The Chair's Chatter
Department News/Events

Alumni & Friends Reception - CSM 2019

**PTRS Alumni & Friends Reception**
APT A Combined Sections Meeting (CSM)

**Date:** January 24, 2019  
**Time:** 6:30 pm-8:30 pm  
**Location:** Marriott Marquis Washington  
901 Massachusetts Ave, NW  
Marquis Salon 12  
Washington, DC 20001
Funding

Li-Qun Zhang, PhD, Professor, was awarded two grants this past fall: A one year commercial contract grant with the sponsor Acute Innovations entitled, "UMB project on Acute Innovations Biomechanical Testing" in the amount of $50,000 with a project period of 9/1/18-8/31/19; and a subcontract from Rehabtek (NIDILRR SBIR) entitled, "Development of wearable robot for motor rehabilitation in acute stroke" in the amount of $110,000 with a project period of 9/30/18-9/29/19.

Kelly Westlake, PhD, MSc, PT, Assistant Professor, was awarded a grant from NIH entitled, "Influence of Attentional Control on Protective Arm Responses to Balance Perturbations in Older Adults" in the amount of $77,250 (total costs) for each year for a project period of 9/1/18-5/31/20.
Vicki Gray, MPT, PhD, Assistant Professor, recently became the Principal Investigator on two NIH grants: "Hip Muscle Power, Lateral Balance Function, and Falls in Aging" in the amount of $566,242 (total costs) in year one and $556,834 (total costs) for years two - five with a project period of 9/15/18 - 5/31/23; and "Neuromuscular and Biomechanical Control of Lower Limb Loading in Individuals with Chronic Stroke" in the amount of $231,750 (total costs) in year one and $193,125 (total costs) in year two with a project period of 9/1/18 - 5/31/20.

Publications

The Journal of Interprofessional Education and Practice has accepted for publication the manuscript entitled, "Novel partnerships for interprofessional education. A pilot education program in 3D technologies for human centered computing students and physical therapy students." by Karen L. Gordes and Sandy A. McCombe Waller (2019).
The *Journal of Sleep Research* has accepted for publication the manuscript entitled, "Use of targeted memory reactivation enhances skill performance during a nap and enhances declarative memory during wake in healthy young adults" by Brian P. Johnson, Steven M. Scharf, Avelino C. Verceles, and Kelly P. Westlake (2019).

**Alumni Update**

Jessica Bates, a 2017 graduate of the PTRS DPT Program, was recently featured in the Gettysburg College monthly e-newsletter:

Jess Bates and Drew Blomberg are combining their love of travel and each other with their professions; she is a Traveling Physical Therapist, while he is employed by an international insurance company and can work from anywhere. They are currently in South Carolina, and will move westward, eventually landing in the Pacific Northwest within the next year or so. You can follow their travels on Instagram and/or via Drew's "Teleworking Traveler" Blog

**Campus News/Events**

MLK Day - Random Acts of Kindness Week
In honor of MLK Day, The University of Maryland Medical Center has proposed a "Random Acts of Kindness Week" from January 21st -25th with multiple community service opportunities. The School of Medicine family are invited to join in on this opportunity to cultivate kindness, both in our surrounding community, as well as on our campus.

For more information, please visit the UMMC Insider

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**IPE Faculty Award - Call for Proposals**

January 2019

All UMB faculty are eligible to apply for a Faculty Award in Support of Interprofessional Education (IPE). Submit your two-page proposal, including budget, to Patricia Danielewicz by January 30th, 2019.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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