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The Chair's Chatter



Department News



Congratulations!

On Friday, April 27th, 2018, the **Class of 2020** celebrated the completion of their first year in the DPT program with the annual White Coat Ceremony. Held at the end of the Professional Issues II block, the advancement of students into the clinical portion of the curriculum is recognized by the coating of students by the faculty. This gesture is symbolic of the student-teacher relationship that will eventually transition to that of the colleague-to-colleague. Congratulations!



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Wan-wen Liao, PhD Candidate, successfully defended her Physical Rehabilitation Science doctoral dissertation proposal on Thursday, April 26th, 2018. The proposal was entitled, "Optimizing Cortical Priming to Enhance Bimanual Arm Coordination in Individuals with Chronic Stroke". Committee members included **Jay Barton**, PhD, PE; **Sandy McCombe Waller**, PT, PhD, MS, NCS, Associate Professor; **Doug Savin**, PT, PhD, Assistant Professor; **Jill Whitall**, PhD, Professor Emeritus; and George Wittenberg, MD, PhD. Congratulations!



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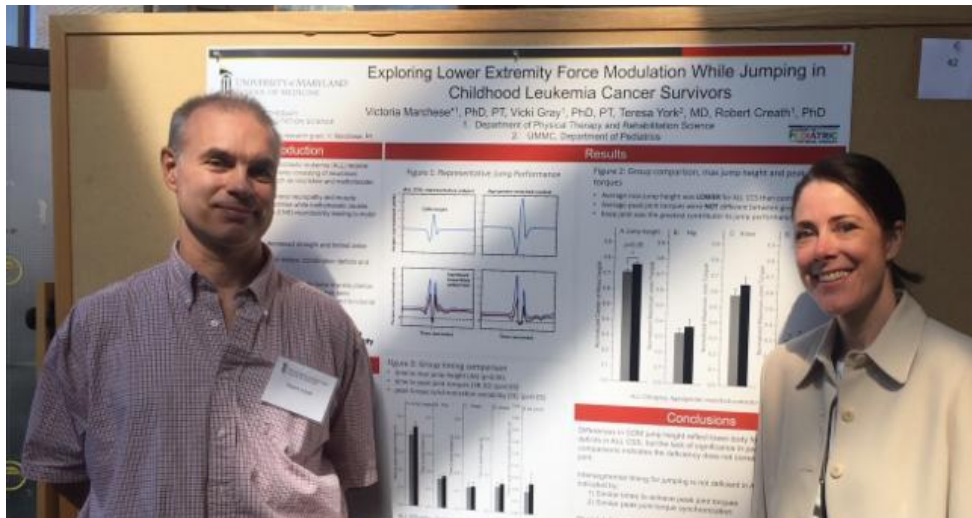
Jill Whitall, PhD, Professor has been appointed the designation Professor Emeritus in the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science. This honor was awarded to Dr. Whitall in recognition of her commitment and accomplishments in her career as well as in the School of Medicine. Congratulations!



Cancer Biology Research Retreat



The Ninth Annual Cancer Biology Research Retreat was held on Monday, April 30, 2018, at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. **Robert Creath**, PhD, Assistant Professor presented, "*Exploring Lower Extremity Force Modulation While Jumping in Childhood Leukemia Cancer Survivors*". Co-authors included: **Victoria Marchese**, PhD, PT; **Vicki Gray**, PhD, PT; and **Teresa York**, MD.



Pictured above, left to right:
Robert Creath, PhD; and Victoria Marchese, PhD, PT

Welcome

Please join us in welcoming to PTRS: **Chun-Hui Su** (pictured below, right) and **Torran Claiborne** (pictured below, left). They joined the department on Monday, April 30, 2018 as new, part-time Clinical Research Technicians. Chun-Hui and Torran will be working as part-time study coordinators and testers for a grant funded by the National Institute of Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research under the direction of **Jill Whitall**, PhD, Professor Emeritus and **Sandy McCombe Waller**, PT, PhD, MS, NCS, Associate Professor. They will be located in Room 236 of the Allied Health Building. Stop by and introduce yourself!!



Rehabilitation Science Research Seminar



Please join us on Friday, May 4th, 2018, from 9:00am - 10:00am in Room 211 of the Allied Health Building at 100 Penn Street for our ***final*** spring presentation entitled:

***"Variability as an Outcome in
Rehabilitation Research and
Practice"***

by **Rochelle Tractenberg, PhD**

Professor in the Department of Neurology,
Departments of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics &
Biomathematics and Rehabilitation Medicine
Georgetown University



More information about Dr. Tractenberg and
her research interests can be found at the following link:
[Rochelle Tractenberg, PhD](#)

Volunteers Needed



The department is seeking volunteers 18 years old and over for two upcoming labs in our Medical Issues block. The labs are scheduled for Friday, May 11 from 12-5pm and Thursday, June 21 from 11:30 - 3:00pm. If you are interested in participating in one or both of these labs, or have any questions, please contact Aynsley Hamel at:

ahamel@som.umaryland.edu

PTRS Annual Research Day

**Monday, May 14, 2018
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
MSTF Leadership Hall & Atrium
685 West Baltimore Street**



Keynote Speaker: **Emily Keshner**, P.T., Ed.D., Professor, Physical Therapy, College of Public Health, and Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.

*"Crossroads and Pathways: Reflections of a PT,
Researcher and Educator"*



Additional Invited Speakers: **Elizabeth Woytowicz**, PhD, Post-doctoral Fellow
University of California, Irvine

*"Complementary Hemispheric Dominance of Bilateral Movements
In Young and Old Adults"*



The keynote address will be followed by a poster session.
This event is pending approval for .04 contact hours by the
Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

Please RSVP to: Janice Abarro at jabarro@som.umaryland.edu or
410.706.0856

Continuing Education Opportunities

Advanced Manual Therapy Techniques for the Lower Extremity

When: Friday, **June 8, 2018** from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (EDT)
Where: Allied Health Building, 100 Penn Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

Course Instructors: **Roy Film**, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT; **Peter Bowman**, PT, DPT, FAAOMPT; **Alisa Pravdo**, PT, DPT, FAAOMPT; and **Brett Rice**, PT, FAAOMPT

CEU: Pending approval for 7 hours by the MD Board of PT Examiners

Pricing: Free to CI's with voucher; \$150 to PTRS affiliates; \$200 for non-affiliates



Stroke Rehabilitation: Balance Assessment and Novel Interventions

When: Saturday, September 15, 2018
Where: Allied Health Building, 100 Penn Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

Instructor: **Vicki Gray**, MPT, PhD

CEU: Pending approval for 6 hours by the MD Board of PT Examiners and the MD Board of OT Practice

Pricing: Free to CIs with voucher; \$100 for CIs without voucher; \$100 for PTRS alumni; \$175 for non-affiliates

Registration links and more information can be found at:
<http://pt.umaryland.edu/Continuing-Education/>

Questions? Contact Laurie Neely at LNeely@som.umaryland.edu or 410-706-7770.

Campus Events



State of the University Address

Wednesday, May 9th, 2018
3:00pm
MSTF Leadership Hall

UMB President Jay A. Perman, MD, invites you to attend his fifth annual State of the University Address. Reception to follow. Registration and additional details to come.

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PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE
"UMB as a Public Good"

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[Register Here](#)

Party in the Park



Party in the Park and
Commencement Procession
Friday, May 18
th, 2018
11:45 a.m.
Plaza Park

Join President Perman, deans, faculty, and your fellow graduates for Party in the Park and the annual academic procession from Plaza Park to Royal Farms Arena!

[Learn More Here](#)

UMB Commencement

Friday, May 18th, 2018
2:00 pm
Royal Farms Arena
201 W. Baltimore Street

*All are welcome.
No ticket required.*

Follow the day on Twitter!
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