



FALL 2018 NEWSLETTER

*Greetings to all students, alumni,
staff, faculty, and friends of our
Department!*

Our semester is off to a great start! Welcome to all new and returning students!

Here are your enrollment numbers:



- BSOS: 112
- MSOS: 148
- Transition: 19
- OTD: 42

SAVE-THE-DATE!

EKU OS & OT RESEARCH DAY

Friday, November 16, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Perkins Building, ECU Richmond

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Dr. Elizabeth R. Skidmore, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, FACRM

Chair and Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy,
University of Pittsburgh

Dr. Skidmore's federally funded research program
addresses brain injury and neurocognitive decline &
adults with cognitive impairments.



*Presentations from graduate students in the ECU Occupational Therapy Program

*Lunch Provided

*Earn up to 6 Contact Hours

*Registration Fee \$35

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Save the Date for: AOTA Annual Conference



New Orleans, Louisiana



April 4-7, 2019

(pre-conference institutes: April 3)

Recent Conferences:

2018 KOTA Annual Conference

“Occupational Therapy:

Inform, Inspire and Influence”

September 14-15, 2018

Louisville, Kentucky

Drs. Renee Causey-Upton and Dana Howell presented *A Mixed-Methods Study of Pre-operative Education for TKR: Implications for Occupational Therapy*.

Other presenters included: Dr. Anne Fleischer, Dr. Shirley O’Brien, Dr. Leslie Hardman, Dr. MaryEllen Thompson, Dr. Camille Skubik-Peplaski, Dr. Jennifer Hight



17th Annual Research Conference of the Society for the Study of Occupation: USA

”Sleep and Restoration”

October 11 - 13, 2018

Lexington, Kentucky

Dr. Jean Koketsu, OTD, new EKU graduate, presented her capstone, *Pre-sleep Routines of Adult Normal Sleepers*.

Other presenters included: Dr. Doris Pierce, Dr. Geela Spira, Dr. Anne Fleischer, Dr. Colleen Schneck; Students: Sarah Heaney, and Angela Goorman



2018 AOTA Education Summit

October 13-14, 2018

Louisville, Kentucky

Drs. Shirley O’Brien and Camille Skubik-Peplaski presented *Using Metacognitive Strategies to Increase Student Critical Thinking and Reading to Develop Transactional Learning*.

Other Presenters included: Dr. Shirley O’Brien, Dr. Colleen Schneck, Dr. Jennifer Hight, Dr. Leslie Hardman, Dr. Cindy Hayden, Dr. MaryEllen Thompson, Dr. Camille Skubik-Peplaski





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New Faculty Spotlight:

Our Department welcomes several new faculty this year. We are happy you have joined us!



Melba Arnold, PhD, OTR/L

has expertise spanning the practice of mental health and cognition for in-patient and community-based consumers. She is a career-long member of AOTA and WFOT and has served at the national level in various leadership and mentorship roles. She has extensive experience in collaborative study abroad education, including program development and international fieldwork student supervision. Her research interests include mental health, psychiatry and study abroad education.

Cheryl Carrico, MS, OT/L

is a doctoral student in the University of Kentucky Rehabilitation Science program and Assistant Professor of Occupational Science and Therapy at ECU. Her research agenda focuses on optimizing meditation for use in the clinical or educational setting. She also has research interests and clinical practice experience in the use of neuromodulation to enhance motor function after stroke or spinal cord injury.



Cassie Ginn, OTD, OTR/L

obtained her MS in Occupational Therapy from ECU in 2011. She has clinical experience in inpatient rehabilitation on a specialized brain injury unit as well as specialty certification in brain injury rehabilitation (CBIS). She has experience as a trainer using BIONESS H200 and RT300 technologies and is a DPAMs approved supervisor in Kentucky. She obtained her clinical doctorate (OTD) from Creighton University in 2018.





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Casey Humphrey, OTD, MHA, OTR/L, CBIS, CDRS

is a Certified Brain Injury Specialist through the Brain Injury Association of America. She is a Certified Driving Rehabilitation Specialist through The Association of Driving Rehabilitation Specialists. Her clinical background is in community-based brain injury rehabilitation, administration, and geriatrics.



Toby Scott-Cross, MOT, OTR/L

is a Clinical Instructor; Assistant Academic Fieldwork Coordinator; and advisor and instructor in the Horse, Humans and Health program. She has clinical experience addressing upper extremity function, work hardening, sports and industrial rehabilitation, and hippotherapy. She is currently enrolled in the ECU Post Professional Doctorate program. She lives with her husband and stepdaughter on a small cattle farm and raises horses, goats, dogs and chickens.

*With great fondness and respect,
we honor the retirement of the following esteemed faculty in
2018:*

Katherine Nicholas

