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



## Department News



### Welcome!!!

Please join us in welcoming **Harsh Singh, PhD!** Harsh (pictured below with Dr. Rob Creath) is joining PTRS as our newest PTRS Postdoctoral Fellow. His office will be in Room 106 of the Allied Health Building. Please stop by and introduce yourself!



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### Grant Award



**Mark W. Rogers**, PT, PhD, FAPTA, Professor & Chair, Department of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science has been awarded a new R21 research grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH)/ National Institute on Aging for his project entitled, " Protective Balance and Startle Responses to Sudden Drop Perturbations in Aging". The total amount of the award is \$422,125 over two years and begins August 1, 2015.

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## Kachere Rehabilitation Centre



**Dr. Leslie Glickman's** Malawi research ended at Kachere Rehabilitation Centre with a support group meeting with the guardians in the morning led by Heidi Hartz (SSW) and the project debriefing in the afternoon led by Heidi Im (SOM, PTRS). The debriefing involved a discussion around the preliminary results and implications for the future. The team hopes to have made a sustainable impact for Malawi's people with disabilities in hopes of increasing the reintegration within their communities.



## Department Visitor



**Dr. Maria Knikou**, PT, BS, PhD, Professor, Graduate Center of the City University of New York, School of Health Sciences, visited the PTRS Department on Monday, July 27th and Tuesday, July 28th as a Research Scholar faculty candidate. During her visit, she presented two lectures entitled,

***"NeuroModulation as a Measure of NeuroPlasticity after Locomotor Training in Spinal Cord Injury"***

and

***"Transspinal Stimulation: A New Method to Induce Functional Neural Plasticity"***

Thank you to everyone who participated in her interview itinerary.

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## Education Leadership Conference 2015



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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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