

Research Resources

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Dear Colleagues,

It is said that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. It is unclear how this folk saying originated, but to many it communicates the hope of those ready for the end of a long winter. There is no real basis in fact to many myths about weather, yet they persist.

Historically, there have also been myths around aging. It was once widely thought that the aging process was characterized by a natural disengagement from roles and activities. We have long since shown that disengagement theory is nothing more than myth.

Research has now revealed the importance of active engagement in successful aging and provides occupational therapy with an important opportunity to contribute to research and apply the results to practice. A selection of articles from the occupational therapy literature has been featured in this month's *Research Resources*, thanks to our staff in the Wilma L. West library.

As always, thanks for letting us know how this mailing can be most beneficial to you. We appreciate your support.



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AOTF Events at the AOTA Conference, Philadelphia, April 13-17, 2011

AOTF is pleased to announce its events at the AOTA Conference in Philadelphia. Information on registration can be found on the [AOTA web site](#).

Pre-conference Institute -- Wednesday, April 13, 12:00 pm-6:30 pm
(AOTA/AOTF) *Blending Quantitative and Qualitative Research: An Overview of Mixed Methods Research*

This Institute will explain the distinguishing characteristics of mixed methods, and alternative designs that accompany each mixed methods' purpose. The Institute will also illustrate integrated mixed methods data analyses, using different examples of studies. Susan Lin, ScD, OTR/L, AOTA, Charles Christiansen, EdD, OTR, OT(C), FAOTA, AOTF.

Doctoral Network Reception and Annual Meeting -- Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 pm-10:00 pm.
Research Priorities and Where You Fit In

With Dr. Florence Clark in her first year as AOTA President and Diana Ramsey continuing as President of the AOTF Board of Directors, the AOTA/AOTF Research Advisory Panel (RAP) enters its second term with both new and continuing members, RAP Chair Shelly Lane, PhD, OTR, FAOTA, will present current research priorities identified by this group and discuss what this means to occupational therapy researchers.

Informal roundtable mentoring sessions will begin at 7:00 pm, followed by the formal reception and meeting at 8:00 pm. The informal mentoring is optional and participants will be asked to sign up for their mentor prior to coming to the Doctoral Network Meeting.

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SOTL): *Pathway to Evidence-Based Education* -- Thursday, 12:30-3:30 pm

Andrea Bilics, John White

**17th Annual Breakfast with a Scholar -- Friday, April 15, 2011, 7:30 am - 9:00 am
A *Conversation about Moral Courage* -- Ruth Purtilo, PhD, PT, FAPTA**

The intersection of human values and health care practices often creates collisions, creating vexing moral dilemmas that demand careful reflection and wise counsel. Enjoy breakfast and a stimulating conversation with Ruth Purtilo, an internationally acclaimed writer, lecturer, and health care ethicist. Formally educated in physical therapy at the University of Minnesota and holding a Master of Theology and a PhD degree from Harvard University, Dr. Purtilo has held prestigious endowed appointments and fellowships at Creighton University, the MGH Institute for the Health Professions, Yale University, and the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm. Dr. Purtilo is the author of six books on ethics and over 100 compelling articles and was a leading voice recognizing the social policy dilemmas associated with the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Join us to learn the latest ethical issues confronting healthcare and rehabilitation.

Research Colloquium and Tea Honoring Pi Theta Epsilon -- Friday, April 15, 2011, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sensory Processing Disorders in Occupational Therapy: Mapping Pathways of Understanding from Cages to Clinics to Communities

Moderator: Shelly Lane, PhD, OTR, FAOTA.

Sensory processing disorders represent a significant part of the concerns of occupational therapy practice, whether related to autism spectrum disorders or other developmental disabilities. This first translational research colloquium will feature the work of scientists whose work involves rodents, primates, and humans to demonstrate how occupational therapy clinical problems can be approached through a wide array of relevant research along a research continuum.

Speakers: Stacey E. Reynolds, PhD, OTR/L, Use of rodent models in the study of sensory processing disorders; Mary Schneider, PhD, OTR, FAOTA, Non-human primate model of atypical sensory processing: Brain, behavior, stress reactivity, and genes; Grace Baranek, PhD, OTR, FAOTA, The Sensory Experiences Project: Translational Research with Children and Adults with Autism.

The Colloquium will feature a panel of distinguished graduate students who will comment on the work and stimulate discussion, including: Jessica Lynn, Virginia Commonwealth University; Miriam Adkins, University of Wisconsin at Madison, Lauren Little, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Pi Theta Epsilon, occupational therapy's national honor society, will be highlighted at the event, and will provide a display of digital posters. High tea will be served.

2011 Foundation Gala: *Dancing With the Stars (Philly-style)* 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

It's back by popular demand: AOTF's Gala for a spectacular evening of fabulous food, fun, and fundraising as dancers compete for bragging rights. Network with friends, indulge your taste buds in mouth-watering Philly-style delicacies and cast your vote for your favorite dancers and bid on Silent Auction items to raise funds in support of AOTF.

Wilma L. West Library Resource Notes

Research on aging in occupational therapy

Worldwide, the percentage of the population aged 60 and over is increasing every year. Today, one out of every 9 people is 60 or over. [The UN estimates that by 2050](#) this will increase to one out of every five. [This phenomenon is greatly impacting social, political and healthcare decisions.](#) Occupational therapy practitioners and their national associations of occupational therapists have been very active in conducting research in geriatrics. The ten articles below represent studies since 2005 on "well elderly" populations. The studies explore two universal issues, activities/occupations and housing. If you wish to have a list of references that explore aging with a specific diagnosis, such as developmental disabilities, or multiple sclerosis, or an expanded list on this topic, complete the [Online Information Request Form](#) in the [Wilma L West Library tab](#) on the AOTF website. There is a fee for this service.

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Conference Announcements

[The US Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association's 36th Annual Conference \(June 13-16, 2011, Boston, Massachusetts\)](#)

Thousands of specialists from around the world will attend more than 70 sessions spanning eight distinct learning tracks.

[The Evaluation of Cognitive Rehabilitation Therapy for Traumatic](#)

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**OTJR:
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OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health, published quarterly by the American Occupational Therapy Foundation, Inc., offers original research articles of professional interest to the practicing occupational therapist with a focus on occupation and fostering interdisciplinary research.

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Articles appearing in this "Online Advanced Release" section have been peer-reviewed and accepted for publication in the OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health and posted online before print publication.

**Aging-in-Place:
Exploring the**

[Brain Injury \(March 16, 2011 - March 17, 2011, Irvine, California\)](#)

This is the second meeting of the Institute of Medicine Committee on Cognitive Rehabilitation Therapy for Traumatic Brain Injury. The public is invited to attend and observe proceedings on the first day, March 16, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The committee will hear presentations from invited guests on topics such as ongoing clinical trials and outcomes relevant to cognitive rehabilitation. There will also be an opportunity for members of the public and representatives of interested organizations to make a brief statement to the committee. Prior registration is requested for attendees and required for those wishing to make a statement.

[The Sensory Processing Disorder Foundation's 12th International Institute and Symposium \(March 31 - April 2, 2011, Austin, Texas\)](#).

Pre-Symposium Institute (March 31, 2011) Hope and help for families of children with sensory processing disorder. 12th International Symposium (April 1 - 2, 2011) Advanced research and innovative practice: Sensory Processing disorder in special populations including children with autism, orphans and those that have been in foster care or institutionalized. Research related to neuroplasticity, the auditory system and function and dysfunction in the vestibular system, the latest in SPD Treatment using the STAR center model, the DIR/Floortime PLAY project and Listening Therapy will be discussed. Select from two tracks-- research and strategies-with beginner to advanced level content for OTs, PTs, SLPs, MDs.

[23rd Annual International Conference on ADHD \(November 10-12, 2011 \(Orlando, Florida\)](#)

The Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD) Annual International Conference is the major research, practice and public information conference dedicated to issues related to ADHD. Major goals for the conference are to disseminate the latest developments in research; to facilitate an ongoing exchange about issues related to ADHD by individuals with different experiences and viewpoints; and to increase public understanding of the disorder and its impact. [Abstracts for research poster abstracts and innovative programs](#) must be received by **June 1, 2011**.

Web Resources

[Disability and Health Journal now on MEDLINE](#)

The official journal of the [American Association on Health and Disability](#) published by Elsevier, has been accepted for coverage by multiple Thomson Reuters abstracting and indexing services, including Journal Citation Reports®, as well as by the National Library of Medicine's MEDLINE®.

Grants, Fellowships, and Education Opportunities

[Advanced Intensive Mentorship in Diagnosis and Treatment of](#)

**Transactional
Relationship Between
Habits and
Participation in a
Community Context**

Brenda H. Vrkljan,
PhD, OT Reg (Ont);
Valerie Leuty, BHSc;
Mary Law, PhD,
FCAOT, FCAHS.

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Intensive Mentorships include a combination of didactic lecture sessions by researchers at the Sensory Processing Disorder Foundation (formerly KID Foundation) and mentored clinical experiences at STAR Center.

[The Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation Public Policy Fellowship Program 2011-2012](#)

The Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation is seeking exemplary professionals and/or family members of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities who are currently working or volunteering in the field of inclusive services and supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities for an intensive one-year Public Policy Fellowship in Washington, DC. Deadline: **March 15, 2011.**

[Second Request for Applications \(RFA\) for Doctoral Dissertation Research Support](#)

The National Quality Improvement Center on Early Childhood (QIC-EC) released a second RFA for doctoral dissertation research support. Doctoral students who are eligible for this award have advanced to candidacy and are conducting research on preventing child maltreatment and promoting child and family well-being among infants and young children (0-5) who are at high-risk for abuse, neglect, and abandonment, including those impacted by substance abuse or HIV/AIDS. Complete application packets are due **June 13, 2011.**

[Translational Research to Help Older Adults Maintain their Health and Independence in the Community \(R01\) \(PA-11-123\) \(R21\) \(PA-11-124\)](#)

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) and the Administration on Aging (AoA) invite applications for translational research that moves evidence-based research findings towards the development of new interventions, programs, policies, practices, and tools that can be used by community-based organizations (for example, city and state health departments, city/town leadership councils, and Area Agencies on Aging) to help elderly individuals remain healthy and independent, and living in their own homes and communities. Application Receipt/Submission Date(s): Multiple dates, see announcement.

AOTF Institute Image of the Month

From the [Archives of the AOTA](#), housed in the AOTF Wilma L. West Library.



Floral arranging at the Niagara Sanitorium, Lockport, New York, 1942. An occupational therapy student is at right. The sanitorium's main focus was the treatment of

tuberculosis and in 1923 an occupational therapy department was added. After the discovery of antibiotics as a cure for tuberculosis in 1943, the sanitorium became a multi-care facility.

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 use the archives for purposes of research, education, and leadership.

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