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DALE AVERS, PT, DPT, PhD, FAPTA

Dale Avers, PT, DPT, PhD, FAPTA, has impacted the profession of physical therapy, throughout her career especially in geriatrics, contributing to multiple domains including education, service, and publishing.

Currently associate professor in Physical Therapy Education at SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, New York, Avers directed the T-DPT program for 10 years and practices in geriatrics. She has been an academician for Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions in Provo, Utah; Mount Saint Mary’s College School of Physical Therapy in Los Angeles; and Indiana University’s Department of Physical Therapy, School of Allied Health in Indianapolis. Avers received a PhD in Instructional Systems Technology from Indiana University; DPT from Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions; and MSEd BHS from the University of Kentucky. She has been a full time clinician for 25 years.

For more than 30 years, Avers has combined her passion for teaching with her love of the topic of rehabilitation for the older adult. She has been a popular continuing education speaker for physical therapists, giving workshops world wide. She has promoted evidence-based practice, teaching how to evaluate the evidence as well as translating the evidence into practice to enhance the quality of life of the older adult. With a focus on helping students and therapists evaluate research that can be used in the clinical environment, she has co-edited two textbooks and written many chapters and articles. In everything she does, she advocates both for the older adult population and for best practices of the physical therapy professionals she teaches.

Avers has held leadership roles in the Section on Geriatrics for more than 25 years, including president, director, vice chair, and secretary. She established 3 multi-section special interest groups to enhance the value and knowledge of clinical practice on the topics of bone health, wellness, and balance and falls of the geriatric population. Honors include APTA’s Lucy Blair Award, and the section’s Joan Mills Award. In addition, Avers has earned numerous awards for excellence in teaching, including the section’s Distinguished Educator’s Award, Upstate Medical University President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, and election to the first inaugural class of the Academy of Upstate Educators;

APTA is pleased to recognize Dale Avers’ commitment to the optimal aging of older adults and dedication to physical therapist education by naming her a Catherine Worthingham Fellow.

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It is humbling to be selected to join such esteemed company as the Fellows of APTA. Many of these Fellows have inspired me in various ways. My heartfelt gratitude goes to the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy who nominated me for this award and supported me throughout my professional career. They have inspired me to teach, collaborate, lead and most of all to dream. I also want to thank my mentors, Rita Wong, Marybeth Brown, Andrew Guccione and Carole Lewis for their inspiration and continuous support. And most of all to my students – who always challenge me to grow and practice what I preach!
Lisa A. Chiarello, PT, PhD, PCS, FAPTA, has been responsible for significant research contributions in pediatric physical therapy and that research's translation into practice. These movements have impacted children with disabilities and families, as well as the education of future and practicing pediatric physical therapists.

Currently professor at Drexel University in Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Services, Chiarello is also director of the PhD program. Formerly she was assistant professor for the Department of Physical Therapy at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy & Science. Clinical roles have included positions at KenCrest Early Intervention in Buck’s County; Holy Redeemer Hospital and Medical Center in Meadowbrook, Pennsylvania; and Shriners Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Chiarello received a PhD in pediatric physical therapy from Hahnemann University and BS in physical therapy from Ithaca College.

Chiarello has made sustained and meaningful contributions to all aspects of the physical therapy academic tripartite: teaching, research, and service. Internationally known for her record of scholarship, Chiarello has been a researcher on 12 externally funded grants, including the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, US Department of Education Institute of Education Sciences, and the National Institute of Disability and Rehabilitation Research. Her contributions to the literature and practice of pediatric physical therapy over the last 2 decades have centered around 2 intersecting themes: family-centered care and aspects of participation as conceptualized in the ICF. Her contributions in exploring, then expanding, therapists’ knowledge of family-centered care and the more comprehensive approach to intervention provided by full consideration of participation have contributed to the field of rehabilitation services for children with disabilities. In addition, Chiarello was the principal investigator for “Move & PLAY: Movement & Participation in Life Activities of Young Children,” an observational study of 430 young children with cerebral palsy that provided the foundation for the recently funded Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute study of Developmental Trajectories of Impairments, Health, and Participation of Children With Cerebral Palsy.

Since joining the association in 1983, Chiarello has served on various advisory and editorial boards, and has held leadership positions within the Section on Pediatrics. In recognition of her contributions, she was presented with the Bud DeHaven Award for extraordinary service to the section.

APTA is pleased to recognize Lisa Chiarello’s many professional achievements in naming her a Catherine Worthingham Fellow.

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Words cannot express my gratitude for the support I received from others that enabled me to serve this profession. Being a pediatric physical therapist has provided my life with grace and meaning. My husband and children are the cornerstone of my life. The children and families who I have had the honor to serve and the students I have had the pleasure to teach have been my inspiration. I extend a special acknowledgement to my close friends and mentors at Drexel University - Robert Palisano, Margo Orlin, and Sue Smith. In addition, I am so appreciative of the honor of collaborating with and learning from the best professionals including Susan Effgen, Doreen Bartlett, Sally McCoy, Lynn Jeffries, Gillian King, and Peter Rosenbaum. Lastly, I am grateful for my professional colleagues and support from the Section on Pediatrics, though too many to name please know that you have touched my heart.
JOHN D. CHILDS, PT, PhD, MBA, OCS, FAAOMPT, FAPTA

John D. Childs, PT, PhD, MBA, OCS, FAAOMPT, FAPTA, a noted researcher in physical therapy, has influenced the profession and association via his achievements in academics and business.

Dr. John D. Childs is a founder and CEO of Evidence in Motion and partner in Texas Physical Therapy Specialists, a multisite outpatient physical therapy practice in the greater San Antonio, Austin, and Dallas, Texas region. He is also partner in Fit for Work, an occupational health practice that provides employers consultative services to decrease injuries and reduce workers’ compensation costs. A graduate from the U.S. Air Force Academy with a BS in biology (1994), he completed his MPT from US Army-Baylor University (1996), MBA from the University of Arizona (2000), Master of Science in Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy from the University of Pittsburgh (2002), PhD in Rehabilitation Science from the University of Pittsburgh (2003), and DPT from the Evidence in Motion Institute of Health Professions (2010).

Also an associate professor in the US Army-Baylor Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy, Dr. Childs has received numerous research grants from federal and professional funding agencies and has published over 150 peer-reviewed manuscripts in leading scientific journals. He currently serves as an associate editor for Physical Therapy and Journal of Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy.

Childs’ sustained record of noteworthy contributions have significantly influenced research within the profession and helped shape the perception of physical therapy research by those outside the profession. One notable example is his dissertation research project involving low-back pain research, which was published in the Annals of Internal Medicine and awarded a Rose Excellence in Research Award by the Orthopaedic Section. In press for almost 10 years now, it continues to be cited, critiqued, and debated due to its innovative design and conceptual approach. In addition to recognition by APTA, he has received research awards from the Texas Chapter and the United States Air Force, among other organizations, as well as research funding from the Department of Defense and the Physical Therapy Foundation. His work on the publication Spine used claims data to examine the influence of timing of physical therapy on subsequent healthcare costs and utilization, and the piece has received a great deal of attention for its message of using physical therapy for patients with back pain and as an example of the ability of health services research to address important questions regarding the role of physical therapy in health-care delivery.

APTA has recognized Childs’ work with the Eugene Michels New Investigator Award, the Jack Walker Award, and the Chattanooga Research Award. He is active in the Private Practice Section and the Physical Therapy Business Alliance.

APTA is pleased to recognize John Childs’ many professional achievements in naming him a Catherine Worthingham Fellow.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I am deeply grateful for my selection as a Catherine Worthingham Fellow of the APTA. We stand only as tall as the shoulders of those who have gone before us. I am privileged to count among my closest circle of friends and colleagues some of the best people and highest impact leaders in that order in the physical therapy industry across clinical practice, business, and academics in what might be called the “crucible of mentorship.” The best teams are those in which each player understands her role and that the sum of the parts is always bigger than any single contribution in isolation. On a lighter note, I only hope this recognition is not a lifetime achievement award that signals the beginning of the end but rather simply a mile marker along the way of what has been a terrific journey in the best profession on Earth!
MERYL I. COHEN, PT, DPT, CCS, FAPTA

Meryl I. Cohen, PT, DPT, CCS, FAPTA, has served patients and the physical therapy profession via her creation of clinical programs and ability to inspire others to excellence in clinical practice through teaching.

Currently on the staff of Sylvester Cancer Center, and assistant professor of clinical physical therapy, both at the University of Miami, Cohen has held academic posts with the University of Colorado Health Science Center and Massachusetts General Hospital Graduate Institute of Health Professions. Hospital appointments include DC General Hospital; The Arlington Hospital, Arlington, Virginia; Broward General Medical Center, Ft Lauderdale; Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, and The Massachusetts General Hospital. Cohen received her DPT from Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions, MS from the Medical College of Virginia, and BS from Boston University's Sargent College of Allied Health Professions.

Cohen was part of the first cohort of cardiovascular and pulmonary (CVP) physical therapists; as a pioneer and an innovator in the field, her contributions have had great impact on the profession. In the 1970s, Cohen was among those who recognized that progressive mobilization, when adequately monitored and followed by CVP conditioning, would offer high-risk individuals an opportunity for successful return to their community. She subsequently developed several cardiac rehabilitation programs, including in the District of Columbia, Virginia, and South Florida. She conducted numerous national and international continuing education workshops, delivered many invited speaker presentations, and coordinated several graduate-level academic courses at the MGH Institute of Health Professions. In 1985, she was recognized by APTA as a board-certified cardiopulmonary clinical specialist. 1 of the first 3 professionals certified to achieve that designation. As a professor, she has won 6 Teacher of the Year awards during her academic career and has served as a mentor and advocate for those rising in the CVP field and physical therapy profession.

Cohen’s efforts have been recognized by APTA and its components almost annually as a content expert in CVP physical therapy, including Outstanding Achievement in Clinical Practice by the Massachusetts Chapter, the Linda D. Crane Lectureship, and 2 research awards.

APTA congratulates Meryl Cohen on her history of achievement in the physical therapy profession and is pleased to name her a Catherine Worthingham Fellow.

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When every workday is filled with rewards; when you like each of your employers and even call your boss your friend; when you study to advance your skills and then sit next to your teacher as your colleague; and then, when your profession honors you with its highest award, you have to step back, reflect on your life and career, and ask, how did I get here? I began without a career plan, yet, I realized that one by one, each patient, each student, each family member, each friend, each colleague, each boss, and each mentor, these special individuals, created my “village”; the “village” that it took to “raise” me and bring me to this moment where I am thrilled and very humbled to receive this award. Thank you to my village: Polly, Colleen, Mr. Keys, and Sherri; Roberta; Scott and Linda; Kate, Di, Anna, JOT, Terry, Howard, and Carol; Edee, BA, Lynn, and Larry; Nicole, Trish, Georgy, Melissa, and Taime; mom, dad, Linda, Davn, Robyn, and Scott.
PAMELA A. DUFFY, PT, PhD, MED, OCS, RP, FAPTA

Pamela A. Duffy, PT, PhD, MEd, OCS, RP, FAPTA, has advanced the physical therapy profession through sustained work in the primary domain of advocacy, with important translation to the domains of practice, research and education.

Currently assistant professor in the Public Health Program of Des Moines University, Duffy has also held posts as physical medicine director at Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa in addition to her own firms, Pamela A. Duffy, PC and Duffy & Associates Physical Therapy. She earned PhD, MEd, and BS degrees from Iowa State University, and a BS in physical therapy from the University of Pennsylvania.

Over the past 24 years, Duffy has been progressively and positively involved in the education of students in the health sciences. From her beginnings as a guest lecturer, she has held numerous academic posts and presided over national-level student conclaves. In addition, she has groomed hundreds of PT students in the foundational competencies to address policy issues and function effectively as advocates in the legislative arena. Duffy’s advocacy related to both practice and research was recently demonstrated through her study, “Claims-based Resource Utilization in Physical Therapy Care: A Comparison of Physician-Referred and Direct Access,” which appeared in Health Services Research in 2012. Employing the largest database sample of its kind, this study showed a significantly larger number of physical therapist visits, higher allowable amounts paid, and higher health-care resource use for physician-referred services as compared to direct-access physical therapy services. Published ahead of print in September 2011, this research was showcased at the APTA Payment and Policy forum in Austin, Texas, where Duffy served as an APTA public relations spokesperson in a press conference, webinar, and podcast with Physical Therapy.

Duffy has served the association in numerous capacities, including Iowa Chapter president, during which time she championed two major pieces of practice act legislation, direct access in 1987 and physical therapist assistant licensure in 1990. At a national level she was elected to the Nominating Committee, and to the Board of Directors as vice speaker and speaker of the House of Delegates. She is currently a member of the Orthopaedic Section’s Board of Directors and APTA public relations spokesperson.

APTA congratulates Pamela Duffy on her many professional and association achievements and is pleased to name her a Catherine Worthingham Fellow.

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For the many blessings of my parents and family, I am immensely grateful, for you have shaped my path. A special thank you to Dr. John O. Barr for personally inviting me to participate in the Iowa Physical Therapy Association 30 years ago, and to the IPTA for sponsoring my nomination. I share this award with many professional colleagues and mentors, but especially Dr. Dale Andringa, Dr. John O. Barr, Dr. Mike Burggraaf, Dr. Andrew Guccione, Dr. Stephen CF McDavitt, and Dr. Jan K. Richardson. Most importantly, I want to acknowledge my spouse of 25 years, Dr. Mickey Carlson, whose support and love give meaning to my life.
Beth E. Fisher, PT, PhD, FAPTA, has a uniquely integrated record of accomplishments across education, research, and clinical practice in neurological physical therapy. Her dedication to education, research, and practice has not only moved the profession forward through her work, but has inspired others to collaborate with her, learn from her, and strive to emulate her.

Currently associate professor of Clinical Physical Therapy and director of the Neuroplasticity and Imaging Laboratory, both at the University of Southern California’s Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy, Fisher also serves in a joint appointment in the university’s Department of Neurology, Keck School of Medicine. She has held several other academic positions at USC and at Loma Linda University. In addition, Fisher is a guest faculty member for the PhD program in Physical Therapy and Applied Movement Science at Mahidol University in Bangkok, as well as an affiliated scientist at the Center for Research in Clinical Biokinesiology of the Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. She holds a PhD, MS, and BS, all from the University of Southern California.

Fisher has more than 20 years of teaching experience in neurologic disorders, movement analysis, and neuroplasticity related to recovery. As the physical therapy profession was focused on expanding residency opportunities for students, Fisher and her West Coast colleagues collaborated to develop the Neurologic Physical Therapy Professional Education Consortium to provide coursework support for clinical partners trying to establish a neurologic residency. The result has been successful promotion of residency development, with 14 programs using this curriculum. Fisher was also a course developer for “Neurologic Practice Essentials: Clinical Application of the Principles of Neuroplasticity,” a regional course developed for the Neurology Section of APTA. In this project, she was a lead presenter in the initial presentation at CSM. In addition to her teaching achievements, Fisher is recognized worldwide for her ability to translate complex animal and human research into physical therapy clinical practice, and she is sought-after as a speaker.

For APTA, Fisher has held numerous leadership roles, including on the Research Section, Neurology Section, and Nominating Committee. Currently she serves as a member of the Davis Phinney Foundation’s Scientific Advisory Board, and as a member of the National Parkinson’s Foundation, Falls Task Force.

APTA congratulates Beth Fisher on her record of service to the profession through education and advocacy and is pleased to name her a Catherine Worthingham Fellow.

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I have been fortunate to have been mentored by the best and the brightest throughout my career. Early on I received the invaluable guidance of Dr. Helen Hislop, Jacque Montgomery and Dr. Carolee Winstein. Dr. James Gordon, Dr. Kornelia Kulig and Dr. Chris Powers later joined the powerhouse group of mentors that have helped shape me both professionally and personally. My incredible luck actually began with having parents, Harold and Marcy Stein that always believed I was capable of anything. I am thankful for friendships that have encouraged me over the years. In particular, I have been blessed to have had the generous and unwavering support of Lisette and Norman Ackerberg. Finally, my husband and son, Roger and Max Phillips, have bolstered me during the tough times and cheered the loudest with every success. I am grateful every day for their love.
Julie M. Fritz, PT, PhD, FAPTA, is a leader in the area of low-back pain and clinical outcomes and classification models, with 138 published manuscripts and a history of progressive research throughout her career.

Currently, Fritz is professor at the School of Health at the Department of Physical Therapy for the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Previous posts include other academic roles at the University of Utah and the University of Pittsburgh, and staff physical therapist/athletic trainer at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center’s Center for Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation. She holds a BA from Hope College, MS from the University of Indianapolis, and PhD from the University of Pittsburgh’s School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.

A physical therapist for 21 years, Fritz began her career as a graduate student when she took on an assistant professorship at the University of Pittsburgh. Today, she continues her academic career at the University of Utah, producing research outcomes and other achievements that have altered the way the profession views management of patients and health policy-related implications of that care. Her publications demonstrate insight into developing a clinically directed paradigm to a distinctive way of expanding thinking about ways to address low back pain in terms of outcomes, classification systems, and health policy. Continually funded as a principal investigator since 2001 through the National Institutes of Health, Foundation for Physical Therapy, Agency for Health Research and Quality and the Department of Defense, Fritz has also served on several NIH committees and has had her work viewed as among the best in nonsurgical treatment of low-back pain. Each of Fritz’s funded projects has led to ongoing evolution of the findings by her and her colleagues. She has developed the ability to work within health systems to gather data to begin to address questions related to many clinical problems and to begin to implement solutions to these problems.

A member of APTA since 1990, Fritz is involved in the Sports Section, Research Section, and Orthopaedic Section. She is also a member of AcademyHealth, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists. APTA has honored her with the Marian Williams Award for Research in Physical Therapy, Jules M. Rothstein Golden Pen Award for Scientific Writing, and Orthopaedic Section’s Rose Excellence in Research Award, among others.

APTA congratulates Julie Fritz on her distinguished record of academic and research achievements and is pleased to name her a Catherine Worthingham Fellow.

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KATHLEEN M. GILL-BODY, PT, DPT, MS, NCS, FAPTA

Kathleen M. Gill-Body, PT, DPT, MS, NCS, FAPTA, has had a positive influence on a generation of physical therapy clinicians and researchers via her clinical skills, enduring leadership, and scholarly contributions in translating evidence to practice for patients with neurologic disorders.

Currently adjunct clinical associate professor at the Graduate Programs in Physical Therapy for MGH Institute of Health Professions (MGH IHP) in Boston, Gill-Body also serves as senior physical therapist at Newton-Wellesley Hospital in Newton, Massachusetts. Past posts include other academic roles at MGH IHP, Harvard University, Boston University, and Simmons College. She received a BS from Simmons College, and both DPT and MS in physical therapy from MGH IHP.

One of the physical therapy profession’s first neurologic clinical specialists, Gill-Body has held leadership positions in clinical practice, specializing in treating patients with balance dysfunction, specifically vestibular dysfunction. She has translated her practical experience into research on a number of studies funded by NIH, NASA, and AHRQ. At MGH IHP, she has developed and taught a number of courses in her area of expertise in addition to classes on orthotics and prosthetics for orthopedic residents. As an Editorial Board member for Physical Therapy, Gill-Body has had a critical role in molding submitted manuscripts so that they have the greatest possible influence on clinical practice. As chair of the Neurology Section’s IIIStep Programming Committee, Gill-Body was instrumental in developing the neurologic content for an international conference intended to represent the cutting edge of neurologic clinical practice and research. She was co-chair of a task force, Develop Compendium of Teaching Materials for Professional Level Neurology Curricula, and awarded MGH IHP’s Nancy T. Watts Award for Excellence in Teaching.

An APTA member since 1978, Gill-Body is a 2-time recipient of the Jack Walker Award, and received the Chattanooga Research Award in 2000. She has served as delegate and on the Nominating Committee of the Massachusetts Chapter, liaison to the Neurologic Specialty Council, and associate editor for the Journal of Neurologic Physical Therapy. Other examples of her service to the profession include membership on the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties, Specialization Academy of Content Experts, and the Neurology Specialty Council.

APTA is pleased to recognize Kathleen Gill-Body’s many contributions to the physical therapy profession by naming her a Catherine Worthingham Fellow.

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I am honored, and humbled, to be named a Catherine Worthingham Fellow of the APTA. My heartfelt thanks to those colleagues who organized and supported my nomination – your reflections shared during the process are an invaluable and lasting gift. My journey as a physical therapist has consisted of a series of challenging, fun and wonderful opportunities to work with a variety of people who have each influenced me, contributed to my development, and urged me to do more. So, to Marjorie Ionta and Nancy Watts who started me off on the right path; colleagues and friends at Massachusetts General Hospital and the MGH Institute of Health Professions; fellow editorial board members at JNPT and PTJ; Neurology Section friends and colleagues; and my current co-workers at Newton-Wellesley Hospital – thank you! Finally, to my best friend, Simon, and our amazing daughters Meaghan and Caroline – your support and love go beyond words.
NANCY R. KIRSCH, PT, DPT, PhD, FAPTA

Nancy R. Kirsch, PT, DPT, PhD, FAPTA, has advocated for the ethics, practice, and regulation of the physical therapy profession as a leader of regulatory boards and committees tasked with moving physical therapy forward.

Currently program director of the Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy-North at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, School of Health Related Professions, Kirsch also serves as professor of physical therapy at Rutgers University (formerly the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey), and is in private practice with Nancy R. Kirsch Physical Therapy Services in Rockaway, New Jersey. Previous posts include various clinical positions in New Jersey and owner of Northern Hills Physical Therapy, Flanders, New Jersey. She earned a DPT from Massachusetts General Institute of Health Professions, PhD in health sciences from University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, MA from Montclair State College, and BS in physical therapy from Temple University.

Kirsch has demonstrated sustained participation, commitment, and leadership to the profession's licensure, professional board/practice issues, regulation, and ethics. As an advocate of physical therapy, she has developed a national reputation in the discipline of ethics and professional education, focusing on ethical decision-making. A leader in the effort of connecting ethics to practice, Kirsch has built on the foundation set by Ruth Purtillo, bringing on-the-ground experience from her years as a private practice owner and rehabilitation department manager, as a licensure board member, and as an academic. As the writer of a standing ethics column in PT in Motion magazine, Kirsch makes the critical translation between the theories and principles of ethics and the daily decision-making of clinical practice. Kirsch is frequently invited to speak on ethical decision-making, presenting at various conferences worldwide; in addition, she has developed ethics modules for the Province of Ontario’s licensing authority to be used as tutorials for physiotherapists licensed in Ontario, and collaborates with the New Jersey Medical School in teaching ethics to Rutgers University medical students. At the state level, Kirsch was chapter president and active in several revisions of the New Jersey practice act including the last one that provided direct access for therapists in the state. She helped to broaden the scope of physical therapy practice through her work with the New Jersey Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

A member of APTA since 1971, Kirsch has been a member of the sections on private practice, administration and health care policy, education, geriatrics, and orthopaedics, and chaired the Ethics and Judicial Committee, and the Reference Committee. She was part of the task force to revise the association's core ethics documents and presently serves as a member of the Scope of Practice Task Force. She received recognition from the Ethics and Judicial Committee in 2011 and 2012, received the Lucy Blair Service Award in 2006, and was given the Clinicians Choice Award as Best Research Poster from the New Jersey Chapter.

APTA is pleased to recognize Nancy Kirsch’s many contributions to the physical therapy profession and advocacy achievements as a Catherine Worthingham Fellow

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STEPHEN M. LEVINE, PT, DPT, MSHA, FAPTA

Stephen M. Levine, PT, DPT, MSHA, FAPTA, has led the physical therapy profession as an advocate through internal and external, national, and state service, sharing his expertise via scholarly contributions, national education in multiple platforms, and as adjunct faculty.

Currently, Levine is a partner with Fearon & Levine, a national consulting firm focusing on practice management and payment policy in the outpatient rehabilitation setting. Levine also is a development partner with OptimisPT, an electronic health record platform designed for the outpatient physical therapy industry. Previously, he was owner/administrator of Spine and Sports Rehabilitation Center, Timonium, Maryland. Levine received a DPT from Arizona School for Health Sciences in Mesa, Arizona; MS in health administration from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond; and BS in physical therapy from the University of Maryland-Baltimore.

Recognizing that change doesn’t happen overnight, Levine helps to facilitate change through patient persistence. He assists others to change by guiding them to see the importance or the need for change, so they are ready to embrace it. He represents the “voice of the profession” on the national, regional, and local levels, advocating from boardroom to classroom to clinic to courtroom, bringing his expertise to the table and leading through example. Even in the course of the need for conversation, Levine remains approachable and goes out of his way to assure that dialogue occurs. He has been repeatedly recognized for his talents through continued and return service in elected positions and selection for national, component, and state-appointed groups, setting the standard for advocacy through his work. As the national APTA appointee to the American Medical Association’s Relative Value Update (RUC) Health Care Professionals’ Advisory Committee (HCPAC), Levine helps advise the AMA and CMS on appropriate relative values of medical services provided by a broad range of licensed providers.

For APTA, Levine has served on the Board of Directors, as chair of the Alternative Payment Task force, member of the Governance Review and Alternative Payment task forces, Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates, and Speaker of the House of Delegates. For the Maryland Chapter, he served as Chief Delegate, on the National Peer Review Workgroup, and on the National Worker’s Compensation Focus Group. For the Private Practice Section, he has served as co-chair of the Payor Relations Committee, a member of the Nominating Committee, and has received the section’s Outstanding Service Award.

APTA congratulates Steve Levine on his many professional achievements and contributions to the profession and is pleased to name him a Catherine Worthingham Fellow.

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It is indeed an honor to have been elected as a Catherine Worthingham Fellow, and to be included among such a distinguished group. While professional and personal accomplishment are often driven by a passion for excellence, it is not without the sacrifice and support of an incredible collection of colleagues, who I have come to call my friends, that I have been able to achieve this distinction. From my first introduction to our professional organization, I recognized the opportunity each of us has to make a difference in our profession and the patients we serve, and I hope that in some small way I have encouraged and mentored others as I have been encouraged and mentored throughout my career. I could not be who I am today without the support and friendship of so many of you who have been part of this incredible journey, and who have been shining stars along my professional path. And without doubt, the wind beneath my wings has been the love and unending support of my husband, Bruce Anderson, PT, for which I am eternally grateful.
KATHLEEN KLINE MANGIONE, PT, PhD, FAPTA

Kathleen Kline Mangione, PT, PhD, FAPTA, has earned recognition for her physical therapy research, which has become the basis of an NIH-funded, multi-center treatment study for men and women who have sustained hip fracture.

Currently a faculty member at Arcadia University’s Department of Physical Therapy in Glenside, Pennsylvania, Mangione has also served as a geriatric consultant for the University of Pennsylvania Health Care Systems; per-diem inpatient staff therapist at Grandview Hospital in Sellersville, Pennsylvania; and as an independent practitioner in home health care. She holds a PhD in pathokinesiology and MA in gerontology, both from New York University, and a BS in physical therapy from the University of Delaware.

Mangione was certified as a geriatric clinical specialist in 1992, a member of one of the first groups of specialists to sit for the exam. Her success led her to being asked to contribute to the exam process; she also became immersed in the specialty process and was elected to the Geriatric Council of the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties, where she served 5 years on the board and 3 as chair. As a researcher, Mangione was responsible for an entire multi-center grant based on her treatment paradigm. Her studies are now published in high-impact journals, such as the Journal of Gerontology and Journal of the American Geriatric Society; in addition, she has published continuously, with more than 30 refereed publications to her credit. Beyond the academic and research realm, Mangione has served as a physical therapy profession advocate and educator. She helps her physical therapist colleagues not only within her own program, but across the nation. She performs a great deal of troubleshooting and lends insights on industry issues to fellow physical therapists as well as to the entire medical community.

For APTA, Mangione has been involved with the Geriatric Council, Hooked on Evidence Knee Clinical Scenario Development, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Outpatient Therapy Project, Advisory Panel on Research, Guide to Physical Therapist Practice, EDGE Task Force, and the Orthopaedic Section and Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy, among others. On the local level, Mangione has lent her expertise as a grant reviewer for the Albert Einstein Society and a Dissertation Committee member for Temple University.

APTA is pleased to recognize Kathleen Kline Mangione’s outstanding research and many other contributions to the physical therapy profession by naming her a Catherine Worthingham Fellow.

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I am so fortunate to have both a clinical passion—rehab with older adults—and the PT “gene.” My mother, a retired PT from the polio epidemic, passed her love and enthusiasm of physical therapy to me. I thank my parents Betty and George Kline for encouraging me to do my best. My husband Carl, also a PT, inspires me with his genuine desire to continuously help others—thank you Carl for supporting me and our children, Katherine and Carlo. To the best mentor one can have, my friend Becky Craik—thank you for guiding my academic career. Thanks to my colleagues at Arcadia, in the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy, and to the many PTs with whom I have worked—you have all provided me with insights that will hopefully lead to improved care for older adults.
WILLIAM H. O’GRADY, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT, DAAPM, FAPTA

William H. O’Grady, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT, DAAPM, FAPTA, has a longstanding record of service in practice and translational contributions in the domains of education and advocacy.

O’Grady has had a long history with the military having served with distinction since 1964. After returning to school and practicing as a civilian PT, he served as a US Army physical therapist from 1979 until 2002, retiring as a full colonel. During his service in the military, he served as assistant chief of the Army Medical Specialist Corps and as advisor to the Army Surgeon General for the US Army Reserve. He also served as president and CEO of Olympic Sports and Spine Rehabilitation an outpatient orthopedic PT practice with seven locations in the South Puget Sound from 1984 until his retirement in 2008.

O’Grady has had an important and lasting impact on orthopedic physical therapy practice through his efforts with the development and promotion of clinical specialization. His contributions to specialty practice and the specialization process includes assisting with the development of the initial Description of Specialty Practice for Orthopaedic Physical Therapy having served as an item writer and subject matter expert for the first orthopedic specialty examination. In addition, O’Grady also helped to develop the initial template for orthopedic specialist recertification. While serving as chair of the Orthopaedic Specialty Council and a member of the Subject Area Content Experts he conducted item-writing seminars at CSM. He assisted the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists (AAOMPT) both with the development of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapy Description of Advanced Practice and with strategic planning. While serving as its chief of the Board of the Examiners, O’Grady conducted the first large-scale oral practical examination in orthopedic manual therapy and independent portfolio reviews. Academically, O’Grady has taught and continues to teach post-graduate courses in orthopedics and manual therapy. He has been a clinical faculty instructor for multiple entry-level physical therapy programs for over 40 years. In addition, he continues to teach residency and fellowship programs and is both a lead examiner and advisory faculty for the North American Institute of Orthopedic Manual Therapy. He also serves as adjunct professor for the University of Nevada Las Vegas Physical Therapy program and as an instructor for the University of Southern California Spine Fellowship Program.

A longtime member of APTA, O’Grady helped to develop guidelines for the Mentorship Program for the Orthopaedic Section. In addition, he has served as director and on the Nomination Committee of the Orthopaedic Section. He was also invited to participate in the Graham Sessions discussions on the future of physical therapy and 2020 Vision in conjunction with the APTA Board of Directors and the Private Practice Section. He been previously honored with the Military Order of Merit from the US Army for contributions to Army physical therapy, presented with the John McMennell Service Award from AAOMPT, Lucy Blair Service Award, and this year with the Paris Distinguished Service Award from the Orthopedic Section.

APTA is pleased to recognize William O’Grady’s many contributions to the physical therapy profession by naming him a Catherine Worthingham Fellow.

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R. SCOTT WARD, PT, PhD, FAPTA

R. Scott Ward, PT, PhD, FAPTA, has demonstrated sustained commitment to the physical therapy profession via advocacy and education, and has significantly contributed to and influenced practice and research.

Currently chair and professor for the Department of Physical Therapy in the College of Health at the University of Utah, Ward previously held the positions of adjunct associate professor, co-chair, and associate professor. He was a physical therapist for the Burn Therapy Department of Intermountain Burn Center at the University of Utah Medical Center; and a clinical instructor for the University of Utah and Weber State College. He holds a PhD in physiology and baccalaureate in physical therapy, both from the University of Utah.

Considered a change agent within advocacy and education directly impacting the forward movement of the physical therapy profession, Ward has cultivated and motivated similar leadership skills from his peers. He increased the academic standards at the University of Utah by hiring and retaining a faculty that has national and international standing, with published research providing the university with cutting-edge researchers and teachers for future clinicians. He was instrumental in the University of Utah’s transition from the terminal degree of MPT to DPT, and helped advance the faculty practice program to a state-of-the-art facility that now has faculty practice as part of the department. As APTA president, Ward successfully framed the Board of Directors’ meeting structure to an engagement in a priority-based agenda between the Board and staff, promoting opportunities for deliberative and collaborative input into issues, thus using and integrating the knowledge and expertise of the full board and APTA staff for prioritization, budgeting, and implementation.

For APTA, he served as president from 2006 to 2012. Previously he was a member of the Board of Directors and served as liaison to the American Burn Association and a member of the Legislative Committee. For the Utah Chapter, he has served as president, chief delegate, and on the Task Force on Americans with Disabilities Act. He was a recipient of the Lucy Blair Service Award in 1999; in 2009, the Utah Chapter awarded him the Lifetime Achievement Award.

APTA congratulates Scott Ward on his history of service, advocacy, and education, and is pleased to name him a Catherine Worthingham Fellow.

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James Gordon, PT, EdD, FAPTA, is currently professor as well as associate dean and chair of the Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy at the University of Southern California. Gordon received his BS in Physical Therapy from the State University of New York – Downstate Medical Center. He then worked for 6 years as a physical therapist in acute care, rehabilitation, and home care settings before entering graduate school with the goal of becoming a researcher in the science underlying neurologic rehabilitation. In 1985, he was awarded an EdD in Movement Science at Teachers College, Columbia University. After Gordon’s graduation, he worked as a researcher with a focus on the neural control of human reaching movements. He has held full-time faculty positions in the physical therapy departments at Columbia University, New York Medical College, and University of Southern California. As a researcher and educator, he is recognized for his lectures and writings on applying research in motor control and motor learning to neurological rehabilitation. Gordon has been an advocate for excellence in academic physical therapy, and most recently he played a leading role in the formation of the American Council of Academic Physical Therapy. APTA salutes Jim Gordon’s accomplishments by recognizing him with the Mary McMillan Lecture Award.
Andrea L. Behrman, PhD, PT, FAPTA, is a professor in the Department of Neurological Surgery at the University of Louisville and member of the Kentucky Spinal Cord Injury Research Center. She received her BS in Biology from Furman University, her MS in PT from Duke University and her PhD in Exercise Science from the University of Florida. Dr. Behrman is Director of the Pediatric NeuroRecovery Program and co-Director of the Reeve Foundation NeuroRecovery Network with a mission of infusing standardized evidence- and activity-based therapies into clinical practice across clinical sites in the U.S. and Canada. She currently is funded by the Craig H. Neilsen Foundation, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Veterans Affairs Rehabilitation Research and Development examining walking recovery in experimental models and the human condition of spinal cord injury (SCI) and developing a new outcome measure for adults and children with SCI.
GAD ALON, PT, PhD

Gad Alon, PT, PhD, is a dedicated teacher, clinician, and researcher for the physical therapy profession in addition to a popular and prolific speaker with international engagements, and awardee of a research grant of over $827,500.

As of January 2012, Alon is an emeritus associate professor in the Department of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science, University of Maryland School of Medicine. Currently he is also an adjunct associate professor at George Mason University. Previous posts at the University of Maryland included associate professor and assistant professor; in Israel, he was acting chair of the Physical Therapy School of Chaim Sheba Medical Center in Tel-Hashomer, Israel. Clinical posts have included roles at the Lewis National Prosthetic Institute in Israel and Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, VA. Alon received a PhD from the University of Maryland, MS from the Medical College of Virginia, and a certificate in Physical Therapy from Wingate Institute in Israel.

Alon conducts research in the area of electrotherapeutics, focusing on electrical stimulation in various patient/client populations including post-cerebral vascular accident, cerebral palsy, post-hip fracture, spinal cord injury, Parkinson’s disease, diabetes, peripheral vascular disease and advanced exercise programs across the lifespan. He strives to transfer this knowledge to others through peer-reviewed journal articles, multiple abstracts, and scientific presentations. Alon creates a critical curiosity with his knowledge of the physical therapy field and what a colleague describes as an “infectious sense of wonderment.” Considered highly approachable while still pushing students to seek further understanding of the material, Alon is a 6-time Faculty of the Year award winner at the University of Maryland.

An APTA member since 1985, Alon has served on the Section on Clinical Electrophysiology and Wound Management's Advisory Committee, and the Committee for Screening Proposals/Abstracts. He was the section's 2000 recipient of the Award of Excellence. Currently, he is a reviewer for a number of journals, including Stroke, Topics in Stroke Rehabilitation, American Journal of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, JOSPT, Journal of Athletic Training, Archives Physical Medicine Rehabilitation, and Developmental Medicine Child Neurology.

APTA salutes Gad Alon’s longstanding commitment to education, clinical research, and achievements in his area of electrotherapeutics and is pleased to honor him with the 20th John H.P. Maley Lecture Award.

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Being a foreign trained physical therapist who came to the USA to pursue advanced professional education, I would have never dream to receive a call informing me that I am the recipient of the John H.P. Maley Lecture Award. 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 Otto Payton, and Bob Lamb (Medical College of Virginia), Don Hobart and Mary Rodgers (University of Maryland, School of Medicine) and one former student who became an influential mentor, Dr. Steve Tepper. Most importantly I wish to acknowledge the heartfelt love and support of my wife and children, and the countless students, patients and colleagues around the world without whom none of the accomplishments would have been possible.
SUSAN A. APPLING, PT, DPT, PhD, OCS
Susan A. Appling, PT, DPT, PhD, OCS, has made contributions to the physical therapy profession that have resulted in streamlined communications and processes, year-round governance of the House of Delegates, improved quality of publications, and increased participation of members.

Currently associate professor for the Department of Physical Therapy in the College of Allied Health Sciences at The University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Appling is also clinical coordinator for the Orthopedic Physical Therapy Residency Program. Previously she was assistant professor and a member of the graduate faculty. She is a consultant for University Therapists in Memphis and was a contract physical therapist for St Francis Hospital, also in Memphis. She received a DPT from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, PhD and MS from the University of Memphis, BS in physical therapy from the University of Central Arkansas, and BS in natural science from Christian Brothers University in Memphis.

As a member of the APTA Task Force on House of Delegates Governance, Appling helped to achieve the eventual outcome and was instrumental in helping to develop 23 recommendations that were submitted in order to move the House of Delegates closer to year-round governance. Her professionalism, vision, passion, integrity, respect for differences of opinion, and the ability to stay focused on the intended outcome made her a valuable member of the team. The result was that the House of Delegates was affirmed as the highest policy-making body of the profession, ensuring that future generations of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants will continue to have a central and predominant role in directing the future of the profession.

A member of APTA since 1985, Appling has been involved with the CEO Search Work Group, Task Force on Governance Review, Finance and Audit Committee, and Task Force on House of Delegates Governance, and was moderator of the House of Delegates. For the Orthopaedic Section, she has served on multiple committees, and as editor of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Practice. For the Tennessee Chapter, Appling served as chief delegate, on the Board of Directors, and on the legislative and nominating committees. She has been honored with the Tennessee Chapter’s Carol Likens Award and APTA’s Abstract Recognition of Excellence.

APTA is pleased to recognize Susan Appling’s many achievements and proud to honor her with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

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Thanks to my colleagues and friends who have supported me throughout my career, especially Carol Likens, who coordinated my nomination and has been a long time friend and mentor, along with those who contributed to my nomination for the Lucy Blair Award: Bill Boissonnault, Steve Levine, Steve McDavitt, Scott Newton, and Nancy Reese. You are dear friends whom I respect and treasure greatly. Thanks to the PT faculty and students at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center who continually support me, keep me grounded, and have taught me so much these past 22 years. You are awesome! Thanks to the PT faculty at the University of Central Arkansas who got me started on this path. Thank you to the APTA Awards Committee and the Board of Directors for selecting me for this wonderful award. I am truly honored. Finally, thanks to my family for supporting me on this journey.
JANE S. BALDWIN, PT, DPT, NCS

Jane S. Baldwin, PT, DPT, NCS, is a committed advocate for the physical therapy profession and those it serves through her work as an officer, committee chair, delegate, and task force member.

Currently assistant professor and interim chair of operations for MGH Institute of Health Professions (IHP), Baldwin previously served as associate director of clinical education and term lecturer. She is also an instructor at International Educational Resources in Concord, Massachusetts, and an advanced clinician for Spaulding Rehabilitation Center at Wellesley. Prior to her current position, she was a lecturer at Boston University and served on the Advisory Committee for the DPT program at Simmons College. Baldwin received a DPT from Simmons College and BS in physical therapy from Northeastern University.

In addition to her extensive administrative duties, Baldwin leads MGH Institute’s pro bono Physical Therapy Center for Clinical Education and Health Promotion and organizes the DPT program’s health promotion projects that provide numerous wellness needs to the underserved in the Boston area. She contributes to a number of efforts in the IHP to foster stronger ties to the surrounding community, has served for the past 2 years as clerk of the faculty senate, and has been a member of Simmons College’s Advisory Committee for its physical therapy program. In addition, she teaches PTA licensure preparation courses nationwide for International Education Resources. Her experience with multiple aspects of the profession has led her to help advance the work of PTs and PTAs behind the scenes and advocate for the clinical community, the educational community, and the profession as a whole.

A member of APTA since 1983, Baldwin has participated in the Education Section, Neurology Section, and Section on Pediatrics. She was a member of the Task Force on Governance Review and recently served on the Task Force on Alternative Dues Structure and as Massachusetts Chapter liaison to the Section on Pediatrics. On the local level, she is delegate and served 2 terms as chief delegate. In 2006, the Massachusetts Chapter presented her with the Presidential Service Award.

APTA congratulates Jane Baldwin on her history of service to APTA and is pleased to present her with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I am honored and humbled to receive the Lucy Blair Service Award. I have been mentored and supported by so many extraordinary colleagues over the years that there are too many to individually mention. My friends, colleagues and mentors in the Massachusetts Chapter have been an inspiration to me since entering Northeastern University and have instilled the value of commitment and dedication. I appreciate the support I have received from my colleagues at Spaulding Rehab as well as the MGH Institute of Health Professions who continually support and encourage my involvement. I want to thank my sister, Nancy, who is always there as my sounding board and helps me to put things into perspective. To my parents who led by example of being involved in their community and professions and who instilled in us that service is something you not only participate in but embrace.
William G. Boissonnault, PT, DHSc, FAAOMPT, FAPTA, combines his clinical and academic experience with leadership and resourcefulness to make substantial contributions to the physical therapy profession.

Currently professor for the Physical Therapy Program in the Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, as well as senior physical therapist and curriculum director at the university, Boissonnault is also adjunct faculty at numerous physical therapy programs. He earned a transitional DPT from MGH Institute of Health Professions, DHSc from University of St Augustine for Health Sciences, MS from the Institute of Physical Therapy, and BS in physical therapy from University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Boissonnault challenges conventional organizational practices with creative strength. During his tenure as president of the Orthopaedic Section, his insight and support for the development of grants for residency programs in manual therapy helped move those visions forward. His support for open exploration and analysis of examining and addressing the members’ needs contributed to the development of APTA House of Delegates addressing interstate licensure, delegation of practice intervention, and standards in providing continuing education programming. During Boissonnault’s presidency, the progression of reimbursement and practice privilege threats on the physical therapist practice of mobilization/manipulation led him to support the financing and development of a manipulation task force, which was later sanctioned by APTA and remains active today as the Manipulation Work Group. As a leader, he set measurable objectives and promoted a genuine consensus approach to solving issues.

Boissonnault has also served as president of the Foundation for Physical Therapy, Inc. since 2009. Since then the Foundation has implemented significant organizational changes, continued to fund clinical research, and developed a funding track for health services/policy research.

Since 1976, Boissonnault has been involved in many areas of APTA, including the Section on Research, Education Section, and Orthopaedic Section. He serves on the APTA Work Group for Guide to Physical Therapist Practice Revision and the APTA Task Force on Manual Therapy Legislature Issues, and he formerly chaired the Task Force on the Implementation of Clinical Residency Programs/Faculty Credentialing.

APTA salutes Bill Boissonnault’s many years and examples of service to the association and profession and is pleased to present him with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I am very grateful to the APTA Board of Directors for this wonderful honor. My service record pales in comparison to what I have gained from being a part of our wonderful profession. The list of previous awardees includes individuals that I have long admired and who have served as important professional service role models. I am indebted to Dr. Stanley Paris who first instilled in me the sense of responsibility, the sense of duty, to serve the Association. Last, this honor is proudly shared with my family- Jill, Josh, Jacob, and Eliya, and my parents Gregory and Geneva Boissonnault.
CATHY HAINES CIOLEK, PT, DPT, GCS
Cathy Haines Ciolek, PT, DPT, GCS, has demonstrated service to the physical therapy profession via sustained contributions to the Delaware Chapter and the Section on Geriatrics.

Ciolek has held a number of academic roles within the University of Delaware in Newark, DE, including associate director for the Neurologic and Older Adult Physical Therapy Clinic; director of clinical education; Geriatric Physical Therapy Residency faculty; and faculty instructor of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Entry Level Program.

She received a DPT from Arizona School of Health Services in Mesa, Arizona; advanced certificate in gerontology from the University of Delaware; and BS in physical therapy from Ithaca College.

Since 1987, Ciolek has been a leader in the Delaware Chapter in a variety of roles, including chair of the Membership Committee, chair of the Ethics and Judicial Committee, and Continuing Education coordinator. She has also served as delegate, chief delegate, and chapter president. As chief delegate, she made significant contributions to Vision 2020, working behind the scenes with the Northeastern Caucus to facilitate the creation of the Open Door, enhancing evidence-based practice. As president, she improved this role by moving from an all-volunteer organization to having executive support, thus decreasing the reliance on volunteers and strengthening the chapter to better utilize volunteers’ talents and skills for advancement of the profession. In addition, Ciolek developed a listserv for the Section on Geriatrics in 2000 and managed it for 11 years. The Section on Geriatrics has recognized Ciolek with the Joan Mills Award, the President’s Award, the Clinical Educators Award, and the Lynn Phillipi Award.

Ciolek’s service to the association is demonstrated through more than 10 appointments to task forces and panels with numerous outcomes resulting from her participation. During her work on the Governance Review Workshop, she chaired a subgroup that examined the relationship of the variety of sections of APTA, which increased the alignment of the sections to implement partnership activities and improved the relationship of the sections within the association.

APTA is pleased to present Cathy Ciolek with the Lucy Blair Service Award in recognition of her contributions to the physical therapy profession and the association.

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PEGGY BLAKE GLEESON, PT, PhD

Peggy Blake Gleeson, PT, PhD, has served the association in a variety of roles at the national and component levels, and has demonstrated professionalism, leadership abilities, organizational skills, and ethical and moral standards in her work to promote the physical therapy profession.

Currently associate director of the School of Physical Therapy at Texas Woman's University in Houston, Texas, Gleeson also serves as tenured professor and director of clinical education. Past posts include other academic roles at Texas Woman's University as well as, childbirth and cesarean education instructor for the Houston Organization for Parent Education. She received her PhD and MS, both in physical therapy, from Texas Woman's University, and BS in physical therapy from St Louis University.

Gleeson has been instrumental in the significant strides made in the Education Section during her tenure in leadership positions. For one, she participated on the task force that created the instrument educational programs used for students to evaluate clinical sites and instructors. In addition, she participated in efforts to expand the New Faculty Development Workshop, implement an annual meeting of the academic administrators and clinical educators, and form the Partners in Physical Therapy Education. She instituted the section's President's Award, tripled the funding for the Adopt a Doc awards, and improved communication by supporting live webcasts of the PTA Educator Special Interest Group business meetings and strategic planning sessions. She volunteers for numerous assignments at the national and local levels, and engages others to join her in serving, actively supporting and encouraging others’ willingness to be slated for leadership positions. She is also a manuscript reviewer for the Journal of Physical Therapy Education and Physiotherapy Theory and Practice: An International Journal of Physical Therapy.

Throughout Gleeson's 35-year career, she has led and served the association as resident of the Education Section, Education Section delegate, academic co-chair of the Education Section's Clinical Education Special Interest Group, and programming chair for the Educational Leadership Conference. In addition, she has served on 2 APTA education task forces, and on task forces for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Task Force.

APTA congratulates Peggy Gleeson on her history of service to the association and physical therapy profession and is pleased to honor her with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

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Receiving the 2014 Lucy Blair Service Award is an incredible honor and a very humbling one. I am incredibly appreciative of the efforts of Dr. Debbie Ingram in nominating me for this award. Debbie was instrumental in encouraging that first dip into the volunteer pool and I have never looked back! Dr. Jody Frost has been a rich resource, guiding and mentoring me through many interesting twists and turns. Those members with whom I have served on the Board of the Education Section are surely some of the most caring, accepting and mindful people in our organization. And most importantly, the physical therapists and physical therapist assistants who are members of our clinical education community have my utmost respect and appreciation for what they do every day. My service has been for them.
Thomas P. Mayhew, PT, PhD

Thomas P. Mayhew, PT, PhD, has been key to the establishment of the American Council of Academic Physical Therapy. Currently associate professor and immediate past chair of the Department of Physical Therapy at Virginia Commonwealth University’s (VCU) Medical College of Virginia Campus in Richmond, Mayhew also holds a joint appointment as associate professor of anatomy and neurobiology. He earned a PhD in anatomy from Virginia Commonwealth University, MHS and BS in physical therapy from Washington University in St. Louis, and BS in occupational therapy from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

As chair of VCU’s DPT program, Mayhew worked with the Admissions Requirement Task Force and recognized the need for more national consistency; as a member of APTA’s Academic Administrators Special Interest Group, he was instrumental in the exploratory committee to look into the possibility of an independent group representing the academic physical therapy programs. Subsequently, he became a director of the Governing Board of the American Council of Academic Physical Therapy, and helped establish a solid foundation for the group. Throughout his career, he has served the Virginia Commonwealth University Department of Physical Therapy on various committees, including the Curriculum Development Committee, Admissions Committee, and as chair of several promotion and tenure peer committees. He shouldered the task of transitioning the just-approved DPT degree and enrolled in the Grace E. Harris Leadership Program to enhance his leadership skills and knowledge of the university’s mission and vision. In addition, he was called into service on the School of Allied Health Professions Executive Committee and Search Committee, and was a key member of the university’s Strategic Planning 2020.

As an APTA member, Mayhew has been involved with the Virginia Chapter as treasurer and delegate and the research, education, and orthopaedic sections. He is currently a mentor in the APTA’s Education Leadership Institute Fellowship collaborative program. He was named a Fellow of the Grace H. Harris Leadership Institute in 2002 and was recipient of the Faculty Mentor Award from Virginia Commonwealth University Instructional Development Center’s Faculty Mentor Program.

APTA salutes Thomas Mayhew’s many contributions and acts of service to the physical therapy profession and is pleased to present him with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

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I am very honored to receive the Lucy Blair Service Award and join this group of talented individuals. It has been a pleasure to work with so many devoted colleagues in professional service over the years, many which have become good friends and have truly enriched my life. I have enjoyed the support of many colleagues over the years in the Virginia Chapter, and the Education and Research Sections. My commitment to professional service would not have been possible without the support of my fellow faculty members at Virginia Commonwealth University including my former chair Bob Lamb. I especially want to thank my wife Jill for supporting the many hours of service activities over the last 34 years. I also want to give special thanks Jack Echternach, whom I miss dearly, for providing mentoring, an example of lifelong professional service, and encouragement along the way.
PRACTICE AND SERVICE AWARDS

DAVID QUALLS, PT

David Qualls, PT is regarded as a leader, role model, and mentor to physical therapists in Louisiana, demonstrating a high level of professionalism, passion, integrity, compassion, and dedication to the profession.

Currently president and owner of Qualls & Co in Sulphur, Louisiana, Qualls has also been associated with Rehab Xcel, Nova Care/Rehab Clinics, Physical Therapy Institute, and West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital. He received his training at Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana State University.

As Louisiana Chapter president, Qualls spent time in each of the chapter’s 9 districts, educating members about what the new direct access law meant for physical therapy practice. He was equally aware of the importance of educating payers about the change as well. His colleagues attest to his ability to “listen and hear,” and maximize the use of his talents to reach a goal. His leadership helped steer the chapter during the state’s devastation by Hurricane Katrina, when the physical therapy school in New Orleans was destroyed and scores of therapists’ practices vanished under the floodwaters. During this time, Qualls also mounted charitable giving within the state and from other chapters and sections for efforts in recovery for Louisiana’s therapists and schools. For his efforts and dedication, he was honored by the Louisiana Chapter.

Throughout his career, Qualls has been an active member of APTA. Nationally, he served as chair of the Committee on Chapters and Sections and has been a member of the Private Practice Section for the past 23 years, recently serving as director. His service to the Louisiana Chapter began on the Ethics Committee, where he eventually served for 13 years. He also served as nominations chair and on the Governmental Affairs Committee. He was vice president, then president, of the Louisiana Chapter, so far the chapter’s only president to serve for 6 years. Qualls has served as a delegate or chief delegate to the APTA House of Delegates for the past 15 years. And in 2003, he received the chapter’s Dave Warner Distinguished Service Award.

APTA is pleased to recognize and honor David Qualls’ many examples of service to his colleagues and the industry with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This exercise to thank those who have been involved in my professional journey has been both interesting and exciting. It has been a time of reflection! Receiving the Lucy Blair Award has been made possible because so many people have influenced my career.

My journey started over 40 years ago while I was still a student at Louisiana State University. Our program director, Dr. Jack Burke, encouraged association participation along with George Hampton, one of our professors. When, as a student, we got a glimpse outside the school environment, I was impressed by the activity level of Francis Guglielmo, a long time LPTA, APTA, and PPS member. During my last rotation before graduation, I spent time in Columbus, Georgia with George McClusky. That is where I witnessed how physical therapy should be practiced. Forty years later, I’m still motivated by those four short weeks I spent in Georgia.

After I started practicing, my first department director, Betty Wolfe, encouraged professional association participation. She also allowed me to practice independently. Great thanks go to her.

My LPTA journey began as I watched one of our presidents, Dave Warner, in his long time dedication to physical therapy and our association. LPTA’s service award is in his honor. Over eighteen years ago, I first ran for LPTA office. Unfortunately, it was against Sharon Dunn and she kicked my butt. Even with that defeat, I continued to pursue volunteer service. It was because that same Sharon Dunn encouraged me to do so. As she served and teamed up with Dave Pariser and Paul Hildreth, I had no choice but to say yes. When I said, “No, I can’t do that;” they said, “Yes you can and we need you to do it.” I am so thankful to them.

This volunteer and professional pilgrimage to date has been wonderful and I have served in places and positions that I never dreamed I could do. It took the simple ask and encouragement of these and many other friends and colleagues.

Of course, I could not have done any of this without the support of a dedicated clinic staff at home and Cindy, my wife. Cindy continued to keep the home going and that allowed me to do the things I love to do for my church, my community and you, our professional association.

What a journey and thank you all for letting me serve you.
WILLIAM H. “BILL” STAPLES, PT, DPT, DHSc, GCS

William H. “Bill” Staples, PT, DPT, DHSc, GCS, has demonstrated service to the physical therapy profession at the component and national levels, with a focus on progressing clinical practice, ensuring quality in the physical therapy licensure process, and advancement of the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy (formerly Section on Geriatrics).

Currently associate professor, Entry-Level Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program of Krannert School of Physical Therapy at the University of Indianapolis, Staples has also served as assistant professor and as program director of the university’s Physical Therapist Assistant Program. He has also held academic roles with Ivy Tech State College in Muncie, Indiana. Staples received his DHS and DPT from the University of Indianapolis, MS and certificate in physical therapy from Columbia University, and BA in Zoology from Ohio Wesleyan University.

Over the past 20 years, Staples’ leadership has resulted in such honors as the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy’s Distinguished Educator Award, Outstanding Faculty Award, the Joan M Mills Award and the President’s Award for Exceptional Service. He was highly involved in the Geriatric Specialty Council and the Board of ABPTS, with work that included the development of the specialty certification process and a significant increase in the numbers of clinical specialists. In addition, Staples has served on the Specialization Academy of Content Experts and is currently a lead reviewer for APTA clinical residency and fellowship programs, including the evaluation of 7 new clinical residency programs and is currently the chair of the Item Bank Review Committee of FSBPT. He has demonstrated commitment to enhancing clinical practice through increasing clinical practice knowledge through presentations and contributions to research; since 1978, he has presented more than 40 presentations in a variety of settings, with written contributions in books and reviewed journal articles that have contributed to evidence-based practice.

An APTA member since 1979, Staples has served the Neurology Section since 2004; Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy since 1984, where he currently is president and has served on its Board of Directors for 9 years, including 6 years as treasurer; and Home Health Section since 1989, and has been involved with the Indiana Chapter since 1990. In 2008, he was inducted into Sigma Phi Omega, a national professional society for gerontology, and in 2012 received the Anthony D. Certo Award “for distinguished contribution of time, energy, and expertise toward furthering physical therapy as professional practice.”

APTA is pleased to recognize Bill Staples’ many contributions to the physical therapy profession with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I am deeply honored and humbled to receive this award. I want to first thank my professional organization, the APTA, for the opportunity it has afforded me to serve my profession. The fact of the matter is that I have been given back much more in every way than I have given to my profession. Awards are nice to receive for time and energy put forth in support of this profession, but it is not the reason to volunteer. The success of my career can be traced to this organization and the people who belong to it. I have actually had the privilege of being mentored by many of the people being honored here tonight and previously, which is not a surprise to me. Katie Mangione was the first person to get me involved with the Section on Geriatrics and then ABPTS. Dale Avers and John Barr mentored me with leadership skills, and I feel like I have matured along the way with Cathy Ciolek’s and Mary Thompson’s shared expertise. Thank you.
MARY E. CASSELBERRY THOMPSON, PT, PhD, GCS
Mary E. Casselberry Thompson, PT, PhD, GCS, has advanced the physical therapy profession via her work in the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy (formerly Geriatrics Section), on the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties, the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency, and Fellowship Education, Accreditation Services Committee.

Currently professor for the School of Physical Therapy of Texas Woman's University in Dallas, Thompson is also a contract physical therapist, providing physical therapy to homebound older adults in rural Collin County, Texas. She has formerly held posts at North Texas Medical Center Home Health Care/HomeCare Network in McKinney, and Grayson County Health Department of Texoma Home Health Service in Sherman. She earned a PhD in higher education from University of North Texas, MS in physical therapy from Texas Woman's University, and BHS in physical therapy from the University of Kentucky.

Thompson has spent many years engaging in service activities that enhance the profession, geriatric patients/clients and practitioners, specialization, and residencies, as well as protect the public. She became a member of the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy immediately upon graduation as a physical therapist, and since 2010 has served as a director on the section's board. Her efforts in editing monographs for the section resulted in the awarding of the Distinguished Educator Award for Excellence as a Physical Therapy Educator in 2007, and the President's Award for Exceptional Contribution that same year. In 2012, she was presented with the Joan M. Mills Award for outstanding service to the section. She has served the physical therapy profession as a geriatrics specialty exam item writer for the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties and member of the Specialization Academy of Content Experts, and was appointed to the Geriatric Council of the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialists (ABPTS) from 1998 to 2002, reviewing specialist applications, guiding the Geriatric Council, and serving and chairing the ABPTS. She is involved in the accreditation of residency and fellowship education by serving as content expert for geriatric and women's health programs. Every 2 years, she takes a group of students to the state legislature and guides students in advocacy for the profession and patients.

In addition to her work with the section, Thompson has served APTA on the Women’s Health, Research and Home Health Sections, guiding students to success within those areas as they move into practice. She was a participant on the APTA Education Strategic Planning process in 2005 and was twice North Texas delegate to the Texas Assembly.

APTA is pleased to recognize Mary Thompson's many achievements and contributions to the physical therapy profession with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

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My joy in this journey comes from those who walked with me. These people include Richard "Mac" McDougall at UK and Dorn Long at TWU who planted the idea that I could serve the profession. Over the years, the students and faculty at TWU allowed me to serve beyond my own neighborhood. Any of my accomplishments in service would have been impossible without the staffs of the American Board of PT Specialties, Texas Board of PT Examiners, Federation of State Boards of PT Examiners, Academy of Geriatric PT, American Board of PT Residency and Fellowship Education, and Foreign Credentialing Commission on PT. I especially would like to thank those who participated in my nomination: Venita Lovelace-Chandler, Sue Schuerman, Sue Lindeblad, and Linda Csiza. Lastly, this award would not be possible without my husband, Ray, and friend, Ann Medley, both of whom remind me to have balance in life.
JOHN G. WALLACE JR, PT, MS

John G. Wallace Jr, PT, MS, has served the association for 20 years in elected and appointed positions at the state and national levels, contributing to the financial strength of APTA and mentoring hundreds of up-and-coming physical therapy professionals.

Currently cofounder and principal of BMS Practice Solutions and WorkWell System Inc in Upland, California, Wallace also provides independent consulting services and works with the Casa Colina Centers for Rehabilitation. Past posts include roles with Regency Health Services and Matrix Rehabilitation, Peachwood Physical Therapy Corporation, and California Primary Physicians. He holds a MS in physical therapy from the University of Southern California, and a BS in zoology from California State University.

Wallace has had a significant impact on APTA’s operations in the area of financial management. He leads, teaches, writes, and serves the community as a consultant in practice management and in fiduciary roles, including finance officer of the California Chapter, an 8-year member of the Finance Committee, and treasurer of the Physical Therapy Fund of California. On the national level, Wallace has served on the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. In addition to his contributions in the finance arena, Wallace’s influence helped move the Board of Directors toward action on future practice payment models, an issue of national importance and critical to how PTs will be paid for their services in the future. He continues to serve the national membership in this area through his current work on the Private Practice Section’s Business Model Task Force. Wallace has also been a frequent contributor to the professional literature in the area of practice management, whether he is addressing documentation for Medicare, tying compensation to outcomes-based care, or working to stop fraud in physical therapy practice. Throughout his service to the profession and Association, he has continued to mentor students in and out of the classroom, offering his assistance for any questions or issues they have.

Additional APTA roles include Foundation for Physical Therapy Trustee, Foundation for Physical Therapy Executive Committee, delegate, Referral for Profit Committee chair, and Practice Equity Opportunity Task Force. On the local level, he has chaired the Communications Task Force and participated on the Referral for Profit Committee as a consultant.

APTA is grateful to John G. Wallace for his longtime service to the association and physical therapy profession, and is pleased to honor him with the Lucy Blair Service Award.

I would like to thank The Awards Committee and the APTA Board of Directors for this recognition. I would also like to thank Cheryl Resnik who led the nomination process and the faculty of The Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy, The Ostrow School of Dentistry at the University of Southern California for nominating me for this award.

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I would especially like to acknowledge two people who had a huge impact on my career. Charles Magistro, former APTA President and generous supporter of the Foundation for Physical Therapy, was responsible for my desire to become a PT and instilled in me the importance of supporting the Association with personal time as an essential element of professionalism. Helen Hislop, then chair of the Physical Therapy Department at the University of Southern California, who taught that critical decision making and problem solving were the most valuable skills we could bring to patient care.
Jan Dommerholt, PT, DPT, DAAPM, the first physical therapist to teach concise manual trigger-point examination and trigger-point dry needling, has been responsible for groundbreaking work in treating pain and dysfunction of myofascial origin.

Currently president and CEO of Bethesda Physiocare, Inc in Bethesda, MD, CEO of PhysioFitness, LLC in Rockville, MD, and president of Myopain Seminars, LLC also in Bethesda, Dommerholt is also an associate professor for Universidad CEU Cardenal Herrera in Valencia, Spain, and a guest lecturer at numerous other universities throughout the world. Dommerholt holds a DPT from the University of St Augustine for Health Sciences, MPS from Lynn University in Boca Raton, FL, and studied physical therapy at the Interstudy Academy of Physical Therapy in Arnhem, the Netherlands. He is currently pursuing a PhD degree from Aalborg University in Denmark.

Dommerholt has engaged in extensive clinical practice for more than 27 years, since graduating as a physical therapist in the Netherlands in 1986 and moving to the United States, where he completed a specialized research program in Performing Artists Disorders at New York University’s Human Performance Analysis Laboratory. He introduced and developed a refined myofascial examination and treatment of patients with pain by utilizing and teaching trigger-point dry needling to physical therapists, introducing a revolutionary treatment option. As recently as 10 years ago, only 4 states considered trigger-point dry needling within the scope of physical therapy practice, but thanks in part to Dommerholt’s advocacy and efforts, today 34 states and the District of Columbia have recognized the practice. He has taught more than 300 workshops and published more than 80 articles, 54 book chapters and 3 books, all related to myofascial pain, chronic pain conditions, fibromyalgia, complex regional pain syndrome, and whiplash injuries. In addition to teaching this approach to many physical therapists, physicians, dentists, nurses, veterinarians, chiropractors, acupuncturists, and other health-care professionals, he has substantiated the technique with solid science and research. His work in co-founding the Janet G. Travell, MD, Seminar Series culminated in the foundation of Myopain Seminars in 2007.

A longtime member of APTA, Dommerholt serves on the Orthopaedic Section, the Performing Arts Physical Therapy Special Interest Group, and the Pain Management Special Interest Group. His work with the Dry Needling Subject Matter Expert Workshop helped him to develop an educational resource paper, “Physical Therapists & the Performance of Dry Needling.”

APTA congratulates Jan Dommerholt on his work in introducing and promoting the practice of trigger-point dry needling to the physical therapy profession and entire medical community and is pleased to present him with the Henry O. and Florence P. Kendall Practice Award.

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Back in the Netherlands, I would like to acknowledge my parents for teaching me the basics of life. Professionally, I especially would like to thank one of my teachers in PT school, Mr. Aad Vis, who demanded critical thinking before the term was invented. In the US, I am especially indebted to Drs. Janet Travell, David Simons, Robert Gerwin, and Richard Materson. After meeting Dr. Travell in 1989, she and David Simons have influenced my professional and personal life more than I could ever have imagined. Through her, I was introduced to Robert Gerwin with whom I have worked for many years seeing patients, teaching courses, writing articles and book chapters. Richard Materson showed me that limits are often self-imposed and he gently pushed me along to be the best you can be. My main inspirations, however, are my wife and partner Mona Mendelson and children Taliah and Aram who have given me direction, support, and purpose.
Barbara Connolly, EdD, DPT, EdD, FAPTA, has served the profession and association as a role model of leadership and professionalism for more than 40 years, demonstrating leadership in volunteer and consulting roles at all professional levels, nationwide and worldwide.

Currently professor emeritus at the University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences, she previously served the university as interim dean, chair, and professor. She has also held academic posts at the University of St Augustine, and the University of Indianapolis. She received a DPT from the University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences, doctorate of education and master of education from Memphis State University, and BS in Physical Therapy from the University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.

Connolly has served the physical therapy profession in practice across clinical and faculty positions; in academics at the entry, advanced, and continuing education levels; and in research through receiving grants, reviewing grant applications and abstracts, and sharing research findings via presentations and publications. She initiated the formation of the International Organization of Physical Therapists in Paediatrics (IOPTP) of the World Confederation of Physical Therapy (WCPT), where she worked with officers, staff, and subgroup leaders to develop the charter, application to form a subgroup and motion for the WCPT Congress. Upon approval, she led the election of the first officers and committee chairs, and in the first year recruited 14 member countries. She led the development of the group’s constitution and bylaws, and was instrumental in the IOPTP’s co-sponsorship of 2 international conferences, in addition to planning the pediatrics programming for WCPT and establishing a website and newsletter. Since her retirement, Connolly continues to be involved in leading the IOPTP, serving as a trustee and officer for the Foundation for Physical Therapy and presenting continuing education courses nationwide.

An active member of APTA since 1970, Connolly has served on the Pediatrics, Education, Research, and Neurology Sections in many leadership roles. At the local level, she has been a member of the Tennessee and Florida Chapters. She is a reviewer for Physical Therapy and a past recipient of APTA’s Jules M. Rothstein Golden Pen Award for Scientific Writing and Section on Pediatrics’ Research Award, Bud DeHaven Service Award, and Jeanne Fischer Mentorship Award. She is also a Catherine Worthingham Fellow of APTA.

APTA salutes Barbara Connolly’s distinguished record of service and advocacy to the physical therapy profession and to the association and is pleased to present her with the Marilyn Moffat Leadership Award.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I am honored to receive the Marilyn Moffat Leadership Award from APTA. I have had the opportunity to serve with Dr. Moffat on the national and international level over the years. In all these activities I have learned much from her leadership and feel privileged to receive an award bearing her name.

Many thanks to the Florida Physical Therapy Association for their nomination. My journey started in Florida as a new graduate from the University of Florida and now I have returned 44 years later to my “home.” My mentors who started me on my professional path have to be thanked. These include Barbara White, Norma Fisher, Fred Rutan, Thelma Holmes, and Martha Wroe. My thanks also to the APTA components who have given me the opportunity over many years to serve in leadership roles. Special appreciation is extended to the Tennessee Physical Therapy Association and to the Section on Pediatrics. I hope that I have been able to inspire new leaders through my contributions over the years.

Last but not least is my appreciation to my husband and daughter who have been supportive and understanding of the time that I have contributed to the profession that I love.
Russell B. Stowers, PTA, MS, EdD

Russell B. Stowers, PTA, MS, EdD, is considered a role model for physical therapist assistants for leadership in clinical and educational settings.

Stowers is currently director of Rehabilitation Services for Christus/ St Vincent Regional Medical Center in Santa Fe. Previously, he held positions with Del Mar College’s Physical Therapist Assistant Program, Christus Spohn Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation, and Home Health International. He holds an EdD in Higher Education Administration and MS in Occupational Training and Educational Technology, both from Texas A&M University; MHA from the University of New Mexico; BAS in Community Health from Abilene Christian University; and AAS for Physical Therapist Assistant from Amarillo College in Amarillo, TX.

Stowers has represented the PTA profession in many ways during his 23-year career. After graduating as a PTA, he obtained three additional degrees, two at the graduate level, all to enhance his work in the physical therapy profession. He has maintained his dedication to education by continually working to advance his skills; currently he is set to graduate with a MHA in Healthcare Administration in 2015. In addition to advancing his own education, he affords many hours to educating emerging professionals as well as established PTAs as a mentor and speaker. He has worked consistently to promote PTA involvement and educational advancement individually and within APTA. In his early career, Stowers was active on the Representative Board of the National Assembly, collaborating with APTA to move PTAs to the current structure of the PTA Caucus. He was also instrumental in the origination of the Advanced Proficiency for the Physical Therapist Assistant. He devotes many hours to his chapter, as well as to his service on APTA’s Task Force for Alternative Structure for the PTA, the PTA Career Pathways Task Force, and as previous chair of the PTA Recognition Committee.

A member of APTA since 1987, Stowers is currently a commissioner for the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education, on the Task Force for PTA Alternative Structure, and the PTA Career Pathways Task Force. He served as a delegate for the PTA Caucus and chaired the Committee on PTA Recognition. He was elected to the board of directors of the Texas Chapter in 2001.

APTA is pleased to recognize Russell Stowers’ dedication to the PTA role and physical therapy profession with the Outstanding Physical Therapist Assistant Award.

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The Physical Therapist Assistant students at Del Mar College were a great inspiration to me and kept me grounded. You will never know how much you kept me focused by your perseverance and joy of learning. Last but not least, I want to acknowledge my APTA friends throughout the country. Thank you for your encouragement and friendship.
Beth Moody Jones, PT, DPT, MS, OCS, is considered an innovative and committed educator among her colleagues and students at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine Health Sciences Center.

Jones currently serves as associate professor in the Physical Therapy Division of the Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation in School of Medicine at the University of New Mexico, and associate professor for the Department of Cell Biology & Physiology. Past academic posts include roles at University of St. Augustine in St. Augustine FL, A.T. Still University in Mesa, AZ, and in the Department of Anatomy, Biochemistry & Physiology at John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii, Honolulu. She earned a DPT from AT Still University of Health Sciences; MS from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia; and BS from the University of Vermont.

Known among faculty colleagues as innovative and open to advanced techniques in the classroom, Jones was the first of the faculty to add lecture capture, i-clicker audience response, clay modeling for anatomy, and team-based learning as a teaching tool in her Evidence Based Physical Therapy classes. Considered a leader in terms of pedagogy, she regularly attends education classes offered by the School of Medicine and actively shares her love of teaching with other faculty. As an innovator in educational strategies, including the use of online resources, assignments, and testing, she has also inspired other faculty to use more cutting-edge educational technology within the curriculum.

According to her colleagues, her adoption of technology motivates, activates, and stimulates students to engage and learn effectively, with the ultimate goal of growth and development. In addition to her significant teaching responsibilities and contributions within the DPT curriculum, she has also been recruited to teach gross anatomy to the first-year medical and physician assistant students. Her innovative demonstrations include using her own and students’ bodies and props like pool noodles to demonstrate difficult concepts in anatomy or biomechanics. To demonstrate movements of the eye, she made eyeballs out of clay and put them on wooden skewers, distributing them to students to grasp the movements of the eye and understand it in a hands-on and applied manner. She voluntarily adds lectures and review classes to her anatomy classes and is a hands-on active leader in all gross anatomy labs.

An APTA member since 1982, Jones has served in the Orthopaedic Section as the education chair and in 2005 was honored with the New Mexico Chapter’s Community Service Award. Other academic awards include two Apple for the Teacher Awards for Teaching Excellence, one Apple for the Teacher Award for Overall Excellence in Curricular Leadership, and two “HIPPO” Awards for excellence in teaching anatomy.

APTA is pleased to recognize Beth Jones’ commitment to the education of future physical therapists with the Dorothy E. Baethke-Eleanor J. Carlin Award for Excellence in Academic Teaching.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As a teacher I recognize that it is never one person or one class that creates a positive learning environment; it literally “takes a village” to teach a student and also to create a teacher. I would like to thank my mentors, former professors and teachers, students and my family for their support and the lessons they imparted to me over my career. Specifically I wish to thank the following: from University of New Mexico- Ron Andrews, Marybeth Barkocy, Rebecca Hartley and Paul McGuire; from Langford Sports and Physical Therapy- Marylou Langford, Lea Craver and all the staff; from University of Hawaii- Scott Lozanoff and Julie Rosenheimer and; from University of St. Augustine – Ray Patterson and William Saville (posthumously). I would also like to thank my wonderful adult children – Eric, Forrest, Trevor and Maggie – who forever keep me grounded and help to keep me relevant, hip and as up to date with the ever changing generation of student learners.
GEMMA LONGFELLOW, PT, MSPT, GCS
Gemma Longfellow, PT, MSPT, GCS, is recognized for her clinical teaching skills and dedication to helping residents achieve excellence, embodying the qualities of advance practice, expertise, professional development, education, and research.

Currently, Longfellow is program coordinator and faculty for Post-Professional Geriatric Residency and senior physical therapist at St Catherine’s Rehabilitation Hospital & Villa Maria Nursing Center in North Miami, FL. She holds a MS in physical therapy from Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia, and BS from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Longfellow was one of the first graduates of APTA’s first credentialed postprofessional residency in geriatric physical therapy. Since graduating from the residency at St Catherine’s Rehabilitation Hospital and Villa Maria Nursing Center, she has remained a full-time employee of St Catherine’s. She successfully achieved board certification in Geriatrics after completion of the residency and subsequently became a mentor, core faculty member, and ultimately residency coordinator for the program. A model mentor for post-professional residents, she has educated and mentored a number of residents who have successfully gone on to become board certified in geriatrics, and is currently mentoring 3 more. She continues to develop her skills as a clinical instructor (CI), having received CI credentials from the Florida Chapter while still a resident, and was certified as an APTA Credentialed CI in 2010. While completing the Advanced program in early 2012, Longfellow served as CI to countless students from more than 10 different PT programs. She is reported to be equally capable of advancing interns’ critical thinking and taking on the challenge of working with students requiring extra assistance or remediation. In addition to mentoring students and serving as CI, she assists entry-level students with research, case reports, and projects.

Active in APTA since 2004, Longfellow serves on the Geriatric and Aquatic Sections as well as the Florida Chapter. She participates on the advisory committee of the Geriatric Physical Therapy Residency Program, Catholic Health Services.

APTA is pleased to recognize Gemma Longfellow’s clinical teaching achievements with the Signe Brunnström Award for Excellence.

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I am very grateful for this award, and I would like to thank Greg Hartley and Mario Rios for their support and confidence in me as a therapist, clinical instructor and residency mentor. I would like to thank my St. Catherine’s / Villa Maria family for providing me with a supportive environment to allow me to improve my clinical and teaching skills. During my geriatric residency career, the mentorship that I received from Greg Hartley helped shape me to become the physical therapist I am today. I also want to thank my amazing co-workers, students and residents for sharing my passion for our patients and profession and creating a loving and “never a dull moment” environment. Thank you to my professors at Marymount University for providing me with a strong academic foundation. Lastly, to my family and friends, who are always there to provide me with their love and support.
SANDRA A. BILLINGER, PT, PhD, FAHA

Sandra A. Billinger, PT, PhD, FAHA, has made significant contributions to the fields of physical therapy and stroke rehabilitation, with numerous grants to support her research.

Currently, Billinger holds a primary appointment in the University of Kansas' Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science and is the REACH laboratory director. She also holds joint appointments in the School of Medicine in the Department of Neurology and in Molecular and Integrative Physiology. Billinger is the owner of Stroke Dynamics Consulting and holds a PhD in Rehabilitation Science and MS in Physical Therapy both from the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, KS, and BS in Physical Education from Fort Hays State University in Hays, KS.

Billinger is responsible for groundbreaking research in stroke rehabilitation. With more than 20 published papers, her work has appeared in scientific journals such as Stroke and the Cardiopulmonary Physical Therapy Journal. She has produced a review paper on the biological consequences of stroke with an international collaboration as well as one from an outside institution. In addition, she was an author on the scientific statement from the American Heart Association regarding nursing and rehabilitation care of stroke survivors, and currently is the writing group chair and lead author for the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's scientific statement updating the physical activity and exercise recommendations for stroke survivors. She traveled across the United States to receive training in ultrasound imaging of blood flow after strokes and has received 4 research grants since earning her PhD. In May-June of 2013, Billinger and her son did a Walk Across Kansas in which they walked 570 miles in 23 days to raise awareness about the importance of physical activity after stroke and raised enough money to purchase specialized equipment for stroke studies. She has been honored as a Fellow of the Stroke Council of the American Heart Association and was recently appointed to the association's Rehabilitation and Recovery Committee.

An active member of the Kansas Chapter, Billinger has served on the Research Committee. At the national level, she was chair of the Nominating Committee for the Neurology Section and received an invited position on the Neurology Strategic Planning Committee. In 2009, she received APTA's Dorothy Briggs Memorial Scientific Inquiry Award, honoring a scientific paper that significantly impacted the physical therapy profession.

APTA congratulates Sandra Billinger on her distinguished record of academic achievements and honors and is pleased to bestow upon her the Margaret L. Moore Award for Outstanding New Academic Faculty Member.

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JUSTIN W. BERRY, PT, DPT, MS

Justin W. Berry, PT, DPT, MS, has demonstrated sustained commitment to physical therapist assistant (PTA) education through his efforts within the association and the organizations he serves as a clinician and educator.

Currently PTA program director for Northland Community and Technical College in East Grand Forks, Minnesota, Berry also serves as Allied Health Division chair. He has also held academic roles at the University of North Dakota and Bemidji State University in Bemidji, Minnesota. Berry earned a MPT and DPT from the University of North Dakota, a MS in education from Bemidji State University, and an AAS as a physical therapist assistant from Williston State College.

Although Berry was appointed director of the Northland Community and Technical College PTA program in 2006, the program he was hired to direct had not yet been established. Consequently, he was responsible for its development and implementation. Beyond his work as an instructor and program director, Berry has undertaken a research schedule that has served to illuminate, clarify, and advance PTA practice and education. In the last 6 years, Berry has been principal investigator on 10 research presentations focusing on PTA practice or education at APTA national conferences, and has presented on PTA educational and professional issues at two FSBPT annual meetings. In addition to being an active researcher in PTA education and professional issues, he has also maintained an active schedule of presenting PTA-specific orthopedic continuing education workshops throughout the country, frequently at state chapter conferences. Berry has also served as an FSBPT item-writer for the PTA-NPTE, and is currently a CAPTE on-site reviewer for PTA Educational Programs.

Berry serves within the Education Section, Health Policy and Administration Section, and Research Section; on the state level he is chair of the North Dakota Chapter’s nominating committee, and has been a past member of the chapter’s public relations, quality assurance, and continuing education committees.

APTA is pleased to recognize Justin Berry’s commitment to PTA education with the FA Davis Award.

I am honored to be selected as the recipient of the 2014 FA. David Award for Outstanding Physical Therapist Assistant Educator. I would like to thank the APTA Board of Directors; the FA. Davis Company; and Clint Hosford, PT, PhD, who nominated me for this award.

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Finally, I would like to thank my wife, Whitney, and children, Nora, Ellen, and Jack, for all of their love and support.
ANTHONY DELITTO, PT, PhD, FAPTA

Anthony Delitto, PT, PhD, FAPTA, has made contributions to the scientific literature with sustained impact on the delivery of physical therapy care.

Delitto holds a number of academic positions at the University of Pittsburgh, including chairman of the Department of Physical Therapy, professor, and associate dean for research, and serves vice president for education and research for the Centers for Rehabilitation Services (formerly CORE Network). He earned a PhD and MHS/PT from Washington University in St Louis, and a BS in physical therapy from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Known internationally for his paradigm-changing work in the management of low-back pain (LBP), Delitto elaborated on the proof of principle in his writing and subsequently transformed research in this area when he and his colleagues recognized the limitations of a patho-anatomic diagnosis as the basis for LBP management. The publication of a proposed classification system that groups patients with LBP according to their response to treatment instigated an entire line of research to further refine and clarify the classification of signs and symptoms associated with a successful response from different treatment approaches. This treatment-based classification is now widely accepted as the preferred method to conservatively management LBP for a majority of patients. This work represents a systematic approach to critically evaluating the outcomes of physical therapy intervention and has continued to promote the development of classification systems for patients with other types of musculoskeletal dysfunction.

Active in APTA since 1977, Delitto currently serves on the Section on Research, the Section on Orthopedics and Section on Education. In recognition of his research and significant and sustained contributions to physical therapy literature, Delitto has been honored with APTA's Jules M. Rothstein Golden Pen Award for Scientific Writing, the Marian Williams Award for Research in Physical Therapy, and is a 6-time recipient of the Orthopaedic Section's Steve J. Rose Award for Excellence in Clinical Research. More recently he was honored with the 39th Mary McMillan Lecture Award.

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Like many from my generation, I was introduced to our profession by Dr. Hislop’s 1975 Mary McMillan lecture, “The Not So Impossible Dream.” Though I never worked closely with Dr. Hislop, I was extremely fortunate to have been mentored by many great writers and I would be remiss if I did not mention a few. Steven J Rose taught me great ideas, clinical innovations and other academic triumphs did not exist unless published. Though it is difficult to be appreciated by all audiences, I learned very early from Charles Magistro that the most critical eye belonged not to the academic expert reviewer but rather to the everyday clinician and I have always thought the clinician the most relevant of my targeted audiences. Finally, I have to credit Jules M. Rothstein for instilling in me the importance of writing precisely and persuasively, both of which were more important than trying to sound smart.
DIANE U. JETTE, PT, DSc, FAPTA

Diane U. Jette, PT, DSc, FAPTA, has made lasting contributions to the growth of physical therapy science in critical areas such as outcome measurement, education, and acute care, and to Physical Therapy Journal as an editorial board member and spearhead of the journal’s Linking Evidence and Practice (LEAP).

Currently, Jette is professor and chair of the Department of Rehabilitation and Movement Science in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at the University of Vermont. She held academic positions at Simmons College prior to her move to Vermont and served as a research coordinator at Boston’s Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. She holds a DSc in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from Boston University’s School of Public Health, MS in Physical Therapy from Boston University’s Sargent College, and BS and certificate in Physical Therapy from Simmons College in Boston.

Jette has served PTJ in multiple capacities over the past 30 years. She has been an author of many papers and began her service as a reviewer in 1983. She was an editorial board member from 1996 to 2013, and became co-chair of LEAP manuscript category at its inception in 2010. The LEAP initiative has led to the publication of 19 papers to date related to the translation of evidence on high-impact topics relevant to physical therapists. A prolific author of papers on complex topics dealing with hot-button education issues, outcomes for various types of patients, and acute care, she has personally published 27 full-length papers for PTJ and served as first author for 20. Her clear, concise, and illuminating writing has assisted many clinicians, students, and academics in understanding complicated issues related to education, the delivery of physical therapy in a variety of settings, and the assessment of the outcome.

Jette has been an APTA member since 1972, with involvement in not only PTJ but also the Sections for Education, Research, and Health Policy and Administration. She served on the Committee for Licensure Examination and Committee for Screening Proposals and Abstracts, and as a member consultant for the Shared Vision for Clinical Education and Clinical Research Agenda for Physical Therapy. APTA has honored her with the Dorothy Briggs Memorial Scientific Inquiry Award, Chattanooga Research Award, and elected her as a Catherine Worthingham Fellow, in addition to many other distinctions from various committees and sections.

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HEIDI ENGEL, PT, DPT

Heidi Engel, PT, DPT, and Monica Rivera, PT, MS, DPTSc, are being recognized for an article in Physical Therapy titled “Physical Therapist-Established Intensive Care Unit Early Mobilization Program: Quality Improvement Project for Critical Care at the University of California San Francisco Medical Center,” a physical therapist led quality improvement project at a large academic medical center. A unique aspect of this study is that it was led and initiated by physical therapists rather than being initiated by medical doctors or registered nurses. In this award-winning article, Engel addressed long-term weakness and disability after an intensive care unit (ICU) stay, with the objective to describe a quality improvement project to reduce patients’ ICU length of stay by increasing the number of patients in the ICU receiving physical therapy and decreasing the time from ICU admission to physical therapy initiation. From 2009 to 2010, the number of patients receiving physical therapy in the ICU increased from 179 to 294. The median times from ICU admission to physical therapy evaluation were 3 days (9 days) in 2009, and 1 day (2 days) in 2010. The ICU length of stay decreased by 2 days, on average, and the percentage of ambulatory patients discharged to home increased from 55% to 77%. The study concluded that improvements in outcomes demonstrated the value and feasibility of a physical therapist-led early mobilization program.


We were determined to change the culture of our Intensive Care Unit (ICU). When research of ICU survivors demonstrated improved survival rates from critical illness, and yet nearly half of previously independent survivors were unable to return to their normal lives for years due to weakness and fatigue, we recognized that our profession had to provide some solution to this disabling problem. For Physical Therapy (PT), the ICU proved a new setting for full time practice, and an interesting place to instigate change.

For us, it was a unique, rewarding, collaborative experience. With gratitude, we recognize early guidance received from Dale Needham MD, at Johns Hopkins Hospital and Polly Bailey NP, at Intermountain Medical Center.

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POONAM PARDASANEY, PT, DPT, MS, ScD

Poonam Pardasaney, PT, DPT, MS, ScD, is the author of “Conceptual Limitations of Balance Measures for Community-Dwelling Older Adults,” which appeared in the October 2013 issue of Physical Therapy. The study’s co-authors are Mary D. Slavin, Robert C. Wagenaar, Nancy K. Latham, Pengsheng Ni and Alan M. Jette.

Pardasaney and colleagues conducted a systematic review including an item-level content analysis of balance measures for community-dwelling elderly people, and created profiles of individual measures summarizing their task and environment representation. A literature search identified balance measures. Item-level content analysis was based on 7 criteria related to task and environment. The study concluded that existing balance measures focus on single-task assessment in static environments, underrepresenting postural control demands in daily-life situations. Individual balance measure profiles provided can help identify the most appropriate measure for a given purpose.


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YI-CHUNG “CLIVE” PAI, PT, PHD

Yi-Chung “Clive” Pai, PT, PhD, has produced a body of research with extramural grant funding, publication in high-impact journals, national and international presentations, and demonstrated continuity of professional commitment to physical therapy. His work has added to the profession’s understanding of how posture adaptation can be developed during daily activities such as walking and rising from chair, and of how such adaptive motor behavior interacting with cognition can aid the wellbeing of the elderly.

Currently director of the Clinical Gait and Movement Analysis Laboratory as well as professor of the departments of Physical Therapy, Bioengineering, and Kinesiology and Nutrition for the University of Illinois at Chicago, Pai is also an honorary professor for Ludong University in China. He has also held teaching roles at Northwestern University. Pai holds an MPT in Physical Therapy from Northwestern University, PhD in Biomechanics from the University of Iowa, and MS and BS in Kinesiology and Physical Education, respectively, both from the Shanghai Institute of Physical Education.

Pai’s team systematically developed perturbation training based on the theory of adaptive control to improve a person’s ability to control stability and reduce the likelihood of falls. They demonstrated that such an approach can be highly efficient, so the effect from a single training session can last for a year among older adults. In recent results, retention of the effect from this “learning from falling” training paradigm was studied with 73 community-dwelling older adults who were initially exposed to 24 unannounced slips in walking. They returned for retest only once, in which they experienced a single slip in the identical setting. The training significantly reduced the incidence of laboratory-induced falls which can be retained for 12 months or longer; in addition, after the training was conducted in the laboratory, this population’s self-reported falls went down significantly by 50% in everyday living also during the 12-month study period. The effects can be generalized outside of training contexts, which addresses common concerns in physical therapy practice pertaining to the degree to which patients can carry over the effect of clinical interventions to everyday living.

Aided by computer modeling and simulations, he and his colleagues have also extended the conventional, but quasi-static concept of stability limits currently being used in rehabilitation to dynamic conditions during daily activities. His earlier work includes exploring the concept of neural muscular joint protection that can prevent rapid progression of knee osteoarthritis.

A member of APTA since 1997, Pai has organized international conferences for association meetings and lectured widely on his areas of specialty. He has been supported by four consecutive NIH R01 grants in a span of 20 years and in addition has been funded by the Arthritis Foundation, NSF, the Whitaker Foundation, NIDRR, and the Foundation for Physical Therapy.

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TERRY L. GRINDSTAFF, PT, PhD, ATC, SCS, CSCS

Terry L. Grindstaff, PT, PhD, ATC, SCS, CSCS, has conducted innovative research in neuromuscular consequences of lower extremity joint injury and test interventions designed to improve patient function and minimize risk for subsequent degenerative joint injury.

Currently assistant professor at Creighton University’s School of Pharmacy and Health Professions in Omaha, Grindstaff formerly served as assistant professor and assistant athletic trainer at the University of Virginia. He received a PhD in Kinesiology from the University of Virginia, DPT from Belmont University, MS in Health and Physical Education from Middle Tennessee State University, and BA in Sports Medicine from Dakota Wesleyan University.

Investigating musculoskeletal injuries using neuroscience methodologies has put Grindstaff’s research on the cutting edge of orthopedic and sports physical therapy translational research. His research has been designed to improve patient function and minimize the risk for subsequent degenerative joint injury. Considered innovative for its examination of the CNS contributions (spinal and supraspinal) to inhibition of muscle function and the injured joint, Grindstaff’s investigation covers a wide range of interventions such as manual therapy, exercise, and modalities for their effects on improving CNS excitability, muscle activation, functional movement (gait and balance), and patient reported outcomes. The findings are leading to rehabilitation strategies that target the sources of inhibition, rather than just targeting the consequences, because the treatment approaches may be fundamentally different based on the underlying mechanisms. Grindstaff received an NIH Research Career Award and grants from the Orthopaedic Section, the Sports Section and the Nebraska Foundation for Physical Therapy.

Grindstaff is involved in APTA’s sports, orthopaedic, and research sections, as well as on the Nebraska Chapter. He is a Physical Therapy reviewer as well as a grant reviewer for the orthopaedic and sports sections. In addition, he is associate editor for the International Journal of Sports Physical Therapy and reviewer for JOSPT.

APTA is proud to recognize and honor Terry Grindstaff’s contributions to the physical therapy profession through research with the Eugene Michels New Investigator Award.

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RICHARD B. SOUZA, PT, PHD

Richard B. Souza, PT, PhD, recognized as an authority on the science of injury mechanics of cartilage, lower extremity biomechanics, and injury prevention, has established an independent line of inquiry that is shaping the practice of physical therapy.

Currently, Souza serves as director, Human Performance and Functional Testing Core; director of research, UCSF Human Performance Center; and associate professor for the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science at the University of California, San Francisco. Souza received a PhD in Biokinesiology from the University of Southern California, MPT in physical therapy from Samuel Merritt University, and ATC and BS in Exercise Science from the University of California, Davis.

Souza’s professional objective to understand how loading behaviors influence cartilage, bone, and muscle health of the lower extremity, with the goal of developing and evaluating conservative interventions to improve function and reduce morbidity in athletes, runners, and individuals with osteoarthritis. He is the only faculty member in the UCSF Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science to advance from assistant to associate professor in 3 years, plus have appointments in 3 departments and 2 joint graduate programs. Support by the NIH allows Souza the opportunity to carry out research and mentor postdocs, PhD students, graduate students, residents, and DPT and DPTSc students. Currently finishing the second of a 4-year R01 grant evaluating loading behaviors in persons with knee osteoarthritis and healthy controls, Souza’s research findings are expected to result in comprehensive evaluation of knee joint morphology, cartilage composition, and behavioral loading patterns. He also received a Shared Academic Equipment Grant to purchase the Primus RS to measure muscle performance. In his R01 Study, subjects participate in MRI-monitored unloaded and loaded cartilage imaging, trabecular bone imaging, thigh muscle size and fat imaging, and knee joint kinematic imaging. In addition, the subjects participate in 3D kinematics and kinetics during various tasks, functional capability testing, and thigh muscle strength assessment. The data collected over the next 3 years will help to reveal the predictive capabilities of these variables on disease onset and progression.

Souza has been a member of APTA since 1999 and presently serves the association in the California Chapter as a reviewer for the Abstract Review Committee and Grant Review Committee. At the national level, he is a reviewer for the Orthopaedic Section and Section on Research, and chairs the Biomechanics Special Interest Group. He is a past recipient of the California Chapter’s Faculty Publication Award, Student Research Publication Award, and Outstanding Poster Award at the Annual Meeting.

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