The Chair's Chatter - 4/6/2016
Welcome

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to Cara Felter, PT, DPT, MPH (pictured below) who joined PTRS this week as a core faculty member and Assistant Professor. Dr. Felter comes to us from the Kennedy Krieger Institute's International Center for Spinal Cord Injury. Her academic teaching experience in physical therapy, background in clinical neurorehabilitation and specialty certification in neuro will be a great addition to our faculty and department. Her office is located in Suite 240, Office D. Stop by and introduce yourself!
Grant Awards

PTRS has been awarded a Health Personnel Shortage Incentive grant (HPSIG) from the Maryland Higher Education Commission. The grant award, in the amount of $45,000, is to be used to expand or enhance approved academic programs in existing health shortage areas as determined by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
PTRS Ph.D. Student, Elizabeth Woytowicz, was recently awarded a research grant from the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) Foundation. She will receive $5,000 towards research for her proposal, entitled, "Interlimb coordination of complementary bilateral arm movements in young and old individuals" under the ACSM Foundation Doctoral Student Research Grant program.

Graduate Research Presentations

PTRS Ph.D. Students, Wan-Wen Liao (pictured above, left) and Brian Johnson (pictured above, right), gave presentations on March 10, 2016 during Dr. Leonardo Cohen's (National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, Human Cortical Physiology and Rehabilitation Section) research lab meeting. Brian's presentation was entitled, "Can Targeted Memory Reactivation (TMR) improve real world sensorimotor skill performance?" and Wan-Wen's presentation title was, "Different levels of intracortical inhibition are involved in bimanual common vs. dual-goal tasks and related to interlimb interaction."
URecFit Wellness Fair

The PTRS Class of 2018 participated in this year's Campus Wellness Fair sponsored by URecFit on Wednesday, March 30, 2016. During that time the students performed 165 screening procedures to members of the campus and surrounding communities. Students were supervised by Drs. Vincent Conroy, Roy Film, Karen Gordes and Tonas Kalil.
Continuing Education

Pictured above:
Sumesh Thomas (Class of 1997),
Dr. Vincent Conroy, Romi Astifidis,
and Theresa Sturm (Class of 1995)

Pictured above:
Ben Adams (SPT ’17), Dr. Vincent
Conroy, Kelsey Rogers (SPT ’17), and
Erica Deluca (SPT ’17)

PTRS hosted a Continuing Education Opportunity on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 entitled, "Normal and Variant Anatomy of the Upper Extremity: Clinical
Applications?” The course, instructed by Dr. Vincent Conroy, was designed to enhance the participants’ understanding of anatomical rationale associated with clinical diagnoses of the upper limb.

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**Half Marathon and Relay**

Second year students: Blair Undem, Ben Adams, Felipe Aleman, Shawn Herlong, Mike Vaughn, Jess Bates, and Zach Coleman (pictured below, left) along with two first year students: Katie Hill and Melissa Anderson participated in the Oldfields Half Marathon and Relay powered by Back on my Feet. Congratulations to Ben, Felipe, and Jess for coming in first place for the co-ed relay! (pictured below, right)

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**Rehabilitation Science Research Seminar**

PTRS Ph.D. Student, Wan-wen Liao, will be presenting this week’s seminar entitled:

"Adapted Kinect Upper Extremity Training for Use in Stroke"
Please plan to join us on Friday, April 8th from 9:00am - 10:00am in Room 511 of the Allied Health Building at 100 Penn Street.

PTRS Fund Raiser

URecFit will be hosting its 31st Annual Golf Tournament on

Thursday, May 26, 2016

at the

Oakmont Green Golf Course
Hampstead, Maryland

A portion of the tournament proceeds will benefit the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science (PTRS) at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in support of the department's 60th Anniversary.

URecFit is looking for sponsors and additional teams to play in the event. The more people participating...the more money for PTRS! Pass the word along to golfers, friends, family, etc. Please join us in making this our best year yet!!

To Register, click HERE

Register by May 6 and receive the discounted rate of $360 per foursome. Register from May 7 - 13 and foursome registration fees are $400.

Can't play? Donate HERE

Continuing Education Opportunities
IT TAKES A VILLAGE: MENTORSHIP FOR THE CLINICAL EDUCATOR

MAC Spring Workshop

April 8, 2016
Registration 1:30-2:00PM
Workshop 2-6PM

Where: Allied Health Building: 100 Penn Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

Course Description:
In 2014, with the support of APTA, the Education Section, and FSBPT, the American Council of Academic Physical Therapy held a Clinical Education Summit where stakeholders shaped a shared vision of a "common culture of teaching and learning based in strong partnerships with shared responsibility..." This innovative program is designed to foster collaborative networks that will provide educational mentorship opportunities for novice and experienced clinical educators. Participants will receive an overview of best practices in mentorship in clinical and educational arenas, discuss various strategies for the provision and receipt of feedback among all clinical education stakeholders, and explore the paralleled opportunities for mentorship for the clinical educator. The program will be offered in a multi-modal format including presentations, interactive simulations, and opportunities for informal networking.

Register HERE

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Questions about CEU Opportunities? Contact Deldra Stevens at djstevens@som.umaryland.edu or 410-706-2163

Class Fund Raiser

BULL and SHRIMP ROAST

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

Campus Happenings

Orioles Season Traffic Updates

The Baltimore Orioles baseball season has started with a win! Pratt Street and Penn Street parkers - plan ahead for baseball season! Learn more.

Interprofessional Education
Blood Drive

UMMC will be holding a blood drive on April 14, 2016. The drive will run from 8:00am-1:30pm in the Medical Center's Gudelsky Hallway.

All donors will receive a $5 coupon to any of the hospital eateries and a chance to win other special giveaways.

Schedule your appointment today! Visit umm.edu/blood

Every donation can save three lives, including those of our patients. Thank you for your support of UMMC's blood drive efforts.

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Health and Wellness Conference 2016
Have you registered yet?

Join us **Saturday, April 16, 2016** for an innovative one-day symposium that features a dynamic assembly of health and wellness experts from the University of Maryland and all over the world.

Topics include:

- Tips for Healthy Eating on a Budget
- Teaching Patients/Clients About Pain
- Food as Medicine...in the Real World: A Focus on Optimizing Cognition, Mood and Emotional Health
- Healing Practices for Veterans
- and many more!

Learn from the Experts

Our ground-breaking topics are brought to you by experts in the fields of health & wellness. Join a community of like-minded individuals for interactive workshops that will facilitate practical and immediately applicable education!

CEUs available for many healthcare providers!

Save on Registration!

10% discount for all UMB employees
Use Discount Code: **UMD10**
Registration is required. Seating is limited.

For more information and to register, visit http://www.umwellnessconference.com

Public Safety

Feel Safe

If you feel unsafe walking around campus, call for a police escort at 6-6882 or 410-706-6882. Walking escorts are available 24/7.

For more campus safety tips, visit: 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!!!!!!