

# PTRS *news*

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## Letter from the Chair



As the season changes into spring and summer, we recognize that we are also living in a time of change.

A significant change for me came on February 1st when I was officially appointed department chair after serving as interim chair since September of 2013. I appreciate the confidence of Dean Reece

and the evaluation committee in my leadership, and will continue to work with our excellent PTRS faculty and staff to move PTRS forward.

Another change in PTRS leadership occurred with the departure of Dr. Anne Reicherter in December. We are grateful to Dr. Reicherter for her six years at PTRS and her oversight of our DPT Clinical Education program. Dr. Laurie Neely is currently serving as our Interim Director of Clinical Education and is working closely with the DPT Directors in her expanded faculty role. We continue to be grateful for the highly qualified associated faculty who support the DPT curriculum.

After 21 years as a highly valued colleague and faculty member in our department, Larry Forrester, PhD will be departing from his faculty position effective July 1, 2015. Larry will maintain close ties with us through scholarship and graduate student involvement.

Additionally, staff member Terry Heron retired in February after 44 years at PTRS. Terry is the institutional memory of PTRS, so we are hoping to continue to have her involvement as we plan activities for the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the department in 2016. We are very appreciative of Terry's many contributions and wish her the best in retirement. Lastly, we also said farewell to Alex Cirillo, Clinical Research Assistant who worked in the Department for nearly 2 years.

Our research enterprise continues to grow. I am delighted to report that several new or continuing grant projects – funded mainly by the National Institutes of Health; the Baltimore Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center; the U.S. Department of Education National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research; and the American Heart Association – have been awarded to faculty and post-doctoral investigators.

As we approach Spring 2015, I would like to thank you on behalf of faculty and staff for your continued support and commitment to the department.

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Our annual Research Day this year will take place on Tuesday, May 12, 2015. Our guest speaker will be S. Jayne Garland, PT, PhD, Professor & Department Head, Department of Physical Therapy, The University of British Columbia. Dr. Garland is an internationally recognized scientist and esteemed colleague who has made numerous influential contributions to research in physical therapy and related disciplines. We are also delighted that Dr. Gad Alon will deliver the Maley Lecture at the NEXT conference in National Harbor! We hope to see many of you at his talk and at the PTRS Alumni & Friends reception on Friday, June 5, 2015.

In addition, there are many other Departmental activities coming up; please see the Calendar of Events on pages 14-15.

Much of the department's success must be credited to the dedication, hard work, commitment and expertise of all of our faculty, staff, volunteers, alumni, and friends that make it possible for PTRS to continue to provide high-quality education and research.

As a self-funded program, PTRS relies on support from you, our alumni and friends, to sustain and grow our programs. As we approach Spring 2015, I would like to thank you on behalf of faculty and staff for your continued support and commitment to the department.

Warmest regards,

Mark W. Rogers, PT, PhD, FAPTA  
Professor & Chair

# Gad Alon at 2015 APTA NEXT Conference

As many of you know, Gad Alon, PT, PhD, Professor Emeritus, will be giving the John H. P. Maley Lecture at the 2015 APTA NEXT Conference at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, MD on Saturday, June 6th at 10 AM.

Additionally, all PTRS alumni are invited to join us for our **PTRS Alumni & Friends Networking Reception** on Friday, June 5th at the Gaylord National Resort in National Harbor, MD. Our faculty and students will be well represented; we hope to see many of our alumni as well!

Learn more about the lecture Dr. Alon will be giving in June in this enlightening Q&A. We look forward to seeing many of you at the NEXT Conference!

## *What can you tell us about this lecture?*

John H.P. Maley was the founder and CEO of the Chattanooga Group and later was a board member of the APTA Foundation. My lecture will be the 20th anniversary of the lecture—an important milestone.

## *What was the process by which you were chosen to deliver this lecture?*

I was awarded the John H.P. Maley Lecture award last June at the NEXT Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. I was nominated by PTRS alumnus, Steve Tepper ('79).

## *How did you feel about receiving the lecture award at the NEXT 2014 Conference?*

This was my first and only professional National award. It was most special because I knew Mr. Maley personally for a long time. We met back in 1980, and he adopted me as a personal advisor. For me to get the award signified a recognition of the clinical, educational, and research agendas I have been pursuing for so many years in the physical rehabilitation arena.

## *What is the topic of your presentation?*

My lecture's title is: Wearable Therapeutic Technologies: On the Road to Personalized Intervention in Physical Rehabilitation Focusing on Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES).

What I hope to accomplish in this lecture is to challenge and lay out a forward looking pathway for our profession and industry to make FES a standard of care in rehabilitation medicine.

The lecture will highlight a number of factors that contribute to the failure to embrace therapeutic technologies as a standard of care treatment option and offer a new pathway to overcome current barriers to success. My presentation will focus on FES, but much of the discussion is highly relevant to other non-invasive technologies including ultrasound, robotics, virtual reality, computer games and other biofeedback systems. Moreover, while the lecture focuses on the utilization of FES in the management of stroke survivors across the life-span, many of the impairments and functional deficits our patients hope to overcome, or at least minimize, are also experienced by those living with multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury, degenerative joint disease, peripheral vascular disease and even lumbo-pelvic disorders.



## *Why did you choose this topic?*

This is the area in which I spent most of my career teaching, practicing and doing research. It represents what I always believe in – the ability to adopt our PT practice to the ever-evolving healthcare delivery system. Twenty-first century reality dictates that FES should be an integral part of a personalized rehabilitation programs (PRP), a patient-centered approach of clinical practice.

## *What kind of message are you hoping to give your audience?*

- To challenge all of us to adopt a 21st century clinical practice of treating our patients regardless of the cause of their impairments or functional deficits.
- To forgo misinformation and controversies and replace the “legacy approaches” to evidence and teaching in favor of the personalized approach designed to improve both the efficacy and efficiency of the PT interventions outcomes.
- To delineate how the new approach will strengthen the trust of millions of patients (and eventually the community) in our profession's critical role in their recovery.

## *Who do you hope to see at the PTRS reception?*

Everyone from the day I started at University of Maryland until today!

## *Anything else you would like to add?*

The enormous reward of being a practicing clinician, a teacher, and a researcher for 45 years would not be possible without the unwavering support of numerous mentors and colleagues. Among the earlier mentors was the late John Maley himself, as well as Professors (the late) Otto Payton, and long live Bob Lamb (Medical College of Virginia), as well as Professors Dr. Don Hobart and Dr. Mary Rodgers (University of Maryland, School of Medicine) and one former student who (unknowingly) became an influential mentor, Dr. Steve Tepper ('79). Most importantly I wish to acknowledge the heartfelt love and support of my wife and children, and the countless students, patients and colleagues from around the world, without whom none of the accomplishments would have been possible.

The honorarium I will be receiving for presenting this year's lecture will be a gift I provide to the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science at the University of Maryland, School of Medicine to support continued excellence in physical therapy education, clinical practice and research. The physical therapy field is continually evolving and investing in the future of the profession is very important to me. I am delighted to give back to the institution that has supported me for so long in my teaching, research, and clinical practice.

# Terry Heron Retires After 44 Years

After 44 years of assisting in various capacities in the Admissions and Students Affairs office, Terry Heron has retired. It's an impressive number! Not many people can say they held the same job for 44 years!

Terry has been the mainstay in the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science (PTRS) at the University of Maryland School of Maryland. She has assisted many students as they transitioned through the Bachelors, Masters, translational DPT, DScPT, DPT and PhD programs. She has seen 2,374 out of our nearly 2,500 alumni graduate and attended over 40 commencement ceremonies!

Not only has Terry seen many alumni and current students come and go through our program, but she has also witnessed the leadership of three Department Chairs. Additionally, she has been personally responsible for enrolling several of our current faculty members as students.

When alumni contact the Department for various reasons, it is not uncommon for them to ask for Terry. Terry has functioned as the Department's book of living history. If you ask her about a person from the past, whether faculty, staff, or a student, she will do what she can to remember that person. She recalls past Department events so well, and has often been the person to share how various events or Departmental procedures were done in the past.

Although we are saddened to see Terry leave us, it is wonderful to see someone retire who is as deserving as her. Terry has had an impact on so many



of us that have been involved at PTRS. Linda Justice Teodosio,'84, said, "Terry is the rock at PTRS." Terry's enthusiasm, kindness, quiet demeanor, and commitment to PTRS was one of a kind.

"I was happy to have a special person to help me in my admission, and then during and for many years after school, who knew me on the phone and later in person. Terry has answered many questions for me over the years to help as an applicant, a PT student, an alumni, and an Instructor at the Department," said Dan Gordon, '84. She has witnessed many alumni as students and continued to stay in touch with them as they grew in their professional careers.

Terry believed her job at PTRS was truly amazing. "I have learned so much, met some great people, and leave with some life-long friends. I am so grateful to everyone who has helped me along the way."

Deirdre Dolan Douglass,'79, inquired "How will they ever find someone to replace you?" We will not be able to replace Terry; her dedication and devotion to the PTRS Department is truly irreplaceable.

The Department hosted a retirement party for Terry on February 25, 2015. Many current and former faculty and staff members gathered for this wonderful celebration. Featured guests included the Oriole Bird and long time supporters Joyce Johnson, Gad Alon, Bobbie DiSabatino, and Don Hobart (pictured below left). We are grateful for Terry's service to the Department and thankful that she stayed with us for so many years.



..... Enjoy your retirement, Terry! .....

## Student Updates



**Ali Ferreira** (SPT '16) and **Ben Adams** (SPT '17) were recently elected as Student Delegates to the APTA House of Delegates.

The APTA Maryland Chapter sponsors two students each year as Student Delegates. They assist the Maryland delegation in researching the motions before the House.

The students will sit in the gallery during the House meetings at The NEXT Conference, which will be at National Harbor, MD in June 2015. Congratulations!



PTRS Students attended the APTA's National Student Conclave in Milwaukee. Pictured to the left are: **Kristine Bedell** (SPT '15), **Erica DeLuca** (SPT '17), **Sara Bosley** (SPT '17), **Ali Ferreira** (SPT '16), **Jessica Bates** (SPT '17), **Cassandra Hill** (SPT '16), and **Emily Trosch** (SPT '17).



**Faunice Jackson** (SPT '15), pictured left with Dr. Linda Horn, received the Student Leadership Award for her work as the Core Ambassador to the APTA for Maryland. Faunice is currently the Director of Administration for the APTA Student Special Interest Group – Woman's Health and is a student representative for the newly founded Men's Health Section of the APTA.

**Tom Bruns** (SPT '15), also received a Student Leadership Award for his work as a student delegate to the APTA House of Delegates.



Many members of the Class of 2016 and Class of 2017 participated in the Baltimore Running Festival, which was held on Saturday, October 18, 2014. Congratulations to **Zachary Kaminski** (SPT '17), who came in 2nd overall for the half marathon! (Pictured far right).

Three members of the Class of 2015 are members of the leadership team for the AAOMPT Student Special Interest Group. **Brendan Glacklin** (SPT '15), Vice President, **Kiersten Marsheck** (SPT '15), Social Chair, and **Michael Infantino** (SPT '15), Member-at-Large, are all working collectively to increase membership this year. Their goal is to offer members more incentives and to bring more content to the website. They are also making a big push to be a "go to" source for information regarding manual therapy residencies and fellowships.

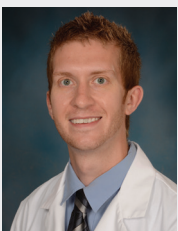


Congratulations to **Kathryn Daly** (SPT '15), whose abstract has been selected for the APTA's NEXT Conference 2015 Abstract Special Recognition. This recognition is for the quality abstract in the Cardiovascular and Pulmonary category entitled "Can Exercise Training Reverse the Effects of Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome?"



PTRS was in legislative action on Wednesday, February 11th for the APTA Day on the Hill. Faculty and staff joined other APTA members and convened in Annapolis to meet with legislators.

## PhD Student News



**Brian Johnson**, PhD Candidate, presented a poster at the Graduate Research Conference held on Monday, March 9. It was entitled "Targeted Memory Reactivation (TMR) During Sleep to Improve Motor Learning: A Pilot Study."



**Mario Inacio**, PhD Candidate, welcomed a son, Alexandre Ribeiro Inacio, on January 9, 2015. Alexandre weighed in at 7 lbs, 5 oz, and 20.7 in. Mom (Andreia Ribeiro), Dad, and baby Alex are doing well!



**Ozell Sanders**, PhD Candidate, recently presented a poster at the Graduate Research Conference entitled "A Comparison of Gait Velocity With and Without Head Turns: Impact on Fall Risk Assessment."

Ozell also recently volunteered for Brain Awareness Week at Harford Tech High School, where he helped teach an AP Psych class for 20+ students, demonstrated the function of different areas of the brain, and described how these functions are known through research.

## Clinical Education Corner



The Office of Clinical Education would like to give special recognition to Lauren Tigani, PT, DPT, at the University of Maryland Medical Center for hosting a PTRS student in a 2:1 (student:CI) model in the acute care setting. Thanks to Lauren's hard work, enthusiasm, and commitment she ensured a successful internship in this alternate model.

Lauren's dedication to our students and the profession is instrumental in furthering the development of physical therapy students.

As the Department continues to grow, we are continually looking for new partners and ways to engage our alumni to advance the profession. The Clinical Education team would be happy to provide support and assistance to any sites who would be interested in considering these opportunities. If

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your site is interested in pursuing this alternate 2:1 model, please contact the Interim Director of Clinical Education, Laurie Neely, PT, DPT at lneely@som.umaryland.edu.

*If your site is interested in hosting a student for a clinical internship, please contact the Office of Clinical Education at ptrsclined@som.umaryland.edu.*

**Interested in hiring our students?**

**Attend our 2015 Career Fair on Wednesday, October 7th.**

For more information contact, Clinical Education Coordinator, Deidra Stevens at djstevens@som.umaryland.edu or at 410.706.2163.

## Specialist Certification

*Congratulations to the following PTRS Alumni who received Specialist Certification in 2014 – a job well done to all of you!*

### CARDIOVASCULAR & PULMONARY

- Christen Lee DiPerna, PT, DPT, CCS, Class of 2005
- Jennifer Zanni, PT, DScPT, CCS, Class of 2011

### GERIATRICS

- Mary Saloka Morrison, PT, DScPT, MHS, GCS, Class of 2010

### ORTHOPAEDICS

- Samuel Howard Esterson, PT, DScPT, OCS, MBA, Class of 2003
- Mark J. Halley, PT, DPT, OCS, Class of 2006
- Alexander Griffin Ford, PT, DPT, OCS, CSCS / CPT, MPT, Class of 2010
- Terrence Gerald McGee, PT, DScPT, OCS, FAAO-Class of 2009

### PEDIATRICS

- Peter Joseph Braviak, PT, MPT, MEd, PCS, Class of 1998
- Julie Ann Quinn, PT, MEd, PCS, Class of 1993

# Alumni Day

Alumni Day was held on Wednesday, October 1, 2014, where the Department honored our 2014 Alumnus of the Year Recipient, Douglas N. Savin, Jr., MPT, PhD.

Nearly 100 alumni, friends, faculty, and staff shared in this recognition event followed by a continuing education program provided by two esteemed PTRS faculty members, Dr. Douglas N. Savin, Jr. and Linda B. Horn, PT, DScPT.

Thanks to all who celebrated with us, and we look forward to seeing you again next year on October 7, 2015.



## Class of 1983/1984 Reunion

The classes of 1983 and 1984 reunited for a celebratory 30th reunion this past fall at Centennial Park in Howard County. All attendees had a wonderful time reminiscing with old classmates and friends and reliving some very fond PTRS memories. We are so grateful for your continued loyalty and invaluable contributions to PTRS! Many thanks to the class organizers: Mary Tischio Blackinton, Karen Hogan Cole, Linda Teodosio Justice, Steve Tepper and Steve Levine. Sadly, shortly after this event, Stephen Levine tragically died not long after this happy day (see tribute on Page 11).

If you are interested in getting YOUR class together for a reunion, please contact the Director of Alumni Relations and Development, Alex Ganzer-miller, MS at [aganzermiller@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:aganzermiller@som.umaryland.edu) or 410.706.5742. Classes ending in 5 are invited to celebrate their milestone reunions this year! (1965, 1975, 1985, 1995, 2005).



## 2015 Combined Sections Meeting

A great time was had by all at the PTRS Alumni & Friends Reception held in conjunction with the APTA's Combined Section Meeting (CSM) in Indianapolis, IN. Over 75 alumni, students, faculty, and friends joined us for a wonderful evening full of networking and great conversation! This event provided us with the opportunity to share exciting news happening in the Department and to learn what our alumni and partners are doing to further the PT profession. See you next year in Anaheim, CA!



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## Alumni Updates

**Judith Bowden**, BS '70, is now living Hagerstown, MD. She has recently retired, but is maintaining her PT license.



**Jacqueline Stone**, BS '79, is a 2014 graduate of Leadership Maryland (LMD), an independent state-wide leadership program that develops informed senior-level leaders. Each year, 50 accomplished and diverse leaders from around the state are selected by a group of their peers to participate in a stimulating and thought-provoking eight-month educational program. Jacqueline is shown here with her son, and Dr. Mary Rodgers (2009 LMD grad). Well done, Jackie!

**Karen Greeley**, BS '83, provided a pediatric continuing education program entitled "Understanding Autism: The Role of the School-based Physical Therapist" as part of the Spring Maryland APTA meeting.

**Matt Daab**, MPT '99, and **Maria Cristy (Chua) Dabb**, MPT, '00 have recently moved to Flagstaff, AZ with their children. Matt is working on a Navajo Reservation and Cris is working as a PT professor.

**Lindsey Nadeau Parker**, DPT '07, and her husband, Chris Parker, welcomed twins, Kate Hadley & Reed Patrick, on September 2, 2014. They join big sisters Olivia (6) and Emily (4). *Fun fact: Lindsey is the fourth person from the Class of 2007 to have fraternal twins!*

**Amanda Martin**, DPT '08, is currently working in an inpatient rehabilitation setting at St. Joseph Medical Center in Tacoma, WA. Since graduation she has begun avidly snowboarding and has travelled all around the US and Canada, Japan, and, this summer, Argentina and Chile, riding and experiencing the culture, food, and customs.

**Rachel Urban Mertins**, DPT, '08, is currently working part-time at Kennedy Krieger in the International Center for Spinal Cord Injury. She also published her first article in *The Journal of Aquatic Therapy*, entitled "Application of Aquatic Therapy to a Land Therapy Program Emphasizing Gait and Balance Training in an Adult With Neuromyelitis Optica: A Case Report" (*The Journal of Aquatic Physical Therapy*, 2014;22:2-10.)

**Meghan Musick**, DPT '10, is a staff physical therapist for Active Life and Sports Physical Therapy. She recently completed her manual therapy certification through Evidence In Motion (EIM)



**Stacey Pokrywka Schorr**, DPT '10, was married on March 22, 2014 to David Schorr in Baltimore, MD. Wedding attendees included several PTRS grads. Stacey is currently working at Agape Physical Therapy and is residing in Abingdon with her husband.

*From left to right in picture: Amanda (Pribyl) Zepp, Beth (Bauman) Miller, Whitney (Griffith) Nigrin, Stacey (Pokrywka) Schorr, Patty (Celmer) Horning, and Lauren Davis.*

## Nominate a fellow PTRS Grad for the 2015 Alumni of the Year!

The Alumni of the Year is awarded to an individual who is a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Medicine Department of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science (PTRS) program to recognize outstanding achievements in the physical therapy profession.

**DEADLINE:  
MAY 22**

The award is based on contributions/achievements in the areas of academics, administration, clinical practice, research, community service, professional associations, and involvement at PTRS. Candidates need not excel in every area, and self nominations are also welcome.

**SUBMIT APPLICATION BY VISITING:**

[http://pt.umaryland.edu/ptrs/forms/aoy\\_nom\\_form.asp](http://pt.umaryland.edu/ptrs/forms/aoy_nom_form.asp)

**Ann Hoffman**, DScPT '11, has moved to Utah and is now an Assistant Professor and the Assistant Director of Clinical Education at Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions. She has also recently passed the pediatric specialty exam. Congratulations!

**Erin Barber Forfa**, DPT '11, has moved to North Carolina to work on the Cardiopulmonary Team at Duke Medicine.

**Zachary Baker**, DPT '12, is the owner at Baker Sports Performance.

**Martha Baron**, DPT '12, currently works in Baltimore, MD as a physical therapist at Mercy Medical Center.

**Alex Dragonuk**, DPT '12, is currently employed with the Spine and Sport Rehabilitation Center as a physical therapist.

**Virginia Huntley**, DPT '12 has moved to El Paso, TX, and enjoys her position as a physical therapist at UMC-El Paso.

**Uchenna Ndubisi**, DPT '12, is a Clinic Director at Pivot Physical Therapy

**Yassameen Ndubisi**, DPT '12, and **Jamie Suit**, DPT '12, both currently work at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center as physical therapists.

**Philip Wilkinson**, DPT '12, currently works as a physical therapist at Evolution Sports Physiotherapy, Inc.



**Melissa Book**, DPT '13, moved to San Antonio, TX, to work at the Burn Center at San Antonio Military Medical Center. Melissa and **Trevor Boddington**, DPT '13, got engaged in June 2014. Trevor has also moved to San Antonio and has accepted a position at Momentum Physical Therapy working in outpatient orthopedics and sports medicine.

**Bonnie Gilbert**, DPT '13, is employed at the Greater Washington Orthopaedic Group as a physical therapist.

**Ashley Kneale**, DPT '13, has accepted a physical therapist position at Reflectx Services.

**Ionie Moragahakumbura**, DPT '13, currently works in the greater Washington DC area at The Orthopedic Center as a physical therapist.

**Lauren Broccolo**, DPT '14, has recently accepted a physical therapist position at Boston Children's Hospital in the greater Boston area.

**Christine Danielson**, DPT '14, enjoys working as a physical therapist at Physiotherapy Associates, in Washington D.C.

**Robert Esbrandt**, DPT '14, is now working at SPOR.T.S., in the Metro Washington D.C. Area

**Stephanie Franczak**, DPT '14, enjoys her new physical therapist position at Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital in Baltimore.

**Adam Gershowitz**, DPT '14, has accepted a position at Kassimir Physical Therapy in Pikesville, MD.

**Natalie Hartman**, DPT '14, recently accepted a job as an outpatient rehab pediatric physical therapist at Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore.

**Benjamin Hoover**, DPT '14, recently moved to Colorado and works as a physical therapist at Memorial Hospital, which is part of the University of Colorado Health system in Colorado Springs.

**Daniella Last**, DPT '14, is employed as a physical therapist at The Therapy Spot in Baltimore.

**Ashley Lloyd**, DPT '14, is enjoying her first full-time physical therapist position at Physiotherapy Associates.

**Joshua Plummer**, DPT '14, currently works for Pivot Physical Therapy (Formerly Professional SportsCare & Rehab) in Baltimore as a physical therapist.

**Elizabeth Sullivan**, DPT '14, currently lives in Boston and works as a physical therapist at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in the greater Boston area.

**Katherine van den Heuvel**, DPT '14, has accepted a position as staff physical therapist at Advanced Physical Therapy Solutions, LLC, in Fayetteville, NC.

**Michelle Venesky**, DPT '14, is working at MedStar NRH in Chevy Chase, MD. She treats orthopedic and pelvic health populations and has recently moved to the Silver Spring area.

**Lane White**, DPT '14, has moved to North Carolina and recently started her job as a physical therapist at Duke University Medical Center in Raleigh-Durham.

**Xuan (Jake) Zhao**, DPT '14, has recently been promoted to Director of Rehabilitation at Brinton Woods Health and Rehabilitation Center in Baltimore.

**Keep Us Posted!** Make sure we have all of your up-to-date information so we can keep your fellow classmates posted, too! Tell us about your career, family, laurels, etc., and we will make them known! It's that easy! In return, we'll be able to keep you posted on all the exciting Departmental happenings and alumni events that are of interest to you. **Visit [http://pt.umaryland.edu/ptrs/forms/class\\_notes](http://pt.umaryland.edu/ptrs/forms/class_notes) and update your information today!**

## We Remember...



**Stephen M. Levine**  
CLASS OF 1984

Stephen M. Levine, PT, DPT, MSHA, FAPTA, PTRS Alumnus ('84), former Speaker of the House and APTA Board of Directors member, as well as one of the physical therapy profession's most loved and respected voices, passed away on March 3, 2015 as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Steve is survived by his husband, Bruce Anderson, PT, also an APTA member, father, Stanley Levine, his sister, Wendy Levine, and his two nephews Andrew and Ryan Schiff.

The Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science is where Steve's passion for physical therapy began. His dedication to the field was evident through his work with APTA and the House of Delegates.

Steve was a leader of the profession and was devoted to pursuing advocacy efforts for the physical therapy field. He was an intellectual force who would light up any room. Former business partner, Savas Koutsantonis ('85), said, "Steve did the stuff that most of us never wanted to do. He represented our profession very well, our profession within the whole medical profession. He was a well-known advocate for our profession and instrumental in proper ethical reimbursement for physical therapists skills and knowledge."

Many of his classmates had the chance to re-connect with him this past October at their 30th reunion. He was one of the fearless leaders of his class who brought everyone together by connecting with them and encouraging their attendance. He even began a little competition with the Class of 1983 to see which class would have the most attendees. His joy and enthusiasm for this reunion party did not go unnoticed.

Steve was Executive Vice President of Compliance and Consulting Services for OpimisCorp and a founding partner of Fearon and Levine, a national consulting firm focusing on practice management and payment policy in the outpatient rehabilitation setting. Prior to this, he operated a private practice in Maryland for

18 years. He received his BS in physical therapy from the University of Maryland, Baltimore, a master's degree in health administration (Healthcare MBA) from Virginia Commonwealth University, and his DPT degree from A.T. Still University of the Health Sciences. In his life, he received many honors and awards, including being named an APTA Catherine Worthingham Fellow (2014), recipient of the APTA Lucy Blair Service award (2011), and PTRS Alumni of the Year (2009).

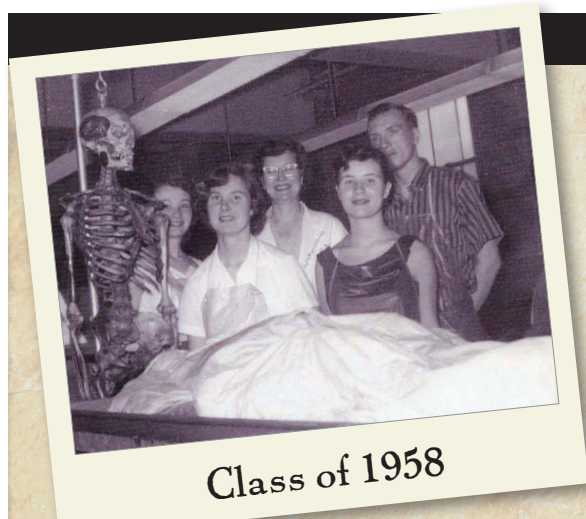
He had an impact on so many people across the nation—he was ambitious, a forward thinker, had a passionate intellect, and a wonderful sense of humor. He was an extraordinary teacher and mentor. Koutsantonis recalls Steve as "the one I grew up with through my formative years. We pushed each other to be better people and to get more involved in the profession."

To honor Steve, PTRS is creating the **Stephen M. Levine Memorial Scholarship Fund** so that his legacy may live on where his passion began. PTRS has a unique opportunity to match gifts if \$8,500 is raised for this scholarship. Please consider making a gift to the Stephen M. Levine Memorial Scholarship today, so this goal can be reached, and together we can change a student's life through Steve's legacy. To contribute to this fund, please visit: [www.pt.umaryland.edu/stevelevinescholarship](http://www.pt.umaryland.edu/stevelevinescholarship)

Alternatively, you can also make a gift by mail or by calling the Office of Development at 410.706.8503. Gifts in memory of Stephen M. Levine can be sent to the University of Maryland, Baltimore Foundation (make checks payable to UMBF, Inc.) in support of the Stephen M. Levine Scholarship Fund. Please send your check to:

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Lastly, we will be celebrating Steve's life at the APTA NEXT PTRS Alumni & Friends Reception on Friday, June 5th (More details on page 15). If you have any pictures of Steve from over the years that you would like to share with us, please send them to [ptrsalumni@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:ptrsalumni@som.umaryland.edu).



Class of 1958

## HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

We're in the process of creating a book about the Department's history, and we need your help! This historical account of PTRS will date back to its origins and us to modern day.

are seeking photos, student newsletters, yearbooks, old catalogs/brochures – just about anything that illustrates or talks about any facet student life while you were studying here.

have anything at all that you could scan and send to us or that we could borrow, please contact us via [PTRSAlumni@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:PTRSAlumni@som.umaryland.edu).

## Faculty/Staff Updates



Effective January 2015, **Laurie Neely, PT, DPT** assumed the duties of Interim Director of Clinical Education following the departure of Dr. Anne Reicherter, who left the department to pursue other professional opportunities. Dr. Neely had already been assisting with several activities in the Clinical Education Office, and we are very pleased that she has assumed this important administrative role for the department.

### SAYING FAREWELL

*PTRS thanks the following colleagues for their years of service and wishes them the best of luck in their new endeavors:*



**Alex Cirillo**, Clinical Research Assistant, has recently accepted to pursue a new position with the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health.



**Larry Forrester, PhD**, Director of PTRS' PhD program, is resigning from his faculty position effective July 1, 2015. This transition will allow him to refocus his attention on his ongoing research at the VA Medical Center.



**Terry Heron** retired from PTRS after 44 years of dedication and service to PTRS.

## PTRS in the Press

PTRS PhD Director, **Larry Forrester, PhD**, was featured in a recent segment on ABC2 about his Anklebot research at the Baltimore VA.



**Leslie B. Glickman, PT, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, was a co-author on "Reflections on an International Immersion Experience: A Doctor of Physical Therapy Student's Perspective," published in the *Journal of Physical Therapy Education*, 2014;28(1):16-22.



**Tori G. Marchese, PT, PhD**, was the lead author on "Exploring Factors that Influence Childhood Cancer Survivors' Choice of Occupation and Choice to Attend College," published in *Rehabilitation Oncology*, 2014;32:23-28. Dr. Marchese also co-authored, "Exploring the Feasibility of Performing Objective Screening Tools on Survivors of Pediatric Cancers

as Part of a Long-Term Survivorship," in *Clinical Rehabilitation Oncology*, 2014;32:29-37, and, "A Comparison of Function After Limb Salvage with Non-invasive Expandable or Modular Prostheses in Children" in *European Journal of Cancer*, 2014; 50:3212-3220.



**Mark W. Rogers, PT, PhD, FAPTA**, was a co-author on "Postural Dependence Of Human Locomotion During Gait Initiation," in *Journal of Neurophysiology*, 2014 Sep 17. [Epub ahead of print]



**Chris Wells, PT, PhD**, Clinical Associate Professor, contributed to "A Comprehensive Guide to Geriatric Rehabilitation, 3rd ed." Dr. Wells authored the chapters on: pulmonary disease; heart failure and valvular disease; cardiac pacemakers and defibrillation; and invasive cardiac procedures.



**Jill Whittall, PhD** and **Sandy McCombe Waller, PT, PhD** recently received US Patent Application Number 8,845,494 entitled "Step Trainer For Enhanced Performance Using Rhythmic Cues," which was issued on September 30, 2014. The patent will be in force until June 11, 2031. The initial prototype device based on the patent is in the later stages of development. The device will aid in cueing a variety of gait parameters and has potential application to many populations.

## Events, Lectures & Workshops



**Gad Alon, PT, PhD**, presented a workshop titled, "Wearable Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES) and Non-Invasive Electrical Brain Stimulation (ESB): On the Road to Personalized Intervention in Physical Rehabilitation," at the 2014 International Functional Electrical Stimulation Society (IFESS) annual meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

**Leslie Glickman, PT, PhD** and **Laurie Neely, PT, DPT**, were co-contributors for the program presentation offered at this year's 2014 Educational Leadership Conference of the American Physical Therapy Association, "Developing Sustainable Experiences in Under-resourced Communities: Achieving Program, Curricular, and Clinical Education Goals in Physical Therapist Education," held in Kansas City, MO, October 10-11, 2014.



**Roy Film, PT, PhD** and **Laurie Neely, PT, DPT** taught a continuing education course at the Maryland Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association Fall Chapter Meeting in Linthicum, MD on November 8-9, 2014 entitled, "Functional Outcome Measures for the PTA."



**Linda B. Horn, PT, DScPT**, presented a poster at the CSM entitled, “Effectiveness of Education for Improving Function and Balance in a Short-Term Acute Care Admission.”

**Mark W. Rogers, PT, PhD, FAPTA**, had a presentation at the Research Intensive Programs in Physical Therapy (RIPPT) Workshop, entitled: “Ph.D. Training in Research Intensive Programs in Physical Therapy, University of Maryland, Physical Rehabilitation Science (PRS) Program, Structure and Components.”

**Chris L. Wells, PhD, PT**, presented, “It is Safe to Mobilize a Patient with Femoral ECMO Cannulas,” at the American Physical Therapy Association’s Combined Sections Meeting in Indianapolis, IN. At the pre-conference, Dr. Wells was an invited instructor for the course titled, “Where Do I Begin When Treating a Patient with Complex Cardiopulmonary Dysfunction?”

Additionally, she was an invited speaker to the University of Maryland Rehabilitation Network Conference where she presented, “The Health Care Imperative: Redesigning Rehabilitation from Volume to Value.”

**Jill Whitall, PhD**, presented at two invited talks at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in the Department of Kinesiology: “The Problem Of Increasing Participation In Society Has Not Been Solved For Individuals With Stroke: Potential New Directions” and “Sensorimotor Abilities in Children With and Without Developmental Coordination Disorder.”

## Grants & Contracts

**Larry Forrester, PhD**, has received funding for a VA Merit Grant “Adaptive Ankle Robot Control System to Reduct Foot-drop in Chronic Stroke.” The award is for \$1.1M over four years.

**Leslie Glickman, PT, PhD**, Assistant Professor, recieved an IPE Center Faculty Award for her proposal entitled “An Interprofessional (IPE) Collaborative Sustainability Activity with the Kachere Rehabilitation Centre, Malawi and the University of Maryland, Baltimore”. Dr. Glickman will receive a one-time/non-recurring allocation of \$2,000. The initiative is to support health professions students’ acquisition of knowledge and skills to better provide interprofessional health care.



**Sandy McCombe-Waller, PT, PhD**, received a nine-month subcontract from the University of Maryland at Baltimore County for the project, “Hierarchical Capacitive Sensing for Gesture Recognition in Paralysis Patients.” This subcontract was made under a grant received from the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO).

## Awards & Certifications



**Karen Gordes, PT, DScPT, PhD**, Assistant Professor, had her abstract selected for the APTA’s NEXT Conference 2015 Abstract Special Recognition. This recognition is for the quality abstract in the Health Policy/Legislation category entitled: “*An Evaluation of the Impact of Obesity Related Legislation.*”



**Jeff Hawk**, PTRS Director of Instructional Technology, was selected as the 2014 recipient of the Feitelberg Award for his article, “SECTIONS Model: Strategizing Technology-Based Instruction in Physical Therapist Education.”



**Toye Jenkins, MPT**, Research Lead Specialist, recently passed the SOCRA Clinical Research Professional Certification Examination. By passing this examination she is now designated a “Certified Clinical Research Professional” by the Society of Clinical Research Associates (SOCRA).

**Tori Marchese, PT, PhD**, received the 2014 Oncology Section Research Award, established by the Oncology Section, APTA, to recognize members whose work has resulted in enduring and outstanding research pertaining to Oncologic physical therapy. The award was presented during the Oncology Section’s Celebration of Life Reception immediately following the annual Business Meeting at APTA’s Combined Sections Meeting in Indianapolis, IN.

Dr. Marchese also recently received the Steven Gudas Award for Outstanding Publication in Rehabilitation Oncology from the Oncology Section of the APTA for her paper: “Exploring the Feasibility of Performing Objective Screening Tools on Survivors of Pediatric Cancers as Part of a Long-Term Survivorship Clinic” in *Rehabilitation Oncology*, 2014; 32:29-37.



**Kelly Westlake, PT, PhD**, has been informed that her appointment to the Research Committee of the Section on Neurology for the APTA was approved by the section and will begin on June 1st. This important service contribution will bring national attention to our department, professional involvement, and leadership.

**MAY 2015**

**\*\*\*APTA Credentialed Clinical Instructor Course**

DAY/TIME: Saturday & Sunday, May 2 & 3, 8AM – 5PM

INSTRUCTOR: Janet Mutschler, PT, DPT

LOCATION: Allied Health Building: 100 Penn St., Baltimore, MD 21201

PTs/PTAs: 1.5 CEUs, Healthcare providers from other disciplines: 1.2 CEUs

Questions specific to this Continuing Education course should be directed to Deidra Stevens at [djstevens@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:djstevens@som.umaryland.edu) or 410.706.2163.

**\*\*\*Pediatric Continuing Education Course**

DAY/TIME: Friday, May 8, 12:45PM – 4PM

INSTRUCTOR: Margo Orlin, PT, PhD

TOPIC: “An Evidence Based Approach to Pediatric Musculo-skeletal Biomechanics and Alignments of the Lower Extremity”

LOCATION: Allied Health Building: 100 Penn St., Baltimore, MD 21201

.03 CEUs approved from Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

For more information, contact Alex Ganzermiller at 410.706.5742 or [aganzermiller@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:aganzermiller@som.umaryland.edu).



**\*\*\*Research Day**

DAY/TIME: Tuesday, May 12, 1PM – 4:30PM

INSTRUCTOR: S. Jayne Garland, PT, PhD, Professor & Department Head, Department of Physical Therapy, Faculty of Medicine, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada

TOPIC: “A Journey From Motor Units to Motor Control After Stroke”

LOCATION: SMC Campus Center – 621 W. Lombard St.

.03 CEUs approved from Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

Join us for this annual lecture and learn about the important research our students are conducting!

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**PTRS Pre Commencement and Awards Ceremony**

DAY/TIME: Thursday, May 14, 3PM

LOCATION: School of Nursing Auditorium

Tickets are required. DPT and PhD graduates will both be honored at the ceremony.

**UMB Graduation**

DAY/TIME: Friday, May 15, 2-4PM

LOCATION: Royal Farms Arena



**URecFit Golf Tournament - PTRS is the Beneficiary**

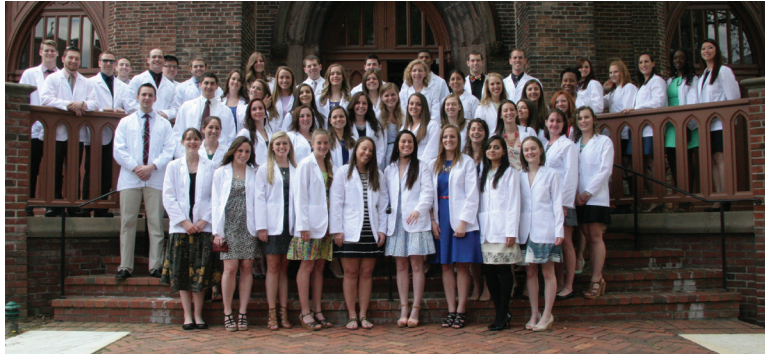
DAY/TIME: Thursday, May 21 | Shotgun start: 7:30AM

LOCATION: Oakmont Greens Golf Course: 2290 Golf View Lane Hampstead, MD 21074

Join other PTRS alumni in this golf tournament, where PTRS will receive the proceeds. We invite you to participate as a sponsor or sign up to play as an individual or foursome!

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OCTOBER 2015



**Pinning Ceremony**

DAY/TIME: Friday, May 29, 2PM

LOCATION: Westminster Hall: 519 W. Fayette Street

*Pinning celebrates the approaching completion of the first year of the DPT program and advancement onto the clinical portion of the curriculum. Students are "pinned" by the faculty. This gesture is symbolic of the student-teacher relationship that will eventually transition to that of colleague to colleague. Each student creates a PowerPoint slide that reflects the significance this ceremony holds for him/her. As the students are pinned, the slides will be projected. Name badges, lab coats and department pins are given to students for the ceremony. Family and friends are invited to attend.*



**Career Day**

DAY/TIME: Wednesday, Oct 7, Time is TBD

Contact Deidra Stevens, Coordinator of Clinical Education, for details: [djstevens@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:djstevens@som.umaryland.edu).

**\*\*\*Alumni Day**

DAY: Wednesday, Oct 7

LOCATION: Southern Management Corporation Campus Center

621 W. Lombard Street Baltimore, MD 21201

*Alumni Reception will be from 4:30-6:00 PM honoring the 2015 Alumnus of the Year (Honoree TBA). Special acknowledgement will be given to our graduates celebrating milestone reunions: 1965, 1975, 1985, 1995, and 2005. A continuing education course will be available from 6:00-9:00 PM. Topic and presenter TBA. For more information, contact Alex Ganzermiller at 410.706.5742 or [aganzermiller@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:aganzermiller@som.umaryland.edu).*

*\*\*\* Indicates a continuing education opportunity. You must register online at [pt.umaryland.edu/alumni\\_events](http://pt.umaryland.edu/alumni_events) to attend.*

**JUNE 2015**

**Class of 1980 Reunion**

DAY/TIME: June 12-14. Various activities in Baltimore.

Contact Seema Devasthali at 910-988-4225 or [seema.joshi57@gmail.com](mailto:seema.joshi57@gmail.com) for more information.

**NEXT Alumni & Friends Reception**

DAY/TIME: Friday, June 5, 2015, 7-9 PM

LOCATION: Gaylord National Convention Center, National Harbor, MD

*Join many alumni, faculty, and students at a networking reception.*

**For more detailed information on upcoming alumni events visit: [pt.umaryland.edu/alumni\\_events](http://pt.umaryland.edu/alumni_events)**

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American Physical Therapy Association

June 3-6, 2015  
National Harbor, MD

JUNE 3-4 2015  
**PT DAY**  
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Join many fellow PTRS alumni, faculty, and students  
June 3-6 at National Harbor, MD for the APTA NEXT Conference.

PTRS will be hosting an Alumni & Friends Reception on Friday, June 5, 2015 from 7-9 PM. Stop by and say hi! On Saturday, June 6th beloved professor Dr. Gad Alon will be presenting the John H.P. Maley Lecture. Don't miss these great PTRS events!

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