Welcome back Students and Faculty
Welcome back students and faculty. We have had a busy summer and we are looking forward to the upcoming year.

**Occupational Therapy GURU information:**

The EKU GURUs have three locations across campus.
- Tech Commons
- Charles D. Whitlock Building
- Library

Phone: (859) 622-7903

**Resource Room NEW Hours:**
The resource room will be maintained by the student workers. It will NOT be available all day. The new hours are as follows:

**Mondays** and **Wednesdays** from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

**This will be the only times that you will have access to the resource room.**

“I finally decided on occupational therapy because I knew that this field would allow me to really help those who feel like they have lost everything.”

- Kelly Andrasik

NICU Occupational Therapist at Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital

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**Meet the new Professors**

**Dr. Anne Fleischer**

Dr. Fleischer is originally from St. Louis Missouri and moved to North Carolina after receiving a BHS in Occupational Therapy from the University of Missouri-Columbia. After working with developmentally delayed adults for a couple of years, she returned to school and to receive her MPH in Health Behavior and Health Education from University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. From here, she joined Wake Forest Baptist Health in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and have had the opportunity to start a variety of programs: driving, low vision, acute stroke unit, acute care of the elderly unit, acute psychiatry oncology rehabilitation while working initially in acute care then outpatient settings, for the last 24 years. These programs led to being a team member on a variety of research teams: lymphedema prevention and stroke rehabilitation. Recently, she received her PhD in Occupational Therapy from Nova Southeastern University. My dissertation focused on the experience of breast cancer survivors returning to their important activities.

Due to good fortune and humor, she has been married to her best friend for 26 years. They have three adult children. Gerrit will be a senior accounting major at the College of Charleston. Their twin daughters, Sarah and Rebecca are entering college freshman at University of North Carolina-Asheville and East Carolina University.

She is excited to be teaching OTS 301 and OTS 820. As she loves theory and conceptual models.

Her hobbies include swimming, running and cycling (very amateur triathlete), and with her family, they enjoy traveling and eating.

**Dr. Kelle DeBoth**

Kelle DeBoth graduated from the University of Southern California with an undergraduate degree in Biological Sciences. Her Master of Occupational Therapy was earned at the University of Pittsburgh. Presently, she is earning a PhD in Health Related Sciences with an emphasis in Occupational Therapy from Virginia Commonwealth University with an expected graduation date of May 2016. Kelle has practiced pediatric occupational therapy since 2004, with experience in home, school and clinical settings. In addition, she is certified to administer the Sensory Integration and Praxis Tests (SIPT) and has a strong interest in autism, sensory integration and neurophysiological research. She is teaching part-time in the OTD program.
Dr. Robert Mullaney

Dr. Mullaney has been an Occupational Therapist for almost 15 years and states that "I have only grown more passionate over time about my choice as a profession." He has completed his Occupational Therapy degree with an MBA with Specialization in Health Services Administration and a Doctorate of Business Administration with Specialization in Management from Nova Southeastern University's H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship. But first and foremost, Dr. Mullaney says, he in an Occupational Therapist.

Dr. Mullaney has held various roles in healthcare and in higher education. Most recently, Dr. Mullaney has served as an Instructor and the inaugural Academic Program Director for the OTA Program at Concorde Career Colleges, Inc. in Miramar, FL and an Instructor and Program Coordinator at Keiser University in Miami, FL. His most recent endeavors have included spearheading the synchronous, distance-based OTA education initiatives and developing strong community-based, B2B relationships at Concorde, program development consultation at various schools, and not-for profit healthcare business development. Dr. Mullaney has also taught MOT students at Nova Southeastern University and MBA students at AIU in South Florida. Prior to higher education, Dr. Mullaney was a part of the IOBIP Team (Intensive Out-Patient Brain Injury Program) at Baptist Hospital of Miami, while also treating neuro, acute, and ortho patients. He has also served as a contributing member of the treatment and management teams at Holy-Cross Hospital and Miami Childrens Hospital.

Dr. Leah Simpkins

Dr. Simpkins is a proud native of Richmond, Kentucky who has obtained all three degrees in occupational therapy from Eastern Kentucky University. She loves being an occupational therapist as it is such a rewarding field. She also has a passion for the geriatric population and teaching others about this area of practice. Throughout her time as a practicing therapist, she has worked in several facets, including traumatic brain injury, cerebrovascular accident, long-term care geriatric population, and in-patient acute care. She has served as a rehabilitation manager for the majority of my time as an occupational therapist. She has always strived to volunteer within the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Woodmen of the World fraternal organization, Honorable Kentucky Colonels, and others. When not working, she enjoys reading, running, swimming, and playing the piano. Her favorite thing to do is spend time travelling with her

Kelly Leigers is changing positions to tenure track and Jennifer Height is also starting part time. Help us welcome our new professors!
The Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy Department 
Invites You To 
THE 10TH ANNUAL RESEARCH DAY 

SAVE THE DATE 
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 2015 
Keynote Speaker: 
Deborah Y. Slater, MS, OT/L, FAOTA 
“GENERATING THE DEBATE OF THE MEANING OF ETHICS IN PRACTICE: WHAT IS RIGHT IN A CHANGING WORLD?”

Presentations from the students in the Occupational Science, Occupational Therapy and Rehabilitation Science programs

*Lunch provided *Earn up to 6 contact hours 
*Registration fee $35 
*Please note: There is no fee for current EKU OS/OT/OTD/RHB students. Students will be pre-registered by faculty.

November 13th, 2015 
8:30a.m.-3:30p.m. 
Perkins Building 
EKU Richmond

To register please go to: 
https://secure.touchnet.net/C20703_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=30&clearPreview=true
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Student Organizations:

(SOSA) The Student Occupational Science Association

The mission of the Student Occupational Science Association is to support students in the Occupational Science program at Eastern Kentucky University. SOSA will promote scholarship, social interaction, and service in the community and among its members.

https://www.facebook.com/pages/SOSA/148595318491968
https://orgsync.com/29247/chapter

(SOTA) The Student Occupational Therapy Association

All EKU MS in OT students are welcome to join SOTA for social engagement, volunteer opportunities, and professional development!

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