February 10, 2016

The Chair's Chatter

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Department News

Welcome

**Odessa Addison**, DPT, PhD recently joined PTRS as a Research Associate. Feel free to stop by Room 240E to introduce yourself and welcome her!!

Rehabilitation Science Research Seminar
This week's Rehabilitation Science Research Seminar will feature PTRS PhD Student:

Mario Inacio, Ph.D.

presenting:

"Acute effects of neuromuscular enhancement of hip muscular performance"

Please join us on Friday, February 12th from 9:00am-10:00am in Room 511 of the Allied Health Building/PTRS (100 Penn Street).

PTRS Alumni & Friends Reception

You are cordially invited to the PTRS Alumni & Friends Reception

APTA Combined Sections Meeting (CSM)

Thursday, February 18, 2016
7:30 - 9:30 PM
Marriott Anaheim: Grand Ballroom Salon B
Anaheim, California

All those who pre-register for the event will receive a free drink ticket. Complimentary appetizers and cash bar will be available.

Click HERE to Register

Please help us spread the word to other PTRS alumni you know who will be attending or live in the area.

Questions? Call or email Deidra Stevens at:
(410) 706-2163
ptrsalumni@som.umaryland.edu
Grant Review Service

Chris Wells, PhD, PT, CCS, ATC, and Clinical Associate Professor, served as a grant reviewer for the APTA CY&P Research Section on December 1st, 2015.

Publication

The article "Influence of non-spatial working memory demands on reach-grasp responses to loss of balance: Effects of age and fall risk" authored by Kelly Westlake (Assistant Professor), Brian Johnson (PhD Student), Robert Creath (Assistant Professor), Rachel Neff (SPT '18), and Mark Rogers (Professor and Chair) was recently published in Gait & Posture. To view the article, click HERE.

Peer Review

Brian Johnson, PTRS PhD Student is serving as a peer reviewer this month for a manuscript submitted to the Journal of Rehabilitation Research & Development (JRRD).
Chris Wells, PhD, PT, CCS, ATC, and Clinical Associate Professor, served as a peer reviewer for *Geriatric Nursing*: The validity and reliability of the Leg Motion system for measuring ankle dorsiflexion range of motion in older adults. Article Type: Clinical Paper in November, 2015 and *Cardiovascular & Pulmonary Physical Therapy Journal*: Cardiovascular disease, physical performance measures, balance confidence, executive function 2/2016.

### AAOMPT Appointment

Roy J. Film, MPT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT, and Assistant Professor, has been appointed to the Media & Marketing Committee of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists (AAOMPT). He also continues to serve on AAOMPT's Conference Committee.

### Invited Lectures

Chris Wells, PhD, PT, CCS, ATC, and Clinical Associate Professor, was an invited speaker for the Winter meeting of the Society of Critical Care Medicine: Baltimore chapter on January 26th, 2016: Addressing Limitation in Post-ICU Rehabilitation: Overcoming Health Disparities. She was also appointed to the Chapter Board in December, 2015.

### Class Fund Raisers
This is the final month for the **Class of 2016**'s Popcorn Palace fundraiser and they need all the help to make this fund raiser a success! Please consider sharing the link below and purchasing some delicious popcorn for friends, family, Valentines, and yourselves! Your support is really appreciated!!


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**Class of 2017**

You are invited to join the **Class of 2017** for their 2nd Annual Bull and Shrimp Roast! Join the Class of 2017 as they celebrate the end of the semester while raising money for great causes with friends, family, and classmates on Friday April 22nd from 7pm-11pm in Canton (right by Brewer's Hill).

This is an all-inclusive event....all you can eat and drink for $40! There will be a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, door prizes, money wheels and so much more. The Class of 2017 works hard to put on a great event and they would love for you to join them. Proceeds from this event contribute to their class
banquet, department gift, and the 2015-2016 Pittsburgh-Marquette Challenge!

For tickets and more information, email Kelsey Rogers, SPT '17:
Kelsey.Rogers@som.umaryland.edu

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Campus Happenings

Interprofessional Funding Opportunities

SEED GRANTS
The Center for Interprofessional Education at the University of Maryland, Baltimore is pleased to announce an opportunity for $5,000-$10,000 seed grants for 13-month IPE and IPC pilot projects. Proposals should be practice or classroom focused, with educational and evaluative components employing the IPEC Core Competencies for Interprofessional Collaborative Practice. Grant funds may not be used toward salary or benefit support. The deadline for proposals is Friday, February 12, 2016.

Additional information, templates and forms can be found HERE

Blood Drive
The SOM Student Council will be helping to host a blood drive on:

**Wednesday, February 17th**
12:30PM-6:00PM
MSTF Atrium

They are looking to get 12 donors and 2 double red donors per hour (Double red cell donation is similar to a whole blood donation, except a special machine is used to allow you to safely donate two units of red blood cells during one donation while returning your plasma and platelets to you.) To sign-up to donate blood, click [HERE](#), and enter "UMMED" as the sponsor code.

In addition, we are looking for volunteers to help this event run smoothly. Three volunteers are needed per hour to help with things like registration and refreshments. Please [sign up here to volunteer](#).

As an added incentive, everyone that donates or volunteers will be able to enter a raffle for $25 gift cards to Chipotle, Panera, Nando's and Starbucks.

Please consider either donating or volunteering - you can really help make a difference. For additional information, contact the Student Council at [umb.som.council@gmail.com](mailto:umb.som.council@gmail.com)

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**Public Safety**

**Feel Safe. Call a Police Escort.**

It's getting dark earlier. Don't forget that the UMB Police offers van and walking escorts on campus and in surrounding areas. The boundaries for the services can be viewed on the [UMB campus map](https://www.umd.edu/maps). Call 410-706-6882 to arrange an escort.

For more campus safety tips, visit: [https://www.umaryland.edu/publicsafety/safety-tips/](https://www.umaryland.edu/publicsafety/safety-tips/)
Additional Meeting Deadlines

For additional meeting deadlines, visit http://pt.umaryland.edu/research.asp and select the "Research Events Calendar" file.

Reminders

Have news to share?

Please send news, announcements, updates and pictures to Donna Bethke, dbethke@som.umaryland.edu, by Monday at 5 PM to be included in the current week's issue.

Thanks for sharing!!!!!