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Upcoming Events

PTRS Alumni & Friends Reception
CSM: Las Vegas, NV
Tues., Feb. 4, 2014
6:30 -8:30 PM

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!

Happy holidays! Wishing you all the best in the coming year!

PTRS Students Attend National Student Conclave



[REGISTER HERE](#)

DC Regional Happy Hour

Sat., March 22, 2014
4 PM

Further Details to Follow

Research Day

Mon., May 12, 2014
1:00-5:00 PM

MSTF Auditorium/Atrium
685 Baltimore Street
CEUs Available

In late October, six of our PTRS students attended the National Student PT Conclave in Louisville, Kentucky. During their trip the students got to experience a wide variety of events and presentations from different speakers, and had the chance to attend various lectures on topics in which they were interested.

The presentations focused on post-graduation topics, resume-building, student advocacy, residencies and fellowships, certifications, and special interests within the PT profession, including neurology, orthopedics, pediatrics, geriatrics and women's health. There was also an exhibit hall that hosted dozens of PT employers, sections of the APTA, and medical equipment companies that were raffling off prizes and giving away samples.

The students had a great time exploring downtown Louisville while getting to network and expand their knowledge of the PT world!

ADMITTED DPT STUDENTS

DPT Admissions once again experienced an increase in the number of applications and in the quality and geographic, ethnic and academic diversity of applicants.

	As of 12/4/14
Applications received for the DPT class enrolling in May 2014	731
Applicants invited to admissions interview	144
Offers of admission extended	85

FALL PHONATHON



We met our goal of raising \$10,000 during the PTRS Fall phonathon! A total of **\$10,721** was raised in pledges and credit card gifts to support many Department initiatives.

Thanks to all alumni who supported us in this annual effort. If one of our student callers was not able to reach you and you would like to make a gift to the Department, it's not too late! **To make an online gift, [visit our giving page.](#)**

STUDENTS PERFORM LOCAL BALANCE SCREENINGS



Under Dr. Linda Horn's leadership, students Jennifer White, Andrea Abdul-Haqq, Faunice Jackson, Alex Bevacqua, and Karen Fletcher performed balance screening tests at a local church in downtown Baltimore this fall.

A total of 22 people participated in the four tests: The Timed Up and Go Test, The 30-Second Chair Stand Test, The 4-Stage Balance Test, and the Activities-specific Balance Confidence (ABC) Scale. This is just one example of the many ways in which our students are involved in the local community.

PhD HIGHLIGHTS



Larry Forrester PhD, has been named Director of the PTRS PhD program effective July 1, 2013.

Mario Inacio has attained degree candidacy status by successfully proposing his dissertation, titled "Aging and the effects of power training and neuromuscular enhancement on standing balance." Mario also has a grant proposal pending before the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology, seeking support for the dissertation phase of his degree program.



Two 3rd year students, **Ozell Sanders** and **Liz Woytowicz**, recently completed comprehensive examinations, soon to be followed by **Wan-wen Liao** and **Chieh-ling Yang** early in 2014. This marks their entry into the dissertation proposal phase.

Our newest PhD student, **Brian Johnson**, has made a great start, recently giving a nice presentation on how sleep deficits may adversely impact mechanisms of motor learning key to neurorehabilitation.



PhD Poster Presentations:

- **Larry Forrester** presented, "Graph Theoretical Analysis of Resting State EEG in Post-acute Stroke Recovery." Co-authors includes Ron Goodman and **Ozell Sanders**.
- **Mario Inacio**, presented "Control of landing during forward-induced stepping for balance recovery in healthy young adults." Co-authors include **Rob Creath** and **Mark Rogers**.
- **Ozell Sanders** presented, "Do startle reactions accompany postural responses to whole-body free-fall in standing humans?" Co-authors include **Rob Creath**, **Doug Savin**, and **Mark Rogers**.
- **Chieh-ling Yang**, presented "A loud acoustic stimulus-evoked response during movement planning facilitates voluntary reach in patients with chronic stroke." Co-authors include, **Sandy McCombe Waller**, Andrea Howe, and **Mark Rogers**.

CLINICAL EDUCATION CORNER

On December 4th, the Class of 2015 attended a PT/PTA collaboration event at Anne Arundel Community College. In addition to learning the role and education of the PTA, the students were able to interact and problem solve with student PTAs on various case scenarios.



This is the second year this event has taken place and we plan to continue this program each year to reinforce PT intraprofessional team collaboration. It was a great learning experience for all involved!

If your site is interested in hosting a student for a clinical internship please contact Deidra Stevens at djstevens@som.umaryland.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PTRS ALUMNI & FRIENDS RECEPTION

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014
CSM: Las Vegas, NV
Venetian Hotel: Murano Room 3204
3355 S. Las Vegas Blvd.
6:30-8:30 PM



Registration now open! **All individuals who pre-register will be provided with two complimentary drink tickets.**

REGISTER NOW

REGIONAL HAPPY HOUR

Saturday, March 22, 2014
Rockville, MD
*Stay tuned for more details

RESEARCH DAY

Monday, May 12, 2014
MSTF Auditorium
CEUs will be available!

To stay current on all of our upcoming alumni events, visit our [alumni event page!](#)

ALUMNI NEWS



Ruth Latimer, former Department Chair from 1962-1971, recently received recognition for being a member of APTA for 75 years.

Leslie Glickman (1964) received the Henry O. and Florence P. Kendall Award at the recent APTA of Maryland fall Chapter meeting.



Carol Leach (1966) has retired but on occasion does PRN work with geriatrics.

Stefan Miller (1967) has retired but still remains active as a member of a Celtic Rock Band, "Gaelic Mishap".

Lynn Rudman (1976) is currently serving on the Reference Committee for the APTA House of Delegates.

Michael Blondell Jr. (1985) recently became a certified orthopedic specialist

Carolyn Chanoski (1987) has been elected as the Director of Government Relations for the Maryland Chapter of APTA.

JoAnn King (1987) has been at MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital in Baltimore, MD for 26 years! Her daughter, Jessica, began PT School at University of Delaware this fall.

Rebecca (Pratt) Ordas (1990) is still practicing after 22 years! She earned her NCS in 2000 and was re-certified in 2010. Additionally, she finished a transitional DPT program in 2010 from the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota. She currently works in a large urban acute care hospital, primarily in critical care in San Diego.

Fauzia Asad (1993) recently became a certified lymphedema therapist through the Academy of Lymphatic Studies.

Dorsey S. "Blaise" Williams III (1996) was recently appointed Associate Professor and Director of the Sports Medicine Research Laboratory in Health and Human Performance at Virginia Commonwealth University.



Greg and Amy Fritzges (Class of 2000 and 2001 respectively) have three children: Alexander (9), Zachary (6) and Elliott (1). Greg is practicing home health (geriatrics) and Amy works for Care Resources, specializing in pediatrics.

Julie Pittas (2005) and her husband welcomed Elise Corinne Pittas into the world on 11/24/2013. Elise's three older brothers love her to pieces.

Jason Shipley (2006) is the proud new father to baby twins. Natalie Quinn Shipley & Riley Carlson Shipley were born on 11/27/2013.

Jillian Mann (2008) recently became owner of her own Physical Therapy/Personal Training Studio called "Perfectly Fit" in Charleston, SC. The practice opened in October 2013, and their main emphasis is on injury prevention with a focus on health and wellness.

Doris Yin Kei Chong (2009) taught at Northeastern University in Boston from Jan 2012 to May 2013. She recently moved back to Hong Kong to continue her career in education. She is currently working at Hong Kong Polytechnic University as a Clinical Associate. Her primary role is teaching and organizing clinical education.

Joshua Funk (2011) is currently working in Frederick, MD, doing outpatient orthopedics.

Franchino Porciuncula (2011) is currently practicing at Mt. Sinai in New York and working to obtain his PhD at Columbia University.

Katy (Dolan) Castell (2012) is recently married and working in an outpatient orthopedic clinic in Leonardtown, MD.

Nicholas Gohn (2012) had an article published in JOSPT in the Musculoskeletal Imaging section of the Journal in January 2013. He is currently working as an OPPT for Wellspan Health in York, PA.

Renisha Glenn (2013) is currently working at Franklin Square Hospital in acute care.



Camille Grzelak (2013) recently accepted a position at MedStar National Rehabilitation Hospital in Washington, DC, performing inpatient rehabilitation.

Hannah Hollingsworth (2013) is working at NovaCare in Annapolis, an outpatient clinic specializing in vestibular disorders in addition to typical outpatient population.

RESEARCH NEWS: October 2013 - December 2013

PTRS in the Press:



Crystal Massie, UMANRRT Postdoctoral Fellow, was the lead author on "Effects of motor cortical stimulation during planar reaching movement," published in the Journal of Rehabilitation Robotics, 2013; 1(1), 42-53.

Douglas N. Savin, Jr., MPT, PhD, Assistant Professor was the lead author on "[Generalization of improved step length symmetry from treadmill to over ground walking in persons with stroke and hemiparesis](#)" published in Clinical Neurophysiology 2013 Nov 8. pii: S1388-2457(13)01167-X. doi: 10.1016/j.clinph.2013.10.044. [Epub ahead of print]. **Jill Whitall**, PhD, Professor, was a co-author on this article.



Chris Wells, PT, PhD, CCS, ATC co-authored "[Exposure to Therapy of Older Patients With Trauma and Factors That Influence Provision of Therapy.](#)" in the Physical Therapy Journal.

Kelly P. Westlake, PhD, PT, was a contributing author on "Complex-value coherence mapping reveals novel abnormal resting-state functional connectivity networks in task-specific focal hand dystonia," in Frontiers in Neurology, 4.



**Events, Lectures, & Workshops:
Activities from October 2013 - December 2013**



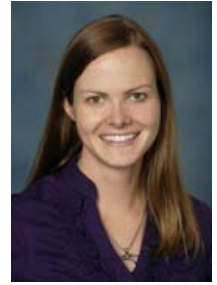
Gad Alon, PT, PhD, presented at a 2-day pre conference course titled: Looking Forward: Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES) in Pediatrics, at the APTA, Pediatric section meeting in Anaheim, CA November 6-10, 2013.

Leslie Glickman, PT, PhD recently presented at the at the CIEE Council for International Educational Exchange (CIEE) Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 22-24, 2014 with two UMB colleagues, Jody Olsen (SSW), and Virginia Rowthorn (Law).



Linda Horn, PT, DScPT, MHS presented two courses, "Impact of Vestibular Impairment on Balance & Falls Among Older Adults," at the Maryland National Home Care Association on October 25, 2013 and "Treating Balance Impairment in the Neurological Population," Freehold, NJ December 2013.

Crystal Massie, UMANRRT Postdoctoral Fellow, presented at the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine in Orlando, FL as part of a young investigator symposium sponsored by the National Institute of Disability and Rehabilitation Research. The title of her talk was, "Time Course Of Kinematic Improvements In Survivors of Stroke During Upper-Extremity Robotic Rehabilitation."



Chris Wells, PT, PhD, Clinical Associate Professor, presented a symposium on November 23, 2013 in New Orleans at the Gerontological Society of America titled "Optimal Recovery Post Trauma Among Older Adults: Challenges and Solutions: Exposure to therapy of older patients with trauma and factors that influence provisions of therapy."

Jill Whitall, PhD, Professor, presented "Determining Kinematic Signatures For Arm Recovery After Stroke," in the Inaugural Seminar at Center for Neurology & Rehabilitation, Vitznau, Switzerland.



Kelly P. Westlake, PhD, PT, Assistant Professor presented, "Cognitive Considerations For Rehabilitation After Stroke," at the Maryland Stroke Conference 2013 in Annapolis, Maryland on November 8, 2013.

Grants & Contracts:



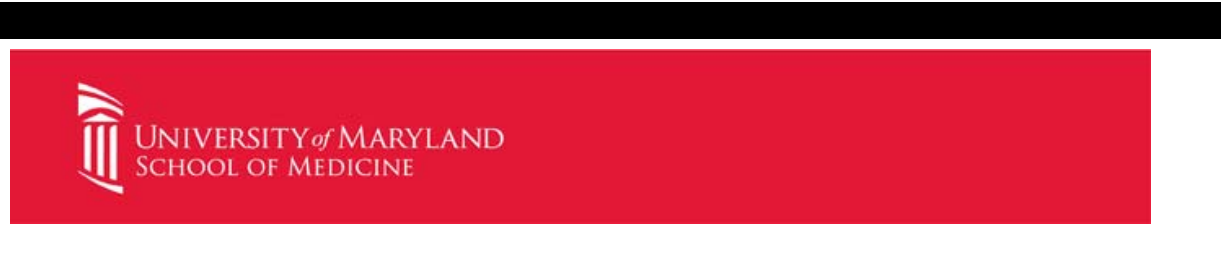
Crystal Massie, UMANRRT Postdoctoral Fellow, received a 2-year, \$154,000, Mentored Clinical and Population Research grant from the American Heart Association for her project, "Functional Motor Cortex Stimulation To Repair Damaged Movement Representations After Stroke."

Jill Whitall PhD, Professor, was recently awarded a \$100,000 one year grant from the Maryland Industrial Partnership for her project, "Physical Rehabilitation Software System Validation."



Remember your alma mater this holiday season and please consider making an online gift by Dec. 31, 2013.

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