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**September 2013**

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**Upcoming Events**

Career Fair  
Wed., Oct. 2, 2013  
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Alumni Day  
Wed., Oct. 2, 2013  
4:30 PM - 9:00 PM

**Introducing our new e-communication to our alumni and friends!**

**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!**

**Dr. Mary Rodgers Now Vice-Chair**

APTA CSM  
Alumni & Friends  
Reception  
Las Vegas, NV  
Date/Time: TBD  
Stay tuned for details!



### **Dr. Mary Rodgers' Leadership Recognition Event**

On Monday, Sept. 16th faculty, staff, and alumni gathered in celebration to thank **Mary M. Rodgers, PT, PhD, FAPTA, FASB and Past Chair**, for her leadership and guidance over the past 15 years.

Mary will continue to serve PTRS as Vice Chair half-time and will also be working a half-time position as advisor to the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Engineering at the National Institutes of Health.

**Mark W. Rogers, PT, PhD, FAPTA** a nationally and internationally recognized expert in neuromotor control and rehabilitation research, has been appointed **Interim Chair** of the Department.

### **Welcome New Students!**



**Warm welcome from the PTRS community!**

We welcomed 55 DPT students and 1 PhD student into our programs recently. We wish you each and every one of you the very best for a successful and exciting first year!

### SPT's visit Mid-Atlantic Burn Camp



#### **A rewarding experience for our students**

On August 8, 13 students from the Class of 2015 visited the Mid-Atlantic Burn Camp near Harrisonburg, VA.

The camp is a one week sleep-away camp for children with severe burns, founded by PTRS's **Tonas Kalil, PT, DPT, MGA, RT, Assistant Professor** and **Linda French** in 1989. The students just completed the Medical Issues II block, where they learned about burn care with Dr. Kalil.

Students spent they day participating in camp activities with the children, including arts and crafts, cooking, and swimming. They also took part in the celebration of the camp's 25th year anniversary. Cathy Tran, Class of 2015, shared her thoughts on the day: "It was a great opportunity to interact with people out side of our program. I loved seeing their positive attitudes and hearing their stories of perseverance."

**CLINICAL EDUCATION CORNER**

## Clinical Instructor of the Year



**Kylee Chow, MPT** at Johns Hopkins Bayview, was honored as the Clinical Instructor of the Year at the PTRS Pre-Commencement and Awards Ceremony in May. Shown at left with **Ann Reicherter, PT, DPT, PhD, Associate Professor and Director of Clinical Education.**

Nominated by members the graduating class of 2013, Kylee's impact on clinical skills development and implementation was lauded by her students. Additionally, Kylee's commitment to the development of her students was characterized as exemplary. We wish to thank Kylee Chow once again for her service to our students.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CAREER FAIR: OCT. 2, 2013

Interested in being a vendor at our upcoming Career Fair? [Register here.](#)

11:30 AM - 2:00 PM:

UM SOM PTRS Career Fair will be open to the public (PT's and PTA's) along with the graduating classes of 2013 and 2014.

Southern Management Corporation Campus Center

621 W. Lombard St., Baltimore, MD 21201, 2nd Floor

If interested in attending, [register here.](#)

### ALUMNI DAY: OCT. 2, 2013

#### ONE WEEK AWAY!

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: Florence Kendall Continuing Education Course

UMB Campus: Southern Management Corporation Campus Center

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## PTRS ALUMNI NEWS



**Steve Tepper PT, PhD '79** received APTA's Lucy Blair Service Award during the APTA Conference & Exposition held in Salt Lake City, Utah, June 26-29, 2013.

**Mary Tischio Blackington PT, EdD, GCS, '83**, completed a year-long fellowship with the Educational Leadership Institute through the APTA. She is currently director of the Hybrid Entry-level DPT Program at Nova Southeastern University in Tampa, Florida.



**Verna Ourada BS '87** completed her PhD last year in Human Development and Family Science from Oregon State University. She is now working as an assistant professor at Pacific University School of Physical Therapy, in Hillsboro, Oregon.

**Maria Minichiello MPT '02** recently passed APTA's Vestibular Rehab Competency based Certification in April 2013. She is currently working as Neuro-therapist at Upper Chesapeake Medical Center, Bel Air, MD Outpatient Rehab.

**Lisa (Spinosa) Fogarty DPT '06** and her husband, Brendan Fogarty, announce the birth of their third son, Matthew Brendan Fogarty, born on June 17, 2013.

**J. Logan Cooper DPT '08** is currently practicing in a private orthopedic clinic in Germantown, MD, and recently became adjunct clinical faculty at Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine Continuing Medical Education department. He recently taught a "Muscle Energy" course.



**Thuy (Nguyen) Plater DPT '09** and her husband, Kenneth Plater, proudly announce the birth of their twins, London and Kai Plater, born on May 31, 2013 and June 1, 2013 respectively.

## RESEARCH NEWS



**Larry W. Forrester, PhD**, Director of PhD Program in Physical Rehabilitation Science and Associate Professor was featured recently in the Baltimore Sun about his research in robotics. [Read more here.](#)

## PTRS in the Press

The article "Workshop on using natural language processing applications for enhancing clinical decision making: An executive summary in *JAMIA*" was featured on [www.MDLinx.com](http://www.MDLinx.com) site last week. **Professor Mary Rodgers** is a co-author on this article.





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Associate Professor, **Chris L. Wells, PhD, PT, CCS, ATC**, recently had a paper accepted to *Phys Ther*, "Older Trauma Patients Exposure to Therapy and Factors that Influence Therapy Opportunities."



**Patricia Young, PhD**, Postdoc fellow, **Jill Whitall, PhD**, Professor, **Bair Woei-Nan, PT, PhD**, Postdoc fellow, and **Mark Rogers, PT, PhD, FAPTA**, Professor and Interim Chair, were co-authors on, "Leg preference associated with protective stepping responses in older adults," in *Clin Biomech*, 2013.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.clinbiomech.2013.07.015>

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