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# OTras Perspectivas

## other perspectives

### Dr. Terry Petrenchik Joins Faculty

Welcome to **Dr. Theresa Petrenchik, OTR/L**, who joined the UNM Occupational Therapy Graduate Program in September 2009. Before joining UNM, Dr. Petrenchik was an Assistant Professor at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. She is a Co-Investigator with the CanChild Centre for Childhood Disability Research, an internationally acclaimed child health research center at McMaster University.

Dr. Petrenchik has worked as an occupational therapist in Canada and the United States. Terry received her occupational therapy training from Florida International University, and her Ph.D. in Occupational Therapy from Nova Southeastern University, with a concentration in community-engaged scholarship in the areas of homelessness, childhood poverty, and at risk children and youth. In 2003 she completed a six-month research residency at McMaster University. In 2004, she relocated to Canada to accept a postdoctoral research fellowship at McMaster, concentrating on advanced research training in child health and participation and the study of homelessness and cognitive impairment. Prior to this she maintained a small private practice in the U.S. working as an occupational therapy consultant in a variety of settings including homeless shelters, youth development centers, and community agencies serving low-income children and families.

While in Canada, Dr. Petrenchik was an active community-engaged scholar. She served on the local Board of Directors for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hamilton & Burlington, and as a program evaluation consultant for several local agencies and programs.

Dr. Petrenchik has numerous publications and is involved in a wide range of funded research activities. She is currently co-investigator on a \$900,000 CIHR-funded three-year study to develop tools for measuring

the social inclusion of youth with disabilities. She is also the Program Evaluation Director for a \$620,000 one-year pilot program to develop, implement, and evaluate a multi-sector, trauma informed service delivery model designed to decrease chronic homelessness among men who cycle between the correctional system, social assistance, and the homeless shelter system.

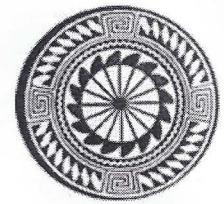
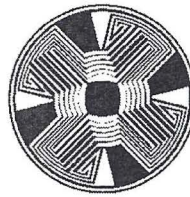
Dr. Petrenchik is looking forward to continuing her involvement in community engaged scholarship as a member of the UNM Occupational Therapy Graduate Program. She enjoys teaching and mentoring graduate students and is looking forward to working together with students and faculty in continuing the tradition of community-engaged scholarship at UNM. Her current areas of interest include homelessness, child and youth participation in out of school time activities and settings, community capacity building, and knowledge transfer and exchange.



**Dr. Terry Petrenchik** is an expert on homelessness, as well as childhood disability.

### Updated OT Program Website

The OT Program at UNM has a newly updated website! Go to <http://hsc.unm.edu.som.ot>



## Director's Message: Making Connections

Life in the UNM Occupational Therapy Graduate Program has been full of connections this year. As you will see throughout this issue of *OTras Perspectivas*, our students are actively connecting with occupational therapists across the U.S. via participation in NMOTA and AOTA conferences (see page 5). We are very proud that this year, one of our students was elected to a 2-year appointment as the Student Representative to the AOTA Commission on Practice (see page 14).

Part of the Centennial Vision of AOTA is that occupational therapy should be "globally connected." We certainly have been growing strong global connections. Dr. Terry Crowe's summer Oaxaca course in traditional medicine continues to be very popular, and was featured in an article in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, as well as in a video link for *OT Advance*. Other faculty also had the privilege of teaching in distant places this year, including Russia, Cuba, Wales, and South Africa.

An exciting new global connection for us is the NAPA-OT Guatemala Field School (see page 14), an outstanding learning and service opportunity that we were able to offer to two UNM occupational therapy students as a Level II Fieldwork experience. Our students collaborated with anthropologist **Gelya Frank**, occupational therapist **Nancie Furgang**, and 12 students from other universities to provide services for people in an indigenous Mayan community, in conjunction with local NGOs. We hope to continue to build upon our strong foundation of global connections to enrich the lives of our students, our faculty, and our communities here at home in New Mexico.



## OTGP Volunteer Faculty

The OTGP faculty nominate community occupational therapists each year to be appointed as Volunteer Faculty Members in the UNM School of Medicine. This recognizes individuals who give to our educational program in multiple ways. This can include guest lecturing, assisting in research, serving on committees, providing fieldwork supervision, or assisting with curriculum development. Our current Volunteer Faculty Members are:

- Elizabeth Dillard, MS, OTR/L
- Mark Donovan, MOT, OTR/L, Veterans Administration Healthcare System
- Nancie Furgang, MA, OTR/L, UNM Dept. of Pediatrics
- Valerie Girard, OTR/L, Carrie Tingley Hospital
- Robert D. Hobbs, OTR/L, RDH Occupational Therapy
- Erin Moody, OTR/L, Explorabilities
- Mary Schmidt, OTR/L, HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital
- Keri Scott, OTR/L, Albuquerque Public Schools
- Stephanie Singleton, OT/L, Presbyterian Home Healthcare
- Renee Soderland, MA, OTR/L, New Mexico Behavioral Health Institute, Las Vegas
- Carla Cay Williams, OTR/L, KidPower Therapy Associates
- Melissa Winkle, OTR/L, Dogwood Therapy Inc.

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 And many thanks to all of you who contributed photographs!

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## Visiting Scholars

### Dr. Patricia Crist and Frank Kronenberg Visit OTGP

By Gail Stockman, MS, OTR/L and  
Terry K. Crowe, Ph.D., OTR/L, FAOTA

In March of 2009, the Occupational Therapy Graduate Program faculty, students, and community had the opportunity to meet and be inspired by **Dr. Patricia Crist, Ph.D., OTR/L, FAOTA**. She began her visit by consulting with the faculty on the innovative faculty-practitioner partnerships she developed with her colleagues at Duquesne University and community therapists in Pittsburgh. Dr. Crist presented a brief overview of her Practice-Scholar Program and initiated an interactive dialogue with the OTGP students. The evening concluded with dinner and a social gathering of faculty and community occupational therapists in the warm venue of Gail's home.

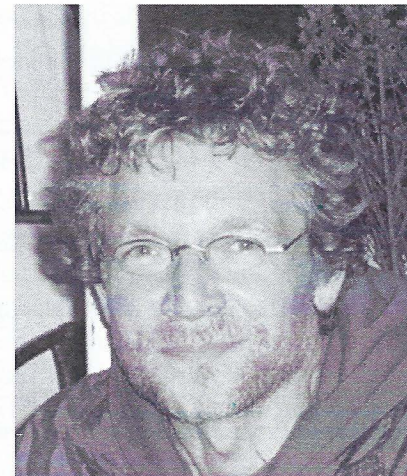
On Friday, March 6th, Dr. Crist was the keynote speaker at the 2009 Fieldwork Education Workshop titled *Modeling the Way: How Fieldwork Educators Inspire Fieldwork Students*. The purpose of the workshop was to explore and discuss best practices in fieldwork education using a variety of methods. Her presentation included guides for professional development, effective supervision styles to meet student needs, and strategies for adapting to the changing practice culture as a fieldwork educator. In attendance were fieldwork educators, community occupational therapists, current OT graduate students, and faculty and staff from the University of New Mexico.

On March 23, **Frank Kronenberg**, OT Director and Co-Founder of Shades of Black Production in Cape Town, South Africa, delivered an exciting workshop to faculty, graduate students and community members. The all-day workshop was entitled *Occupational Therapy Without Borders: Creating New Practice Opportunities in Latin America and Beyond*. Frank gave the audience many new ideas to expand OT practice. He is the co-editor 2 books: *Occupational Therapy Without Borders* (soon to come out with a 2<sup>nd</sup> edition) and *A Political Practice of Occupational Therapy*. This workshop was sponsored by a grant through UNM Latin American and Iberian Institute (LAI).

## Dr. VanLeit Appointed Director of Interprofessional Education for the Health Sciences Center

**Betsy VanLeit, PhD, OTR/L** has been appointed to serve as Director of Interprofessional Education for the UNM Health Sciences Center (HSC), and to facilitate development and implementation of interprofessional educational activities across HSC Programs, Schools and Colleges. Interprofessional education is crucial to the development of a health professions workforce that is prepared to meet the complex health needs of the citizens of New Mexico, to engage in productive health research, and to develop health services and systems that are team-oriented, effective and creative.

Dr. VanLeit brings extensive knowledge and involvement with interprofessional education to the position. She directed the Rural Health Interdisciplinary Program (RHIP) for many years, and is the current director of the UNM Area Health Education Center (AHEC) which is responsible for interdisciplinary health professions workforce development around the state. She is Co-Chair of the Interprofessional Education Taskforce for an international organization ("The Network: Toward Unity for Health") affiliated with the World Health Organization, and served as an appointed member of the National Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary and Community-based Linkages of the Department of Health and Human Services.



**Frank Kronenberg** visited the OTGP in March 2009. He is an internationally renowned speaker and author of *Occupational Therapy Without Borders* as well as *A Political Practice of Occupational Therapy*.

# Occupational Therapy Graduate Program Class of 2010 Research/Scholarly Projects

Title of Project	Faculty Researcher (s)	Student(s)
Validity and Reliability of the Print Tool in Children With and Without Identified Handwriting Differences	Pat Burtner	Chrystal Wood
Assessment of Preschool Children's Participation: A Comparison of Three Ethnic Groups in New Mexico	Pat Burtner	Stephanie Haynes Ryan Gloetzner
The Effect of Manual Touch Therapy on Head Position, Sleep and Development in Infants with Congenital Muscular Torticollis: A Pilot Feasibility Study	Pat Burtner	Ashley Lohr Monica Merhege
Effects of Service Dogs/ Individuals with Mobility Challenges Partnerships	Terry Crowe (Melissa Winkle)	Sarah Scott Kara Tainter
Measuring the Therapeutic Effects of Equine Assisted Psychotherapy	Terry Crowe	Janet DeWeese
Time Use of Adults with Developmental Disabilities	Terry Crowe	Joy LaSalle
Spanish Back-Translation of the Sensory Processing Measure	Diane Parham	Bernadette Gonzales
Sensory and Cognitive Characteristics of Teens and Young Adults Who are at High Risk for Psychosis	Diane Parham	Jennifer Innis
Autonomic Responses of Children with Autism to Sensory Challenges	Diane Parham	Nicole Harmon
The Relationship of Sensory Processing to Praxis and Social Participation of Children with Autism	Diane Parham	Rachel Brutz
Development of an Education Module for Children with Scleroderma	Janet Poole	Hannah Bloom Nicole Nighbert
Adaptations Used by Persons with Scleroderma to Perform Valued Occupations	Janet Poole	Monica Perez Aubrie Stavig
Work Barriers Faced by People with Scleroderma	Janet Poole	Sahar Anwar
Use of Nature Therapy for Adults with Developmental Disabilities	Betsy VanLeit	Linda Amaro Jenn Cruz.
Reducing Health Disparities for Adults with Developmental Disabilities: Exploration of Health Promotion Services, Systems and Strategies in Bernalillo County	Betsy VanLeit	Teresa Esguerra Mary Hill
Factors in Recruiting and Retaining Occupational and Physical Therapists for Rural Practice	Betsy VanLeit	Lisa Wright
Systematic Review of the Impact of Gardening on Health Outcomes	Betsy VanLeit	Kristen White

## Occupational Therapy Faculty, Students and Alumni Share Their Knowledge

This year there was great UNM representation at the AOTA Annual Conference in Houston in April. **Dr. Terry K. Crowe** and her student **Hallie Michael**, as well as **Dr. Janet Poole** and her students (**Una Buck**, **Jennifer Cotter**, **Donna Haygood** and **Chelsey Winscott** – pictured below), presented posters focusing on their collaborative research projects. **Dr. Diane Parham** co-led a workshop on using the Sensory Processing Measure in practice and research, and also co-authored 2 posters on psychophysiological studies of children with autism. **Heidi Sanders** also presented 2 posters. **Dr. Terry Petrenchik** co-led a workshop on trauma informed care as well as delivering a short course on homelessness and cognitive impairment. **Dr. Betsy VanLeit** presented her work in Cambodia on an international panel. **Carla Wilhite** from the Class of 1996 also presented a poster.

The UNM Occupational Therapy Graduate Program also was visible at the NMOTA Conference. **Dr. Betsy VanLeit** and one of our graduates, **Melissa Winkle** presented information about community practice. **Dr. Terry K. Crowe** shared information about her international work. **Dr. Pat Burtner** and **Dr. Janet Poole** presented current research and clinical application of constraint induced movement therapy and bimanual therapy for adults and children with hemiplegia. Also several of our current students (**Hallie Micheal**, **Donna Haygood**, and **Monika Gmytrasiewicz**) shared their research at the Poster Session.

On Oct. 1, **Dr. Terry K. Crowe** along with **Hallie Michael**, **Mary Hill**, and **Teresa Esguerra** (2<sup>nd</sup> year students) presented posters at the 2009 Southwest Conference on Disability in Albuquerque.



**Dr. Janet Poole** and her students at AOTA Conference in Houston, April 2009

## Dr. Gelya Frank Appointed Visiting Scholar



**Dr. Gelya Frank**, an eminent anthropologist, is spending a sabbatical with the OT Graduate Program in 2009-10

The UNM Occupational Therapy Graduate Program is honored to host the award-winning anthropologist, **Dr. Gelya Frank**, during her 2009-10 sabbatical. Dr. Frank is Professor of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy at the University of Southern California, where she has been on the faculty for over 25 years. For her book, *Venus on Wheels*, Dr. Frank received 2000 Eileen Basker Memorial Prize from the American Anthropological Association, awarded for "the work judged to be the most courageous, significant, and potentially influential contribution to scholarship in the area of gender and health." She currently is co-author with legal scholar Carole Goldberg of a book in production with Yale University Press, entitled *Defying the Odds: One California Tribe's Struggle for Sovereignty in Three Centuries*.

Dr. Frank founded the NAPA-OT Field School in Antigua, Guatemala, which was launched with UNM OT student participation in summer 2009 (see story on page 14). UNM OT Lecturer **Nancie Furgang** is a Director of Pediatrics for the Field School, and made it possible for this outstanding experience to serve as Level II Fieldwork for our students.

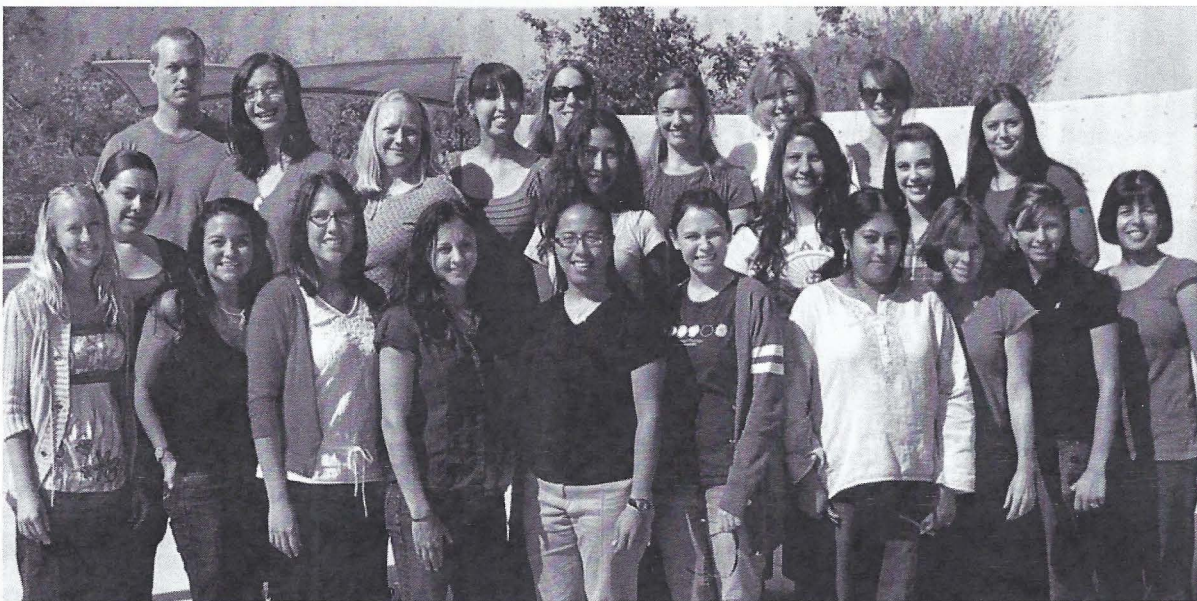
## Class of 2010 Welcomes Class of 2011 with Mentorship and Fellowship

by Anne Woods, MOTS

The OT class of 2010 warmly welcomed the incoming class of 2011 by hosting a Barbeque and 1<sup>ST</sup> Annual Kickball Tournament at Bataman Park on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The kickball game set the stage for healthy competition and creativity. The winning team took home the much coveted, jeweled and bedazzled splint cup trophy. Skillfully handcrafted by our lovely 2010 class member Jenn Cruz, this prototype was fabricated from inspiration gained in our splinting workshop class during the 2008 spring semester. The opportunity to win this artistic creation was motivation for serious competition. After enjoying a delightful smorgasbord of hamburgers, hotdogs and dessert galore, it was on to the long awaited Kickball game. The winning team, composed of both first and second year OT students, graciously accepted the trophy.

The kickball tournament provided an opportunity for the new students to mingle with their mentors and fellow classmates. This was an excellent icebreaker and helped to ease apprehensions of new classmates concerning the transition of taking on the new roles of both student and future occupational therapist. The implementation of the mentor / mentee program has been a rewarding collaboration for both first and second year students. The relationship offers a platform where information, knowledge, skills and expertise can be exchanged. The mentor has a chance to grow by assimilating and communicating their knowledge base and stepping into a leadership role by sharing wisdom. Ultimately, the mentee is able to ask questions, and seek advice within a supportive environment.

This symbiotic relationship cultivates professional development and sets the stage to encourage new classmates to become involved in the Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA). Several fundraising opportunities are scheduled over the next few months in which both classes will participate. The annual Allied Therapies Career Fair and bake sale took place on September 10<sup>th</sup> and was very successful. The classes of 2010 and 2011 collectively raised \$450 for SOTA from the bake sale. Additional fundraising events are in development and will be implemented as time allows over the course of the next year. An exciting cooperative project on the horizon is the creation of a cookbook with creative recipes offering occupational therapy inspired adaptations and modifications. The goal is to enable anyone, no matter their physical obstacles to prepare a meal. The class of 2010 welcomes our talented and innovative new peers and looks forward to a fruitful year of accomplishment and promotion of the OT Graduate Program.



*Front Row:* Heather Park, Jennifer Cruz, Rachel Brutz, Aubrie Stavig, Teresa Esguerra, Nicole Nighbert, Deepa Santhanam, Janet DeWeese, Kara Tainter, Schar Anwar *Middle Row:* Jennifer Innis, Nicole Harmon, Monica Perez, Stephanie Haynes, Ashley Lohr. *Back Row:* Ryan Gloetzner, Monica Merhege, Mary Thelander-Hill, Joy LaSalle, Anne Woods, Sarah Scott, Hannah Bloom

## OT Class of 2011

by Alex Schema, MOTS, Autumn Latham, MOTS, & Joan Turietta-Alarcon, MOTS

We finally made it! After months of anticipation, we are now afforded the opportunity to chase after our dreams of being Occupational Therapists. We have come from as near as the Albuquerque area and as far as Argentina. We arrived as 25 individuals, but now collectively make up the one UNM OT Class of 2011.

Just as the profession of occupational therapy is broad and diverse within its scope of practice, our class is perhaps the very definition of diversity. We are made up of young students coming straight from undergraduate studies to those who are starting a second career, as well as everything in between. Some of us were teachers, paralegals, rehabilitation techs, recreation therapists, mentors, horticulturists, volunteers, or Peace Corps members prior to entering this program. Yet no matter what our backgrounds, we are all unified in moving forward by our compassion to help others.

Though we have a long, challenging journey ahead of us, we look forward to the relationships we will build, the priceless knowledge we will gain, and the opportunity to work closely with the outstanding faculty at UNM. We are not merely occupational therapy students, but are occupational therapy practitioners in training. WE are the future of Occupational Therapy!



*Back Row:* Autumn Latham, Alex Schema, Prisca Grunar, Clara Holguin, Ronda Barth, Susan Wolterstorff, Laura Carlisle  
*Middle Row:* Raquel Guerrero, Rosemary Reyes, Erin Schellinger, Bethany Luke, Suzy Perea, Angie Shackford, Sabrina Montez, Katie Elson-Romero, Alexa Auerbach, Tatsuki Hewson  
*Bottom Row:* Joan Turietta-Alarcon, Deepa Santhanam, Jessica Searer, Robin Leinwand, Doris Haller, Marianna McFadden, and Christina Czemske  
*Not Pictured:* Edgar Molinar, Heather Park, Fernanda Suppicich, and Kim Warner



# What's Happening in Fieldwork!

By Gail Stockman, MS, OTR/L

Eighteen occupational therapy graduate students successfully completed Level II fieldwork experiences in the past year. Congratulations to the students from the Class of 2008. Many students have passed the NBCOT exam and are currently working in the community. We want to thank all the fieldwork sites and educators for providing rich experiences for these students. Fieldwork sites utilized for Level II students included HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, Presbyterian Hospital, Veterans of America Healthcare System, Lovelace Rehabilitation Hospital, Albuquerque, Bernalillo, Los Lunas & Belen Public Schools, KidPower Therapy Associates, THNM/Skyline Therapy Services, ExplorAbilities, Inc., EASi, La Vida Felicidad, Mariposa Hand and Rehab Specialist, Dogwood Therapy Services and DeCanditis, Lanphere, & Associates. Students in the class of 2009 began their Level II Fieldwork in June of 2009. Most students will complete their program of study in December 2009 and be ready to pursue career opportunities.

**Are you interested in becoming a fieldwork educator?** Do you enjoy providing occupational therapy graduate students with clinical experiences? Are you curious about the benefits of being a fieldwork educator? To answer your questions, please contact Gail Stockman, MS OTR/L, Academic Fieldwork Coordinator at 505-272-3455 or [GStockman@salud.unm.edu](mailto:GStockman@salud.unm.edu).

**Lisa Hase** began work with the program in June 2008 as the Graduate Academic Advisement Coordinator. A little over a year later, Lisa left us to teach English in South Korea (her dream job!) and we were fortunate to be able to hire **Missy Garoza**, who now serves as the Graduate Academic Advisement Coordinator. Missy has extensive background in student advisement. The duties of this critical position include working with students during the admission process all the way through their Level II fieldwork experiences. Also this staff member assists with fieldwork placements and coordinating Fieldwork Educator Workshops.

**Gail Stockman** has worked as the Academic Fieldwork Coordinator since July of 2005. She has also worked as a part-time faculty member in the program for the past 5 years. Gail has clinical experience working with adults in the rehabilitation setting, students in the Albuquerque Public Schools, and providing services to clients on the DD Waiver program. She has been a fieldwork educator for OT and OTA students throughout her career and enjoys working with students at VSA North Fourth Art Center. She has taught Applied Kinesiology, Principles of Occupation, and Applied Occupations II. In January of 2006, Gail began work on a masters' degree in Community Health Education and graduated in May 2009. **Congratulations, Gail!**

## Heads Up

The popular interdisciplinary graduate course with Dr. Terry Crowe, Introduction to Mexican Traditional Medicine, will be held in **Oaxaca, Mexico on June 7 – 17, 2010**. For more information, contact Dr. Crowe at [tcrowe@salud.unm.edu](mailto:tcrowe@salud.unm.edu).

The American Occupational Therapy Association Conference will be in Orlando, Florida on **April 29 – May 2, 2010**.

The World Federation of Occupational Therapist will be held in Santiago, Chile from **May 4 – 7, 2010**.

### Program Announcements

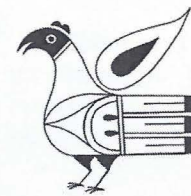
The class of 2010 will participate in a poster session on **April 14, 2010**. The graduate students will be sharing their scholarship and research accomplishments with the Health Science Center faculty, staff and students. All in the community are invited.

The class of 2010 will be graduating on **May 14, 2010** at **Popejoy Hall**.



## Recent Peer-Reviewed Publications

(Bold Faculty, *Italics Students*)



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Provost, E, **Crowe, T.K., Acree, K., Osbourn, P. & McClain, C.** (2009). Sensory behaviors of preschool-age children: The impact of having a child with Autism Spectrum Disorder. *New Zealand Occupational Therapy Journal*, 56, 9-17.

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**Parham, L.D.,** Cohn, E.S., Spitzer, S., Koomar, J., Miller, L., Burke, J.P., Brett-Green, B., Mailloux, Z., May-Benson, T.A., Smith Roley, S., Schaaf, R.C., Schoen, S., & Summers, C.A. (2009). Fidelity in sensory integration intervention research. In C. B. Royeen & A. Leubben (Eds.): *A compendium of leading scholarship in sensory integration* Bethesda, MD: AOTA Press.

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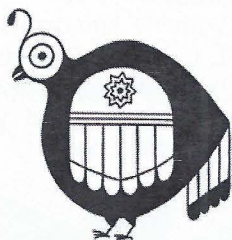
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## OT Faculty International Experiences

**Dr. Terry K. Crowe** took 13 students to Oaxaca, Mexico to participate in a course focusing on Traditional Mexican Medicine. They interacted with 8 traditional healers and learned about different views of health, illness and healing. This year, 5 current occupational therapy students, 2 practicing OTs, 1 physical therapy graduate student, 1 PT, 1 physician, 1 psychologist, 1 pre-med undergraduate student and 1 speech and language science undergraduate student participated in the 11 -day course. If you are interested in joining our course next year June 7 - 17, contact Dr. Crowe ([tcrowe@salud.unm.edu](mailto:tcrowe@salud.unm.edu)).

**Dr. Diane Parham** was a guest participant at an international Occupational Justice Symposium and Think Tank in Cape Town, South Africa in July. In addition to commenting on academic papers presented at the symposium, she visited Khayelitsha, a township of approximately ½ million people, primarily of African Xhosa ancestry, who were displaced during the Apartheid era. She also participated in think tank discussions of what occupational justice is and what it might look like. Dr. Parham also was a guest lecturer for a sensory integration conference and theory course in Cardiff, Wales, sponsored by the Sensory Integration Network - UK and Ireland.

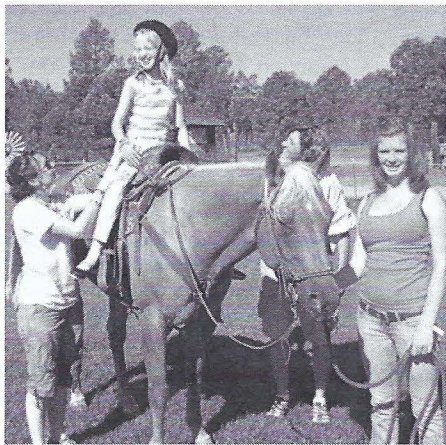
**Dr. Betsy VanLeit** presented at a conference about health professions education in Havana, Cuba. The focus of the conference was on health equity and meeting the health needs of an entire population as opposed to just those who can pay. It was fascinating to visit health clinics in Cuba and to learn about their inexpensive but effective healthcare system which focuses on prevention and health promotion.

**Heidi Sanders MA, OTR/L** began volunteering with Firefly Children's International in 2000 and has made four trips to Russia. These include a week-long education and training visit to a boarding facility in Buturlinovka as a coordinator and speaker at the International Conference on the Care of Children in Moscow, and as an educator for the early intervention pilot programs in both Kazan and Vladivostok. Heidi's latest visit, in December 2008, also included presentations and consultations in St. Petersburg regarding the use of communication strategies and visual schedules for children with autism.

**Dr. Pat Burtner** served as international consultant to the second of four intensive week-long trainings held in Vladivostok, Russia as part of Firefly's "Keeping Baby Home" project. US Consul General Armbruster welcomed 30 specialists from polyclinics and universities who attended these sessions funded through the USAID program. She also conducted a seminar for on early intervention and interdisciplinary teamwork for doctors and administrators of Vladivostok hospitals and ministries.

## Occupational Therapy Shines at Camp Rising Sun

Ten OT graduate students (Sahar Anwar, Hanna Bloom, Rachel Brutz, Bethany Luke, Monica Merhege, Nicole Nighbert, Suzanne Perea, Sarah Scott, Aubrie Stavig, and Kara Tainter) served as counselors at Camp Rising Sun during two camp sessions last summer. The students participated in an Independent Study experience under the mentorship of **Mo Taylor**, an occupational therapist at CDD. **Dr. Terry K. Crowe** coordinated the learning experience. It was a learning experience for all full of hard work and lots of fun!



A Camper Enjoys Riding at Camp Rising Sun

## Denise Duran and Annika Buck Win Student Research Poster Award April 2009



**Dr. Diane Parham** with OT students **Mike Kneafsey** and **Kellie Primm** on the EARLY Team at the annual National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) 2009 fundraising walk

### The EARLY Program: Occupational Therapy in the Prevention of Mental Illness

The EARLY Program is a collaborative effort of the UNM Department of Psychiatry and the MIND Research Network to prevent the onset of mental illness among adolescents and young adults, within the structure of an effectiveness study. The program is a replication of a clinical trial that began in Portland, Maine, in which occupational therapy was a key aspect of assessment and intervention. We are proud that the Occupational Therapy Graduate Program helped to launch the EARLY Program here in Albuquerque in 2008.

EARLY stands for Early Assessment and Resource Linkage for Youth. In the project, youth aged 11 to 25 who are identified as at high risk for psychosis are eligible for enrollment in the program, which includes OT services that focus on sensory, cognitive, and occupational strategies for success in school and at work.

Beginning in her first year in the OT program, student **Kellie Primm** devoted much time volunteering to develop OT services under the guidance of **Heidi Sanders** and **Diane Parham**. We were able to offer a successful Level II Fieldwork experience to Kellie and to **Devon Edwards**, thanks to the strong support of Medical Director Steven Adelsheim, MD, and Margaret Migliorati, MA, LPCC.

To inquire or make a referral to Project EARLY, call 1-888-NM-EARLY or email [early@mrn.org](mailto:early@mrn.org)

# Alumni News

## Class of 1995

**Debbie Bryan** just became a grandmother of 4-month old Chase who she adores! He looks just like his dad with large blue eyes and chubby cheeks. Debbie and her husband, Pat, continue to enrich their lives by traveling frequently. They just returned from Canada and will be visiting their "other" house in Puerto Vallarta in the near future. Debbie continues her DD Waiver practice in Bernalillo and Valencia counties.

## Class of 1996

**April Sanderson** is now an Assistant Professor in the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at Western New Mexico University in Silver City. She is loving her new position. She presented a talk at the NMOTA Conference in Sept.

**Robert Hobbs** has two adorable daughters (Sophia age 4 and Greer age 9). He is currently enrolled in the UNM Masters of Public Health (MPH) Program. He continues to provide services throughout the state via the DD Waiver and other funding agencies.

**Denise Moedl** will celebrate her 13<sup>th</sup> year of working with ExplorAbilities in January 2010. She loves working in pediatrics and working with the great group at ExplorAbilities. Denise and her husband have two sons, Ryan in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and Evan in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. They are fun-loving, sports minded and always providing them with a good laugh! She says "hello" to her fellow OTs in the class of '96 and hopes all of you are doing well!

**George Sanders** continues to work with the Las Cruces Public Schools. He is in his 13<sup>th</sup> year and enjoying his students ages 3 to 10 years. George and his wife, Cheryl are celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year. They enjoy their sons (20 and 23 years) and travel during their summers off. He enjoys fly fishing and outdoor activities.

## Class of 1997

**Trina Galpin** is part-owner of a home health business in Albuquerque. The business has increased their caseload five times since they started. She is enjoying being available to the community.

**Claudia Gallegos** is happily married to the best husband in the world for almost 9 years and they have a 6-year-old son and a 4-year-old granddaughter. Her most recent interest is following the nourishing traditions lifestyle using natural, unprocessed, raw and fermented foods to achieve optimum health.

**Anna "Sam" Rivera** and her son, Daniel are trying to move to Albuquerque but still live in Jemez Springs. She has left pediatric practice and now is working in inpatient rehab at Lovelace and loves it! Daniel started kindergarten this year and is doing great. He is in a bilingual kindergarten at Longfellow Elementary school.

## Class of 1999

**Mary Peschka** works in long term care, but also in acute and rehab hospital settings and home health care in Las Cruces. She has been staying busy landscaping her home and plans to do more traveling when her home project is complete.

**RC Francis** leads the OT staff of 9 at Las Cruces Public Schools. He keeps plenty busy at work and keeping up with a teenage daughter, 3 married sons, 6 grandsons and 1 granddaughter.

**Nicki Love** currently is not officially practicing as an OT but using her OT skills to work with dogs and cats in a grooming setting. The majority of her clients have significant sensory, medical or elder-related issues.

**Vanessa Gutierrez** is busy raising her 9-year-old son and her 5-year-old daughter in Bernalillo while practicing in Los Lunas Schools. She is opening AmAble Therapies clinic in Los Lunas in September with 2 SLPs and a PT.

## Class of 2000

**Dan Medrano** works in a geriatric setting and loves working with his clients to assist them to get well and go home. He enjoys coaching his son's soccer team and keeping up with his young teenager.

## Class of 2001

**Roni Johnson** is doing good and just started working at APS. She is busy with her girls, ages 5 and 2.

**Pamela Wilson** is participating in single life and busy and loving her DD waiver private practice. She was just re-elected Treasurer of NMOTA.



**Melissa Winkle** continues to grow her private practice, Dogwood Therapy Services Inc. for pediatrics, school-age after school and summer programs, adults with developmental disabilities, and community based mental health. Her special interests include integrated community based services, animal assisted therapy, assistance dogs as assistive technology options and nature therapy. Dogwood works collaboratively on research with several universities including UNM. Dogwood program development, consultation, and continuing education conferences are now being requested internationally.

**Lori Coate** is still in Alamogordo, working part-time with the school system and part-time at an outpatient clinic providing hand therapy. She coaches an under-8 coed soccer team and competes in triathlons. She joined Terry Crowe this summer in Oaxaca and learned about traditional medicine.

**Victoria Van Dame** owns a private practice with Dogwood Therapy Services and Edie Allen and Associates. She is enjoying integrating services into the real world applications according to people's strengths with a specialty in rural community integrative services. She also works with the Early Intervention Program at Laguna Pueblo. She enjoys taking students from UNM and helping them further their careers. Occupational therapy aside, Victoria enjoys hip hop at Defined Fitness, working out, hedgehogs, dogs, turtles, museums, art, and music. Victoria has two teenagers whom are the focus of her world.

### Class of 2002

**Sandra Florez** is a home health occupational therapist in her home town of Carlsbad. Her 2 year old daughter is being raised by her "village" (her parents, 2 grandmas, 1 grandpa, 2 great-grandmas, 1 great-grandpa, 1 godmother, 2 great-godmothers, 2 great-godfathers and lots of cousins). She loves being occupational therapists in the community that raised her!

### Class of 2004

**Ken Cordova** is still living in his pink house where he has lived for 4 years since graduating and working. He works with the DD Waiver population, enjoys his family and is trying to get out more and have fun!

**Sarah Picchiarini** says "Hi There" to all UNM OT Program graduates! She is enjoying her work in Southeastern New Mexico as an occupational therapist in rural health. She is involved with the New Mexico Occupational Therapy Association (NMOTA) and was recently elected as President-Elect. She encourages all graduates to join NMOTA.

### Class of 2005

**Kaylyn Acree** is still working full time at Lovelace Rehab as an inpatient therapist. Over the last 3 years, Kaylyn and her husband, Anthony, have traveled to Italy, Scotland, England, Ireland, Spain and France. The newest adventure is that they are expecting their first baby on November 19. They can't wait to meet their little one (gender will be a surprise)!

### Class of 2006

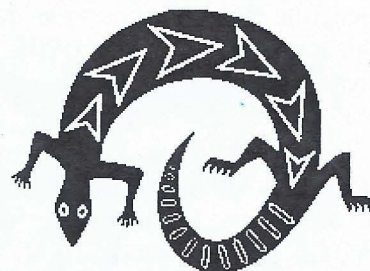
**Gina Hughes** has been working at KidPower where she enjoys working with her clients and co-workers. Since graduating she has been busy becoming a white water raft guide, running marathons, and getting engaged. She is looking forward to the upcoming ski season and attending the 2010 Olympics...not participating but as a spectator!

**Harrison Guillory** got married on June 22, 2009 and now is the proud stepdad for 2 children, both with disabilities. He is working full time in the Santa Fe Schools with a full caseload of children kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. He is happily living in ABQ with his new family and doing sign language interpreting on the side and during the summers.

**Theresa Mancuso** is a stay at home mom to her two wonderful daughters, 2-year-old Marina, and Kaitlyn, who was recently born on 9/17/09. Theresa is not sure when she will return to practicing occupational therapy, but she is enjoying this precious time at home with her children very much.

### Class of 2008

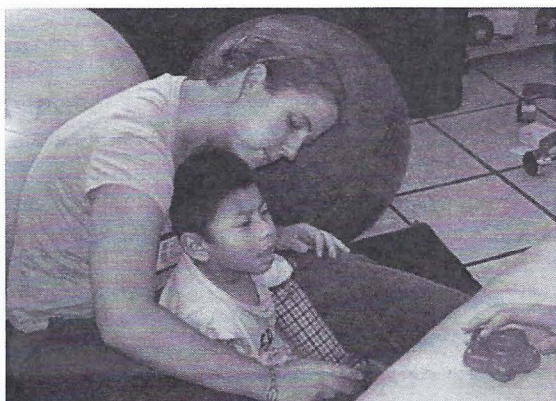
**Ludivina Gonzalez** is currently working in a pediatric clinic in Albuquerque, Bilingual Therapies Inc. She supervises an OTA. She is having a baby girl Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.



## Two UNM OT Students Help Launch Guatemala Field School

By Nancie Furgang, MA, OTR/L

**Josie Gilbert** and **Mario Pereyra** joined 12 other graduate students this summer as members of the first class of the NAPA-OT Field School in Antigua, Guatemala. A project of the National Association of Practicing Anthropologists (NAPA), a section of the American Anthropological Association, the six-week program joined students and faculty from universities around the country in a setting where anthropologists and occupational therapists studied, practiced, and learned together. This learning experience focused on social justice. Josie and Mario both completed the final 6 weeks of their Level II pediatric fieldwork working with infants and children at Hermano Pedro Hospital and doing home visits in neighboring villages with Guatemalan social workers. They also studied Spanish and lived with a Guatemalan family. Josie described her experience in this way: "This fieldwork provides a unique environment in which to grow not only as a professional but also personally. You get to see occupation and its interaction with environment in an entirely new perspective." The University of New Mexico Graduate Occupational Therapy Program is proud to be a partner with the NAPA-OT Field School so that our students can participate in this unique experience.



### Jennifer Cruz wins Assembly of Student Delegates Position

**Jennifer Cruz**, graduate student at the University of New Mexico's Occupational Therapy Program, was recently elected to the American Occupational Therapy Association's (AOTA) Assembly of Student Delegates (ASD) Steering Committee. She will take her seat as the Student Representative to the AOTA Commission on Practice (COP) in late April, at the conclusion of the AOTA national conference. During her 2-year appointment Jennifer will have a unique opportunity to voice occupational therapy student concerns and point of view to the COP.

The AOTA Commission on Practice consists of occupational therapy leaders from differing practice settings and geographic locations. Its members are responsible for providing summaries of official documents, identifying current occupational therapy practice concerns, developing methods to address occupational therapy issues, and developing the AOTA practice standards. Currently the COP is addressing issues related to occupational therapy psychosocial practice, hospice, and environmental supports. Jennifer is looking forward to participating in the COP and representing the University of New Mexico. **Congratulations, Jennifer!**

## Students, Faculty and Community Members Recognized at Graduation Ceremony

The Occupational Therapy Graduate Class of 2009 participated in two ceremonies held May 15, 2009. The first was the Diagnostic and Therapeutic Sciences Commencement ceremonies held in Popejoy Hall on the UNM campus with the honorable Janet Napolitano JD, United States Homeland Security Secretary presenting the Convocational Address. Immediately following these ceremonies, the 25 graduates, faculty, family and friends celebrated at the El Pinto hacienda restaurant for additional presentation of awards and merriment. The following graduates received scholarship awards:

- Dept of Pediatrics Award - **Sarah McMillan**
- Occupational Therapy Graduate Program - **Donna Haygood**
- Carolyn Thurman Rustovold Community Spirit Award - **Una Buck**
- HealthSouth Scholarship Award - **Hallie Michael and Kendra Reynolds**
- OTGP Distinguished Alumni Award - **Robert D. Hobbs**
- Friends of Occupational Therapy:
  - **Janell Valdez**, Financial Aid Manager, School of Medicine
  - **John "Jack" Granato**, Analyst Programmer II, HSC Library & Informatics
  - **Ingrid Hendrix**, MILS, AHIP ,OT Liaison Librarian, HSC Library & Informatics Center
  - **Renee Soderlund**, MA, OTR/L Occupational Therapist – Advanced, New Mexico Behavioral Health Institute

The new OT graduates presented faculty members with memorable gifts representing personal traits the students had noted while receiving their two years of instruction. The new graduates also presented a total of \$1000 in donations to the following agencies: Casa Esperanza, Camp Rising Sun. Muscular Dystrophy Camp and Healthcare for the Homeless. We appreciate the thoughtful generosity of the Class of 2009 with these donations. Best wishes to the Class of 2009 as they complete Fieldwork II, sit for the national certification exam and enter this wonderful profession as our colleagues!

### CLASS OF 2009

