Native American Heritage Month and Participatory Action Research

Greetings and Salutations,

November brings about the start of many holidays and family traditions. Did you know that November is also Native American Heritage Month? The field of occupational therapy continues to expand opportunities for an inclusive, diverse, and equitable profession. Let us take the opportunity to expand our discussion to the Native populations. Here at the Foundation we had the pleasure to fund research by Heather Williamson DrPH, MBA, OTR/L, CPH, Assistant Professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy and the Center for Health Equity Research at Northern Arizona University. Her Intervention Research Grant, Health Equity for American Indians with Disabilities, continues to lead to publications and follow-on funding.

I have listed some of her publications to follow. (Resources)

Dr. Williamson’s research highlights the need to not only include the Native American population in research but her work provides a blueprint for other researchers and clinicians. For example, stakeholder involvement is crucial. Like many underrepresented minority groups in America, the Native American population’s relationship with researchers and healthcare professionals is riddled with stories of harm and loss. While such events may have occurred prior to the Belmont Report, the memories of historical events may still impact the communities’ trust and willingness to participate in research and perhaps engage in occupational therapy intervention. Participatory Action Research provides an opportunity for stakeholder involvement and collaboration. Such methodology allows the subjects to be the experts of their lived experiences (Haywood, Martinez & Pyatak, 2019).

Having tribal approval, and taking a participatory approach, allows individuals to contribute to the research process versus having research performed on them. For those interested in forming partnerships with the tribal communities, there are wonderful resources such as “A Guide to Establishing Effective Mutually-beneficial Research Partnerships with American Indian Tribes, Families and Individuals.”

As with many of the topics I share, this resonates personally. This topic deserves our attention and the people of the Native American tribes need our support.

In closing, thank you all who continue to reach out and share your enjoyment of this Research Resources newsletter and support our events. Here at AOTF we are dedicated to providing opportunities to address social and occupational justice. This month, we had a wonderful event in Chicago on OT and social justice. Thank you to Rush University for hosting us and thank you to our sponsoring schools, Rush University, the University of Illinois in Chicago and Chicago State University. Please visit our website for upcoming events and opportunities. Applications for the Summer Institute for Future Scientist close soon in addition to the LOI submissions for the Health Research Grants; Friday November 22, 2019! We do not produce a December Research Resources. So please have a joyous Holiday Season!
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**OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health**

*OTJR*, published quarterly by AOTF, offers original peer-reviewed research articles of professional interest to the practicing OT with a focus on occupation and fostering inter-disciplinary research. OTJR is now indexed in MEDLINE/PubMed. [Download current, past, and future OTJR articles](#).

The 2018 OTJR's impact factor has increased to 1.234, and the 5-year impact factor is now 1.478.

Mark your calendar- Registration opens next month:

**March 25, 2020 | Boston**
**AOTF Pre-Conference Institute**
*Manuscript Writing and Reviewing Academy*

**March 26, 2020 | Boston**
**AOTF OTJR Short Course**
*Advances in Technology to Enhance Manuscript Writing and Publishing*

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**Doctoral, Postdoctoral, and Research Training Opportunities**

**Postdoctoral Associate for Children's Participation in Environment Research Lab (CPERL)- The University of Illinois at Chicago**
Seeking a postdoctoral associate who's engaged in interdisciplinary and multi-site intervention and implementation research that leverages technology to advance family-centered and participation-focused pediatric (re)habilitation practice. 1-year training opportunity that has a negotiable start date between April-August 2020 and may be renewable for a second year. Applications received by November 29, 2019 will receive priority consideration; however, applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Submit application materials to: mkhetani@uic.edu.

**Butler-Williams Scholars Program**
Are you a late post-doc looking for a career in aging research? Or a junior faculty member looking to expand your career options? If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, then the time is now to apply for the 2020 NIA Butler-Williams Scholars Program! Held yearly in late July/early August. The program is presented over five days at the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland.

**Advanced Rehabilitation Research Training Program**
The University of Michigan Advanced Rehabilitation Research Training Program in Community Living and Participation (U-M ARRT-CP) is accepting applications for two full-time two year post-doctoral positions through January 31, 2019.

**Fellowships at Northwestern University**
Open fellowship positions in the Integrated Fellowship Program in Health Services Research at Northwestern University.

**Graduate Research Assistantship - University of Florida**
The Department of Occupational Therapy, College of Public Health and Health Professions at the University of Florida, invites applications for a graduate research assistantship as part of the Rehabilitation Science PhD Program. This assistantship, under the mentorship of Dr. Sherrilene Classen, will begin in January 2020. The graduate research assistant will engage in multidisciplinary research with a focus on driving, rehabilitation science, and community mobility, in medically at risk populations. This position will provide intensive training in all aspects of research and rehabilitation science.

**Online Training Modules Designed to Provide Quality Healthcare for Persons with Disabilities**
The Ohio Disability and Health Program offers online training modules that are designed to increase the capacity of health care providers to provide quality healthcare for persons with disabilities. Part I: Persons with Physical and Sensory Disabilities (WB2695) and Part II: Persons with Developmental Disabilities (WD2564) trainings present various disability issues, serving to strengthen participants' competence in physical/sensory and developmental disabilities are approved for continuing education by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for health professionals in multiple areas.
Rehabilitation Research Career Development Program (RRCD) -- NIH K12 Positions
The goal of the program (presented by UTMB with UF and USC) is to provide OTs and PTs (with postdoctoral or related research experience) with the skills and research experience necessary to become independent investigators and future academic and scientific leaders in their professions. Scholars will receive mentored training in. Send any questions or requests to: rehab.info@utmb.edu

Grants and Funding Opportunities

Extended: HSR Grant Letter of Intent Deadline Nov. 22

NCMRR Early Career Researcher R03 has been reissued as PAR-20-042
The next due date is March 30, 2020.

The National Center for Advancing Translations Sciences (NCATS) Is Soliciting Applications for Upcoming Funding Opportunities
NCATS has two funding opportunities open for small business biotech entrepreneurs and researchers under the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs.

National Artificial Intelligence Research Institutes Funding Opportunity

NIH Grants and Contracts

Additional Funding Sources

News and Resources

NIMHD Loan Repayment Program

Network of Patient Safety Databases (NPSD)

Boston Rehabilitative Impairment Study of the Elderly (Boston RISE), 2009-2014 (ICPSR 37045)

ACRM Webinar Library

MentorSpace - a new free resource from SAGE Publishing

New CDC funding will expand knowledge about children with autism spectrum disorder

NIH News and Links

- Update on NIH's efforts to address sexual harassment in science
- Biosketch help
- Revised NIH Grant Policy Statement for 2019
- New Video Provides Overview of New NIH Policies on Human Subjects Research and Clinical Trials
- NIH Grant website.
- Advice from NIH on resubmitting grant applications.
- Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (Parent K01)
- NIH Pathway to Independence Award (Parent K99/R00)
- Independent Scientist Award (Parent K02)
- Midcareer Investigator Award in Patient-Oriented Research (Parent K24)

Resources for Common Data Elements
NIH Common Data Elements (CDE) Initiatives:

Overview Webinar:

NIH CDE Repository:
https://cde.nlm.nih.gov/


Article on CDE:

AOTF Events at AOTA 2020- Registration opens mid-December

Conferences and Calls for Papers

Experiential Design - Rethinking Relations Between People, Objects and Environments Conference  (January 16-17, 2020, Tallahassee, Florida)

Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability & Diversity (March 2-3, 2020, Honolulu, Hawaii)
Call for proposals deadline: December 1, 2019.

Pathways to Preventions Workshop: Can Physical Activity Improve the Health of Wheelchair Users? March 30-31, 2020
Register for this free workshop on the NIH Main Campus.

AOTA Annual Conference & Expo (March 26-29, 2020, Boston, Massachusetts)
The largest gathering of OT professionals in the world features educational and poster sessions, exceptional speakers, and an Expo Hall filled with the latest products and opportunities. Pre-Conference Institutes take place on March 25.

Save the Date: NIH Rehabilitation Research (Oct. 15-16, 2020, Bethesda, MD)

References and Links:

Cited References:

- Gachupin FC, Lameman B, Molina F. Guideline for Researchers. Tucson, Arizona: University of Arizona, Department of Family and Community Medicine, College of Medicine, March 2019
References Related to Heather Williamson's AOTF Intervention Research Grant


The project was also featured in a [Northern Arizona University news article](https://example.com) and on [Northern Arizona University's Center for Health Equity Research website](https://example.com).