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# ***The Chair's Chatter***



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## Department News



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### National Physical Therapy Month



#### October is National Physical Therapy Month!!

The last week of October features our last trivia question to honor PT month. The first individual to email their answer to [Alex Ganzermiller](#) will receive a prize!!!

#### Trivia Question for October 28th:

Name one of the three goals, Department Chair, Dr. Mark W. Rogers, has for the Department of PTRS?

(Hint: These can be found in the most recent issue of the Proficio)

*Thank you to all of our alumni, faculty, staff and students who continue to make a difference in the physical therapy community.*

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## Welcome



Please welcome **Gabriela Lopes Gama** to the Department. Gabriela is a PhD student from Brazil who is funded to work here for 6 months as a Visiting Research Fellow. Her research focus is on gait rehabilitation in stroke patients and she will work primarily with **Drs. Whitall** and **Savin** as well as learn about and contribute to other research projects. Our UMB international office is also keen that she experiences American culture and if anyone has ideas of special or unique experiences, please let her know. Her office will be Room 108 of the Allied Health Building.



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## ASNR and SFN Conferences

The Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science had excellent representation at the 53rd Annual American Society for Neurorehabilitation (ASNR) Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience (SFN), both held in Chicago, Illinois last week. Presentations included:

**Gray VL, Yang, CL, McCombe Waller S, Rogers MW.** "The influence of sensorimotor deficits on unexpected lateral perturbations after stroke."

**Gray VL, Yang, CL, McCombe Waller S, Rogers MW.** "Associations between foot cutaneous sensation and muscle activation patterns during unexpected lateral perturbations after stroke."

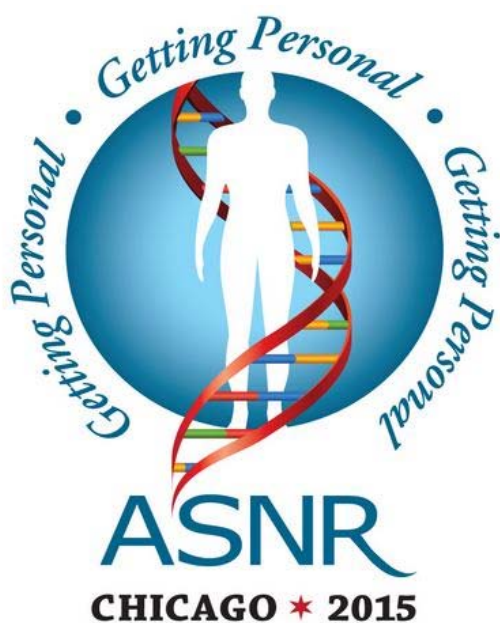
**Johnson B, Westlake K, Scharf S.** "Use of targeted memory reactivation (TMR) during sleep to improve motor learning in healthy young adults: A pilot study."

**McCombe Waller, S, Yang, CL, Howe, A, Rogers MW.** "Task Oriented Arm Training in Standing Improves both Anticipatory Postural Control and Upper Extremity Functional Outcomes in Stroke Patients"

**Wan-Wen L, Whitall J, Barton J, McCombe-Waller S.** "Different levels of intracortical inhibition are involved in bimanual common vs. dual-goal tasks and related to interlimb interaction."

**Woytowicz EJ, Westlake K, Whitall J, Yadav V, Illonzo N, and Sainburg RL.** "Manual asymmetry during a bilateral reach and hold task."

**Yang CL, Gray V, Fujimoto M, McCombe Waller S, Rogers MW.** "Reactive and voluntary stepping in individuals with stroke: A comparison between paretic and nonparetic leg responses."



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## **BTE Training**

BTE Corp. provided a recent generous gift of two state-of-the-art clinical training/evaluations systems, the Eccentron rehabilitation system and the EV2 evaluation system, to PTRS. Training on the equipment was provided to faculty, post-doctoral students and PhD students by Jeffrey Johnson of BTE. This gift will aid in providing

significant support to PTRS' mission by discovering physical therapy interventions that will improve functional mobility in older adults prone to falling. This equipment is a wonderful contribution to the rehabilitation research that is taking place within PTRS, and we are truly grateful to BTE for their partnership through this gift.





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## Rehabilitation Science Research Seminar

The next Rehabilitation Science Research Seminar will be on Friday, October 30th from 9:00am-10:00am in Room 511 of the Allied Health Bldg (PTRS, 100 Penn Street). Hope you can join us!



**Dr. Jeremy Crenshaw, Assistant Professor  
Department of Kinesiology & Applied Physiology  
University of Delaware**

***"Making mobility SAFER for older adults:  
Preliminary results from the Study Assessing Fall Epidemiology and Risk"***

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## TIGRR Program



Congratulations to **Vicki Gray**, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow who has been accepted into the TIGRR program! The TIGRR (Training in Grantsmanship for Rehabilitation Research) Program and is is a 4 ½ day workshop that provides a one-on-one mentorship. It will be held at The Wild Dunes Resort in Charleston, South Carolina January 12-16, 2016.

# Congratulations!

## National Student Conclave



**Eric Hobby**, SPT '18, attended the APTA Student Assembly, National Student Conclave, which was held in Omaha, Nebraska last week. Eric spent time networking with peers and mentors, attended educational sessions to prepare students for physical therapy careers, volunteered at the Sienna Francis house, and represented PTRS well. Overall he stated that "The trip was well worth it! I had so much fun and learned a lot about PT!"



## Day Light Savings Time Ends



**Sunday, November 1, 2015**

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m.

Don't forget to set your clocks **back** one hour.

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## Blue Bins



**Blue Bins are Back: 2015 Staff Senate  
Holiday Drive Kickoff  
Through Dec. 11  
Blue Bins Around Campus**

The Staff Senate is running a holiday drive for various organizations in the community.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

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## Call for Submissions



The 9th World Congress for NeuroRehabilitation, [WCNR 2016](#), will be held in Philadelphia on 10-13 May 2016. Advances in basic neurosciences and in clinical practice are changing the lives of many patients and helping them to re-integrate in our society. "From



Science to Society", the theme that has been chosen for this Congress, will cover both inspiring innovations in neurorehabilitation and their societal impacts. Abstract submission deadline is November 9, 2015.



Society for the  
**Neural Control of Movement**

The Annual Meeting of the Society for the Neural Control of Movement (NCM) will take place at the Hilton Rose Hall Resort & Spa. Nestled between the scenic mountains and turquoise Caribbean waters of Jamaica, the all-inclusive Hilton Rose Hall Resort & Spa truly inhabits an exclusive ocean-front location on the edge of Montego Bay. The annual meeting continues to offer a variety of Team (Panel, Perspective, Workshop, and Tutorial) and Individual (Oral and Poster) session formats. All sessions are designed to be informative and interactive for all participants at the meeting and to promote vigorous discussion both at sessions and during breaks. The NCM Board encourages established and new members alike to engage and participate in our annual meeting by leading one of the session formats or by presenting in one of the many options available to you. There are 3 streams of submissions associated with the Annual Meeting. Each type of submission has a distinct closing date. Deadlines are as follows: October 30, 2015 Team Abstracts, December 4, 2015, Individual Oral Abstracts, and January 11, 2016, Individual Poster Abstracts. Deadlines can be accessed at [NCM 2016](#)



The Organization for Human Brain Mapping (OHBM) Annual Meeting is a cutting edge, must-see and be-seen event for professionals who want to keep abreast of industry changes, new technologies and fresh ideas. The meeting boasts a combination of exciting scientific programs and social events, all tailored to the city the meeting is being held. The 2016 submission dates are as follows: October 1 - November 18, 2015 (Call for Educational and Scientific Programs) and October 29, 2015 - January 7, 2016 abstract submissions. More details can be found at [OHBM 2016](#)

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## 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](mailto:dbethke@som.umaryland.edu), by Monday at 5 PM to be included in the current week's issue.

Thanks for sharing!!!!

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