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***The Chair's Chatter***

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## Department News



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### Funding



**Victoria Marchese**, PT, PhD, Associate Professor has received funding from the American Physical Therapy Association, Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy for her project titled: "Examining a Fast Movement Approach to Pediatric Physical Therapy Intervention in Children and Adolescents that have Completed Medical Treatment for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia."

**Jill Whitall**, PhD, Professor was recently awarded funding from the Administration for Community Living under the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR). The three year grant is titled, "Efficacy of an Interactive Web-Based Home Therapy Program in the Recovery of Arm and Hand following Stroke: A Randomized Trial". Sandy



McCombe Waller, PT, PhD, MS, NCS, Associate Professor, will be a Co-PI.

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## Scholarly Activities

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**Roy Film**, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT, Assistant Professor, has been asked by The American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS) to serve an additional two-year term as a member of the Specialization Academy of Content Experts (SACE) for the Orthopedic Clinical Specialist (OCS) exam. He will be extending his service through December 31, 2019.

**Brian Johnson**, OTR/L, Occupational Therapist, PhD Candidate, Graduate Research Assistant, gave an oral presentation on 11/5/17 at Baltimore Underground Science Space's 5th Science Slam Event, co-hosted with Project Bridge. The event aims to host several local scientists to present their scientific work/passion for a general local audience. His talk was entitled "Understanding the sleeping brain". The audience was asked to vote for different presentations in a number of categories, and his presentation won the award for "most creative".



**Christa Nelson**, PT, DPT, PHD, OCS, Assistant Professor, will be presenting a continuing education course on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) of Maryland's annual conference in College Park, MD. The course is entitled: "Musculoskeletal ultrasound imaging: Hands-on application for the physical therapist".



A link to the video of the Maryland Public Television (MPT) interview on October 23rd, which featured **Kelly Westlake**, PhD, MSc, PT, Assistant Professor, and Dr. Jay Menaker entitled, "Falls: A leading cause of death and disability", can be found here: <https://video.mpt.tv/video/3005968841/>. The episode aired on MPT's Direct Connection "Your Health".

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## **APTA of Maryland Elections#**



The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) of Maryland recently held its elections for their 2018 Board of Directors. Congratulations to the following PTRS faculty for their newly elected positions:

*Vice President:*

**Sandy McCombe-Waller**, PT, PhD, MS, NCS, Associate Professor

*Secretary & 3rd Alternate, APTA of MD Representative for the APTA House of Delegates:*

**Rachel Skolky**, PT, DPT, GCS, Instructor

*Director of Government Affairs & 1st Alternate, APTA of MD Representative for the APTA House of Delegates:*

**Laurie Neely**, PT, DPT, NCS, Assistant Professor

*Chief Delegate, APTA of MD for the APTA House of Delegates:*

**Linda Horn**, PT, DScPT, MHS, GCS, NCS, Assistant Professor

Installations of the newly elected will take place at the upcoming member meeting at the Annual Conference on November 11th, 2018.



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## Balance and Falls Screenings #

On Sunday, October 29th **Henok Habteyes** (pictured below, third from the left) and **Molly O'Neal** (pictured below, second from the left) of the PTRS DPT Class of 2019 performed balance and falls screenings as part of the Health Matters wellness fair at Beth Israel Synagogue. Under the supervision of faculty member **Cara Felter**, PT, DPT, MPH, Assistant Professor (pictured below, far left), they provided screenings for over twenty community-dwelling adults.



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## Rehabilitation Science Research Seminar



**No Seminar This Week**

Please plan to join us next Friday, November 17th for our next lecture.

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## Annual Phone-A-Thon

## ***Volunteers Needed For Each Night!***



The School of Medicine Office of Development is running the annual PTRS student Phon-a-thon to benefit PTRS's programs, scholarships, new technologies, and more on November 14th, 15th, and 16th. Volunteers are needed for each night from 5:30pm-9:00pm!

Dinner, free t-shirts, and fun prizes for top callers will be provided for all volunteers. For more information, contact Irene Amoros ([iamoros@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:iamoros@som.umaryland.edu)) or Nicole Willhide ([nwillhide@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:nwillhide@som.umaryland.edu)). To sign up, use the link below:

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## **Submission Deadline**



The 10th World Congress for Neurorehabilitation will be held in Mumbai, India, February 7th - 10th, 2018. Last date for abstract submissions is November 15,

2017. For additional information, visit: <http://www.wcnr2018.in/index.html>

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## Campus Happenings



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## Open Enrollment Deadline



**Open Enrollment for 2018 Ends:  
November 15th!**

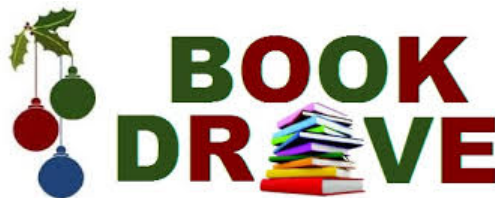
Employees must take action if you want to change plans, change coverage levels, enroll for the first time, or if you wish to participate in or continue participation in a flexible spending account. [Learn More](#)

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## PEDS Annual Holiday Book Drive

Help spread holiday cheer and make this time a little more fun by donating a book to a child in the hospital. Last year, more than 500 books were donated and it is hoped to collect even more this year! Select a book for the online store and it will be delivered to a child in the hospital. One book can bring a smile to a child's face. You can place your order at the following link from now until 12/13/17:



## Peds Book Drive

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# 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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