

EKU OT Spring 2012

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You're Invited — EKU AOTA Reception

Ranked a second time at 24th by U.S. News and World Report as a top Graduate Program in Occupational Therapy, the department faculty will host a reception at AOTA.

Planned for Friday April 27, 2012, the evening reception will be held at the AOTA conference headquarters hotel — the JW Marriott Indianapolis.

The JW Marriott is located at 10 S. West Street and is connected via sky bridge to the Indiana Convention Center.

Appreciation is ex-

pressed to EKU public relations administration for their sponsorship. Thanks also goes to EKU President Dr. Doug Whitlock, Provost Dr. Janna Vice, and Interim Health Sciences Dean Dr. Deborah Whitehouse. Graduate School Dean Dr. Jerry Pogatshnik and Associate Dean Dr. Jaleh Rezaie have assisted the department.

The OT department faculty invite YOU to our reception to celebrate our accomplishments and thank our many supporters.

Faculty and administra-



EKU offers the only state-supported OT program in KY

tors from other institutions, alumni and friends, students, retired colleagues and other supporters are welcome.

Please come visit.

See You at AOTA Annual Conference

The EKU Occupational Therapy Department will host a booth in Exhibition Hall. Information about the B.S. in occupational science and M.S. in occupational therapy

is available. The department participates in offering a collaborative Ph.D. in rehabilitation sciences at the University of Kentucky. Please stop to visit and dialog

about our mutual interests. If you know anyone considering future education, please encourage them to contact us :
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Special points of interest:
EKU AOTA Reception

Friday April 27 — 8 PM

JW Marriott Indianapolis

Food provided. Cash bar.

No RSVP required.

Everyone is welcome —
thanks for your support of
EKU OT Department.

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Research Day — Another Success Story

The Annual EKU OT Research Day was held in November 2011 at the Perkins Center. This event features presentations by graduate students and undergraduate students affiliated with the department.

Presentations include clinical updates, systematic literature reviews, and research reports from thesis and line of inquiry investigations.

This year there were over 50 presenters. The day-long conference includes lunch and a closing reception at nomi-

nal cost. Six hours of complimentary continuing education is provided to thank clinicians for their support of the department.

Dr. Anne Shordike chairs the Research Day Committee. This year's keynote address was delivered by Dr. Virginia Stoffel who is the President-elect of AOTA .

Research presentations included children and youth studies, developmental disabilities, early intervention, gerontology, and physical disabilities.



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Undergraduate Elective — Equine Assisted Activity

Undergraduate students in occupational science, animal studies, psychology and other majors enjoy the opportunity of an equine assisted activity course.

Under the guidance of Kathy Splinter-Watkins, the course fills each year. Ms. Splinter-Watkins is an alumni of the University of Nebraska and Texas



Woman's University. In addition she holds an advanced certificate in hippotherapy from Western Michigan.

The course offers a service-learning experience at the beautiful Kentucky Horse Park with individuals of varying ages and conditions. The course explores equine assisted activity, therapeutic horseback riding, equine facilitated mental health, and hippotherapy. Please contact Kathy.Splinter-Watkins@eku.edu for more information.

The Place to Be — EKU OT Alzheimer's Program

The Place to Be is an intervention program offered two days per week on the EKU campus. Persons with Alzheimer's Disease and other cognitive disorders receive services from supervised students in undergraduate and graduate courses.

Katherine Nicholas, MS, OTR/L, leads

the program. An alumni of the University of Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky University, Ms. Nicholas holds an advanced certificate in gerontology.



The Place to Be participants and students

The Place to Be, started by retired professor Penny Benzing, has provided services to the Richmond community for over 20 years. This community based program is an asset to EKU OT.

AOTA Conference — ECU Faculty Presenters

Can't attend the reception Friday evening at JW Marriott? Please do plan to say hello to our faculty at the AOTA Annual Conference:

Ms. Kathryn Splinter-Watkins—service learning and hippotherapy

Dr. Christine Myers—school readiness in the transition to preschool program

Drs. Colleen Schneck and Sharon Brandenburger-Shasby (retired) - teacher perceptions of the handwriting without tears program

Ms. Amy Marshall—transitions of youth at risk in education

Dr. Doris Pierce, Ms. Karen Summers, et al.—school-based transitions

Dr. Doris Pierce and colleagues—drivers of change for OT

Dr. Lynnda Emery and colleague—fitness for persons with disabilities

Dr. Peggy Wittman, Ms. Emily Vaught—adult children of alcoholics study

Dr. Cynthia Hayden—science of treat-

ing individuals with chronic pain



Amy Marshall, Presenter

ECU OT Retired Faculty — Department Past 35 Years

The department started in 1976 and became the largest single-campus undergraduate occupational therapy program in the country. Retired faculty support student scholarships and participate in faculty dinners. Thanks to retirees:

Ms. Kathryn Allen, Ms. Joy Anderson, Dr. Onda Bennett, Ms. Lynne (Penny)

If YOU wish to make a “donation to the ECU OT department,” please do. Call 859-622-3300 for assistance.

Benzing, Dr. Anne Blakeney, Dr. Sharon Brandenberger-Shasby, Ms. Kate Clark, Dr. Lisette Kautzmann, and Ms.

Gladys Masagatani.

Thanks to these faculty for providing the foundation for growth. The department now admits 40-50 juniors to the B.S. in occupational science program and 60 graduate students to the M.S. in occupational therapy program. If YOU wish to donate, please mark your contribution for OT Department.

Institutional Review Board — OT Faculty Marken Chairs

The ECU Institutional Review Board provides a review and approval service to ECU affiliated researchers. Under the division of Sponsored Programs, the board was chaired by Dr. Dory Marken in occupational therapy.

Dr. Marken holds BS and MS degrees from North Dakota and a PhD from

the University of Kentucky in gerontology. She teaches physical disabilities and gerontology. Her service learning elective provides expertise for OT students. Dr. Marken is the first OT faculty



Dr. Dory Marken was ECU IRB Chair

to chair this board.

Others with college human subjects chair review and IRB service include: Drs. Lynnda Emery, Colleen Schneck, and Margaret Wittman.

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Department Faculty Listing—Collaborators Welcome

Please check our website for faculty email listings. Department faculty welcome dialog from interested collaborators.

Current faculty include:

Julie Baltisberger, Melba Custer, Lynnda Emery, Elaine Fehringer, Cynthia Hayden, Dana Howell, Kelly Leigers, Dory Marken, Amy Marshall, Christine Myers, Catherine Nicholas, Shirley Obrien, Doris Pierce, Christine Privott, Gordon St. Michel, Colleen Schneck, Anne Shordike, Kathryn Splinter-Watkins, Mary Ellen Thompson, Julya Westfall, Peggy Wittman.

Information about the department programs can be obtained from the website. Email :
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Applications for the M.S. occupational therapy program are due February 1 annually. Applications for the junior year B.S. in occupational science program are due March 15 annually. Faculty have diverse professional interests.

The EKU Department of Occupational Therapy started in 1976. It offers a BS in occupational science and MS in occupational therapy. The MS program admits graduates from the BS in OS program and graduates from other majors and institutions. Individualized MS programs are offered to practicing therapists. An interdisciplinary autism certificate program is offered. The EKU OT Department participates in a collaborative PhD program with the University of Kentucky. The department chair is Dr. Colleen Schneck, the Graduate Coordinator is Dr. MaryEllen Thompson and Professor Gordon St. Michael is the Occupational Science Coordinator. Please feel free to contact us with comments or suggestions.

Please contact individual faculty for additional information.



EKU OT faculty awarded by University Health and Wellness program for the Healthy Snack Challenge