



Greetings to Research Resource Colleagues!

In this issue, we follow up in more detail on [Health of Communities and Populations](#), one of the areas of interest/opportunity highlighted in the [National Academy of Medicines Vital Directions for Health and Healthcare Initiative](#).

Population health has been defined as "the health outcomes of a group of individuals, including the distribution of such outcomes within the group". It is an approach to health that aims to improve the health of an entire human population. OT researchers and practitioners certainly have a great interest in community. [AOTA's Vision 2025](#) statement aspires to "maximize health, well-being, and quality of life for all people, populations and communities...".

Interestingly, there is some debate now whether efforts in population and community health are at cross-purposes with the promise of personalized (precision) medicine and ability to target therapy to an individual. Some have suggested that the health differences between and within groups has more to do with social factors than specifics of the clinical care. Perhaps insight from both approaches may lead to combination strategies for delivery of care.

It will be interesting to see how health care screening and delivery move forward, but one thing is certain, OT researchers and practitioners should be heard in this discussion and contribute to the generation of research data that will inform the topic.

Best wishes,

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Doctoral, Post-Doctoral and Research Training Opportunities

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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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Editorial

OTJR's Journey in Becoming a World-Class Journal
Sherrilene Classen

Articles

Postdoctoral position – University of Pittsburgh

Dept of OT and the Health Policy Institute, Health Services - geriatric focus desirable

if interested, send name, phone number, email address, statement of career goals and CV to

[Dr. Juleen Rodakowski](#).

Postdoctoral Fellow – The Lurie Institute for Disability Policy

The Lurie Institute for Disability Policy announces an opening in their postdoctoral research training program in disability policy research. This is a two-year fellowship under the mentorship of the faculty of the Heller School for Social Policy and Management to prepare scholars to conduct rigorous research that can be applied in today's complex policy environment.

Application must be submitted prior to May 31, 2017.

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.

Summer Research Institute on Developing Behavioral Interventions (June 5-7, 2017, Baltimore, Maryland)

"Getting Started: Developing and Advancing Behavioral Interventions" The Summer Research Institute on Developing Behavioral Interventions, offered by the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing Center for Innovative Care in Aging, is designed to help participants develop testable interventions that have the potential for implementation in practice environments and advance appropriate trial designs.

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](#).

Postdoctoral 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 preclinical Alzheimer disease and preventing falls among community dwelling older adults. The role involves working in a 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.

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Rehabilitation Outcomes Measurement Research at Boston University

Driving Intervention for Returning Combat Veterans
Interim Analysis of a Randomized Controlled Trial
Sherrilene Classen, Sandra Winter, Miriam Monahan, Abraham Yarney, Amanda Link Lutz, Kyle Platek, Charles Levy

International Occupational Therapy Research Priorities
A Delphi Study
World Federation of Occupational Therapists, Lynette Mackenzie, Susan Coppola, Lilliana Alvarez, Lolita Cibule, Sergey Maltsev, Siew Yim Loh, Teda Mlambo, Moses N. Ikiugu, Zdenka Pihlar, Sarinya Sriphetcharawat, Sue Baptiste, Richard Ledgerd

Psychometric Evaluation of the Occupation-Centered Intervention Assessment
Vanessa Jewell, Noralyn Pickens

Qualitative Experience of Sleep in Individuals With Spinal Cord Injury
Donald J. Fogelberg, Natalie E. Leland, Jeanine Blanchard, Timothy J. Rich, Florence A. Clark

Clarifying the Construct of Occupational Engagement for Occupational Therapy Practice
Jennifer Kennedy, Jane A. Davis

Book Review: Driving simulation for assessment, intervention, and training: A guide for occupational therapy and health care professionals, by Classen, S. (Ed.)

Melissa Knott, Bethan Blackburn, Hillary Hamilton, Bri Marshall, Nicole Mazgola, Aileen McAleese, Jocelyn Schubert, Andrea Trebilcock, Sherrilene Classen

2016 State of the Science Symposium Supplement

Evidence-based Interventions for Increasing Work Participation for Persons with Various Disabilities: A Systematic Review
Diane L. Smith, Katie Atmatzidis, Marisa Capogreco, Dominic Lloyd-Randolfi, Victoria Seman.

[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.

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Grants and Funding Opportunities

[HealthSouth Call for Grant Applications](#)

HealthSouth is offering research funding grant(s) totaling up to \$30,000 aimed at the investigation of the impact or effectiveness of therapy in the inpatient rehabilitation facility (IRF) post-acute care setting.

Deadline for submission: June 30, 2017.

Call for Proposals from RWJF

[New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming](#)

New Connections is a career development program for early career researchers through grantmaking, mentorship, career development and networking. Application deadline: May 16, 2017.

US Department of Health and Human Services Grants

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

Conferences and Calls for Papers

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.

American Diabetes Association Conference (June 9-13, 2017, San Diego, California)

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

PHC 2017 - 4th Annual Public Health Conference (July 5-7, 2017, Bangkok, Thailand)

Tomorrow People Organization is presenting this international conference targeting government officials and policy makers, NGOs, graduate students, company reps, and scholars. Oral, post, and virtual presentations are welcome and will be published in a dedicated ISBN publication of PHC 2017 Conference Proceedings. [Deadline: June 1, 2017.](#)

Down Syndrome Medical Interest Group-USA Annual Symposium: (July 21, 2017, Sacramento, California)

This symposium provides an interdisciplinary forum for sharing of knowledge and experiences related to clinical care of children and adults with Down syndrome, clinical research related to Down syndrome, and development of Down syndrome clinics.

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.

AOTA Specialty Conference: Mental Health (September 15-16, 2017, Indianapolis, Indiana)(pre-conference sessions: September 14)

12th Annual Thompson Center Autism Conference (September 21-22, 2017, St. Louis, Missouri)

Connect with international experts in autism for the latest evidence-based best practices and research findings on working with and treating individuals with autism. Three conference strands will be offered: current topics, applied behavior analysis, and autism in schools.

[Student poster deadline:](#) June 1, 2017.

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

Main conference theme: The Intersection of Disability and Other Underserved Populations. Special emphasis themes: Disability in Native America: Causes, Impacts, Solutions and Addressing the Intersections of Adversity and Disability Prenatally and in Early Childhood: Research, Prevention, Intervention and Capacity-Building. Deadline for proposals is May 30, 2017.

Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity (October 9-11, 2017, Honolulu, Hawaii)

PRICDD encourages and respects voices from "diverse" perspectives across numerous areas, including: voices from persons representing all disability areas; experiences of family members and supporters across all disability and diversity areas; responsiveness to diverse cultural and language differences; evidence of researchers and academics studying diversity and disability; stories of persons providing powerful lessons; examples of program providers, and; action plans to meet human and social needs in a globalized world.

Call for Papers Deadline: June 16, 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](#)

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

[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

[ENOTHE 2017 Meeting \(October 26-28, 2017 Zagreb, Croatia\)](#)

European Network of OT in Higher Education 2017 conference themes: global health trends, education and training, innovation and future OT practice. Abstract deadline: May 1, 2017.

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

[AOTA/NBCOT National Student Conclave \(November 3-4, 2017, Birmingham, Alabama\)](#)

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

Meeting theme: Creating the Healthiest Nation: Climate Changes Health.

[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.

[2nd World Disability & Rehabilitation Conference 2017 \(WDRC 2017\) \(November 16-17, 2017, Colombo, Sri Lanka\)](#)

Conference theme: "Inspiring Possibilities...Enhancing Opportunities for Ability"

[Abstracts for Oral, Poster and Virtual Presentations, deadline: August 24, 2017.](#)

[AOTA School Based Specialty Conference \(December 1-2, 2017, Orlando, Florida\)](#)

[AOTA Annual Conference & Expo \(April 19-22, 2018, Salt Lake City, Utah\)](#)

(pre-conference institutes: April 18)

[Call for papers: May 1, 2017-June 8, 2017](#)

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News and Other Resources

[Webinar Series on the AOTF Intervention Research Grants \(IRG\)](#)

Pi Theta Epsilon-Omicron Chapter at Boston University is holding a series of live interviews with IRG recipients on their research. The "AOTF Intervention Research Grant Recipients Webinar Series" will be uploaded to YouTube after airing.

[The first webinar by 2017 IRG recipients](#) Kathleen Lyons, ScD, OTR/L (Supporting Caregivers of Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation Patients: A Feasibility Study of the Ready to CARE Program) and Evan Dean, PhD, OTR/L (Supporting Employment Through Self-determination for Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder) is available now.

[BrainAttack! 2017 Saturday, June 10, 2017](#)

Personalized Medicine: Individualizing the Therapeutic Window for Acute Stroke

presented by Stroke and Cerebrovascular Center, Washington University School of Medicine.

[Disability Stigma and Your Patients](#)

The University of Washington Healthy Aging Rehabilitation Research Training Center (RRTC) has released a fact

sheet as a guide for health care providers on how to have respectful, stigma-free interactions with their patients.

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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