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AOTF Research Resources

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Greetings to Research Resource Colleagues!

This month's AOTF Research Resources highlights occupational therapy's role in [mental health and mental health recovery](#). Services for individuals with mental illness has shifted from in-hospital to community, and from a medical/treatment model to a recovery model. As indicated in [AOTA's fact sheets](#) on "Community Mental Health" and "Mental Health Recovery", the history and philosophy of OT practice is fully aligned with the fundamental principles of the recovery model.

There is some evidence that occupational therapy interventions improve outcomes in those living with serious mental illness, however much more research is needed. To that end, the AOTF will engage in two activities over the next few months to identify important areas of needed research. At this year's [AOTA Annual Conference](#) in Philadelphia, the AOTF State of the Science Symposium will address the topic of "resilience", identifying areas of research and/or opportunity for occupational therapy including that in the mental health arena.

In June, the AOTF will convene a "Planning Grant Collective" on the topic of "Understanding and Enhancing Community Function in Serious Mental Illness". We hope these activities will inspire OT researchers to conduct much-needed research in mental health specific topics.

Scott Campbell, PhD
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Doctoral, Post-Doctoral and Research Training Opportunities

Training Fellowship in Rehabilitation Policy Research

This [postdoctoral fellowship](#) offered by the University of Washington (UW), with Columbia University's Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program is open to individuals with an interest in the intersection of aging, disability, and policy research. This fellowship is a mentored, sequential, two-year training experience. During the first year, fellows will conduct interdisciplinary

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OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health

[OTJR](#), published quarterly by AOTF, offers original peer-reviewed research articles of professional interest to the practicing OT with a focus on occupation and fostering interdisciplinary research. *OTJR* is now indexed in MEDLINE/PubMed. To download current, past, and future *OTJR* articles – see the [OTJR website](#).

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research in disability and rehabilitation in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at the University of Washington, in Seattle. In the second year, fellows will relocate to Washington D.C., where they will participate in a structured policy training program, including placement in a federal agency. The deadline for the first round application is March 15, 2017.

Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Aging– The Center for Innovative Care in Aging

[The Center for Innovative Care in Aging](#) at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, in collaboration with the Department of Neurology at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine is seeking a postdoctoral fellow for a two-year appointment. The training program focuses on age-related cognitive disorders and is supported by an NIA T32 grant entitled 'Research Training in Age-Related Cognitive Disorders'. A fellow will have a primary appointment in the Center for Innovative Care in Aging, under the direction of Laura N. Gitlin, PhD, who will oversee the research conducted by the fellow. [Application deadline: February 27, 2017.](#)

Driver Rehabilitation Specialist – Clinical Lecturer/Clinical Assistant Professor [Department of Occupational Therapy/University of Florida](#)

The successful applicant for this full-time 12-month on-tenure track will engage in clinical practice in driving rehabilitation and contribute to research programs with a focus on driving rehabilitation assessment and/or intervention. Applicants must have a minimum of a master's degree (for the Clinical Lecturer position) or a PhD (for the Clinical Assistant Professor position) and be licensed/license-eligible as an occupational therapist in the state of Florida. Three years of driving rehabilitation experience is essential. Applicants must be a certified driver rehabilitation specialist (CDRS), or be eligible to complete the Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists (ADED) certification examination shortly after being hired. [View the job posting online](#) and search by Job Number 498896. Application review will begin immediately and will continue until a suitable applicant pool has been established.

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Post-Doctoral Fellow at The Rotman Research Institute at Baycrest Health Sciences, University of Toronto

This two-year full-time fellowship at the [RRI, a premier international center](#) for the study of human brain function, will study the prevention of functional and cognitive decline in older adults with subjective cognitive decline and the coincident occupational challenges. The fellow will collaborate in a Canadian Institutes of Health Research funded, community-based randomized controlled trial of a strategy-training intervention. Candidates should have an interest and expertise in some (or all) of the following topics: executive functions and aging, contextualized cognitive rehabilitation, qualitative research methods, randomized controlled trials and knowledge translation. For more information contact [Dr. Deirdre Dawson](#).

Post-Doctoral Fellow Position Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis

One position is available for a [highly motivated PhD interested in translational occupational therapy research](#) in aging. The primary task of the postdoctoral research fellow will be to conduct research in the area of function and the environment for cognitively normal older adults aging in place. The focus of the research will be on identifying functional changes over time for older adults with and without prodromal Alzheimer disease and preventing falls among community dwelling older adults. The role involves working in a

Reflecting and Refocusing
Responsibilities of Thought Leadership
Sherrilene Classen, Liliana Alvarez

Articles

Comparative Effectiveness of Three Occupational Therapy Sleep Interventions

A Randomized Controlled Study
Sharon A. Gutman, Kristin A. Gregory, Megan M. Sadlier-Brown, Marcy A. Schlissel, Allison M. Schubert, Lee Ann Westover, Richard C. Miller

Development and Validity of Western University's On-Road Assessment
Sherrilene Classen, Sarah Krasniuk, Liliana Alvarez, Miriam Monahan, Sarah A. Morrow, Tim Danter

A Wellness Program for Men With Spinal Cord Injury
Participation and Meaning
Beth A. Ekelman, Darcy L. Allison, Dario Duvnjak, Dorothy R. DiMarino, John Jodzio, Paolo V. Iannarelli

Integrating Musculoskeletal Sonography Into Rehabilitation
Therapists' Experiences With Training and Implementation
Julie McLaughlin Gray, Gelya Frank, Shawn C. Roll

Test-Retest Reliability and Internal Consistency of the Activity Card Sort-Australia
Louise Gustafsson, Inez Hui Min Hung, Jacki Liddle

team-based environment and collaborating with different researchers on a range of projects. The research includes analysis and preparation of manuscripts for publication based on data from clinical studies, as well as the preparation and submission of grant proposals.

Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Rehabilitation Outcomes Measurement Research at Boston University

[This Fellowship Program](#) is designed to provide unique opportunities for advanced training and experience in rehabilitation outcome measurement. The dynamic program focuses on recent innovations in outcome measurement such as computer adaptive testing for patient reported outcomes, advances in performance-based outcome measures, and technological developments that have allowed the creation of sophisticated instrumented outcome measures.

PhD Program in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at The Ohio State University

The Child & Adolescent Health, Rehabilitation, & Evaluation (CAHRE) Lab at The Ohio State University is seeking exceptional, experienced pediatric occupational therapists that are interested in completing a PhD in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. They are currently conducting two NIH-funded RCTs of Pediatric Constraint-Induced Movement Therapy (PCIMT; R01-HD0683 & R01-HD074574) and are looking for pediatric practitioners. Students are fully funded and receive: 1) tuition, 2) stipend, and 3) health insurance. Interested therapists should submit a CV and letter of interest to Drs. [Andrew Persch](#) or [Amy Darragh](#).

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Resources in Mental Health

Recent journal articles

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Pooremamali P, Morville AL, Eklund M. (2016) [Barriers to continuity in the pathway toward occupational engagement among ethnic minorities with mental illness.](#) *Scandinavian Journal of Occupational Therapy*. 1-1.

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Williams, PL, Lloyd, C, Waghorn, G, & Machingura, T. (2015). [Implementing evidence-based practices in supported employment on the Gold Coast for people with severe mental illness.](#) *Australian Occupational Therapy Journal*, 62(5), 316-325.

van Veggel, R., Waghorn, G., & Dias, S. (2015). Implementing evidence-based supported employment in Sussex for people with severe mental illness. *The British Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 78(5), 286-294.

Important journals in Mental Health

[Occupational Therapy in Mental Health:](#)

An essential journal for all OTs in mental health fields, this journal provides professionals with a forum in which to discuss today's challenges – identifying the philosophical and conceptual foundations of the practice; sharing innovative evaluation and treatment techniques; learning about and assimilating new methodologies developing in related professions; and communicating information about new practice settings and special problem areas particular to psychiatric occupational therapy.

[Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal \(PRJ\):](#)

PRJ is a joint publication of PRA, the Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation at Boston University, and the American Psychological Association (APA). PRJ features original contributions related to the rehabilitation, psychosocial treatment, and recovery of people with serious mental illnesses. PRJ's mission is to promote the development of new knowledge related to psychiatric rehabilitation and recovery.

Conferences and Calls for Papers

[2nd World Disability and Rehabilitation Conference on 2017 \(February 9-10, 2017, Colombo, Sri Lanka\)](#)

The conference theme is [A Spectrum of Opportunities: Overcoming Disability and Its Challenges](#). It will address the causes for the increase in number of the disabled persons, the perception of the society towards them, their deprived rights and the solutions to overcome this global phenomenon.

[Animal Assisted Intervention Workshop: Professional Applications of Animal Assisted Interventions \(March 24-25, 2017, Rochester, Michigan\)](#)

[The Center for Human Animal Interventions](#) presents a two-day workshop with Melissa Winkle, OTR/L, FAOTA, president of Animal Assisted Intervention International. Participants will learn a variety of methodologies for incorporating AAI in their therapy sessions. To learn more, please email [Jennifer Cepnick](#).

[AOTA's 97th Annual Conference & Centennial Celebration \(March 30-April 2, 2017, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania\)](#)

[For more information.](#)

[The 41st Brain Injury Rehabilitation Conference \(May 4-5, 2017, Williamsburg, Virginia\)](#)

Known informally as the "[Williamsburg Brain Injury Conference](#)", this conference will provide a unique focus on practical solutions and interventions to improve brain injury rehabilitation practice.

[Canadian Institute for the Relief of Pain and Disability \(June 1-3, 2017, British Columbia\)](#)

Safe, Healthy, and Productive Workplaces: Learning from Research and Practice.

This multidisciplinary conference brings together business and labor leadership, human resource managers, occupational health and safety professionals, frontline workers, public and private insurers, disability / wellness coordinators, health professionals, policy-makers, and academic researchers (business, health sciences) who play a role in creating and sustaining safe, healthy, and productive workplaces to learn from current research and practice.

Call for Papers, Posters, Symposia, and Case Studies, Academic Abstracts, Workplace Case Studies, and Proposals for Mini-Symposium/Themed Break-Out Sessions. Deadline: February 28, 2017.

[American Diabetes Association Conference \(June 9-13, 2017, San Diego, California\)](#)

Late-breaking abstract submission deadline: March 13, 2017.

[Canadian Occupational Therapy Conference \(June 21-24, 2017, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island\)](#)

Human Animal Bond and Animal Assisted Therapy Three Day Summit (August 12-14, 2017, Rochester, Michigan)

Industry leaders from across the country will come together and discuss standards of practice and ethical considerations in the field of Human Animal Bond and Animal Assisted Therapy. This event will cover ethics in the industry, legitimizing the field, animal welfare, and establishing best practices, which will serve as the catalyst for future practice, research and publication opportunities.

Submissions of oral and poster presentations are sought; deadline February 20, 2017. Contact [Jennifer Cepnick](#) for details.

Southwest Conference on Disability 2017 (October 5-8, 2017, Albuquerque, New Mexico)

[Call for papers opens](#) February 28, 2017.

5th International Institute on Kielhofner's Model of Human Occupation (MOHO) (October 14-15, 2017, Houston, Texas)

[MOHO theme: Perspectives on Client-Centered Practice](#)

Call for Papers February 1-April 30, 2017.

The 16th Annual Research Conference of the Society for the Study of Occupation: USA (October 19-21, 2017, Seattle, Washington)

[SSO:USA theme for 2017: Participation: People, Places & Performances](#)

CAG2017 (October 19-21, 2017, Winnipeg, Manitoba)

[Canadian Association on Gerontology 46th Annual Scientific & Educational Meeting](#) theme: Evidence for Action in an Aging World

Abstracts are due April 14, 2017.

ACRM 94th Anniversary Conference (October 23-28, 2017, Atlanta, Georgia)

[American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine conference](#) theme: Progress in Rehabilitation Research: Translation to Clinical Practice

Abstract deadlines:

Instructional Course and Symposia Proposals Due: February 14, 2017

Scientific Papers & Posters Due: February 28, 2017.

ENOTHE 2017 Meeting (October 26-28, 2017 Zagreb, Croatia)

[European Network of OT in Higher Education 2017 conference](#) themes:

1. Global Health Trends: Sustainable development goals, (WFOT) health 2020, 2030, human rights, European theme: fight violence against women, health for all, opportunities and challenges for OT, strategic and political reasoning in OT.
2. Education and Training: Teaching 21st century skills for today and the future, teach the teacher, internationalization of the curriculum, inter-professional teaching, bridging the gap between practice and education.
3. Innovation and future Occupational Therapy Practice: Developing competences and learning outcomes, roles of OT to expand in current and emerging areas, working with communities and populations (i.e. refugees, ageing populations, young caregivers and urbanized populations), using technology (i.e. tele-health and digital recordings).

Abstract deadline: May 1, 2017.

2017 AOTA Education Summit: (October 27-28, 2017, Ft. Worth, Texas)

Watch the [AOTA website](#) for more information.

Society for Neuroscience (SfN) 2017 (November 11-15, 2017, Washington, DC)

[The SfN 47th annual meeting, Neuroscience 2017](#), is the world's largest neuroscience conference for scientists and physicians devoted to understanding the brain and nervous system.

Deadline for a professional development workshop proposal 2 p.m. on February 17, 2017.

American Public Health Association (APHA) 145th Annual Meeting (November 4-8, 2017, Atlanta, Georgia)

[Meeting theme: Creating the Healthiest Nation: Climate Changes Health.](#)

Submission Deadline: Abstracts are due between February 20-24, 2017. See website for details.

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Policies for Action: Policy and Law (P4A) Research to Build a Culture of Health 2017 Call for Proposals

P4A was created to help build the evidence base for policies that can help build a Culture of Health. P4A seeks to engage long-standing health care, mental and behavioral health, and public health researchers, as well as experts in areas that we recognize have strong influence on health, well-being and equity-such as labor, criminal justice, education, transportation, housing, and the built environment. The research funded should help fill significant gaps in our knowledge about what policies can serve as positive drivers of change, including how the social determinants of health can be used to achieve improvements in population health, well-being, and equity.

Approximately \$2 million will be awarded; each grant will award up to \$250,000.

Approximately \$500,000 of the \$2 million will be awarded for research on the implementation and/or impact of policies relevant for early childhood or school environments that aim to support children's healthy weight and/or reduce childhood obesity.

February 15, 2017 (1 p.m. ET): Optional applicant Web conference call. Registration is required. March 10, 2017 (3 p.m. ET): Deadline for receipt of brief proposals.

US Department of Health and Human Services Grants

Search the [grants.gov website](http://grants.gov) for up to date information on grants that are available. Learn about [how to apply](#) for NIH grants.

News and Other Resources

Canadian Institute for the Relief of Pain and Disability (CIRPD) Webinar Series

CIRPD is currently running two research-based, webinar series; chronic pain and return to work. Each series has upcoming, live webinars as well as a library of webinar recordings.

New or soon to be implemented NIH Grant Policies

[from the NIH Grant website.](#)

Advice from NIH on resubmitting grant applications

When applicants receive their summary statement resulting from the review of an application that was assigned a score outside of the ICs funding range, there are important decisions to be made. What is the likelihood that an application like this one will be funded? If you resubmit the application, what changes might improve the chances for a successful resubmission?

[Here's some advice from NIH.](#)



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