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The alumni e-news is your University of Maryland School of Medicine Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science (PTRS) alumni information source.

Do you have news you would like to share with fellow alums? **Send** us your updates for future issues!

## **DPT CLASS OF 2014 UPDATE**



All 54 graduates from the DPT Class of 2014 have now taken the NPTE. Twenty members of the class students passed the exam in April, prior to graduation and 34 students took the exam in July. The pass rate for the class is 96.30%, exceeding the national average of 92.36%.

A minimum scaled score of 600 is required to pass the licensing exam (NPTE). One student scored a perfect 800 and one student scored a near-perfect 799. Nineteen students (35%

621 W. Lombard Street

**Class of 1983/1984  
Reunion Celebration**

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Wed., October 4, 2014  
Centennial Park  
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of the class) scored above 700 on the exam. The mean scaled score for the class is 680.

Graduates of the DPT Class of 2014 have applied for licensure in Maryland, Ohio, Colorado, Texas, Massachusetts, California, Illinois and Virginia!

## PTRS ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR



**Congratulations to the PTRS 2014 Alumnus of the Year  
Recipient:  
Doug Savin, Jr., MPT, PhD!**

The Alumni of the Year is awarded to an individual who is a graduate of PTRS and recognizes outstanding achievements in the physical therapy profession. The award is based on contributions/achievements in the areas of academics, administration, clinical practice, research, community service, professional associations, and involvement in the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science.

Doug will be honored at Alumni Day next Wednesday, October 1st! [Sign up now!](#)

## PTRS TRANSITIONS



Three new co-Directors have been appointed to provide leadership for the DPT program. Karen Gordes, PT, DScPT, PhD, will direct Faculty and Student Affairs, Linda Horn, PT, DScPT, will direct Academic Affairs, and Sandy McCombe-Waller, PT, PhD, will direct Educational Affairs.

Please welcome our newest faculty members:



Laura Neely, PT, DPT recently accepted a Assistant Professor, Full-Time position and brings expertise in acute care. She will be overseeing part-time clinical experiences.



Victoria G. Marchese, PhD, PT! Dr. Marchese joined the department as Assistant Professor, Part-Time. Dr. Marchese brings extensive experience, expertise and scholarship in pediatric physical therapy and we are excited that she has joined the PTRS faculty!

## PTRS PROFICIO MAGAZINE

The fall issue of the Proficio magazine has officially hit all alumni and friend mailboxes. Did you receive yours?

If not, that means we do not have your most current mailing address. Please help us out by filling out [our alumni update form](#).

For those who wish to view it online, [click here](#) for a downloadable PDF version.



## PTRS VISITS BURN CENTER



Members of the UMB PTRS Class of 2016 students recently toured the Johns Hopkins, Bayview Campus Burn Center to supplement their Medical Issues material on burns and wounds.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ALUMNI DAY: OCT. 1, 2014

Have you registered to attend our upcoming alumni reception and CEU course? [Register by Sept. 30th!](#)

4:30-6:00 PM: Award Ceremony and Alumni Networking Reception

6:00 - 9:00 PM: Continuing Education Course

(Approved by the Maryland Board of PT Examiners for 0.3 CEU credits)

**"Falls: Where we've been, where we're going, and what you can do now."**

**Instructors: Douglas N. Savin, Jr., MPT, PhD and Linda B. Horn, PT, DScPT**

UMB Campus: Southern Management Corporation Campus Center  
621 W. Lombard St., Baltimore, MD 21201, 2nd Floor



### CSM: ALUMNI NETWORKING RECEPTION

We will be having an alumni & friends networking reception in Indianapolis, IN for the APTA CSM meetings. Stay tuned for more details.

## PhD HIGHLIGHTS

We are pleased to welcome U.S. Army Maj. Cecilia Najera, OT, who started her PhD studies in our Physical Rehabilitation Science graduate program. Her research interest is in developing screening measures and interventions for the detection and treatment of cognitive motor deficits induced by stress and CNS injury.



Larry Forrester, PhD, Director of the PhD program, is currently featured on the U.S. Medicine Journal website for his work in robotics and helping veterans relearn walking skills post stroke. Check it out [HERE](#).

## CLINICAL EDUCATION CORNER

APTA's Credentialed Clinical Instructor Course is being offered by The Mid-Atlantic Consortium for Clinical Education!

When: November 1st and 2nd

Where: University of Maryland BioPark  
801 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

Course Instructors: Janet Mutschler, PT, DPT & Kathryn Shaab, PT, DPT, PhD

The program addresses issues of planning for students during their clinical education experiences, developing and facilitating learning experiences, supporting ongoing learning through questioning and effective feedback, and partnering between the academic program and clinical sites.

Successful completion of the six stations of the Assessment Center is required by PTs and PTAs to be awarded the Credentialed Clinical Instructor designation. Participants who successfully complete the course will be awarded continuing education units: PTs/PTAs: 1.5 CEUs.

Space is limited to 40!

This course is being partially funded by the Mid-Atlantic Consortium for Clinical Education.

Cost is as follows:

PT/PTA APTA members: \$80.00

PT/PTA non-APTA members: \$170.00

Non-physical therapy clinical instructors: \$220.00

Interested in attending? [Contact Kathryn Shaab.](#)



We welcome Dr. Neely to the Clinical Education Office! She will be going on some site visits this year and getting to know all of our wonderful Clinical Instructors!

**If your site is interested in hosting a student for a clinical internship please contact Deidra Stevens at [djstevens@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:djstevens@som.umaryland.edu) for more information.**

## ALUMNI NEWS

**Stephen M. Levine**, PT, DPT, Class of 1984, was named a Catherine Worthingham Fellow by the American Physical Therapy Association. Pictured to the right are Steve and Vice-Chair, Mary Rodgers, PT, PhD, FAPTA at the APTA NEXT Conference, where Steve received his award!



**Wei Liu**, PhD, Class of 2010, and Mary Rodgers, PT, PhD, FAPTA reconnected at the 7th World Congress of Biomechanics conference. The conference was held in Boston, MA from July 6th - July 11th.

**Lindsay Keller Harris**, DPT, Class of 2011, and her husband, Josh, welcomed daughter, Alyana in March.

**Amy Morlock**, DPT, Class of 2013, is currently working at Drayer Physical Therapy Institute in Bel Air, MD as a staff physical therapist and involved as one of the physical therapist's for the aquatics program at Drayer. She is a resident in Drayer Physical Therapy's Orthopedic Residency program which started Jan 2014 and ends this December 2014.

**Drs. Renuka and Joseph Roche** (graduates of our PhD program in Rehabilitation Science, '13 and '08, respectively) are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter, Vanya Joanne Roche. She was born on Friday, August 8. All are doing well.



**Kaci Dewitt-Rickards**, DPT, Class of 2014, is working at Enduracare/Weatherford Regional Medical Center in Weatherford, TX.

**Linda Daniel**, DPT, Class of 2014, recently accepted a position at Genesis Rehab Services.

**Bobby Esbrandt**, DPT, Class of 2014, recently accepted a position at Sports and Orthopaedic Therapy Services.

**Stephanie Franczak**, DPT, Class of 2014, is working at Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital of Maryland.

**Kristen Joyce**, DPT, Class of 2014, is working as a staff physical therapist at Her Health Physical Therapy in Columbia, Maryland.

**Nathan Mayberry**, DPT, Class of 2014, is working as a staff physical therapist at Encompass Physical Therapy in Annapolis, Maryland.

**Josh Plummer** DPT, Class of 2014, accepted a position at Pivot Physical Therapy in Columbia, MD.

**Jennifer Sauers**, DPT, Class of 2014, recently accepted a physical therapist position at the University of Maryland Medical Center.

**Katherine van den Heuvel**, DPT, Class of 2014, has accepted a position at Advanced Physical Therapy Solutions in Fayetteville, NC.

**Timo Wibisono**, DPT, Class of 2014, has accepted an outpatient PRN job with Genesis HealthCare.

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**RESEARCH NEWS: July 2014- September 2014**

**PTRS in the Press:**



**Gad Alon**, PT, PhD recently had his article, "Loss of upper Extremity Motor Control and Function affect Women more than Men" published in the Journal of Novel Physiotherapy and Physical Rehabilitation. [Click HERE for the full article.](#)

**Events, Lectures, & Workshops:  
Activities from July - September 2014**

**E. Anne Reicherter**, PT, DPT, PhD, attended the "*25th International Networking for Healthcare Education*" conference held on September 2nd-4th at Churchill College, University of Cambridge, UK. The conference was held for health professions educators and there were 25 countries represented. She presented a poster (co-author Sandy A. McCombe Waller, PT, PhD, MS, NCS, Associate Professor) titled: "Integrated Clinical Education: Opportunities to Prepare Health Professions Students to Care for an Ageing Population".



**Mary Rodgers**, PT, PhD presented at the 14th Biennial Expert Scientific Meeting on Load Distribution Measurement in Cambridge, MA from July 2nd - July 6th. Her talk was entitled, "Navigating NIH".

She also attended the 7th World Congress of Biomechanics conference in Boston, MD from July 6th - July 11th and presented a lecture entitled, "Lateral Stability and Falls: An Overview of Biomechanical Findings from the FALLS Project". Additionally, Dr. Rodgers has also organized a symposium entitled, "ASB Technology and Rehabilitation".



**Mark Rogers**, PT, PhD, Interim Chair & Professor, presented an invited talk on the University of Maryland's Advanced Neuromotor Rehabilitation Research Training (UMANRRT) Program, at the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR), Inaugural Advanced Rehabilitation Research Training Program and Switzer Fellows Summit, on July 28-29 in Arlington, VA. Postdoctoral Fellows Woei-Nan Bair, Vicki Gray, and Cheng-Chieh Lin also participated in the summit.



**Jill Whitall**, PhD, gave an invited talk at the Annual Meeting of the National Academy of Kinesiology which was held in Austin Texas, September 11th - September 14th, 2014. The title of her talk was "*Physical activity alone may enhance health but may not reduce disability in chronic stroke survivors*".

### **Grants & Contracts:**

**Vicki L. Gray**, MPT, PhD, UMANRRT Post-doctoral Fellow has received a Mary E. Switzer Merit Fellowship Award from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR). The Switzer Merit Fellowship Award is a peer-reviewed, competitive award established to provide support to qualified individuals to engage in scientific research relating to the rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities. The terms of the award are \$75,000 for 12 months. This is a highly competitive award with only five given nationally this year. Dr. Gray's research focuses on balance rehabilitation and fall prevention in people with stroke.



Dr. Gray has also recently received a two-year, \$154,000 grant from the American Heart Association for "A comparison of reactive and voluntary lateral step training to reduce falls and improve balance in persons post-stroke."

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