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Greetings to Research Resource Colleagues!

Happy New Year and welcome to the beginning of the next 100 years for occupational therapy. At this time of year many of us look for a fresh start or reboot, and many make New Year's resolutions. We all know however, that translating those resolutions into sustainable habits and routines is extremely difficult and more often than not, does not happen. Meaningful habits and routines are the purview of occupational therapy and an area of research endeavor that is directly applicable to the practice of OT and the quality of life for clients/patients. This month we feature some of the [latest research in this area.](#)

We hope that 2018 will be the best year ever for all of you and for the Foundation.

Cheers.

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Resources on Habits

Often as the new year begins, we reflect on our lives, particularly on those behaviors or habits we may consider detrimental to our well-being. We may resolve to end, "bad" habits or to adopt "good" habits that will lead to behaviors that improve our health, our finances, or our relationships. If involved in such reflection, you appreciate the significant impact of habits on your life. Occupational therapy practitioners have long been aware of the significance of habits on their clients' well-being. We offer a select list of recent articles to show the varied studies by occupational therapy practitioners, educators, and researchers into the topic of habits.

Andrews N.E., Strong J., Meredith P.J., Gordon K. & Bagraith, K.S. (2015).

AOTF Seeks a Scientific Programs Officer.

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[Call for Papers: Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, and Automation – A Special Edition](#)

This special edition of *OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health* invites scholarly investigations into the potential for technologies like robots, smart homes, sensors, and automated systems to advance occupational therapy practice and the occupational science field. We welcome papers that undertake rigorous empirical or conceptual investigations by inquiring into the links between occupational perspectives and occupational therapy practices as they relate to the use of such technologies. Deadline: July 30, 2018.

"It's very hard to change yourself": an exploration of overactivity in people with chronic pain using interpretative phenomenological analysis. *Pain*, 156, 1215-1231.

Cheung T.W., Clemson L., O'Loughlin K. & Shuttleworth, R. (2016). Understanding decision-making towards housework among women with upper limb repetitive strain injury. *Australian Occupational Therapy Journal*, 63, 37-46.

Fogelberg, D.J., Powell J.M. & Clark F.A. (2016). The role of habit in recurrent pressure ulcers following spinal cord injury. *Scandinavian Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 23, 467-476.

Fritz, H. (2014). The influence of daily routines on engaging in diabetes self-management. *Scandinavian Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 21, 232-240.

Fritz, H. A. (2014). Improvitational theater and insights into the function of habit in occupation. *Journal of Occupational Science*, 21, 161-172.

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Juang, C., Knight, B.G., Carlson, M., Schepens Niemiec, S.L., Vigen, C & Clark, F. (2017). Understanding the mechanisms of change in a lifestyle intervention for older adults. *Gerontologist*, doi: 10.1093/geront/gnw152. [Epub ahead of print].

Kugel, J., Hemberger, C., Krpalek, D, & Javaherian-Dysinger, H. (2016). Occupational therapy wellness program: Youth and parent perspectives. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 70, 7005180010p1-8.

Mårtensson, L. & Ardenholtz, B. (2017). Occupational therapists' perceptions of habits based on their professional experiences. *Scandinavian Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 24, 151-159.

Marterella, A.L. & Aldrich, R. M. (2015). Developing occupational therapy students' practice habits via qualitative inquiry education. *Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 82, (2), 119-128.

Persch, A.C., Lamb, A.J., Metzler, C.A. & Fristad, M.A. (2015). Healthy habits for children: Leveraging existing evidence to demonstrate value. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 69, 6904090010p1-5.

Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Hoisington, M., Orozco, A.A., Arias, D., Garcia C., Smith, K. & Bonner, B. (2016). Benefits of a culturally tailored health promotion program for Latino youth with disabilities and their families. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 70, 7005180080p1-8. <https://ajot.aota.org/article.aspx?articleid=2543960>

Thompson, M. (2014). Occupations, habits, and routines: perspectives from persons with diabetes. *Scandinavian Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 21, 153-160.

AOTF has copies of the proceedings of its three conferences on Habits for sale at \$20 each, one of each for \$50. While supplies last. If interested, go to [PayPal](#) and add what you purchasing in the note section.

Proceedings of Habits 1 Conference. *The Occupational Therapy Journal of Research* 20, Supplement 1, fall 2000.

Proceedings of Habits 2 Conference, *OTJR*, 22, Supplement 1, winter 2002.

Promoting Participation: Proceedings of the Third AOTF Research Conference on Habit, *OTJR*, 27, Supplement 1, fall 2007.

Seeking sponsors

for AOTF events at the AOTA conference in 2018 including the Breakfast with a Scholar and the State of the Science. Contact the [AOTF Development office](#).

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](#).

January OTJR

Editorial: Growth and Advances of OTJR
Sherrilene Classen

Executive Function Measures for Children: A Scoping Review of Ecological Validity
Anna Wallisch, Lauren M. Little, Evan Dean, Winnie Dunn

Visual Correlates of Fitness to Drive in Adults With Multiple Sclerosis
Sherrilene Classen, Sarah Krasniuk, Sarah A. Morrow, Liliانا Alvarez, Miriam Monahan, Tim Danter, Heather Rosehart

MS People's Performance and Satisfaction With Daily Occupations: Implications for Occupational Therapy
Eman J. Abdullah, Hanan E. Badr, Fahad Manee

Content Analysis of a Participant-Directed Intervention to Optimize Activity Engagement of Older Adult Cancer Survivors
Kathleen Doyle Lyons, Robin Newman, Anna M. Adachi-Mejia, Jessica Whipple, Mark T. Hegel

Task Oriented Training and Evaluation at Home
Veronica T. Rowe, Marsha Neville

Beyond Words: Using Qualitative Video Methods for Researching Occupation With Young Children
Helen Lynch, Mandy Stanley

Fidelity of Occupational Performance Coaching: Importance of Accuracy in Intervention Identification
Fiona Graham, Jenny Ziviani, Ann Kennedy-Behr, Dorothy Kessler, Caroline Hui

Conferences and Calls for Papers

[2018 Institute on Health Services Research \(HSR\) – Quality Strategies in Rehabilitation: Advancing Health Services Research \(April 4, 2018 \(evening\), April 5, 2018 \(full day\), Boston, Massachusetts\)](#)

Co-sponsored by CoHSTAR & the Center for Large Data Research & Data Sharing in Rehabilitation (CLDR).

This year's HSR Institute will focus on research strategies to evaluate and improve quality of care. Attendees will learn about quality initiatives from nationally known thought leaders, deepen their understanding of health services research methods, and develop relationships both within and across disciplinary boundaries.

[AOTA Annual Conference & Expo \(April 19-22, 2018, Salt Lake City, Utah\)](#)
Pre-conference institutes on April 18.

Registration and hotel reservations are now open.

[WFOT Congress 2018 \(May 21-25, 2018, Cape Town, South Africa\)](#)

The theme is 'Connected in diversity: positioned for impact', and the program will feature world leading experts, unique social events, and an exhibition.

[Occupational Therapy Summit of Scholars – Expanding our Research Outcomes through Team Science \(June 8-9, 2018, Kansas City, Missouri\)](#)

This invited Summit is co-hosted by the University of Kansas Medical Center and the University of Missouri and will provide a forum for scholars to share their research, develop networks across academic institutions, mentor emerging scientists who have post-doctoral fellowships, career development awards, or newly funded grants, advance science in occupational therapy by strengthening approaches to the study of occupation, participation, and health, and generate dialogue about funding opportunities and strategies to enhance success. A new track will be added this year: Large Data sponsored by the [University of Texas Medical Branch Center for Large Data Research & Data Sharing in Rehabilitation](#). Kenneth Ottenbacher, PhD, OTR and his team mentor scientists submitting abstracts with a large data focus.

[Call for Abstracts](#) (posters and abstracts) deadline: January 31, 2018. For specific information on submitting contact: [Carrie Ciro](#) or [Tim Wolf](#).

[4th Canadian Fall Prevention Conference \(June 11-12, 2018, St. John's, Newfoundland\)](#)

[Call for Abstracts deadline:](#) January 31, 2018. Abstracts should address fall or injury prevention for seniors, patient populations, or the general public, either for research studies or practice/community initiatives

[12th World Congress of the International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine \(ISPRM 2018\) \(July 8-12, 2018, Paris, France\)](#)

Top rehabilitation specialists from across the world will present the latest research and cutting edge techniques. The scientific program will include hands-on workshops, lively debates and more. [Abstract submission deadline: February 6, 2018.](#)

[Progress in Clinical Motor Control: Neurorehabilitation \(July 23-25, 2018, State College, Pennsylvania\)](#)

The first conference on Progress in Clinical Motor Control: Neurorehabilitation will bring together leading scientists in the basic, engineering, and clinical sciences to exchange and share research and development in cutting edge science and technology applied to neurorehabilitation. This conference will provide a premier interdisciplinary platform for researchers, practitioners and educators to hear from top scholars on recent research and technological innovations, as well as practical challenges in integrating these advances into the field of neurorehabilitation.

[Doctoral, Postdoctoral, and Research Training Opportunities](#)

[Rehabilitation Science \(RSD\) PhD Program – University of Florida](#)

This research is funded through a grant from HUD to develop new technologies for affordably retrofitting existing

housing for people with disabilities. The project will culminate in the team using their research to redesign homes and digitize the designs in virtual reality with haptic simulations. This fully-funded PhD student will complete the didactic component via taking classes in the RSD program, while the research component will be completed under the supervision of Dr. [Sherrilene Classen](#) and Dr. [Linda Struckmeyer](#) (contact them for more information).

Disability Research Fellowship Postdoctoral Program for 2018-2019

This fellowship opportunity from the Collaborative on Health Reform and Independent Living (CHRIL) provides a personalized 18-month training experience for emerging scholars with disabilities who hold a PhD or similar advanced degree and are committed to building knowledge and evidence on health policies and services for people with disabilities. All fellows are eligible for accommodations and ongoing support by advisors with experience in disability research. For more information on the program contact [Dr. Jae Kennedy](#), the principal investigator of the CHRIL.

Review of applications will begin December 15, 2017 and continue through 2018 until the position is filled. Fellowship start date in 2018 is flexible.

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Health Services R&D Center of Innovation on Disability and Rehabilitation (CINDRR)

The purpose of this 2-year fellowship is to develop a cadre of scientists with health services expertise for the VA healthcare system and to foster the development of high quality health services research and development at local and national levels. The fellowship is located at the HSR&D Center of Innovation on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (CINDRR) at the Tampa VA Hospital, Tampa, FL in collaboration with the VA HSR&D Service and partnership with the University of South Florida.

Postdoctoral Disability Research Training Program on Veterans with Disabilities

The National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) has provided funding to the Occupational Therapy Department at the University of Florida for postdoctoral opportunities focused on community living and participation for Veterans with disabilities. This award is in partnership with the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Center of Innovation for Disability and Rehabilitation Research where fellows will be hosted. Three openings are currently available.

Postdoctoral Fellow Opportunity - University of Florida

The Dept. of OT invites applications for a full-time postdoctoral fellow under the mentorship of Dr. Sherrilene Classen in multidisciplinary research with a focus on driving rehabilitation science. Applicants must have a PhD in Rehabilitation Science or a closely-related field and are preferably licensed/license-eligible as an occupational therapist in the state of Florida.

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Multiple Sclerosis Research - Johns Hopkins University

The overall goals of this two-year postdoctoral research Fellowship funded by the National MS Society and Johns Hopkins Dept. of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation are to:

1. Train clinician-scientists who will go on to be leaders in the advancement of rehabilitative strategies for people with MS.
2. Equip trainees with the skills needed to become independent, grant-funded investigators.

This program will provide clinical and research training in MS-related rehabilitation science,

For more information, contact [Meghan Beier](#).

Publications

People Living with Disabilities: Health Equity, Health Disparities, and Health Literacy: Proceedings of a Workshop

To better understand how health literacy, health equity, and health disparities intersect for individuals living with disabilities, the Roundtable on the Promotion of Health Equity and the Elimination of Health Disparities and the Roundtable on Health Literacy implemented a workshop on June 14, 2016 that explored issues at the intersections of health equity, health disparities, health literacy, and people living with disabilities.

Facilitating Health Communication with Immigrant, Refugee, and Migrant Populations

Through the Use of Health Literacy and Community Engagement Strategies: Proceedings of a Workshop

To better understand how the public health and health care communities can meet the challenges of serving an increasingly diverse population, the Roundtable on Health Literacy conducted a public workshop on facilitating health communication with immigrant, refugee, and migrant populations through the use of health literate approaches.

Knowledge for Social Change: Bacon, Dewey, and the Revolutionary Transformation of Research Universities in the Twenty-First Century

Lee Benson, et al. 2017 Temple University Press.

Employing history, social theory, and a detailed contemporary case study, *Knowledge for Social Change* argues for fundamentally reshaping research universities to function as democratic, civic, and community-engaged institutions dedicated to advancing learning and knowledge for social change.

Grants and Funding Opportunities

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

NIH News and Info

- [Revised NIH Grant Policy Statement](#)
- [New Video Provides Overview of New NIH Policies on Human Subjects Research and Clinical Trials](#)
Do you do research with human participants? This 15-minute video provides a succinct explanation of the various policy changes and what they mean for you.
- [NIH's Next Generation Researchers Policy Now Posted](#)
NIH posted current plans for the Next Generation Researchers Initiative. NIH leadership has reviewed data and deliberated about how best to proceed on their goal to increase the number of NIH-funded early-stage investigators and assure that funded early-stage investigators have a reasonable chance to secure stable funding during the earliest stages of their independent research careers.
- [NIH Grant website.](#)
- [Perspectives on Evidence-based Funding.](#) a talk by NIH Deputy Director for Extramural Research, Mike Lauer on concerns about the hypercompetitive nature of applying for NIH support and other topics.
- [Advice from NIH on resubmitting grant applications.](#)



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