Greetings Alumni and Friends,

I was hoping that by the time I wrote this newsletter, we would be back to “normal,” whatever that means. We did welcome our new class and held summer classes in person, which was a welcome improvement over last year. And wearing masks no longer seems so bad. Another big event this past year was our virtual CAPTE site visit, which went very smoothly; we are now awaiting the results in November. This summer, we not only welcomed our first-year students, but we were able to throw a party for our second-year students who, after a full year, had not yet met each other. We also sent our third-years off on internships with a white coat ceremony. Our graduates were able to gather without friends and family for graduation but were grateful for the opportunity to celebrate.

Upcoming events are our Visiting Lecturer event with alumnus Bill Boissonnault, PT, DPT, DHSc, FAAOMPT, FAPTA, followed by a DPT50 golf event. Please watch our website for the return of the DPT50 Bucky Race this spring. One of the other upcoming positives is that our collaborative classroom remodel broke ground this week and will hopefully be ready for use in the spring. Also this spring, we will be bringing on Bernadette Gillick, PT, MSPT, PhD, who you can read about below. I also included some information in this newsletter on the Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education (CIFE), with which we work closely. Finally, I would like to end on a note acknowledging the land upon which we reside. As stated by the Shared Future Heritage Marker on campus, “The University of Wisconsin-Madison occupies ancestral Ho-Chunk land, a place their nation has called Trespe (day-spring, we will be bringing on Bernadette Gillick, PhD, MSPT, PT to the University of Wisconsin-Madison and additionally celebrate her commitment to the profession of Physical Therapy over the last 30 years!

Education/Clinical Work: Dr. Gillick earned her undergraduate degrees in Physical Therapy and Psychology at Marquette University, and an Advanced Master’s Degree in Neurologic Physical Therapy at Chicago Medical School (currently Rosalind Franklin School of Medicine). She has worked in many clinical settings in adult and pediatric rehabilitation and was the Academic Coordinator for Clinical Education at Loyola University Medical Center in Chicago, IL, securing over 125 student clinical rotations annually. She served as the Clinical Coordinator for Marquette and Creighton Physical Therapy students in the Dominican Republic. Additionally, she managed an Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospital in Anchorage, Alaska and worked clinically at Seattle Children’s Hospital.

Research: Dr. Gillick received a PhD in Rehabilitation Science with a minor in Neuroscience from the University of Minnesota. Thereafter she completed a fellowship in Randomized Behavioral Clinical Trials at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). She is an internationally respected expert on the use of innovative technologies and interventions in perinatal stroke and cerebral palsy from infancy to young adulthood. Her work has been supported by over $10M in international and national funding including funding from the Foundation for Physical Therapy. Her current grant support includes an NIH RO1 and R21, investigating infant cortical and behavioral development after perinatal stroke and early brain injury using non-invasive brain stimulation and neuroimaging.

Community, Teaching and Mentoring: Among other roles, Dr. Gillick is an active member of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), International Alliance of Academies of Childhood Disability, and American Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AACPDM). Dr. Gillick has received numerous awards over her career, including the 2017 APTA Eugene Michels New Investigator Award and the 2021 AACPDM Mentor of the Year Award. Within physical therapy programs she has taught the following courses to hundreds of students: Electrotherapeutics, Neuroanatomy, Anatomy and Physiology, Pediatrics, Human Growth and Development, Scientific Foundations and Research Seminars with exceptional teaching scores and invitations for annual graduation speaker. She has specifically advised over 50 DPT students through their academic pursuit to securing a professional position and beyond.

Dr. Gillick joined the UW Department of Pediatrics in February 2021 and will be teaching within our DPT Program starting in the Spring 2022. She is looking forward also to providing research opportunities for our interested students. Her laboratory is located at the Waisman Center, website: pnl.waisman.wisc.edu.

Welcome, Dr. Gillick and we look forward to working with you!
Congratulations to the 2021 Graduates!

Lacey Abell, Jacob Baus, Michael Bellino, Matthew Bjork, Bryanna Blochowiak, Tyler Christensen, Stephanie Conway, Tanner Dimka, Lindsay Dolan, Taylor Dyboul, Haley Fiegel, Danielle Green, Anna Hofer, Lauren Hughes, Brian Ishola, Caleb Klein, Lucas Lippert, Megan Lowe, Eric Lukken, Emma McDonald, Emily Miller, Natalie Mologne, Ashley O’Rourke, Brianna Pilepenbrok, Nicole Reil, Tyler Roehl, Daniel Schiedermayer, Julia Schlosser, Emily Schmidt, Runquiang Scott Shi, Andrew Standiford, Matthew Steward, Ingrid Taylor, Madeline Tetze, Rachel Thomas, Diego Villarreal, Dillon Vulgamott, Joseph Wilson, Pedro Zavala.

The Class of 2023 Got to Know Each Other This Summer after a Year of Isolation!

Kenny Allen, Ben Alt, Anya Bayley, Marissa Bello, Ramsey Benkert, Abby Bishop, Jenna Blair, Joey Borgwardt, Grace Compton, Yilin Diao, Nicole Dorshorst, Michael Gilchrist, Travis Haysley, Jack Heinrich, Kevin Huckstorf, Alyssa Kelling, Nicole Kessinger, Michelle LaFave, Emily Lilla, Adam Link, Jacob Lopez, Zach Lorbeck, Shalla Moy, Kaylie Nytes, Trent Nytes, Marika Parrish, Tashelle Peigan, Cassie Piette, Dalaney Reilly, Morgaine Reinl, Tara Roodbeen, Thomas Schneider, Maya Shipway, Abby Simplot, Andrew Slick, Bailey Smith, Jaimee Swanson, Ara Torkelson, Elle VanTilburg, Matthew Waller.

Dr. Steinkamp gathers with graduates at Commencement.

Congratulations to the Entering Class of 2024!

Joseph Albrecht, Matthew Anderson, Abigail Anget, Mateusz Arndt, Colleen Aubrey, Sarah Birkholz, Muzammil Chaudry, Kara Conley, Jacob Conrad, Stella Gillman, Shae Giavanni, Lindsay Gisler, Nikolai Grabowski, Quentin Haack, Samantha Hanson, Caitlyn Hibner, Hannah Koziol, Ashley Kreidermacher, Kristopher Littel, Sara Loevinger, Connor Lynn, Hannah Mark, Connor McCullough, Allison Meyer, Kelsey Murphy, Haley Neumann, Bailey Osborne, Sydney Petrofske, Tyler Phan, Sarah Placke, Chris Powers, Emma Rutherford, Julia Schiller, Alex Shaw, Kelly Stern, Alison Stuebe, Joshua Trevino, Lauryn Wagner, Nicole Warren, Caroline Wright.

"It's Your Turn" Celebration.

The Class of 2022 Had Their White Coat Ceremony and Are Off to Internships!

Doctor of Physical Therapy Student Organization (DPTSO)

2020-2021 continued to be a challenging and accomplished year for our Doctor of Physical Therapy Student Organization (DPTSO). Sadly, many of the typically planned events for students to participate in were postponed and/or cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as the Golf Outing, Massage Fundraiser, and the Winter Formal. With many of the usual activities on pause, the DPTSO board this past year pursued ways to engage students, raise funds, provide educational advancement, and find ways to continue to serve the Madison community in a safe manner throughout the year. In October 2020, DPTSO paired up with APTA-WI (formerly the WPTA) to engage physical therapists, students, and community members throughout the state in an October Wellness Challenge. This event served two purposes: to promote movement of others through running, walking, or biking, and to raise donations for the fundraising arm of PT Day of Service, “Move Together.” The event was an astounding success, with over 2,200 miles ran/walked, more than 1,200 miles biked, and nearly $2,000 raised for Move Together! This event took the place of Bucky's Race for Rehab 5k run/walk and was a component of the DPTSO commitment for PT Day of Service in 2020. Another component of our PT Day of Service was volunteering for the Second Harvest Food Bank of Dane County, where many of our student members assisted with packaging food boxes to deliver to families in need throughout the region. DPTSO was able to provide educational opportunities in a virtual fashion throughout the year, hearing from speakers discussing Geriatric Rehabilitation from FOX Rehab, Travel PT from MedTravelers, and Residency Preparation from Bellin Health. As we all know, the COVID-19 pandemic brought a lot of unknowns, massive transitions, and constantly changing regulations to everyday life. This included our classrooms and learning environments. Our ability to become physical therapists was not interrupted with many thanks due to the outstanding faculty of our program. DPTSO organized a “Faculty Thank You” event that provided a UW-DPT Program coffee mug and hand-written letters of gratitude for all faculty and staff of the PT Program, one of our more meaningful events of the year. Through our fundraising efforts, we were able to support our students in professional development opportunities such as virtually attending the WPTA fall and spring conferences, the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Combined Sections Meeting (CSM), as well as subsidize a portion of third-year student APTA membership dues. A big thank you to the outgoing DPTSO board: Alexis Mashl (Vice President), Morgan McCuen (Treasurer), Jenny Price (Secretary), and Joe Chapman (Personal Relations)! Additionally, thank you to both classes, faculty, and staff for making all we accomplished this year possible. We are hopeful that the incoming DPTSO board and students in the classes of 2023 and 2024 will be able to enjoy and engage in many of the events we were unable to host in the coming year. Matt Kui, SPT DPTSO-UW President, Class of 2022.

DPTSO Board for 2021-2022

President: Ara Torkelson
Vice President: Emily Lila
Treasurer: Adam Link
Secretary: Nicole Dorshorst
Personal Relations: Cassie Piette
PT1 Reps: Shae Giovanni, Julia Schiller
Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/DPTSOUW

MEDIC Clinic

As MEDIC Physical Therapy was on pause in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were uncertain as to what the future would look like. With the Southside Medical Clinic initiating telehealth services during Spring of 2020, we were asked to transition the PT clinic to the same during the summer months. Our current PT Coordinator Team worked tirelessly to develop and operate a bi-weekly telehealth clinic to re-open physical therapy services to patients who would otherwise have gone without care. This clinic could not have happened without the assistance of Dr. Steinamp, Kristi Jones, our community PT providers, and student volunteers throughout the past year. We are excited and hopeful that the incoming MEDIC PT Coordinator Team can transition services back to in-person appointments in the coming year! The bright spot that came from operating via telehealth was the ability to incorporate follow-up appointments in MEDIC PT, something that often did not occur when we were in-person. The ability to work with patients and progress their exercise programs and student volunteers outside of initial evaluation appointments.

Matt Kui, David Propson, Emma Dalton, and Sam Dawes are excited to hand off their roles to the following students:

PT Liaison to the MEDiC Concil: Jack Heinrich
Clinic Coordinators: Bailey Smith, Nicole Dorshorst, and Shalla Moy

The Program would like to thank Matt Kui for taking on both DPTSO President as well as MEDIC Liaison roles—you are amazing!
Pro Bono Clinic
During the pandemic, the Pro Bono clinic looked very different. Working exclusively via telehealth, 65 PT, OT, and SLP students volunteered to work with 11 clients on a weekly basis. While this format was new to both the students and our patients, we were able to successfully make it through the year and saw progress with all! Some of the lessons learned (feedback from students):

- “Demonstration is a key form of communication, so if there were issues with seeing each other, it became very challenging to ensure the patient understood what to do, and for us to see if they were doing the activity correctly.”
- “Creativity is key! The things people have in their homes is much different than the clinic.”
- “Staffings really do help! With everyone remote, getting the disciplines together to focus care and share strategies helped with consistency.”
- “It’s hard to test strength remotely, now I understand use of functional measures!”
- “I didn’t think we could make a difference using telehealth. I was wrong.”

Special thanks to our PT student coordinators who kept the clinic going: Kelly Kent, Katie Hoffman, Jenna Radke and Maggie Gruben! We look forward to returning in person this fall with the following new coordinators: Cassie Piette, Maya Shipway, Tara Roodbeen, and Tom Schneider.

Advancing Diversity and Education in Physical Therapy (ADEPT)
This year, Advancing Diversity and Excellence in Physical Therapy (ADEPT) was challenged to create a space that fostered critical self-reflection and personal growth using a purely virtual format. Thanks to the coordinated and thoughtful efforts of board members Alexandra Jordan, Daniel Deuel, Maggie Gruben, Maya Puleo, and Moe Lucré, ADEPT was able to hold monthly meetings frequented by SPTs and faculty alike. Topics of discussion ranged from biases within the Physical Therapy (PT) profession and the definition of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), to Women in PT and the role Physical Therapists can play in the Prison System. Numerous guest speakers from around the country were also invited to share their expertise on an equally diverse range of topics, from bridging the gap with patients whose racial background and does not reflect your own, to meeting the needs of patients in the LGBTQ+ community, and more. Furthermore, ADEPT invited second-year students to host meetings on topics close to their hearts, creating an evidence-based presentation as part of a UW-DPT program-backed Service Learning Project. ADEPT thanks Dr. Sue Wenker for this opportunity and hopes this practice continues in the future. Despite needing to cancel all previously scheduled ADEPT outreach events due to the pandemic, with the help of student-peers, ADEPT was able to give multiple virtual presentations to partnering organizations in Wisconsin. These partners include the Sun Prairie Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program, Madison Metro School District - American Indian Science & Engineering Society (AISES) Chapter, and the Native American Center for Health Professionals (NACHP). ADEPT also gave one in-person presentation to the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh. Through these efforts, ADEPT was able to introduce over 150 students to the world of Physical Therapy.

Members of ADEPT have also made notable contributions surrounding DEI efforts within the state, which include publishing pertinent research in the Wisconsin Medical Journal (see article below) and serving as founding members on the newly-created APTA-Wisconsin DEI committee. This new committee will aim to work closely with UW-Madison’s ADEPT and similar programs in the future in order to (1) increase the cultural humility of future clinicians, and (2) create pathways for students of underrepresented backgrounds into the field of Physical Therapy. Lastly, ADEPT was able to expand this past year, with both UW-Milwaukee and the University of Puget Sound’s DPT programs now hosting ADEPT-type programs with the same goals as the mother organization. ADEPT welcomes its newly appointed board members (Abby Bishop, Bailey Smith, Maya Shipway, Nicole Dorschort, and Shalia Moy), who are excited to take to further increase the ability of UW-Madison’s future physical therapists to care for patients and work alongside colleagues, of diverse backgrounds. If you have any interest in serving as a guest speaker for ADEPT, please contact the organization’s advisor, Dr. Amy Schubert, at schubert@pt.wisc.edu. If you have any interest in working alongside the APTA-Wisconsin’s DEI committee, please contact former board members Daniel Deuel or Moe Lucré at ddeuel@wisc.edu or lucre@wisc.edu, respectively. You can follow ADEPT on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/ADEPTUW.

Published research:

Sincerely,
Daniel Deuel, SPT

GOBABYGO
After the cancellation of GoBabyGo for 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic, the student coordinators were very excited to plan and provide this service project to the Madison community for 2021. This year’s build day looked quite different compared to previous years. With the added challenge of maintaining the safety and health of our families and volunteers, special precautions were followed by our teams which
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included building the cars without the child or family present, wearing masks and face shields, socially distancing teams, fitting the child in the car outdoors, and keeping the event closed to the public. The students even had a chance to practice their newly learned Telehealth skills by conducting the pre-build interview and measuring process via videochat. On April 21st, our first- and second-year physical therapy students teamed up with occupational therapy students to create personalized toy cars for 7 lucky kiddos! Our build day started at 8 AM, with our first wave of teams constructing and decorating cars and our second wave of teams arriving at 1 pm. Each team catered modifications and themes of their cars to each child’s needs and interests. Teams then delivered and finished fitting the cars to each child outside of the Medical Sciences Center and it turned out to be a huge success. We got to see the kids light up at the site of their new rides and test drive their cars which included a Minnie Mouse car, Dinosaur car, Frozen car, and even a Rocketship car! A special thanks goes to Joe Krachey, Faculty Associate in the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department at UW-Madison, for volunteering his time to rewire all of our toy cars for the kids to power and steer. To see more photos and videos from our 2021 event, check out our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/UWGoBabyGo/. GoBabyGo Coordinators: Sam Zawistowski, Joyce Mier, Corinne Haas

Other Outreach Activities

Yilin Diao and Tashelle Peigan received rave reviews after volunteering at the Special Olympics Strong Minds event.

Dr. Schubert and Maya Puleo participated in the APTA PT Moves Me ambassador program for K-16 student recruitment and pipeline activities. Maya and Moe Lucré also put together a video for a FutureQuest recruitment event.

Jonathan Wise raised $1,570 for Rebalanced-Life Wellness Association (please visit https://rebalanced-life.org/ to read about this amazing organization) through his “no-shave” fundraiser.

The puzzle table is back!
Congratulation to the following 2021 Scholarship Recipients!

PT-1 Scholarships
- Ridley Family Scholarship: Cassie Piette, Andrew Slick, Ara Torkelson
- PT Student Scholarship: Marika Parrish, Tom Schneider
- Gerlich-Hoefeyzer Scholarship: Ramsey Benkert, Emily Lilla
- Harper Family Scholarships: Jacob Lopez, Shalla Moy, Maya Shipway
- Amelia Doyon Scholarship: Delaney Reilly

PT-2 Scholarships
- Margaret Kohli Scholarships: Joe Chapman, Daniel Deuel, Matt Kuik, Moe Lucré, Alexis Mashl
- UW Madison Alumni Scholarship: Colten Haack
- Roland Scholarship: Jenny Price, Jenna Schneider

Instructional Assistant Awards
- ANA 637 Anatomy Lab: Tara Roodbeen, Tom Schneider, Ara Torkelson
- PT 501 Palpation Lab: Yilin Diao, Jack Heinrich, Adam Link, Jacob Lopez, Kaylie Nytes, Marika Parrish

Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Lend trainees: Emily Liia, Delaney Reilly

APTA-WI (formerly WPTA) Honors and Awards
- Student Emerging Leader Award: Pedro Zavala
- Student SIG (SSIG) Scholarships for Service and Leadership: Daniel Deuel, Matt Kuik

APTA Honors and Awards
- LAPTA Core Ambassador: Ramsey Benkert
- APTA Centennial Scholar: Moe Lucré

Moe’s project involves putting together a structured program for creating a sustainable pipeline of diverse applicants through mentoring by alumni and the provision of resource and in-person experiences.

Other Achievements
- Seraphine Provenzano produced her first album.

Natalie Blonien, PT, DPT
I am entering my fourth year of teaching as a faculty associate and greatly enjoy coordinating the pediatric content for both PT 635 and PT 636 for Motor control and dysfunction with Dr. Dewane and also co-teaching the PT 678 integument course with a great new teaching partner and alumnus Nicole Waner, PT, DPT (2016). After a year of virtual learning, I am looking forward to more in-person patient experiences and opportunities in the curriculum. I continue to expand my clinical practice in the multi-disciplinary neuromuscular disease pediatric clinic at American Family Children’s Hospital. This clinic allows for some research opportunities in exciting drug studies for children diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy. In my service role, I continue to serve as a faculty advisor in our Pro Bono clinic, a faculty liaison to the Waisman Center for the LEND program, and as the GoBabyGo faculty coordinator. You can follow our build events on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/UWGoBabyGo. I look forward to expanding my research knowledge and opportunities by completing a capstone certificate in clinical and community outcomes research in the spring of 2022 at the UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research. I hope to focus on supporting care coordination for children with special health needs and their families. And SAVE THE DATE for in-person (hopefully) Baby Lab on Thursday September 30th and Gait Lab on Thursday, October 7th. We hope to see a few alumni there with any new little family member. Information will be available soon.

Colleen Cobey, PT, MS, Ex Phys
My teaching appointment involves being the link between all three first-year semesters, with PT 501 Anatomical Applications in the summer, PT 527 Foundations of Examination and Evaluation in the fall, and PT 534 Therapeutic Interventions in the spring. I am currently teaching in PT 501 with Dr. Cobian and it is great to be in-person again versus our virtual summer last year. A great deal of energy in the last year went to modifying courses to a virtual format and learning new technologies to accomplish that. I definitely learned a great deal, but it is great to be back in-person. For my clinical appointment, I provide physical therapy services throughout the year at University Health Services (UHS), which serves the students at UW as well as visiting faculty and their families. As part of my community service, I am involved with the Stepping On program and a community food pantry garden that provides fresh food to two local food pantries, as well as Chrysalis, which promotes mental health recovery by supporting work opportunities.

I also work with Reenie Euhardy, PT, MS, GCS and together we offer BLS certification training for our students and faculty in all three academic semesters; hopefully, we will be able to start back in the fall of 2021.

Daniel Cobian, PT, PhD
After this past year, I think I can safely say my virtual presentation skills will never be more finely tuned! I participated in virtual transfer of knowledge in a variety of settings – DPT program lectures, discussed research findings and interests with peer groups across the country, taught palpation labs virtually (hadn’t ever expected I’d be doing that!), delivered clinically-focused talks at national meetings, and moderated conference research sessions. Although I am looking forward to learning from and networking
with colleagues in person again this year, I am appreciative of the significant work that many groups of people have put in to allow us to continue moving the field forward during this challenging year. As always, I am grateful for the ongoing opportunity to assume multiple roles as a scientist, clinician, and educator. I maintain a clinical physical therapy practice in Sports Rehabilitation at The American Center, instruct 1st year DPT students in palpation, biomechanics, and therapeutic exercise courses, and contribute to the research initiatives of the Badger Athletic Performance (BAP) Laboratory. In the past year, I partnered with BAP colleagues to present an educational session on running after ACL reconstruction at the APTA Combined Sections Meeting, was an invited speaker at the Mountain Land Running Medicine conference, and spoke at the UW Sports Medicine Symposium, the Hawkeye Sports Medicine Symposium, a Delsys Virtual Workshop, and delivered a guest lecture for the Idaho State Physical Therapy Program. I recently joined the programming committee for the American & Scientific Conference, and continue to serve as research coordinator for the annual conference, in addition to contributing to research abstract and grant reviews. Over the past year, I have become more involved in the UW Health Sports Physical Therapy Residency Program, serving as a research and clinical mentor. Undergraduate and DPT students working under my direction contributed to a variety of projects and presented research at the APTA Combined Sections Meeting. Seeing mentored students develop clinical research skills and make meaningful contributions to the knowledge base in our field is one of the most fulfilling aspects of my job. I look forward to contributing to the didactic and clinical education of our most recent matriculating class of DPT students, along with continuing to expand my research agenda to assist my profession in understanding the neuromuscular implications of musculoskeletal trauma and how to best prescribe and dose rehabilitation interventions to facilitate improved outcomes and long-term quality of life.

**Published Manuscripts and Abstracts**


**Judy Dewane, PT, DSc, MHS, NCS**

As we return to more in-person activities, we have been exploring ways to keep the lessons learned during the pandemic to optimize the student experience. In addition, several projects have been going on. First is work with APTA – Geriatrics in the development and implementation of the Balance and Falls credential course. The first series will be held at UW-Madison in November. Also, I will be providing guest lectures on the Vestibular and Hearing Systems to first-year medical students this fall. This will provide an opportunity to not only share expertise, but to expose physicians in training early to what physical therapy can offer in this area. I am looking forward to this new opportunity.

**Jeanne Duncan, PT, DPT, DCE**

2021 started much like 2020 ended, with multiple clinical placement cancellations, determining quarantine procedures for students on clinical placements, and continuing to provide guidance to students and clinical instructors during unexpected times. A silver lining of COVID is that I have been able to learn many new skills when it comes to virtual teaching and education. **Dr. Wenker** and I presented “The Person of Person-Centered Care: Addressing Physical Activity/Exercise Participation through Psychosocial Factors and Messaging” virtually at CSM 2021, and on the development and evaluation of our online Interprofessional Course at the 2021 UW Medical Education Day. We also took on the challenge of hosting the APTA Credentialed Clinical Instructor Program virtually for 30 PTs and PTAs from all over the country this past May. While the virtual format allowed us to reach clinicians we otherwise might not, we look forward to hosting it in person again next year! Along with **Dr. Steinkamp**, **Dr. Wenker**, **Brian Ishola**, DPT, Class of 2021, **Maurice Lucrè**, SPT, Class of 2022, and **Deonna Suiier**, PTA, we continue to develop an Ethics course for the next licensure cycle focusing on microaggressions in the clinical setting. Our hope is that we will begin offering these courses in the upcoming winter and spring. We will also be presenting this content at CSM 2022 in San Antonio, TX. I continue to coordinate and co-teach PT 523: Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Aspects of Physical Therapy in the second year of the curriculum.
Without partners like you, it would not have been possible. As an extension of the Class of 2021, it is important to note that the entire Class of 2021 was able to graduate without delay! As our clinical partners that continue to help during the uncertainty of COVID-19 and to all those who educated our students this past year, with ALL of your guidance in navigating COVID restrictions, policies and quarantine procedures along with helping to secure alternative placements for those that were cancelled, I am happy to say the entire Class of 2021 was able to graduate without delay! Without partners like you, it would not have been possible. As we continue to see challenges and uncertainty with the virus, our Program continues to strive for excellence and safety in clinical education. We recognize the need for continued flexibility and look to you, the experts of your facilities, to provide us with guidance on facility-specific requirements/needs and fully respect your decisions and the potential need to cancel placements.

The site selection process for those placements scheduled in 2022 was a bit more stressful and challenging due to an overall reduction in placement offerings. This was likely due to lingering uncertainty and overall clinician burnout after a very challenging year - completely understandable! Should you now feel that you are able to take a student in 2022, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at any time at duncare@pt.wisc.edu. Additionally, I wanted to share a very heartfelt thank you to all clinicians for the work you did on the front lines taking care of your patients! Deonna Suiter, PTA continues to take on more responsibilities within clinical education and I am truly grateful for her calming presence and assistance. Once again, thanks to all of you who have offered placements and have educated our DPT students throughout the year. We appreciate all that you do for them and the Program. Without your partnership, our Program would certainly not be as successful!
very unique skill-set and base of knowledge that will compliment her DPT studies. If Allison is any indication, the future of this dual degree program is bright! I continue to help the Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education evolve and ensure the PT “voice” is heard. I have also been invited on the UW Global Health Advisory board for a three-year term. What an honor to be part of such a wonderful group of people who are doing amazing things all around the world. The highlight of my scholarship this past year was having an e-poster accepted at the World Physiotherapy Congress in Dubai. The poster titled “A Descriptive Analysis of the 2020 Belize Physiotherapy Workforce” was a result of Fulbright research in Belize. Unfortunately, the conference was moved to a virtual platform due to COVID and I was not able to attend and celebrate our work with my Belize colleagues in person. Another unfortunate result of COVID was our global health work which was put on hold this past year. The hope is that the virus will be much better contained in the very near future so that we can get back overseas for learning and serving in various capacities. In the meantime, we will continue to reflect on our past work and create a new vision of how we can travel abroad in responsible and sustainable ways. I continue to serve at the committee level for the Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) and have just been elected to serve on the APTA-WI Nominating committee. I anticipate this next year to be rewarding and inspiring in its own way.

Scholarship


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Witte P, House R, Tamang S, Groves C, Hartman J. Feasibility assessment of the ICF Minimal Generic Set as a Disability Screening Tool in Rural Nepal. Disability, CBR & Inclusive Development. (Accepted for publication)


Bryan Heiderscheit, PT, PhD, FAPTA

Congratulations to Dr. Heiderscheit and a team of multi-disciplinary researchers led by the School of Medicine and Public Health for their four-year, $4M grant award by the National Football League to study the prevention and treatment of hamstring injuries in elite football players! Research from Dr. Heiderscheit’s lab was presented at professional conferences including the APTA’s Combined Sections Meeting and the annual meetings of the American College of Sports Medicine, Radiological Society of North America, American Society of Biomechanics and International Society of Biomechanics. Dr. Heiderscheit was an invited speaker at several organizations and professional conferences including Sports Surgery Clinic (Dublin, Ireland), Detroit Medical Center (Detroit, MI), and Sanford Sports Medicine (Sioux Falls, SD). He received the Career Excellence Award in Biomechanics from the Biomechanics Special Interest Group of the Academy of Physical Therapy Research and was named a Centennial Scholar by the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association. Dr. Heiderscheit continues to serve as an Editor for the Journal of Orthopaedic & Sports Physical Therapy and on the editorial board for Orthopedics Today.

Publications


Peer-Reviewed Manuscripts


Conference Abstracts & Presentations


Amy Schubert, PT, DPT, Director of Admissions

It’s hard to believe that another admissions cycle has passed, and I have been in my position for over three years already! Our new online payment system for supplemental application fees and program deposits worked well, as did our online record of residency form. The timing of a transition to a fully electronic admissions process could not have been better as we were primarily working remotely for much of last year! Our admissions meetings were virtual last year and they worked very well; we are thinking we may be able to solicit members from all over the country if we stay with this format. Recruitment opportunities have
also significantly changed in the past year, with new opportunities to virtually present to various undergraduate groups across the country. During the spring semester, I co-instructed PT 512: Principles of Professional Practice and Administration for the third time (and the second time remotely). I continue to hold clinical at UHS one day per week, which was primarily via telehealth for the 2020-21 academic year. I was selected by the APTA Academy of Education as its 2021 Centennial Scholar, which has been a rewarding experience; my Capstone project focuses on documenting and creating a time-sequenced synopsis of efforts to move toward diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) in physical therapy (PT and PTA) education. We continue to present to local high school Pathway Programs, and Deonna Sutter and I presented to a class at LaFollette high school that was independent of the Pathways Program, as well as the Health Professions Shadowing Program (HPSP). I have started preliminary discussions with the other UW-Madison health profession programs (MD, PA, MPH, MGC, Nursing, Pharmacy, VetMed, and OT) to potentially host a group called the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS), which is fairly diverse (57% report ethnicity other than white, and 21-24% are first-generation); nearly 40% are planning a career in healthcare, and there are currently close to 7,000 active W1 members. Time certainly doesn’t stop as the 2021-22 admissions cycle opened in early July, and we’re already staying busy reviewing applications for our next class!

Mary Sesto, PT, PhD

Research from Dr. Sesto’s lab focuses on the use of health information technologies to improve health outcomes in individuals with chronic diseases and disabilities. Students working with Dr. Sesto have presented research at the following conferences: San Antonio Breast 2021 Symposium, the Cancer Center Survivorship Research Forum Conference and the Human Factors and Ergonomics Conference. Dr. Sesto also serves as core faculty in the University of Wisconsin Carbone Cancer Center and the Wisconsin Institute for Health Systems Engineering.

Publications


Lisa Steinkamp, PT, PhD, MBA

My past year has consisted of leading the Program through COVID-19 challenges, preparing for and getting through the CAPTE site visit, and addressing Diversity/Equity/Inclusion and microaggression issues. Dr. Wenker, Dr. Duncan, Dr. Ishola (Class of 2021), Moe Lucré, SPT, and Deonna Sutter, PTA are currently engaged in a project on Racism and Microaggressions in the Clinic: Recognition and Management. This is a qualitative study involving physical therapists and physical therapist assistants in Wisconsin, alumni of the University of Wisconsin-Madison physical therapy program, and current University of Wisconsin-Madison Doctor of Physical Therapy students. We are investigating incidents of racism and microaggressions, especially with students, how they were managed, and ways to create inclusive clinical environments. We will be presenting our results at CSM 2022 and through Ethics courses.

Presentations and Publications


Jill Thein-Nissenbaum, PT, DSc, SCS, ATC

Congratulations to Dr. Thein-Nissenbaum for graduating from the 2020 cohort of TeachOnline@UW, a faculty learning community to help instructors design and teach quality online courses.

Hello! I hope everyone is slowly finding their way back to “normal”! Although last year was far from ideal in the academic world, our DPT students came through with flying colors! I was so impressed with how our students supported each other as a cohesive, collective whole. They inspire me daily! One silver lining of COVID was the expansion of our course video library; although we had many Orthopedic examination videos created, we now have expanded the library to include treatment and intervention...
videos. These videos will be available for future students and will continue to enhance the learning process. My 14th season with Badger Sports Medicine and UW Athletics is going very well. I continue to see athletes from all 23 sports. I am fortunate enough to collaborate daily with athletic trainers, strength and conditioning coaches and team physicians. We have started new initiatives, including the use of rehabilitation ultrasound imaging as a biofeedback tool for transversus abdominus recruitment. We are screening all incoming female soccer players as well as other athletes with hip, low back and/or adductor-related pathology. We are utilizing a “post-operative” rehabilitation group sessions with our teams that have many post-surgical cases to streamline rehabilitation. Lastly, I now have weekly clinics at the Kohl Center and LaBahn Ice Arena, to treat our basketball and hockey players, respectively, immediately before and/or after practice to minimize their need to travel to the main athletic training room (McCain) to see me. I continue to enjoy taking “field trips” to Porter Boathouse, the Fieldhouse, and Goodman Diamond to observe athletes during practice and provide care for them at their respective facility. Even though professional conferences took on a new look this past year, I was able to give a few talks nationally (from my kitchen table) on my favorite topics: bone health in females, sports specialization, systemic hypermobility, and collaborative care in college athletics. A few of my Big 10 colleagues and I created an IRB-approved survey to determine to roles and responsibilities of PTs working in college athletics; the paper was submitted for publication. Team physician Tamara Scorpella and I submitted a follow-up paper based on a study we conducted on bone acquisition in adolescent female athletes. I successfully re-certified as a Sports Clinical Specialist through ABPTS. Lastly, I am in my third year of service as Treasurer of the American Academy of Sports Physical Therapy. This has provided a wonderful opportunity to network with APTA leadership and learn from the best!

**Susan Wenker, PT, PhD, GCS**

What a year it has been! All of us have adapted and molded our practices while finding ways for innovation as we gained confidence with technology, stretched our imaginations to create engaging learning activities, and built connections with past and current peers and students. Thank you to **Dr. Lisa Steinkamp** and **Colleen Cobey** for nominating me for the SMPH Dean’s Teaching Award. As one of this year’s recipients, I have reflected on how blessed I am to work with so many wonderful people: being surrounded by those who enjoy teaching and learning as much as I do make my job fun. I have the pleasure of continuing work with the UW-Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education (CIPE), where I am the co-coordinator of the Aging Initiative, and the UW-Madison Teaching Academy, where we continue to connect with health science programs and integrate into the newly-developed UW Madison Center for Teaching, Learning and Mentoring. My tenure as the Director of Education for the APTA Geriatrics will end at CSM 2022. In this role, I have the pleasure of working with so many wonderful people whose aim is to improve the lives of aging adults.

**Peer Reviewed Publications**

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**Alumni News**

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Check our website for updates! Join our Facebook page!

Let us know if you are interested in becoming a Clinical Instructor, helping with any of our global trips, or granting our students shadowing opportunities! Our latest need is with the Saturday morning MEDiC clinic, which we have expanded to twice a month and is currently being held virtually.

Many of our students struggle financially and we have witnessed how helpful even the smallest amount of funding can help. Let us know if you would like to “ADOPT-A-STUDENT.” You could either connect with them in person or through us, and help support them with encouragement and/or financially (again, any amount helps!).

Watch for information for an alumni event in San Antonio in February!

We are accepting nominations for the 2021 awardee–please see [https://www.med.wisc.edu/education/physical-therapy-program/alumni/](https://www.med.wisc.edu/education/physical-therapy-program/alumni/) for more information.

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Please see [https://www.med.wisc.edu/education/physical-therapy-program/make-a-gift/](https://www.med.wisc.edu/education/physical-therapy-program/make-a-gift/) for descriptions on ways to donate on-line.

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**In Memoriam**

**Barbara Lee Griffith**, 82, of Indianapolis, died on Sunday, November 15, 2020. She was born on May 25, 1938 in Evanston, IL to Gordon Joseph and Doris Ethel (Slapp) Griffith. Barbara graduated from the University of Wisconsin Madison with a B.S. degree in Physical Therapy (PT) in 1960. She worked as a PT in Wisconsin, Michigan and Australia. She always said that Australia was her second home. Barbara was a life member of the American Physical Therapy Association. She received a Master of Health Administration (MHA) from the Indiana University School of Medicine in 1975 and later retired from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Indiana on December 1, 1995. Her hobbies included travel, reading, history, people and all kinds of sports; the Wisconsin Badgers were her favorite team. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Barbara’s memory to the University of Wisconsin Physical Therapy Program, Madison, WI or to Broadway United Methodist Church, 609 E. 29th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205.

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Thank you for the skeleton, Denise Duranczyk (1978) and Robert Komes (1987)!

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**Alumni Updates**

- **Madison Oak** (2020) was interviewed about her time in New York City at the beginning of the pandemic: [https://wkow.com/2021/01/21/uw-grad-shares-covid-experience-in-new-york-1-year-after-nations-first-confirmed-case/](https://wkow.com/2021/01/21/uw-grad-shares-covid-experience-in-new-york-1-year-after-nations-first-confirmed-case/)

- Watch **Susan Friksen** (2013) in action with Ballroom Basics for Balance: [https://youtu.be/-YuWBL0eJZc](https://youtu.be/-YuWBL0eJZc).

- Congratulations **Dan Russo** (2008) on the opening of Russo Physical Therapy. He joins fellow private practitioner graduates Autumn Bonner (2016), Susan Friksen (2013), Elizabeth Gust (2015), Adam Lindsey (2004), and Dave Nissenbaum (1999). (If there are more of you, please let us know!)

- Congratulations to **Chantel Hasman** (2005), who was elected as delegate for APTA-WI, and **Dan Russo** (2008), who was elected as an alternate delegate.

- Congratulations to **Billy Bruggink** (2019)--APTA-WI Rookie of the Year!
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July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

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- PT Student Scholarship Fund (132583031)
- Mary McKinney Edmonds Fund (recruitment and support for students who are under-represented in medicine) (112583323)
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