

## Trojan League of Orange County "Shows Some Moves" to Raise Funds for USC OS/OT

What do an occupational therapy intervention, a historical landmark, a formal presentation, a football signed by future NFL stars, a shopping spree, and ballroom dance have in common? This spring, these were all ingredients in a highly successful fundraising effort by the Trojan League of Orange County (TLOC), a USC alumnae group whose purpose is to promote and support the University, its traditions and its accomplishments. Thanks to the suggestion of a grateful club member impressed by occupational therapy treatments that led to significant improvements in quality-of-life for some family members, TLOC selected the Department of OS/OT as the beneficiary of the organization's annual fundraiser, the proceeds of which are donated to a different USC department or school each year.

Julie Bissell, MA, OTR/L, a member of the USC OS/OT Board of Councilors, worked together with Melanie Salata-Fitch, Trojan League Benefit Chairman, to organize two events. The first was a monthly luncheon of TLOC members, at which Dr. Florence Clark made an informative presentation introducing occupational therapy and occupational science, and outlining

USC's history of achievements, as well as our current research projects and future directions.

The second event was the fundraiser itself. Titled "Show Us Your Moves," it was an evening of dining, dancing, and mingling as members of the TLOC had the opportunity to meet OS/OT faculty and students in the elegant surroundings of the historic Grand Ballroom of the Balboa Pavilion in Newport Beach. Over 450 people in total attended the evening.



First-year MA-II students Lindsey Speegle (l) and Sarah Tompkins (r) flank John Wolcott as USC OS/OT boosters enjoy the festivities

Highlights of the gala celebration included both a silent auction and a live auction, which featured such highly desirable Trojan mementos as a football signed by Matt Leinart and Reggie Bush and a helmet signed by Mr. Leinart (obtained thanks to the efforts of

Ms. Bissell, who arranged for OT student Suzanne Baruch to walk onto the practice field and obtain the players' autographs in person), as well as a \$500 shopping spree at South Coast Plaza. Entertainment was provided by dancers from Atomic Ballroom, a dance studio in Irvine owned by USC Faculty Practice Acting Director Katie Salles-Jordan, OTD, OTR/L, and her husband, Jerry Jordan. The Jordans and the Atomic Ballroom

dance instructors gracefully performed a number of ballroom



All eyes are on Jerry and Katie Jordan as they Fox Trot with style across the Grand Ballroom dance floor

dances to live orchestra music, including The Balboa, a swing dance that was created at that very venue during the Big Band era. The SCions, a dance troupe of children of USC alums, also took the stage, after which the dance floor was

open to all who attended. Trojan Spirit was kept high by appearances by USC Song Leaders, football players and Trojan Band members.

The Department thanks the many people who volunteered their time, including TLOC members; USC OS/OT faculty, students and staff; Lloyd-Morris Productions; Peter Facer Productions; Kristin Chapman; Aaron Gartner; Phillip and Geoffrey Rupert; Matt Hogan; and the dance instructors and staff of the Atomic Ballroom. ■

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## Message from the Chair

**A**s most of you probably know, I was recently elected Vice President of AOTA for a three-year term, officially beginning at the AOTA Annual Conference & Expo in Charlotte. My key roles will be to lead the process of evaluating the Executive Director, and lead AOTA's strategic vision process. In looking ahead to my term as Vice President, I believe it's going to be like a fractal of my work as Department Chair. What we've done in the Department in the last 7 years resonates with the themes of AOTA's Centennial Vision. What we've done in the Department can almost be seen as a pilot study of the content and direction of what will now be reflected at a national level. My experience at USC in the substance and process of leadership will inform how I will do my job.



My experience as Director of AOTA has given me an in-depth understanding of how the organization works and the major issues to be addressed in the future. We must ensure there is greater market demand and reimbursement for the services we provide; our success will require a complex interplay of research, practice, public awareness, membership recruitment, marketing, advocacy, and educational activities aligned with a cohesive Centennial Vision. We need to move forward with a laser focus on: (1) growing membership so the fiscal base can support critical activities that need to be undertaken; (2) expanding our advocacy arm so public policy and reimbursement challenges are successfully negotiated; (3) strengthening our public awareness and marketing campaigns; (4) facilitating research that will convince stakeholders of the cost-effectiveness of our services and will lead to practice innovation; (5) providing resources and guidance to educators and practitioners so they are better able to ensure occupational therapy holds its own in the competitive health care industry; (6) strengthening our networking in the extramural research arena; and (7) positioning occupational therapy as a major provider in health promotion, prevention, and wellness. AOTA's Centennial Vision will be a well-crafted roadmap for navigating OT's future, with achievable goals to implement in each of the 3 years of my term.

As Vice President, I will provide stability and continuity as well as openness to change. My skills in negotiation, personnel administration, strategic planning, leadership, grant development, and budget management will contribute to my effectiveness. I will also bring my character and values, an appreciation for the work both of OTs and OTAs, perseverance, a commitment to being open to the perspectives of others, and courage to disclose and honestly confront problematic issues. In 2 years on the Board, I played a key role in creating professional unity and positioning the organization to move forward. I believe your previous investment in me will pay off – I am now ready for this role.

I am very grateful to everyone who voted for me. I feel a lot of support from our USC community, and I feel grateful to my colleagues in the field who chose me for this important position. I also feel a great deal of responsibility to take AOTA's Centennial Vision to the level of implementation. At this point, it is only a vision. Now is the time to make that vision a reality.

*Jane A. Clark*

## OT and PT Students Find Common Ground at Forum

**I**nterdisciplinary collaboration is of vital importance in education, health care, and many other fields (see related articles, pages 3 and 12). Students of USC's Departments of Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy and Biokinesiology & Physical Therapy – each the number one ranked program in its field in the country – recently got a jump start on such cooperation by attending a forum in which practitioners from both disciplines talked about their work and presented case studies demonstrating how they interact and collaborate while working with clients daily.

Funded by the Graduate and Professional Student Senate and hosted by the Occupational Therapy and Science Council and the Physical Therapy Student Association, this third annual forum started off with an opportunity for each department's attendees to find a student from the other program, introduce themselves, and ask the following: "What pre-reqs are required for your program? What are your practice settings? How would you describe your role as a clinician?" The students were surprised to find more similarities than differences. The 10 panel members then described their

practice areas, and later offered examples of ways in which they worked with one another, or referred cases as needed, for best-quality health care provision in a variety of settings.

The panel of OT and PT professionals associated with USC, USC University Hospital or LAC+USC Medical Center included Kate Crowley, OT Adjunct Instructor; Kathy Gross, Chief of OT, USC University Hospital; Didi Matthews, Instructor of Clinical PT; Katherine Sullivan, Assistant Professor of Clinical PT; and Mary Kay Wolfe, Instructor of Clinical OT. ■

# Occupational Science, Anthropology Share Dialogue

So what do occupational science and therapy have to do with anthropology anyway?" This question was asked by attendees at the recent joint meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) and Society for Medical Anthropology (SMA) in Vancouver, and answered by an impressive number of faculty and graduate students from USC OS/OT, along with other prominent occupational scientists, who presented at the conference.

This dialogue began with a discussion between Emerita Professor Ruth Zemke and Dr. Gelya Frank, a Professor in OS/OT as well as the Department of Anthropology. Dr. Zemke shared that SSO:USA (whose Board of Directors Dr. Zemke chairs) is reaching out to interdisciplinary venues. "The theme of the SfAA-SMA conference was 'On the Edge,' of the millennium and in terms of boundaries," Dr. Zemke explained. "Our presentation of occupational science as the basis of OT practice was on the edge of the knowledge base and of interest to anthropologists. This was a good match."

Two back-to-back panels were created under the umbrella title, "Occupation On the Edge." The first, "The New Discipline of Occupational Science in Dialogue with Anthropology," was organized by Dr. Frank, Dr. Zemke, and Dr. Linda Whiteford, current President of SfAA. This session reviewed the establishment of occupational science as an interdisciplinary social science, and its distinctive conceptualization and research on meaningful occupation. Presenters were Dr. Frank, Dr. Erna Imperatore Blanche of USC OS/OT, along with Dr. Virginia Dickie, Dr. Wendy Wood, and Frank Kronenberg, a proponent of occupational justice through his organization, SPIRIT of SURVIVORS – Occupational Therapy Without Borders. Also participating

as discussants were Dr. Whiteford and Dr. Craig Janes, current SMA President.

The second panel explored "Occupational Therapy and Anthropology: The Continuing Conversation." Organized by USC's Dr. Frank, Dr. Zemke, and Dr. Cheryl Mattingly (also a Professor in both the Departments of OS/OT and Anthropology), along with Incoming SMA President Dr. Marcia Inhorn, this session brought together researchers and educators whose cross-disciplinary work bridges theories, methods and new conceptualizations of health and well-being. Presenters were USC OS/OT Professor Mary Lawlor and Assistant Professor Nancy Bagatell, along with Dr. Pamela Block, Dr. Cathy Lysack, and Dr. Sally Schultz, and discussants were Dr. Jessica Scheer and Dr. Noel Chrisman, Past President of SfAA. Dr. Inhorn later stated that she enjoyed the panelists' papers, and "will be a big promoter of occupational science and therapy to my med anthro students from now on!"

USC OS/OT students also made an impression at the conference. Ph.D. student Heather J. Kitching presented a poster on the Tule River Project, a program of structured activities facilitating collaboratively identified goals to pass on tribal identity of the Tule River Indian Tribe to the next generations. Ms. Kitching was exhilarated by positive feedback she received from anthropologists she discussed OT with, and noted that "one man was a tribal member of the Owens Valley Paiute. He was glued to the poster, took several handouts and asked, 'Would you be interested in doing this with other tribes?'"

In the exhibits area, Ph.D. students Cristine Carrier and Beth Crall staffed

a recruiting table where they told



Attendees included (l to r, top row) Beth Crall, Christine Carrier (leaning on chairs), Pamela Block, Gelya Frank, Lora Woo, Heather Kitching, Virginia Dickie, Sally Schultz, Frank Kronenberg, (l to r, seated) Nancy Bagatell, Mary Lawlor, Wendy Wood and Ruth Zemke

students, faculty members, and researchers that "occupational science shares many concepts and ideas with anthropology, and that in fact we have

anthropologists on our faculty who are making important contributions to both fields," Ms. Crall related. "OT is a great career path for students of anthropology who are looking to apply their knowledge of culture and society in a practical realm where they can help to change lives." Attendee and OTD student Lora Woo found the conference "a welcoming environment and one that really values the view of 'occupation' as central to personal transformation, cultural/community achievement and social justice. I'm convinced that a regular presence of our work is needed in this community. They wanted to hear more!"

Dr. Frank was enthusiastic about the dialogue fostered between the two disciplines, observing that "if both sides of the conversation are transformed in some way, there is a reciprocal effect. The pivotal piece is thinking about what OT and OS can add to what anthropologists do, and the key there is performative approaches, such as the Tule River Project. There are ways to make what anthropologists are interested in seeing and doing more performative, as opposed to textuality. For occupational therapists, even when they have experience with social structures, they may not have a vocabulary. I think an infusion of anthropologists would be a wonderful boost to the Occupation Without Borders movement, for example." ■

## Alumni News

**Mary Reilly**, Emerita Professor, was honored with the Award of Appreciation by the Occupational Therapy Association of California (OTAC) at its 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in October, 2005. The award “publicly recognizes an individual, group, or organization that has demonstrated support and advocacy for the profession of occupational therapy.”

**Bonnie Nakasuji**, BS '74, MA '94, current OTD candidate, was honored with the Fieldwork Educator Award at the 2005 OTAC Annual Conference. The award “recognizes an OTA or OT member of OTAC who has demonstrated outstanding skills in fieldwork education.”

**Vera Arzaga Rubio**, BS '86, was co-recipient of the COTA/OTR Partnership Award with Terry Olivas-De La O, COTA/C, at the 2005 OTAC Annual Conference. The award “recognizes an OTA and OT member

of OTAC who through their collaboration of occupational therapy exemplify the professional partnership.”

**Shawn Phipps**, BS '97, was honored with the OT Practice Award at the 2005 OTAC Annual Conference. He was recognized for demonstrating “outstanding practice skills and [applying] the theoretical principles of occupational therapy on a high level.”

**Denise Kwan**, MA '03, OTD '04, was married to Mike Brown in December, 2005, on the island of Oahu in Hawaii.

**Susan J. Forwell**, Ph.D. '05, has been elected President of the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapy (CAOT), a post she will hold through 2008. Additionally, she is on the board of the Canadian Society of Occupational Science (CSOS), co-chair of the CSOS bi-annual meeting in Vancouver in May 2006, and is an

executive member and treasurer of the *Journal of Occupational Science*. She is a tenured Senior Instructor in the Division of Occupational Therapy at the School of Rehabilitation Sciences of the University of British Columbia in Vancouver.

**Anthony Gallegos**, BS '06, is one of seven finalists university-wide for the 2006 John R. Hubbard Award. This honor, awarded by the USC Mexican American Alumni Association (MAAA), recognizes academic excellence and community involvement. The USC MAAA is the largest university-based Hispanic alumni association in the country.

### Births

**Jeremy Seip**, BS '96, MA '97, who is currently pursuing his Ph.D. at USC OS/OT, is the father of son Vincent Roland Seip, born in December, 2005. Vincent weighed in at 4 lbs., 10 ¾ oz., and measured 17 inches tall. ■

## Board of Councilors' 100% Challenge Supports OS/OT

As the next phase of the 100% Challenge, a drive started last fall by the Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy's Board of Councilors, surveys are being sent out to all alumni on record, with a worthy goal in mind: “inviting [alums] to share any thoughts, ideas and feelings they may have regarding their experiences,” explained Richard J. McCauley, MA, OTR, FAOTA, member of the Board. “We also want to know how the University can help our alumni to attain their individual goals, be it in continuing education or, by distance learning or by a more accessible method, still maintain their residence and their employment while they advance their education.”

Board member Linda Florey, Ph.D., OTR/L, FAOTA, added that, “The Board acts as a sounding board for

directions with curriculum, new ideas, and new issues that Dr. Clark and the Department face. We are now asking alums to give us input as to how well they feel their education prepared them for the work they are doing, if there was anything else they wanted. We will pass that feedback along.”

The 100% Challenge started with a creative idea from the Board: encouraging all members of the USC OS/OT community to contribute to the Department, at any level of giving, no matter how small or large. “I think we have such an extraordinary alumni group – it's fun going to national and state conferences where the USC group gathers together,” observed Dr. Florey. “Let's show the University and everyone else how fabulous our group is, and how behind the Department they always are.” The donations will serve various needs,

including scholarships and a long-term goal of an endowed chair.

Both the fundraising and the surveys come from Board members, as alumni reaching out directly to fellow alumni. “Fundraising had always been done by the program, but perhaps it's not a good role for people who are doing the work to be asking for money to support that work,” Mr. McCauley noted. “We as a Board of Councilors should fulfill that role for the faculty, so that they are the clinicians, the researchers, the teachers. Now instead of saying ‘Give me the money,’ they can say, ‘Give me your ideas, give me your support in professional matters,’ and the Board that takes on that ‘nasty’ job of seeking money!”

For more information, contact Jackie Mardirossian at 323-442-2811 or e-mail at [jmardiro@usc.edu](mailto:jmardiro@usc.edu). ■

# Honor Roll of Donors

The USC Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy gratefully acknowledges alumni and friends for their financial support and the encouragement their support represents. This Honor Roll of Donors includes gifts contributed during the past year. Those who contributed to *The 100% Challenge* are indicated with an asterisk (\*).

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy and completeness of the Honor Roll. Errors and omissions may be reported to Jackie Mardirossian at [jmardiro@usc.edu](mailto:jmardiro@usc.edu) or (323) 442-2811. **Again, we thank you for your support!**

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## Infrastructure Changes Bring New Faces, New Roles

**K**eeping pace with the exciting challenges of providing a top-flight educational environment requires the perfect balance of strong leadership and flexibility. To better position the Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy to meet these opportunities head-on, Dr.

Florence Clark recently announced the beginning of a new infrastructure for the Department. Some of these changes have already resulted in the addition of outstanding clinicians and educators to our USC OS/OT family. Others are growing within our Department to take on expanded roles. This section is a guide to what's

happening currently with faculty, staff, and administrators in the Department.

As we move forward into this new phase in the Department's history, we will continue to keep you apprised of important developments. Watch for more updates in our next newsletter, due out in Fall, 2006. ■

## Three Appointments Build Administrative Strength

**Professor Ann Neville-Jan, Ph.D., OTR/L, FAOTA,** has agreed to assume the position of Assistant Chair of Faculty and Curriculum. She has been a faculty member in the Department for 17 years, with experience in all aspects of Department functioning. Dr. Neville-Jan's publication and research areas include spina bifida and issues related to everyday participation. In her new leadership role, Dr. Neville-Jan will oversee processes such as merit review, faculty governance, and issues relative to curriculum. Dr. Clark commented that "Dr. Neville-Jan is superbly qualified, and I am sure she will prove to be fair-minded, wise, and strategic as she moves forward in her new role."

**Julie Bissell, MA, OTR/L, ATP,** has been appointed Development Officer. A member of the Department's Board of Councilors, Ms. Bissell previously managed the Department of Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy for an Orange County public school district for 24 years. "After serving three terms on the Board as a volunteer and team player in the growth, development, and vision of the future of Department, I am excited to now be able to devote more time and energy in promoting its mission before I retire in a few years," she shared. "I am also looking forward to teaching the School-Based Clinical Pathway course in the Fall."

**Stephanie Mielke, MA, OTR/L,** has been named Assistant to the Chair. Prior to this appointment, Ms. Mielke was the Director of Recruitment for the Department and a research assistant. She will receive an OTD in August for her program enabling adults with developmental disabilities to acquire physical, intellectual, and social skills through horse-related activities. "Stephanie possesses an abundance of energy and an ability to move very quickly and accurately in task assignments," Dr. Clark affirmed. "She is also a most adept problem solver, and I anticipate that my office will be more nimble, efficient, and effective now that Stephanie has taken this new role." ■

## Gross Joins USC University Hospital as Chief of OT

**K**athy Gross, MA, OTR/L, has been appointed by the Department to the post of Chief of Occupational Therapy at USC University Hospital. In her new position, Ms. Gross is responsible for management of all hospital OT services, including staffing to meet patient needs, personnel issues, productivity goals, monitoring quality, and regulatory compliance. Previously, Ms. Gross was Director of OT and Recreational Therapy at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

Ms. Gross reports that as much as she enjoys creating long-term strategies, such as working on revamping the

hospital's mission and vision statements for OT and improving services and increasing coverage in the hospital's small psychiatric unit, she also relishes her day-to-day interactions with the OTR/Ls and OTA/Cs who report to her. "They're very good OTs doing a wonderful job with such complex patients, and I'm really quite impressed with their ability to go between different specialty areas," she enthused. "I can tell from the questions they bring out about patients that they are concerned about this person's life as a whole. Some of them didn't even realize how client-centered and occupation-based they were succeeding in being within this acute environment."

A unique aspect of Ms. Gross' job is fostering collaboration between the clinical environment of USC University Hospital and the educational atmosphere of USC. There is great potential benefit in the "cultural proximity," as she phrased it, of "one of the top medical/surgical centers in the country, and a block away, you have the top program in OT in the country. The challenge for me has been trying to facilitate integration with the principles and ideas that are coming out of schools with the real-life practicality of the hospital environment, looking at issues of staff productivity and the things you have to do to run a department. And that challenge is exciting!" ■

# New Adjuncts Share Clinical Expertise with Students

**Cindy Burt, MA, OTR/L,** teaches OT572: Ergonomics. Ms. Burt manages UCLA Ergonomics Program, and previously managed the UCLA Medical Center Sports Medicine/Hand/Work Injury Program. She has published on work hardening and ergonomics, and currently serves on a committee to redesign the certification exam for the Board of Certification for Professional Ergonomics. “I enjoy teaching because of the students,” she remarked. “The USC students are great. They are smart, curious, and want to help others by becoming well-rounded therapists. And having the opportunity to teach at the Center for Lifestyle Redesign is a bright spot of my week. It’s a beautiful place with a beautiful spirit.”

**Jess Holguin, MA, OTR/L,** teaches OT440: Foundations of Occupation Kinesiology. An alumnus of USC OS/OT for his BS and MA, Mr. Holguin was a member of the USC football team. He continues to practice at St.

Jude Medical Center, where he was senior clinician for neurorehabilitation prior to joining the Department. “I believe that occupational therapy embodies a timeless respect for what it means to be a healthy and complete person,” Mr. Holguin stated. “Being able to share my clinical expertise and respectful understanding of the profession with our gifted future clinicians is a tremendous honor. I am very happy to be here.”

**Tammy Richmond, MS, OTR/L,** teaches the lecture portion of OT464: Occupational Therapy Skills Theory III. Current projects include: Program Manager/Developer, Stroke Recovery Program, for Stroke Association of Southern California; owner and COO of Ultimate Rehab, LLC, a health care practice management and consulting company; and owner, Hands 4 Health, a private practice in Marina del Rey. “I am honored to be teaching among incredible professors and to students of the leading OT program in the

country,” Ms. Richmond asserted. “My passion is to facilitate excitement, information building, and profession promoting knowledge to our future practitioners. As a new teacher here, I find the teaching atmosphere to be very sincere and very supportive.”

**Pamela S. Roberts, MSHA, OTR/L, CPHQ, FAOTA,** teaches OT599: Dysphagia across the Lifespan: Pediatrics through Geriatrics. Currently, Ms. Roberts is the Manager of Rehabilitation and Neurology at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Among her achievements are numerous CBOT certifications and professional awards, and chairing the AOTA Feeding, Eating, and Swallowing Specialty Certification Panel. Ms. Roberts has presented and published extensively on a number of occupational therapy subjects. “I enjoy teaching students to learn and gain competency to treat in this specialty area,” Ms. Roberts declared. “Teaching at USC is a rewarding experience.” ■

## Awards and Recognition

**C**ongratulations to the following faculty on their outstanding achievements!

**Florence A. Clark, Ph.D., OTR/L, FAOTA,** co-presented two papers at the OTAC Spring Fling Conference in April. Her presentations were “Weight Loss: Using a Lifestyle Redesign® Approach,” and “Pressure Ulcers in People with Spinal Cord Injuries.” She also presented on the topic of pressure ulcers in people with SCI at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in January, and provided the “Welcome & Introduction” at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Occupational Science Symposium in March (see related article, page 12).

**Jeanne Jackson, Ph.D., OTR, FAOTA,** co-presented with Dr. Clark

at the OTAC Spring Fling Conference on “Pressure Ulcers in People with Spinal Cord Injuries.”

**Deborah Pitts, MBA, OTR/L, CPRP,** presented at the OTAC Spring Fling Conference on “Occupation and Recovery for Persons with Psychiatric Disabilities.”

**Katie Salles-Jordan, OTD, OTR/L,** has been named Acting Director of the USC Occupational Therapy Faculty Practice. Previously, she directed the USC Lifestyle Redesign® Weight Loss Program and the occupational therapy portion of the USC Executive Health Consultation service. Ms. Salles-Jordan also co-presented with Dr. Clark at the OTAC Spring Fling Conference on “Weight Loss: Using a Lifestyle Redesign® Approach.”

**Diane Kellegrew, Ph.D., OTR/L,** spoke as part of a panel on leadership development at the Council for Exceptional Children, Division of Early Childhood, in Portland, OR in October. She also co-presented with Leticia Lara on program evaluation at the ZERO TO THREE National Training Institute in Washington, DC in November.

**Ruth Zemke, Ph.D., OTR, FAOTA,** presented at the combined conference of the Society for Applied Anthropology and Society for Medical Anthropology (see related article, page 3), provided consultation at the College of St. Catherine and at the Eastern Kentucky University on each of their BS in Occupational Science programs, and attended the AOTA Conference in Charlotte, NC. ■

# Alumni Gift Brings USC OS/OT History

**T**alk about a connection to the history of occupational therapy at USC!

“Mary Reilly walked with a determined gait, about 50 miles an hour. When she was in the Army Reserve [following World War II], she was out in a jeep one day at an Army camp and wouldn’t yield. She forced a Sherman tank off the road! Well, she did lose her Army driver’s license over that, of course, but I told students [this story] and said, ‘Don’t fuss with this lady. Just go along with her!’”

“Margaret Rood was an amazing lady. She began to do her brushing and icing in those days, and all kinds of new techniques were coming in. One of the students used to say that she came in the back door, and by the time she got to the front of the classroom, the lecture was completed!”

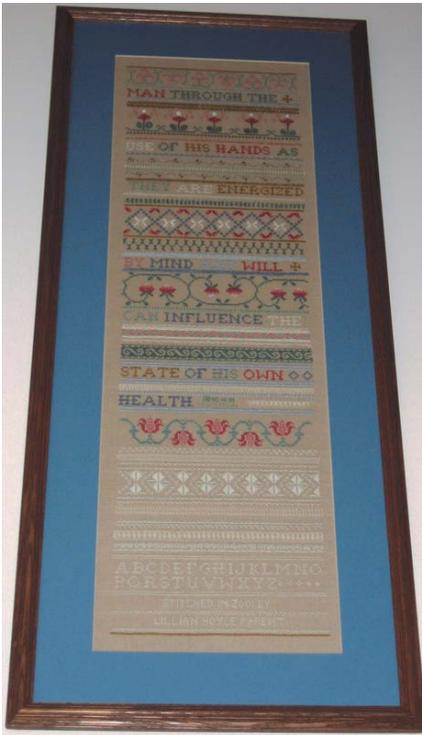
“Wilma West was in the Army, like Mary Reilly, and she created the first Master’s [in OT]. I knew Willie West from committees at AOTA.”

Lillian Hoyle Parent, MA, OTR, FAOTA, who earned a certificate in OT from USC in 1952, and returned for a Master’s degree in 1972, is proud of her continuing association with the Department. “USC was a very important part of my life,” she shared. “It gave me a profession and a career, and I had fun both times I was there!”

Recently, Ms. Parent combined her admiration for her alma mater with her longtime hobby of embroidery by creating a sampler that she donated to USC OS/OT. This unusually large sampler – it is 50-band (row) and measures a yard long and almost a foot wide – now hangs in the Center for Lifestyle Redesign. The phrase on the sampler is from Dr. Reilly’s 1962 Eleanor Clarke Slagle Lecture: “Man, through the use of his hands as they

are energized by mind and will, can influence the state of his own health.”

Spending time chatting with Ms. Parent is like a tour through the



*“I went directly to the Slagle to get it right!”*  
– Lillian Hoyle Parent on making sure the quote on her sampler was 100% accurate

highlights of occupational therapy education at USC. Following wartime work in a first-aid station at a Kaiser shipyard, and then at a radiation lab at UC-Berkeley directed by J. Robert Oppenheimer as part of the multisite Manhattan Project (which developed the atomic bomb), Ms. Parent took a secretarial job in a doctor’s office, but wanted to do something more fulfilling. Ms. Parent wrote to another school about their OT program, but got a “snotty letter back,” she recalled. “Then I wrote to Ms. Rood and said, ‘How do I apply?’ She wrote back and said, ‘Your program will be...’ She had it all planned out! She also helped me get room-and-board to enable me to attend, and later helped me get fieldworks at Camarillo [state mental hospital] and the Long Beach

VA.” Ms. Rood gave her students “a really excellent foundation.” One technique was sending students to the library to read three medical articles a week and write abstracts on them, thus accustoming them to research.

Following this initial stint at USC, Ms. Parent practiced in a number of California hospitals, including with a physiatrist in Berkeley who initially thought that “Bobath” was a form of hydrotherapy, and then at Rancho Los Amigos, before returning to her native Texas. There, she learned that Dr. Robert K. Bing was setting up an OT program at the U of T Medical Branch in Galveston and wanted faculty with a Master’s degree. This motivated Ms. Parent to enroll again at USC, now with Dr. Reilly heading the program.

Of Dr. Reilly, Ms. Parent reminisced that she “had a photographic memory, remembered everything she ever read. Mary would come into our classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays with a stack of books 5 feet high and say, ‘I think you need to know what’s in these.’” Jeanne Madigan would split up titles and each of us would scatter, read one or two books, then share outlines with six others in our groups.” With this reinforcement of the value of research, Ms. Parent was motivated to publish her Master’s thesis. She succeeded in having her work (on the effects of sensory deprivation) accepted by AJOT in 1978, for which she won the first Cordelia Myers Award. By that time, Ms. Parent was Associate Professor of OT at the University of Illinois at Chicago; later, she returned to UT in Galveston before retiring and moving to Indiana.

Ms. Parent remarked that she thought her sampler might be a fitting addition to the Center because of its Victorian architecture. “I wanted to have a permanent place for it to live,” she commented. “I’m pleased that it has a good home.” ■

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## Fieldwork Corner

One of our newest Level I fieldwork sites is in Bucharest, Romania, where four students visited medical facilities, schools, and homes, working with children with disabilities and their families. Deprivation – of resources, of opportunity for meaningful activity – marks the lives of many Romanian orphans and other children living in poverty, resulting in developmental delays, difficulties with socialization, and other psychosocial issues. It is a powerful example of occupational injustice. Renee McDannel, OTR/L, a graduate of the Department's Ph.D. program, felt the call to go to Romania to help bring relief. She co-founded the NGO Fundatia Broken Heart to provide programming and assistance to children and teens.

Among the Fundatia's services are a Transitional Living Center for children leaving orphanages and entering society; lifestyle redesign for street children who are entering institutional living; occupational therapy for infants in NICUs; youth mentoring, and humanitarian aid to rural children. "USC's program encourages innovation, exploration, and leadership skills that inspired me to take the unique principles of occupation and apply them to the needs of people living in Romania," Dr. McDannel explained. "Occupation is a key factor to securing a quality of life that promotes freedom in its purest sense of the word. My time at the University prepared me to become a global promoter of occupational therapy."

Praising her four USC fieldwork students as "the seeds of hope for the development of the profession in this country," Dr. McDannel's future goals include establishing an OT school in Romania. "The Romanian people are eager to make the best of the new knowledge and technology that Western medicine has to offer."

The USC OT Fieldwork Coordination team deeply appreciates the loyal support of the many wonderful OT practitioners around the world who host our students at hospital, clinic, school, and community practice sites. If you are interested in collaborating with us to provide high-quality fieldwork experiences, contact Jaynee Taguchi-Meyer at (323) 442-2857 or taguchi@usc.edu to get started! ■

## OTD Program Update

Please join us in congratulating these students, who will be awarded OTD degrees this year for the projects below. These future leaders of our profession constitute the largest OTD class in USC's history!

Elizabeth Chase Carley – "Occupational Therapy and Children's Mental Health: Developing Best Practice for Entry-Level Practitioners"  
Cynthia Chen – "Empower: Take Control of Your Health – Lifestyle Redesign® Adolescent Obesity Treatment and Prevention Program for Mothers and Daughters: The Mother's Perspective"  
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Jean Pacifico-Banta – "Supporting Social Participation in Inclusive Programs for Young Children At Risk for Developmental Delay"  
Tiffanie Melumar Pon – "The Nikkei Okazu Project: Meaning and Well-Being in Japanese-American Food and Meal-Making"  
Samia Husam Rafeedie – "Occupational Science Informing Occupational Therapy Practice: An

Introductory Course to Occupational Science at Ohio State University"  
Shelby Surfas – "Infusing Occupational Science into the Toy Industry: Teaching the Toymakers"  
Jaynee Taguchi-Meyer – "Coherence and Visions for the Future: The Occupational Therapy Doctorate Program at USC"  
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Tomomi B. Watson – "Implications for Occupational Science-based Practice in an Acute Rehabilitation Unit for Low-Income Hispanic Population"  
Suzann William – "Occupational Therapists Dealing with Academically Relevant Issues: A Basic Evidence-Based Reference Guide"  
Tina Yang – "Wellness-for-Life: Lifestyle Redesign® for Older Adults in Assisted Living Communities"  
Michelle Young – "Crossing the Pacific: Education in Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy in Hawaii" ■

## USC Homecoming – November 11th

## OTAC Conference – October 6th-8th

For this year's Homecoming, our national powerhouse USC Trojan football team will take on the University of Oregon Ducks at the L.A. Coliseum on Saturday, November 11, 2006. If you are interested in attending the game and would like to purchase group discount tickets, please contact Jackie Mardirossian in the OS/OT office at 323-442-2811 or e-mail [jmardiro@usc.edu](mailto:jmardiro@usc.edu). Tickets are available on a first come/first served basis.

The Department will have a tent on the University Park Campus to participate in the pre-game activities. Please check our website at [www.usc.edu/ot](http://www.usc.edu/ot) for OS/OT Homecoming updates. Fight on! ■

The Occupational Therapy Association of California (OTAC) is holding its 30th Annual Conference in Costa Mesa, California, from Friday, October 6 through Sunday, October 8, 2006. The conference will take place at the Hilton Costa Mesa Hotel in Orange County, the location of OTAC's recent Spring Fling. Make sure to stop by USC OS/OT's booth in the exhibitors' area. We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information, contact OTAC via mail at 1401 El Camino Ave., #230, Sacramento, CA 95815; phone at 916-567-7000; fax at 916-567-7001; e-mail at [info@otaconline.org](mailto:info@otaconline.org); or visit OTAC's website at [www.otaconline.org](http://www.otaconline.org). ■



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# OS Symposium Takes Interdisciplinary Approach

The theme of the Department's 18<sup>th</sup> Occupational Science Symposium was "Intersecting Interests in Health Care: Occupational Science and Interdisciplinary Collaboration." Following a welcome from Dr. Florence Clark, Carolee Winstein, Ph.D., PT, FAPTA, Professor in USC's Department of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy, presented "Rethinking Rehabilitation and Recovery: The Brain-Behavior Connection." Dr. Winstein affirmed that an integrated, interdisciplinary approach is needed to achieve neuroplastic change, and touched on motivation in a successful intervention, using stroke rehabilitation as an example. Reflecting later on the Symposium, Dr. Winstein remarked that "OT and PT have always been partners in rehabilitation practice. It is time to extend that partnership into the clinical research arena. This was an excellent opportunity to begin this process."

Michael Goran, M.D., Associate Director Professor of Preventive Medicine and Physiology and Biophysics at the USC Institute for Prevention Research, presented on "Obesity and Metabolic Disease Risk in Children: Implications for Prevention and Risk Reduction." He pointed out that conventional approaches to weight loss are not applicable to children, and that children would be best served by obesity prevention programs that address unique cultural characteristics of ethnicities and of genders.

Linda Tickle-Degnen, Ph.D., OTR/L, FAOTA, Associate Professor of OT at Boston University, delivered the Wilma West Lecture on the subject, "Occupational Science as Connection: Examples from Research on Healthy Living

with Parkinson's Disease." She detailed challenges for this group such as stigma and limitations in facial and body expressiveness known as "masking," which affect social interaction. Dr. Tickle-Degnen later commented she "felt very honored" to be named Wilma West Lecturer. "As a student in the OT program at USC in the 70s, I developed a strong bio-psycho-social viewpoint, which I see as fundamentally interdisciplinary. To be asked to give a lecture in an interdisciplinary forum seemed most fitting. I felt like I was coming 'home' to my OT roots."

"Virtual Reality Assets for Assessment, Therapy and Rehabilitation" was presented by Albert "Skip" Rizzo, Ph.D., Research Scientist and Research Assistant Professor of the USC Institute for Creative Technologies and School of Gerontology. He described virtual reality (VR) as a way for humans to interact with computers in a more naturalistic fashion and showed many intriguing examples of VR, including creation of virtual environments for use by clients for rehabilitation, learning, and recreation.

The final topic, "Re-Situating Cultural Competence: An Interdisciplinary, Multi-method and Longitudinal Ethnography," was co-presented by USC OS/OT Professors Mary Lawlor, Sc.D., OTR, FAOTA, and Cheryl Mattingly, Ph.D. They described their research project, "Boundary Crossings: Re-situating Cultural Competence," a longitudinal, ethnographic study of African-American children with special healthcare needs, and provided a narrative of the development of their collaborative work, which is grounded in a narrative framework. ■



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