

# EKU

## Special points of interest:

- The new EKU strategic plan with assessment measures 2011-2015 is in place
- Competitive admissions is now required for the junior year occupational science major
- You are our best recruiters — please continue to refer potential candidates to the department website or call 859-622-3300

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# EKU OT Fall 2011

Occupational Therapy

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## EKU OT — Top 25 Graduate Program

First named in 2008 as a 24th ranked Graduate Program in Occupational Therapy by U.S. News & World Report, this ranking was announced as continuing in the 2012-2015 edition.

The department admits up to 50 students annually to the junior year B.S. in occupational science major. Up to 20 students with a bachelor's degree in another discipline are admitted into a one year transition program.

These students may continue on to the M.S. in occupational therapy program. About 60 students begin this program each fall. M.S. stu-

dents present at Research Day every November. Before



**Dr. Colleen Schneck encourages teaching innovation in occupational therapy**

level II fieldwork they “walk-through” graduation and a hooding ceremony. This two-year M.S. program is the

only state-supported OT program in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Graduate students have enhanced learning opportunities serving as Graduate Assistants and student workers, and participating in student organizations and an autism spectrum disorder certificate program. Dr. Colleen Schneck is department chair and Dr. MaryEllen Thompson is Graduate Coordinator. The faculty thank Drs. Jerry Pogatshnik and Jalal Rezaie in the Graduate School and Drs. David Gale and Deborah Whitehouse in the College of Health Sciences for their support.

**Save the Date—The Occupational Therapy Department Invites You To  
The 6th Annual Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy Research Day  
See attached flyer for 3 ways to register**

## Full Graduate Faculty

Full tenured professors with a terminal degree, publication record, teaching and leadership evidence become exempt from additional review for Full Graduate Faculty. Drs. Lynnda Emery, Dana Howell, Doris Pierce, Colleen Schneck, Anne Shordike and Margaret Wittman are Full Graduate Faculty.

**If you would like to donate to our scholarships to help our students, see below:**

Please go to the Development Office website: <http://development.eku.edu/> or contact information:

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## 3 ABD at UK — add to ECU OT



EKU OT students in class.

Three ECU OT faculty are ABD at the University of Kentucky in the Rehabilitation Sciences program. All three are also M.S. graduates of the ECU OT program.

Julie Baltisberger is developing expertise in qualitative research methods including use of the software program hyperRESEARCH. She has a B.S.

from the University of California — Berkeley and M.S. from ECU.

Melba Custer is studying patient satisfaction along the continuum of care, outcomes research, and instrument development. She has a B.S. in Accounting and M.S. from ECU.

Amy Marshall is working with transition services for adolescents with disabili-

ties in Kentucky's nontraditional educational settings. She has a B.S. (OT) from Western Michigan and M.S. from ECU.

Graduate level teaching requires added expertise and doctoral level faculty in greater numbers. Thanks to these three faculty for "stepping up" in this way. All 3 are listed in the department website.

High school and college educators: To get a brochure about our programs email [Donna.McDaniel2@eku.edu](mailto:Donna.McDaniel2@eku.edu) or [Susan.Hart@eku.edu](mailto:Susan.Hart@eku.edu) with your address



EKU OT Research Day

## Endowed Chair Pierce: New Book

Dr. Doris Pierce, Endowed Chair in occupational therapy, has a new book in progress. Occupational Science for Occupational Therapy is scheduled for release by SLACK, Inc. in Fall 2012.

The book includes ECU faculty who served as

chapter authors. These faculty are: Anne Shordike, Amy Marshall, Elaine Fehringer, and Karen Summers. Congratulations to these faculty.

Dr. Pierce has served as Endowed Chair at ECU since 2000. She is the only ECU faculty member

who holds a doctorate from the University of Southern California in Occupational Science. This underlying, foundational science provides added expertise to help the profession implement occupation-based and evidence-based practice. We look forward to this book.

## Recruiting New Students

The ECU OT department website includes information for the B.S. in occupational science and M.S. in occupational therapy programs. A new brochure in hardcopy is also available. To get a brochure email Don-

na.McDaniel2@eku.edu or [Susan.Hart@eku.edu](mailto:Susan.Hart@eku.edu) with your address. You can also call 859-622-3300. High school and college advisors who need multiple copies can obtain these. The new brochure includes: curriculum plans,

prerequisite requirements, and the curriculum model. Mr. Gordon St. Michel is Coordinator for the B.S. program and Ms. Julya Westfall chairs the B.S. curriculum sub-committee.

## Infants, Toddlers & Children Conference

Dr. Christine Myers is a Co-Project Director of the



federal grant, *PREPaRE: Preparing RELATED Services Personnel for Rural Employment*, with Dr. Susan Effgen (PT) and Dr. Jane Kleinert (SLP) from the University of Kentucky.

### Dr. Christine Myers with PRE-PaRE Grant

The grant funds three occupational therapy scholars per year and sponsors an annual conference, *Meeting the Therapy Needs of Infants, Toddlers, and Children with Disabilities in Rural Communities*. This year, the conference, held at the Perkins Conference Center at EKU, attracted over 80 occupational, physical, and speech therapy practitioners from the region.

Speakers included Dr. Scott Tomchek, occupational therapist alumni from the Rehabilitation Sciences Doctoral Program at the University of Kentucky, and Leslie Sizemore, Ed.S., OT-R/L, an alumni of EKU's occupational therapy program.

**The 6th Annual OS & OT Research Day**  
**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Virginia Stoffel,**  
**Ph.D., OT, BCMH,**  
**FAOTA—November 18, 2011 from 8:30am—3:00pm**

**See attached registration form**

## PREPaRE scholars and added expertise

M.S. students gain added expertise with participation in the PREPaRE grant. Funding for level II fieldwork and the last year of school is provided. Students take added coursework in early intervention and school-based practice. In exchange they serve two years employment in site serving

children with special needs. Scholars include: Lisa McCarthy, Emily Moore, Laurie Wolford Wooley, Bethany Schmitt, Natalie Bills Curry, and Rebecca Wurzback.

Other M.S. students participate in the interdisciplinary autism certificate program.

Emily Lawson and Michelle Satler represent OT.

M.S. students take elective courses from other departments. EKU's emphasis on opportunity and added technology includes web-based teaching and service learning used in department.

## Faculty Publish and Present

You are invited to visit the OT department website. Faculty annual reports of publications, presentations, and meeting & member representations are included. Faculty publishing or presenting in 2010 include: Ms. Julie Baltisberger, Ms. Melba Custer, Dr. Lynnda Emery, Ms. Elaine Fehring, Dr.

Dana Howell, Dr. Dory Marken, Ms. Amy Marshall, Dr. Christine Myers, Dr. Shirley O'Brien, Dr. Doris Pierce, Dr. Christine Privott, Dr. Colleen Schneck, Dr. Anne Shordike, Ms. Kathy Splinter-Watkins, Dr. MaryEllen Thompson, and Dr. Peggy Wittman.

The department completed 46 publications and presentations in 2010. These faculty mentioned attended 60 professional meetings and hold memberships in 32 associations.



**M.S. graduates celebrate with Dr. Lynnda Emery**



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The EKU Occupational Therapy department offers the only public university programs for OT & OS in the Commonwealth. Founded in 1976, EKU offers a B.S. in occupational science and M.S. in occupational therapy. In collaboration with the University of Kentucky, a Ph.D. in rehabilitation sciences is offered.

Named to the Top 25 Graduate Programs in occupational therapy for 2008 and 2012 editions by U.S. News & World Report, the faculty emphasize excellence in teaching, research / scholarship, and professional and regional stewardship service.

Please visit our website and contact faculty directly if you have interest in their professional activities or are an interested collaborator. Published by Outcomes Committee.



## Welcome to New Faculty

The department welcomes new additions this year. To assist with fieldwork is Kelly Leigers. She is an EKU alum with substantive practice experience in the region. Kelly participates in site scheduling and visits. Kelly also provides teaching assistance for students on fieldwork.

Interested clinicians who would like to help with level I or level II fieldwork should contact Kelly at Kelly.Leigers@eku.edu

EKU OT and Kelly thank clinicians for their support and invite you every November for a day of continuing education at Research Day. Department scholarship and updates in many clinical

and related areas is included. Please join us for a day of collegial dialog and accept our thanks for your help

The EKU OT department has a first: The first EKU OT alum to obtain a doctoral degree and join the OT faculty is Cindy Hayden, D. H. Ed., OTR/L. She is an Associate Professor in OT. A Kentucky native, she is returning to the Commonwealth to continue her career.



**Dr. Cindy Hayden , an EKU OT alum, returns as faculty**

den, D. H. Ed., OTR/L. She is an Associate Professor in OT. A Kentucky native, she is returning to the Commonwealth to continue her career.

She has substantive clinical experience in rehabilitation and hand therapy and has served as faculty in a community college setting. Her doctoral work includes investigation with online teaching of psychomotor clinical skills and use of videototechnology in teaching strategies. Dr. Hayden is currently teaching a variety of courses to learn the EKU occupational science curriculum.

## 3 EASY WAYS TO REGISTER

Registrations may be made by: **Fax** using Visa, MasterCard, ----- (859) 622-8049  
American Express, or Discover.  
**Phone** using Visa or MasterCard, ----- (859) 622-2143  
American Express, or Discover.



Please check  
[www.ced.eku.edu/directions.php](http://www.ced.eku.edu/directions.php)  
for Directions and Parking  
information.

**Mail** using Checks, Money Orders, Visa, or MasterCard,  
American Express or Discover.

Ms. Kathy Hall  
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### Registration Information

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Work Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer Address (Street/City, State, Zip)  
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### *The 6th Annual Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy Research Day*

Keynote Speaker: Virginia Stoffel, Ph.D., OT, BCMH,  
FAOTA, Vice President AOTA

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

Friday, Nov. 18, 2011 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Perkins Building, ECU, Richmond, KY

Lunch provided

Wine and Cheese Reception at Arlington Country Club  
from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Earn up to 6 contact hours

### Registration Fee: \$25

\*Please note: There is no fee for current ECU OS/OT/  
RHB students. Students will be pre-registered by  
faculty.

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\*VIN is the last 3 digits next to the signature

\*\*Note: We are not yet able to take registrations by email.

**Please do not send personal information through E-mail.**

We do not yet have a secure connection.

**For Questions:** Call us at (859) 622-2143, or email:  
[hsconted@eku.edu](mailto:hsconted@eku.edu) or [Alice.humphreys@eku.edu](mailto:Alice.humphreys@eku.edu)

**Registration Deadline: November 15, 2011.**

Enrollments are necessarily limited. Completed registration  
forms should reach ECU three days prior to the offering.  
Reservations may be made by phone after this time, on a  
space available basis only.

Phone: (859) 622-2143 Fax: (859) 622-8049

**Cancellation/Refund Policy:** If you wish to cancel a  
registration you must notify the Continuing Education and  
Development office at least **three working days prior to the  
workshop date** in order to receive a refund. After that date a  
substitute may be sent, but no refund. If an offering is  
cancelled by ECU, the registration fee will be refunded in  
full.

**Confirmation:** Acceptance notifications will be sent.  
Every effort will be made to contact participants in the case  
of cancellation and/or a change in presenters.

**Classroom Temperatures & Smoke Free Building:** Wear  
layered clothing, as classroom temperatures tend to be cool,  
especially in the Perkins Building at ECU. University  
Buildings have been designated as smoke free.