and to raise public awareness of the importance of enabling individuals to participate fully in life regardless of their physical, social, mental, or developmental circumstances. For more information, visit: www.aotf.org.