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The Chair's Chatter



Department News



Welcome

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Please give a warm PTRS welcome to the department's newest faculty member, **Alisa Pravdo**, PT, DPT, FAAOMPT. Dr. Pravdo joins the department as an Assistant Professor and is the newest member of the University of Maryland Orthopaedics clinical practice at Camden Yards. Her PTRS office is located in 240H. Stop by and introduce yourself!

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Please also welcome two new members, **Lingling Chen**, PhD and **Dongwon Kim**, PhD to the research team of Dr. **Li-Qun (Larry) Zhang**. Dr. Chen (pictured below, left) joins the department as a Research Associate, Volunteer Faculty member and Dr. Kim (pictured below, right) joins the team as a Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow.



Publication



Kelly Westlake, PT, PhD, Assistant Professor, Elizabeth Woytowicz, PhD, and PTRS alum Joseph Rosenberg, DPT are co-authors on the article, "Modulation of working memory load distinguished individuals with and without balance impairments following mild traumatic brain injury," which was recently published in *Brain Injury*, November 2017. Other authors include Rao Gullapali, PhD and Chandler Sours, PhD.

Article Link: <http://www.tandfonline.com/eprint>

Phon-a-thon



The annual PTRS Phon-a-thon was a success again this year and included lots of great conversations, lots of laughter, and lots of updates from PTRS's alumni. Many thanks to all the students who helped move the needle on fundraising for PT this week.

Callers from Night 1:

1. Elizabeth Trainer
2. Autumn Cohen
3. Kaitlin Bielec
4. Emily Sing
5. Casondra Lippy
6. Josh Haffner
7. Sarah Sanders
8. Alexa Mammen
9. Anthony Garber

Callers from Night 2:

1. Autumn Puhac
2. Jon Hermansen
3. Eric Hamilton
4. Erin Borda
5. Katie George
6. Chrissie Baker
7. Anna Grassman
8. Kate Kropski

Callers from Night 3:

1. Kathleen Kammerer
2. Isabelle Wynn
3. Nicole McKenzie
4. Catherine Kline
5. Timothy Smith

Thanks also to our sponsors who provided delicious food and drinks for the event:



Rehabilitation Science Research Seminar



This week's seminar will be a journal club discussion of the article by Milne et al., 2017 entitled:

"Rehabilitation for Individuals with Genetic Degenerative Ataxia: A Systematic Review"

Led by **Rachel Reoli**, DPT, PhD Student



The article can be found at the following link:

<http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs>

Please plan to join us this Friday, December 1st from 9:00am - 10:00am in Room 211 (**note room change**) of the Allied Health Building at 100 Penn Street.

Campus Happenings



Stuff'em with Love

Join the Kindness Initiative!

Friday, December 1, 2017
11:30am, SMC Campus Center

Drop in, stuff a teddy bear, sign a get well card, and brighten the lives of children recovering at UMMC and other local children's hospitals in Baltimore.

No sewing skills needed!



Calming an Anxious Mind



Test anxiety is quite common among students of all levels of study and can negatively impact even the best student. In this three-week series, we will practice using tools to de-stress during the most stressful time of the year - FINALS!

[Learn More Here](#)

Research Career Development

Office of Research Career Development

Attend one of the workshops, classes, or seminars and learn about subjects critical to an academic research career.

- Nov. 30 - Defining Your Project on Paper: Developing Your Research Question, Hypothesis, and Specific Aims
- Dec. 7 - Identifying Funding Sources for Postdocs
- Dec. 8 - Identifying Funding Sources for Faculty
- Dec. 12 - Scientific Leadership and Management Skills Workshop



[Register Today](#)

Reminders

Have news to share?



Please send news, announcements, updates and pictures to **Donna Bethke**, 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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