

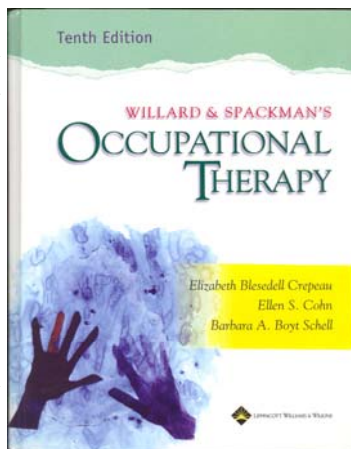
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RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM KEYNOTE SPEAKER DR. ELIZABETH CREPEAU

Continuing the successful tradition of our third year occupational therapy students presenting their graduate project research, we will be holding the 6th Annual Research Symposium on Saturday, November 4, 2006 from 8:30 am to noon. This year we have also invited a nationally known keynote speaker. Dr Elizabeth Crepeau

(see bio on back page) will be speaking on *What Is Your Practice Itch? Adopting a Research Perspective to Occupational Therapy Practice.* Many of you may recognize her as one of the editors of Willard & Spackman's Occupational Therapy text. Dr Crepeau is a very accomplished occupational therapist and a leader in our field. She is also very down to earth and practical. Her keynote should prove to



be interesting, enlightening and enjoyable.

Following the keynote address, the students will then present their graduate projects. The topic areas include: sleep hygiene in older adults, occupation-based practice, lifestyle redesign and obesity, validating the CHORES, and participation in neurologic inter-

ventions.

To celebrate the participants successes, the Division will host a reception with Dr Crepeau and the students from 12:00 to 1:00—everyone is invited to attend. A finalized schedule of the symposium will be on our website closer to the date. www.health.utah.edu/octh

Contact hours for CEU's/PDU's.

CAREER FAIR SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2006

The career fair sponsored jointly by the Division of Occupational Therapy and the Division of Physical Therapy has been such a success the past two years, we will be changing locations to accommodate all the vendors who wish to interact with our students.

The fair will be held next door in the University Park Marriott Hotel at 480 Wakara. The date has been set as November 8, 2006 from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. First, second and third year students from the occupational and physical therapy programs will attend. Tables are \$200. Contact Deb Bachan at 585-9135 for more info.

FW SCHEDULE

- *Rural and underserved FW for third year full time September 11 through 22, 2006*
- *Pediatric FW for second year students full time October 23 through November 3, 2006*
- *Spring semester level II placements January 8 through March 30, 2007*

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WELCOME DR. TINA McNULTY

SIX NEW
FIELDWORK
SUPERVISORS
MENTORED LEVEL
II STUDENTS FOR
THE FIRST TIME
THIS SUMMER

This fall semester, Tina McNulty, PhD, OTR/L joined our faculty after teaching in occupational therapy programs in Oregon and New Mexico. She brings a passion for integrating the psychosocial aspects of clients' lives into occupational therapy, whether it be with persons with primary psychiatric conditions or addressing the psychosocial needs of individuals with physical disabilities. Her master's thesis examined the validity of using hospital-based assessments to estimate home safety in persons with psychiatric



conditions. Later, her dissertation examined multiple issues of older adults who were homebound and nonhomebound, e.g., objective measurement of activities of daily living ability, perception of occupational needs, home safety ability, role involvement, and the presence of depressive symptoms. Other areas of research that Tina has co-investigated include time use of women who are homeless and using Prochaska and DiClemente's Stages of Change Model while doing home evaluations.

UOTA REVIVAL

The Utah Occupational Therapy Association is undergoing a restructuring to align the vision and function with today's busy practitioners. Your level of participation can vary but the benefits of being connected strengthen us all.

Help us update our mailing list! If you did not

receive a mailing since September 1, 2006 contact UOTA Membership Chair at PO Box 58412, SLC, UT 84158-0412. And save Thursday, October 26 for the big membership meeting. It will be 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the SLC VA, Bldg 8, Multipurpose Room. Questions and RSVP to Ann Marie & Mary Ann at 801-582-1565, ext 1524 or ext 4398.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



We are very proud to announce that a number of our students are the recipients of scholarships. Cyndey Klc was awarded the Willard and Spackman Foundation scholarship (\$1,000.00) in national competition. Becky Taylor received the UOTA scholarship for this year (350.00). The Division scholarships will be awarded in the next month. They include the Joseph Broadbent scholarship (500.00), the Gordon & Betty Browning Scholarship (three at 600.00 each), the G Mitchell Morris Scholarship (600.00), the Ronald L and Dona Call Scholarship (600.00) and the Eugene D

and Ann O Wright Family Scholarship (500.00)

No scholarship was awarded from the Alumni Scholarship because it is in a building phase. We do want to extend our appreciation to all the alumni of the University of Utah that are helping to make this scholarship happen. If you would like to donate to this scholarship, please make the check payable to the Division of OT, 520 Wakara Way, SLC, UT 84108.

Congratulations to all our student recipients!

FIELDWORK EDUCATORS CONFERENCE

The University of Utah will again be offering a Fieldwork Educator's Conference for free to employees of any facility that takes our occupational therapy students. This year that conference will be offered on Friday, October 20 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Fieldwork Educator's are vitally important to the success of any educational program. It is an exciting time when students put together the information they have learned in class with

what is happening in the world of occupational therapy today. We rely on our fieldwork educators to provide the opportunity and support of our students as they make this important link.

This year the first hour will focus on the new fieldwork supervisor and include discussion of mentoring and some of the mechanics of the fieldwork process. Watch for our full brochure in the mail soon.



NEW ADJUNCT FACULTY

This fall semester the faculty of the Division of Occupational Therapy welcome four new adjunct professors. **Chris Noren** is sharing his expertise with the third year students in the Leadership and Management class. Chris is a graduate of Colorado State and has worked with our students previously lecturing on driving evaluations during the adult semester. His clinical expertise is in neuro, and he is certified in physical agent modalities. He has been a therapy manager at Salt Lake Regional for four years. He was recruited to the adjunct position, but reports he has always enjoyed having students in the clinic.

Taira Christensen is a U of U grad from the class of 2002. She is currently working inpatient and acute rehab at Primary Children's Medical Center, but has worked outpatient as well. She states she is excited about teaching so she can further her knowledge and skills as well as share her enthusiasm and experience working with the pediatric population. She is teaching our pediatric evals course for the second year students. When she is not working on teaching she trains for triathlon sprints, and enjoys outdoors, cooking, quilting, and traveling.

Bryan Gee also works at PCMC in the Sandy and Taylorsville outpatient clinics. Prior to that he worked at Kids on the Move in Orem. His clinical interests are SI, handwriting dysfunction, pediatric chronic conditions, and the Listening Program. He is currently a clinical doctorate candidate at the University of St. Augustine in Florida. He is motivated to share with others the purpose of occupation and participation in valued and meaningful activities within the pediatric population. This semester he is a TA in the pediatric skills course.

Jeannette Koski has been an occupational therapist for 7 years and is currently working on Rehab at LDS hospital. She graduated from the University of Indianapolis. Her clinical expertise is working with adult clients, especially those with SCI or stroke. She is an enthusiastic OT who is very client-centered. About teaching, she says she always wanted to teach and that both of her parents are teachers. She has worked with U of U students before teaching individual labs in the adult semester. This semester she is sharing her enthusiasm and teaching the Introduction to Occupational Therapy course.

The faculty and students enjoy and benefit from the expertise and perspective our adjunct faculty offer.

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DR. ELIZABETH CREPEAU

Elizabeth Crepeau is England Professor and Chair of the University of New Hampshire Occupational Therapy Department. She holds a BS in Occupational Therapy and PhD in Sociology from the University of New Hampshire where she has served as academic fieldwork coordinator, faculty member, and chair since 1981. Betty has served as the co-editor of the 9th and 10th editions of *Willard and Spackman's Occupational Therapy* and is currently editing the 11th edition. She has been active in state and national occupational therapy activities having served as president of NHOTA, on the Board of Directors of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation, and numerous committees and task forces. She is a Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation and has been awarded the AOTF Meritorious Service Award, School of Health and Human Services Teaching Excellence Award and the UNH Outstanding Associate Professor Award. She is currently on the AOTA task force charged with articulating the outcomes of OT Education from COTA through OTD. She is the chair of the planning committee for Habits II: Habit, Rehabilitation, and Social Participation to be held at Asilomar in January 2007. Her current research focuses on an oral history project in Stratham, NH which is exploring perspectives of long time residents about social change, social participation, and their occupations in a town that has been transformed from a poor farming community to an affluent suburb.

