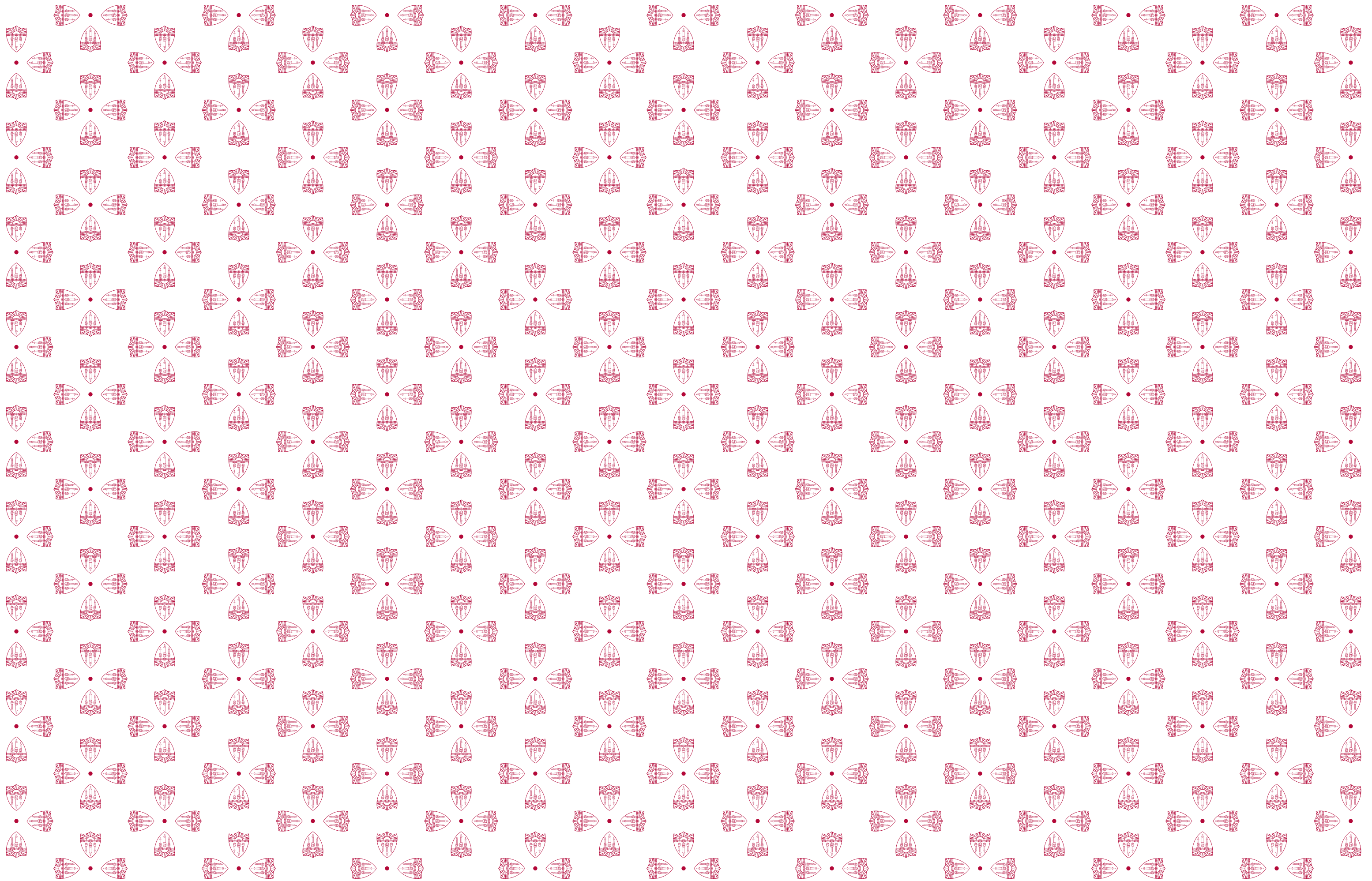




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CENTER STAGE

From the stage of the historic Bovard Auditorium, Assistant Professor of Clinical Occupational Therapy Camille Dieterle, left, offers lifestyle tips to the audience gathered at the 2013 USC Women's Conference.

Photo by Stephen Blaba



The USC Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy is an irreplaceable asset to the Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC.



Photo by John Skalticky

Ours is not merely a relationship of administrative convenience; dentists, just like occupational therapists and occupational scientists, see health through a holistic lens. We each appreciate how simple, everyday human behaviors and routines can dramatically influence health and well-being. Together, we affirm the basic premise that clinical excellence simultaneously requires both artistry and technique.

In the few years that I have been here at USC, I have seen no better exemplar of leadership in the service of research, education, and the profession than Associate Dean Florence Clark. For over 35 years, she has dedicated her professional and personal life to Trojan occupational science and occupational therapy. As her term as President of the American Occupational Therapy Association concludes this summer, I would like to commend her, on behalf of the entire Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC, for her many successes in this demanding role. Her tireless service, unmistakable presence, and passionate intensity are a credit to our entire university.

As you will read in the pages ahead, the Campaign for USC Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy will undoubtedly transform the Division as we know it. With the generosity of Trojan alumni, friends, patients, and partners worldwide, we will make history with the largest total fundraising initiative in the history of occupational science and occupational therapy higher education. Judging by the track record, I know USC occupational therapists and occupational scientists will stop nowhere short of total excellence.

Thank you for your continued support, and Fight On!

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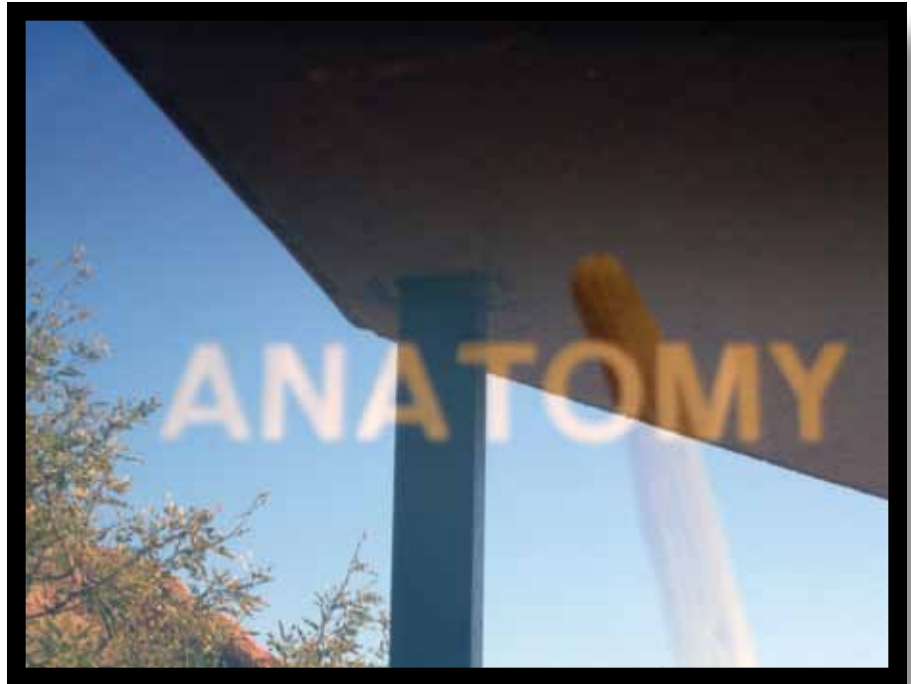
Top-Down

STUDENT ART FEATURED IN UNIVERSITY PUBLICATION

The artwork of three occupational therapy students was featured in the latest issue of *Synaesthesia*, a student-produced publication distributed to faculty, staff, and students on the USC Health Sciences Campus.

Photography by master's students Amy M. Danielson and Steve Mar, and a drawing by bachelor's-to-master's student Nicté Sobrino, made the editors' cut.

The title *Synaesthesia*, billed as the university's "Art+Medicine" magazine, refers to the little understood neurological phenomenon known as synesthesia, which occurs when stimulation of one sensory pathway elicits uncontrolled, automatic sensory experiences in another pathway.



"Seen Sculpture" by Amy M. Danielson



"No Control" by Nicté Sobrino



"Let There Be Light" by Steve Mar

NEVILLE-JAN GIVES KEYNOTE LECTURE ON DISABILITY TO TV AND FILM WRITERS GUILD

Associate Professor Ann Neville-Jan gave the keynote address at “People First: Real Disabilities, Reel Stories,” a recent event examining the portrayals of people with disabilities in television and film. The event was sponsored by the Writers Guild of America, West; the WGA Writers with Disabilities Committee; and Hollywood, Health & Society at the Norman Lear Center of the USC Annenberg School for Communication & Journalism.

Neville-Jan recounted several participant’s stories from her qualitative research conducted with Professor Mary Lawlor on the everyday life experiences of adults who have spina bifida. When the researchers interviewed people with spina bifida about their experiences during childhood and adolescence, an unanticipated theme that emerged was the significance of footwear in the everyday lives of women.

During the later process of dissemi-

nating this research, Neville-Jan herself encountered unanticipated attitudes.

“A few years ago, I presented research findings about shoes at a medical conference,” Neville-Jan recounted. “After hearing the stories from our women research participants, several surgeons in the audience indicated that finding fashionable shoes was a major problem for their patients who had spina bifida. One surgeon lamented, ‘Yes, many of my patients with spina bifida tell me similar stories; I thought long and hard about this issue and feel there was only one solution.’ What is that? Anybody want to venture? Foot amputation. The audience was stunned. The surgeon continued, ‘I really mean this. One of my patients needed an amputation because of a foot infection. She was very happy with the shoes she could wear on her prosthetic foot,’” Neville-Jan recalled.

“While this seems an extreme solution, even women without foot impairments are

choosing surgery as a means to wear fashionable shoes. The stories our research participants told us about managing appearances in everyday life highlighted how the personal practice of dressing—for example, wearing fashionable shoes—was important for their personal and social identity. By sharing these stories tonight, I hope that they can have a real effect on attitudes about disability,” said Neville-Jan.

The event also featured guests Ben Lewin, writer and director of *The Sessions*; Margaret Nagle, writer and producer of *Warm Springs*; Eric Guggenheim, writer and co-producer for *Parenthood*; David Radcliff, writer and producer; and Auti Angel, actress in the docu-series *Push Girls*. Hollywood, Health & Science Director Sandra de Castro Buffington moderated the discussion and audience questions.

View the event at www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLwwGagugrQ



Ann Neville-Jan, left, responds to an audience question during “People First: Real Disabilities, Reel Stories.”

KCET TELEVISION NEWS FEATURES TROJAN OTD RESIDENT

USC's Eisner New Family Care Team was recently featured on KCET community television's award-winning news series *SoCal Connected* for a new pilot program which helps low income and minority women cope with postpartum depression. The program, created in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Perinatal Mental Health Task Force, utilizes a comprehensive team approach, including occupational therapists, to detect cases of maternal depression and intervene in a systematic way.

Francine Tan, USC occupational therapy doctoral resident at the USC-

Eisner Family Medicine Center, explains the value that team-based care offers this vulnerable population.

"We are really just trying to bring everything to the table to really come up with an effective treatment plan, and I don't think one profession really can do it all," says Tan. "I think it takes the perspective and the care of a lot of different professions."

The program is the first of its kind in Los Angeles, and although the task force and clinic are still collecting outcomes data, they know they make an impact.

"We are absolutely helping people,"



Tan says.

The program is one of several recent initiatives by the Division's clinical faculty to integrate occupational therapy in primary care settings.

www.kcet.org/shows/socal_connected

MALLINSON AND LELAND NAMED TO AOTA ROSTER OF FELLOWS

Assistant Professors Trudy Mallinson and Natalie Leland have been named to the Roster of Fellows of the American Occupational Therapy Association, an exclusive honor recognizing their significant contributions to the continuing education and professional development of association members.

Mallinson is known for her work in instrument development, outcomes

measurement, and post-acute care health services researcher.

Leland, who holds a joint appointment at the USC Davis School of Gerontology, is a gerontology researcher with particular expertise in studying and improving post-acute care services for older adults.

"Being inducted into the AOTA Roster of Fellows has been one of my professional dreams," says Leland. "It is

an honor to be part of this dynamic group of individuals who are dedicated to our profession and have made such significant contributions to occupational therapy."

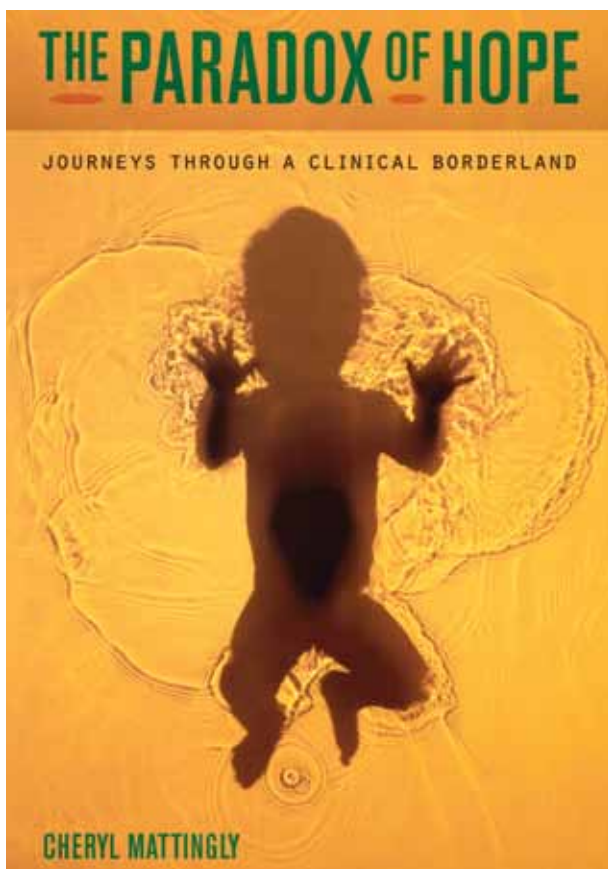
Including Mallinson and Leland, USC's faculty includes 11 Fellows of the AOTA, designated by the letters FAOTA in their credentials. According to the AOTA, less than one percent of the nation's occupational therapists are AOTA Fellows.



Trudy Mallinson PhD, OTR/L, NZROT, FAOTA



Natalie Leland PhD, OTR/L, BCG, FAOTA



MATTINGLY BOOK WINS PRIZE FROM SOCIETY FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Professor Cheryl Mattingly was awarded the 2012 Stirling Prize for Best Published Book in Psychological Anthropology for her book *The Paradox of Hope: Journeys through a Clinical Borderland* published by University of California Press in 2010.

The Stirling Prize has been awarded since 1968 by the Society for Psychological Anthropology, a section of the American Anthropological Association. The results of the SPA-sponsored prize competitions were announced at the AAA's 2012 business meetings in San Francisco.

According to the award citation, *The Paradox of Hope* stood out “for its impressive combination of erudition and ‘heart,’ and for the graceful elegance that characterizes both Mattingly’s way of thinking and her style of writing.”

The book, which grew from Mattingly and Professor Mary Lawlor’s National Institutes of Health-funded “Boundary Crossing” longitudinal research program, presents case stories of African-American families living in a multicultural urban environment, many of whom are poor, who each have children diagnosed with serious chronic medical conditions.

“This book is very much ‘of its time,’ yet it also has the potential to be of enduring significance and usefulness, both as an innovative contribution to theory and method and as a rich resource for all of us who are characters in healing dramas,” noted the award citation.

Mattingly also holds a joint appointment in the Department of Anthropology at the USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences.
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FRANK WINS PHI KAPPA PHI FACULTY AWARD

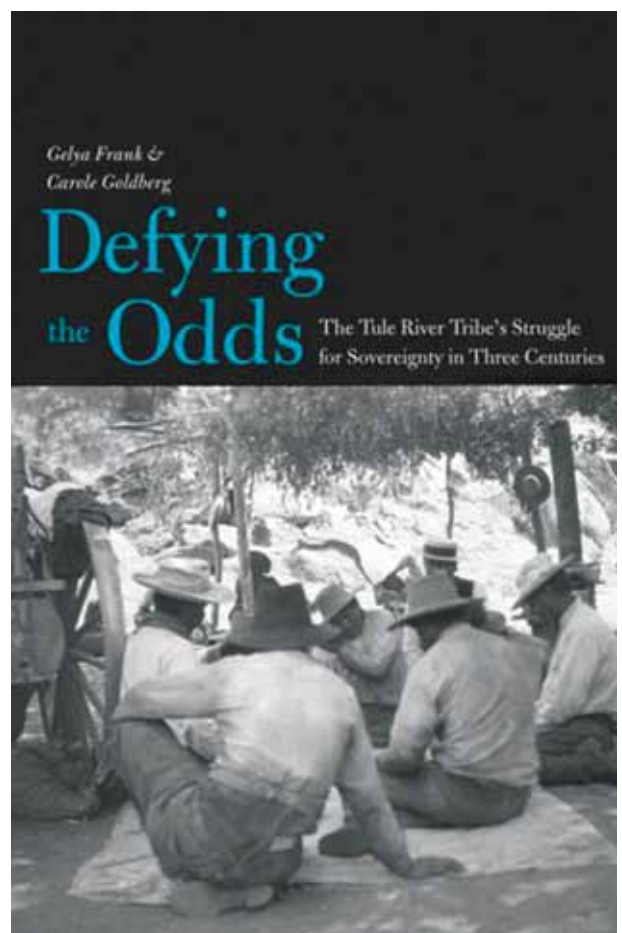
Professor Gelya Frank has received a Faculty Recognition Award from Phi Kappa Phi All-University Honor Society, USC’s oldest honor society, for her book *Defying the Odds: The Tule River Tribe’s Struggle for Sovereignty in Three Centuries* published by Yale University Press. The book is co-written with renowned legal scholar Carole Goldberg, who is currently Vice Chancellor at the University of California, Los Angeles.

“It is very gratifying to have this book receive recognition from Phi Kappa Phi,” says Frank, who has been working with the Tule River Tribe since 1972.

As the title suggests, *Defying the Odds* chronicles how the Tule River Tribe, an indigenous California tribe living in Tulare County, has survived and even flourished despite centuries of oppressive legal, political, and cultural conditions.

“My work with the Tule River Tribe has provided four decades of the most meaningful and rewarding experience of seeing how a distinct community organizes and reorganizes itself under challenging environmental and social conditions,” Frank explains. “Over the same period, the USC Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy has nurtured my theoretical development with respect to the role of occupations—meaningful, purposeful activities—in the achievement of health and well-being.”

Frank, who is jointly appointed in the Department of Anthropology at the USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, previously received a Phi Kappa Phi Faculty Recognition Award in 2002 for her book *Venus on Wheels: Two Decades of Dialogue on Disability, Biography and Being Female in America* (University of California Press, 2000).
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OTF Practice clinicians in their new space

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY FACULTY PRACTICE OCCUPIES NEW CLINICAL SPACE AT USC ENGEMANN STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

In January, the USC Occupational Therapy Faculty Practice debuted a dedicated treatment space in the newly opened USC Engemann Student Health Center located on the University Park Campus. The space allows faculty clinicians to provide their signature Lifestyle Redesign® intervention in a more comfortable, visible, and accessible setting.

The new USC Engemann Student Health Center was made possible by a lead gift of \$15 million from alumni Michele and Roger Engemann. Mrs. Engemann is also a USC Trustee and daughter of the late legendary Trojan baseball coach Rod Dedeaux.

The five-story, 101,000-square-foot facility replaces the university's 60-year-old student health center.

engemannshc.usc.edu

TWO TROJANS ELECTED TO AOTA STUDENT ASSEMBLY OFFICE

Two USC master's graduate students have been elected Steering Committee officers of the American Occupational Therapy Association's Assembly of Student Delegates.

Susan Lingelbach won her race for ASD Chairperson, the highest elected student position in the country. Sean Sullivan emerged atop a packed ballot for ASD Communications & Advocacy Chairperson. Both began their one-year terms in April.

"I want to make a positive impact in my community throughout my career, and this opportunity in the ASD allows me to take my first steps in accomplishing that," said Sullivan. "In my position, I am hoping to increase the level of professional advocacy and involvement from occupational therapy and occupational therapy assistant students in the United States."

According to the AOTA, the ASD provides a mechanism for the expression of student concerns and a means for students to offer input regarding AOTA affairs. A standing committee of the AOTA Board of Directors, the ASD Steering Committee represents the student point of view to the AOTA Board, the Representative Assembly, the Commission on Practice, the Commission on Education, and all other bodies of the AOTA as needed.

www.aota.org/Students/ASD



Susan Lingelbach



Sean Sullivan

POSTDOC FELLOW WINS KL2 CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD

TREET: Training in Rehabilitation Efficacy and Effectiveness Trials postdoctoral fellow Stefanie Bodison BS '92, MA '93, OTD '10, has been awarded a KL2 Mentored Research Career Development Award from the Center for Education, Training, and Career Development at the Southern California Clinical and Translational Science Institute (NIH/NCRR/NCATS grant #KL2TR000131).

The primary aim of the award is to accelerate Bodison's development as an independent scholar able to conduct multidirectional translational research evaluating the efficacy, effectiveness, and implementation of rehabilitation interventions for children with neurodevelopmental disorders. Her research project "Investigation of the Neural Mechanisms of Sensorimotor Integration in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder" studies the neural mechanisms underlying sensorimotor integration in both typically developing children and those with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Bodison is an occupational therapist specializing in sensory integration, Neuro-Developmental Treatment™, and feeding and oral-motor interventions for children.

sc-ctsi.org



DIETERLE LEADS WORKSHOP AT WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

At the fifth annual USC Women's Conference, Assistant Professor of Clinical Occupational Therapy Camille Dieterle spoke onstage before hundreds of USC alumnae, parents, students, faculty, staff, and friends at the historic Bovard Auditorium. The March 7 conference, hosted by the USC Alumni Association, included interactive workshops, panel discussions, and facilitated networking activities. This year's theme was about sharing one's legacy.

"It was an opportunity for women leaders to share and inspire other professional women," says Dieterle, who is also Director of the USC Occupational Therapy Faculty Practice.

Dieterle was among the distinguished women, including First Lady of USC Niki Nikias and Provost Elizabeth Garrett, invited to speak at the conference.

In her workshop "Caring for the Caregiver: Wellness for the Sandwich Generation," Dieterle collaborated with Sherri Snelling, CEO of the Caregiving Club in Newport Beach. Together they addressed dimensions of caregiving for the 'sandwich generation.'

"We targeted the 'sandwich generation'... those middle-aged people who are taking care of their kids as well as their parents," Dieterle says. "They are well, but they're at high risk for chronic stress, chronic illness, and for decreased time and attention to self-care."

Dieterle focused on six dimensions of wellness—physical, environmental, social, emotional, spiritual, and intellectual—and offered strategies for improving each category through occupation and meaningful activities.

"I brought the occupational perspective of what activity you can do, how you can change your environment, or the way you pace yourself to restructure your time," she says. "It was very occupation-centered."

The wellness workshop was one of five workshops at the conference designed to empower women to build personal and professional networks, learn new strategies for success in various facets of life, and to connect with USC.

"I really wanted to drive home the importance of taking care of yourself," Dieterle says. "My hope is that people walked away with more knowledge and better self-help tools."

—*Kim Hasday, OTS*

alumnigroups.usc.edu/womensconference



STUDENT INGRID LEU AWARDED SCHWEITZER FELLOWSHIP

Master's student Ingrid Leu has been named a 2013-2014 Albert Schweitzer Fellow. The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship supports university graduate students to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable populations. Fellows partner with a community-based organization to identify an unmet health need; design a year-long, 200-hour service project with a demonstrable impact; and move the project from conception to implementation.

As an Albert Schweitzer Fellow, Leu will be working with Kedren Acute Psychiatric Hospital Community Mental Health Center, where she previously completed her Level II occupational therapy fieldwork education. There she hopes to design and implement a recovery-oriented curriculum providing adults and older adults experiencing serious or persistent mental illnesses with tools to increase their self-efficacy,

health, and well-being.

Leu will also be matriculating to the USC Doctorate of Occupational Therapy degree program this fall. As an occupational therapy doctoral resident at the USC University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, which treats children up to 21 years old with a primary mental health diagnosis, she looks forward to melding her interests in both pediatric and mental health practice.

"I am going into this fellowship with an ulterior motive of promoting occupational therapy to everybody that I meet," Leu says. "I am excited to be able to interact with students from different professions in order to raise awareness for how occupational therapists can contribute to community programs."

www.schweitzerfellowship.org

RICKY GUTIERREZ

Entry-level master's student

HOMETOWN

Downey, CA

CURRENT CITY

Los Angeles, CA

PREVIOUS EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame
M.S. in Accountancy

California Polytechnic State
University – Pomona

B.S. in Business Administration,
Emphasis: Accounting

PRACTICE AREA INTERESTS

Pediatrics with a focus on
physical disabilities

FAVORITE USC CLASSES

OT 403: Practice Immersion –
Pediatrics

OT 410: Therapeutic Use of Self

MEANINGFUL OCCUPATIONS

Enjoying time with friends and
family, meditation, helping oth-
ers, “fooding,” traveling, mov-
ies, church, and music

“AFTER WORKING IN PUBLIC

accounting for a few years, I came to accept that it wasn't as fulfilling as I had hoped. I wasn't passionate about it. My true passion was in helping others achieve their full potential. Once I decided to pursue my passion and change careers, it wasn't long before I came across occupational therapy. OT seemed like a natural fit for my interests and personal strengths. I eventually ended up working at a pediatric therapy clinic and fell in love with OT.

I chose to attend the professional program at USC because of its reputation. I aspire to become the best occupational therapist that I can be. To that end, I came to USC to learn from, and be trained by, the best.

I must say that the experience has not let me down. I am currently finishing up my second year of instruction, and I am every

bit as excited about OT as when I decided to pursue my passion.

The faculty does a tremendous job of creating rich learning experiences that help me connect theory to real life practice. Instructors share from their clinical experiences and invite guests to share their touching stories. My fieldwork experiences have also been priceless. I have been placed at top-notch sites working with, and learning from, some of the brightest people in the field.

Upon graduation I would like to work with children with physical disabilities. I plan to spend a number of years working to become an expert clinician first. Later, when my body kindly requests that I no longer transfer patients or fly through obstacle courses, I would like to assume an executive position someplace or run my own practice.”



“I CAN’T BELIEVE THIS IS MY fifth year being a student at USC, and my third year being a Resident Advisor! I obtained my bachelor’s degree in Occupational Therapy at USC last May, and am finishing up my master’s degree this year. Everything seems to be moving so fast that sometimes I wish I could be a student forever!

Luckily I’ll be pursuing my Doctorate of Occupational Therapy this fall, with a residency at the USC University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles in pediatric mental health.

For my leadership externship this past March, I traveled to my aunt’s health spa in Thailand to learn more about the business fundamentals of the health and wellness industry. I represented the spa at the Bangkok International Hair Show, visited the Occupational Therapy Department at

Mahidol University in Bangkok, and was carried by an elephant’s trunk in Pattaya!

I am currently taking elective courses including OT 571: Assistive Technology, OT 578: Therapeutic Communication for the Healthcare Practitioner, and OT 583: Lifestyle Redesign®. I am interested in non-traditional practice areas and how the principles can be applied to anyone across all settings. In the future I hope to be my own boss and teach a class or two!”

ALISA CHATPRAPACHAI

Entry-level master’s student

HOMETOWN

Cypress, CA & Bangkok, Thailand

CURRENT CITY

Los Angeles, CA

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

University of Southern California
B.S. in Occupational Therapy

Minor in Children and Families
in Urban America

PRACTICE AREA INTERESTS

Mental health and prevention
and wellness

FAVORITE USC CLASSES

Business Entrepreneurship 470:
The Entrepreneurial Mindset –
Taking the Leap

MEANINGFUL OCCUPATIONS

Planning student programming
as a Resident Advisor, walk-
ing my chow chow and poodle,
traveling to Thailand, and yoga





fighter on

Grad school is tough enough.
Caryn Roach is doing it with grace.
And cancer.

“It was the third day of school and I was in class, touching my neck,” recalls Caryn Roach, a student in the USC Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy’s entry-level professional program. “And I felt a big lump.” With one touch, what was just another day in the life of a Trojan graduate student suddenly became something much more.

When you’re a 30-something student enrolled in the nation’s top-ranked occupational therapy graduate educational program with a bright career ahead of you in a workforce market booming with employer demand, “lump” is the last word you expect to hear, let alone feel.

But as a budding occupational therapist, Roach is naturally attuned to the ways health conditions can variously impact everyday activities and lifestyle. Rather than shrug off those first suspicions, as she might have when she was working in the real estate industry prior to coming to USC, red flags were raised immediately.

After class was dismissed, Roach walked to the Eric Cohen Student Health Center in the August afternoon to begin a diagnostic workup. After being referred to radiology for further testing, less than two weeks after feeling that fateful lump Roach received her diagnosis: Hodgkin’s lymphoma.

“It was a shock because I’m not someone who gets sick,” she remembers. “I’m one of those people that are like, ‘I have such a good immune system that I don’t get sick!’ So no one, no one, expected that I would get cancer.”

At the USC Health Sciences Campus occupational therapy classes convene in the Center for Health Professions, a building literally across the street from the USC Norris Cancer Hospital, one of only a few Southern California facilities exclusively dedicated to cancer research and care. It was there in early September she began treatments under the watchful eyes of Keck School of Medicine of USC faculty oncologists.

Hodgkin’s lymphoma is a type of blood cancer originating from white blood cells known as lymphocytes. While its cause is unknown, Hodgkin’s lymphoma is thankfully considered one of the most curable forms of cancer when detected early enough in its progression. Patients can be effectively treated with radiation therapy or chemotherapy, and because five-year survival rates exceed 90 percent, many young patients often live 40 or more years after treatment. Regardless of the relatively optimistic prognosis, nobody expects or wants cancer.

Yet with cheery optimism characteristic of many occupational therapists, Roach focused on the positive aspects of her

circumstances. “It’s not perfect,” she says, “but if I were still working in real estate and this happened it could’ve been really, really bad. I’m here at USC, and I automatically get a good doctor. My mom’s like, ‘you’re getting your tuition’s worth!’ It’s been the best experience for what it could have been.”

Roach also exemplified the spirit of occupational therapy in the way she chose to continue living life to its fullest rather than retreating into her diagnosis. As health care providers, occupational therapists provide clinical interventions designed to help their patients perform meaningful activities, no matter the obstacles posed by extenuating health conditions or life circumstances. For Roach, that outlook meant she would not be taking a leave of absence. Throughout the fall 2012 semester she continued to keep pace with course lectures and assignments while also undergoing treatment.

“It wasn’t really ever a question of ‘Am I going to keep going to school?’ Yeah, I’m going to try, because what else am I going to do?” she asks. “That’s the foundation of occupational therapy, meaningful activities!”

“Sometimes people think living is the most important thing,” Roach reflects. “I know this, but I still am the same person I was before,” she says, laughing with her trademark megawatt smile. “I want to get A’s!”

Roach also has a second family—the USC Trojan Family—that would soon be supporting her.

“I’m not lucky that I got cancer but I think I’m very lucky with the timing of getting cancer. I’m at USC. I’m in occupational therapy. I’m surrounded by very caring and supportive people, my classmates, and all of the faculty.”

In late November, those caring classmates rallied around their friend and colleague. Because hair loss is perhaps the most obvious side effect of cancer treatments, Roach decided to just go ahead with shaving her hair, and began wearing a decorated scarf on her head. In a touching display of solidarity, the entire second-year master’s class organized “Scarf and Hat Day” in response. Over 100 students arrived at school wearing some form of headdress, from beanies to ball caps. Together they posed for a group picture at the Harry and Celesta Pappas Quad in the heart of the Health Sciences Campus. Front and center was Roach, flexing her biceps and smiling widely.

“The Scarf and Hat Day that we had says a lot about our program and the people who are in it,” Roach says. “I thought there would be like 20 people, maybe. But it was everyone! People that I’ve never even spoken to. It was everyone.”

According to Roach, that emotional support was not only a gesture to her but a broader reflection of the empathy at the heart of USC occupational therapists, present and future.

“It makes me feel good, and I know that it makes other people feel proud, to be a part of this group. Knowing that we’re going to go out, and we’re going to go be OTs, and we’re going to help people make their lives better. It just feels good to be a part of that. I don’t know where else you can find a group of that many people that are so caring, and so supportive, in one place.”

In January, with treatment well underway, Roach successfully walked the Tinker Bell Half Marathon at Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, CA. With the help of Team In Training, a fundraising program of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, she

used her walk as an opportunity to raise money for improving leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin’s disease, and myeloma treatments. Not only did she finish the race, her 10th half-marathon and first with cancer, she was also the top fundraiser in the entire nation, raising over \$11,000.

On March 8, Roach finished her last scheduled treatment. With more surveillance testing ahead of her, she is technically not yet in remission. But she is already looking forward to ways of leveraging her experience to benefit others in need.

“I’ve realized that I can do more if I work in oncology,” she reflects. “Going through this myself, going to a few support groups and hearing how other people are dealing with things, you can see that they need occupational therapy. A lot of people aren’t able to work anymore, they get diagnosed and they get treatment, and they can’t work, they have to quit their jobs or go on disability because they’ll be in chemo for three days straight. They don’t have the energy, they can’t do the things they used to do, and their whole schedule shifts. Everything changes.”

Roach also recently decided to pursue her Doctorate of Occupational Therapy degree, accepting a clinical residency position at the Keck Medical Center of USC with the hopes of working one-on-one with people with cancer.

“I don’t think a lot of people are getting occupational therapy, who have cancer. This is somewhere I can give my input, and it means something. I am here. I’m living it right now,” she says with an unmistakable air of gratitude.

“I feel like a cliché, but I think that’s where I need to be because that’s where I can really help people.” ■



Students at “Scarf and Hat Day” in support of Caryn Roach, front center, diagnosed with Hodgkin’s lymphoma two months prior.



Lisa Aziz-Zadeh co-authored “Experience with an Amputee Modulates One’s Own Sensorimotor Response During Action Observation” in *NeuroImage*. The article investigates the impact of visual experience on neural processing of other’s actions, beyond one’s own abilities, during observation.

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Lisa Aziz-Zadeh also co-authored the chapter “The Human Mirror Neuron System, Social Control and Language,” in the *Handbook of Neurosociology*.

The article examines the neural basis of creativity in the left hemisphere during specialized right hemisphere tasks, and the relationship between higher motor planning and creative improvisation during novel activities.

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Julie Bissell co-chaired with alumna Lisa Test OTD ’09, MA ’89 a California Department of Education committee to revise the second edition of “Guidelines for OT and PT in the California Public Schools.” The revisions were a result of changes to the state’s mental health regulations for children.

www.calstat.org/info.html



Erna Blanche was the lead author of “Development of the Comprehensive Observations of Proprioception (COP): Validity, Reliability, and Factor Analysis” published in the *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*. The Comprehensive Observations of Proprioception is a tool

developed by the authors for identifying proprioceptive processing issues in children with developmental disabilities.

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Sarah Bream authored “The History of Occupational Therapy in Adolescent Mental Health Practice” in the March 25 issue of *OT Practice*. The continuing education article offers insight into how the profession of occupational therapy historically conceptualized clinical practice settings, interdisciplinary collaboration, therapeutic approaches, and types of intervention specific to adolescent mental health practice.

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Florence Clark and **Daniel Park** co-authored “Dissemination: Bringing Translational Research to Completion” published in the *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*. The article, reflecting upon the dissemination of A. Jean Ayres’ sensory integration procedures and current challenges facing the USC Well Elderly Studies research team, draws from the emerging field of implementation science to discuss how researchers can develop a plan to translate evidence into practice.

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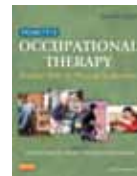
Katie Jordan co-authored “AOTA’s Societal Statement on Obesity” to be published in the December 2013 supplement of the *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*. The document, written with alumna Faryl Reingold OTD ’10, MA ’04, explains the position of the AOTA on the role of occupational therapy in addressing the impact of obesity on people’s ability to engage in daily activities.

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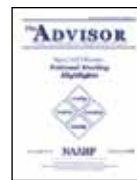
Natalie Leland co-authored “Change in End-of-Life Care for Medicare Beneficiaries: Site of Death, Place of Care, and Health Care Transitions in 2000, 2005, and 2009” in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. The article analyzes end-of-life care for Medicare beneficiaries in light of recent claims that persons dying in the United States are using more supportive care. Of Medicare beneficiaries who died in 2009 and 2005, compared with 2000, a lower proportion died in an acute care hospital, although both ICU use and the rate of health care transitions increased in the last month of life.

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Julie McLaughlin Gray co-authored the chapter “Traditional Sensorimotor Approaches to Intervention” published in the recently released seventh edition of *Pedretti’s Occupational Therapy: Practice Skills for Physical Dysfunction*.

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Julie McLaughlin Gray also co-authored “Making the Transition to a Career in Occupational Therapy: Student Perspectives” published in *The Advisor*:

Journal of the National Association of Advisors for the Health Professions.

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William Morgan authored the chapter “Interpretivism, Conventionalism, and the Ethical Coach” in *The Ethics of Coaching Sports: Moral, Social, and Legal Issues* published by Westview Press.

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William Morgan authored a critical review essay in the *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport* of Dreyfus and Kelly's book "All Things Shining: Reading the Western Classics to Find Meaning in a Secular Age."

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Elizabeth Pyatak, Erna Blanche, Jesus Diaz, Jeanine Blanchard, Lucia Florindez, and Florence Clark published "Conducting Intervention Research

Among Underserved Populations: Lessons Learned and Recommendations for Researchers" in the *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*. The article discusses insights learned in implementing the Lifestyle Redesign® for Pressure Ulcer Prevention in Spinal Cord Injury study and

gives recommendations for conducting research with socioeconomically disadvantaged, ethnically diverse populations.

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Janice Rocker authored "Professional Power Through Membership" in *ASHT Times: The Official Newsletter of the American Society of Hand Therapists*,

encouraging hand therapists to maintain membership in their respective state and national professional associations.

www.asht.org/practice/asht-times



Shawn Roll was the lead author of "Importance of Tissue Morphology Relative to Patient Reports of Symptoms and Functional

Limitations Resulting from Median Nerve Pathology" published in the *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*. The article examines various risk factors associated with subjective reports of symptoms or functional deficits accounting for median nerve morphology.

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Shawn Roll was also the lead author of "Transperineal Sonographic Evaluation of the Male Pelvic Floor" published in the *Journal of Diagnostic Medical Sonography*. The study, believed to be the first of its kind, developed and evaluated a perineal sonographic technique for examining the male pelvic floor muscles.


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"Occupational therapy researchers take for granted that implementation naturally flows from effective intervention trials,

but this is not the case."

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THE CAMPAIGN FOR
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When occupational therapy was born at the University of Southern California in 1942, the profession itself was 25 years old. In the seven decades since those early days, USC's influence upon both the occupational therapy profession and occupational science discipline has been nothing short of remarkable. Thanks to the Trojan Family's enduring commitment to excellence, USC today is indisputably synonymous with leadership in occupational science and occupational therapy.

Looking toward the second century of our profession, the USC Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy embarks upon a historic effort to raise \$6 million in support of five major priorities: faculty, research, facilities, students, and impact.

Part of the \$6 billion Campaign for the University of Southern California, this initiative is the largest fundraising effort ever pursued by an occupational therapy higher education program. It will ensure that the USC Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy continues to be a place where faculty push the envelope of innovative thought and practice, where tomorrow's leaders receive a world-class education, and where scientific research responds to society's most urgent health issues.

Join us, as we realize our full potential through the Campaign for USC Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy.





F A C U L T Y

Our vision: recruiting and retaining the best and brightest scholars, educators, and experts from a variety of disciplines in order to fuel our growth and sustain our influence.

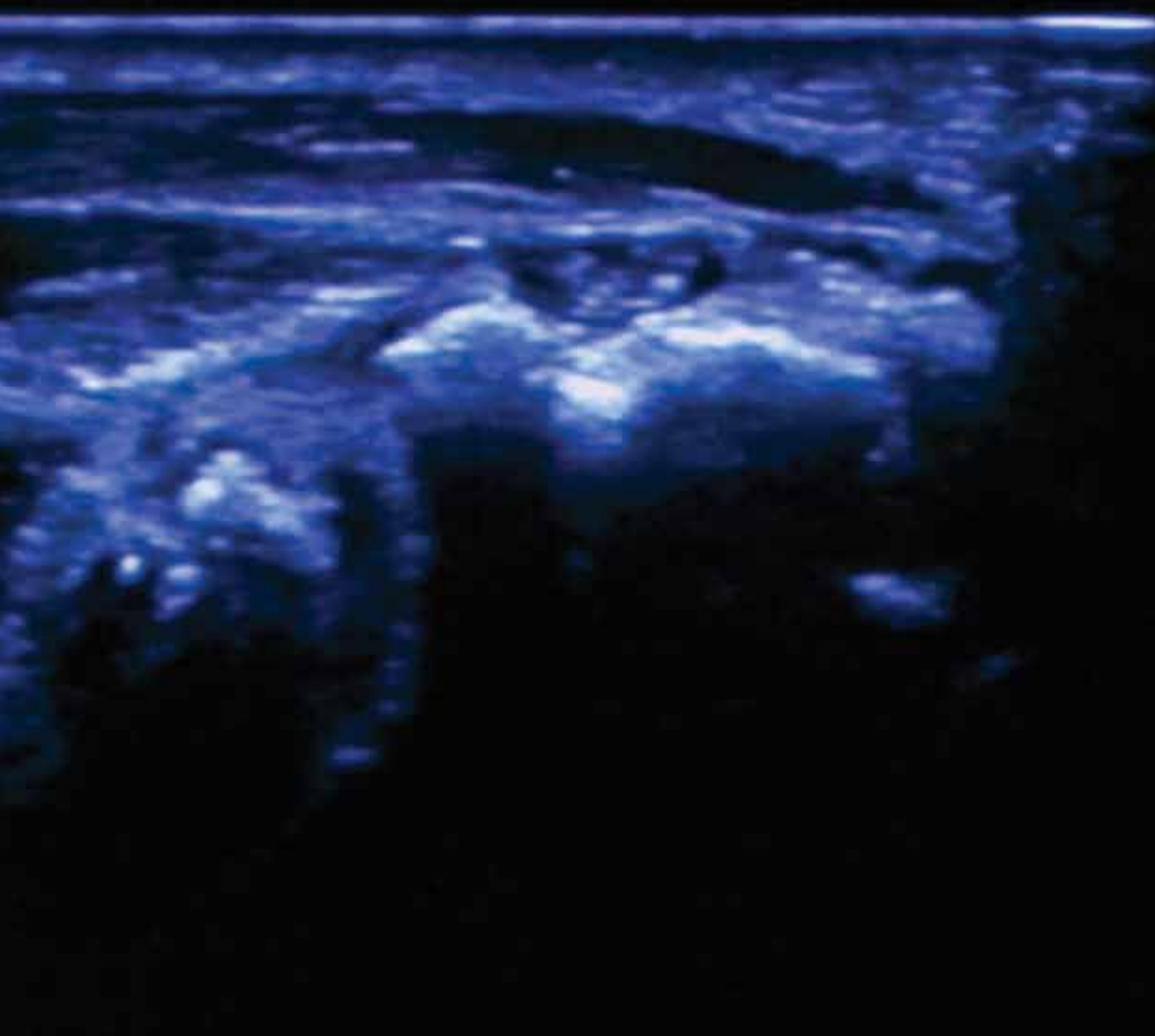
Giving opportunities include naming the associate deanship, named professorships, named directorships, and support for senior faculty recruitment, junior faculty career development, and visiting professorships.



R E S E A R C H

Our vision: investing in current and new research priorities of significance to the health and wellness of individuals, families, communities, and societies.

Giving opportunities include named research centers, interdisciplinary institutes, and specific programs and laboratories, as well as innovation and bridge funding.



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Our vision: new and revitalized facilities, capital assets, and infrastructure ensuring USC remains at the vanguard of research, education, and practice.

Giving opportunities include named buildings, classrooms, libraries, and collections, as well as infrastructure and technology for teaching.



S T U D E N T S

Our vision: access to, and excellence throughout, the USC student educational experience to continue attracting today's high caliber students—tomorrow's leaders—from across the nation and world.

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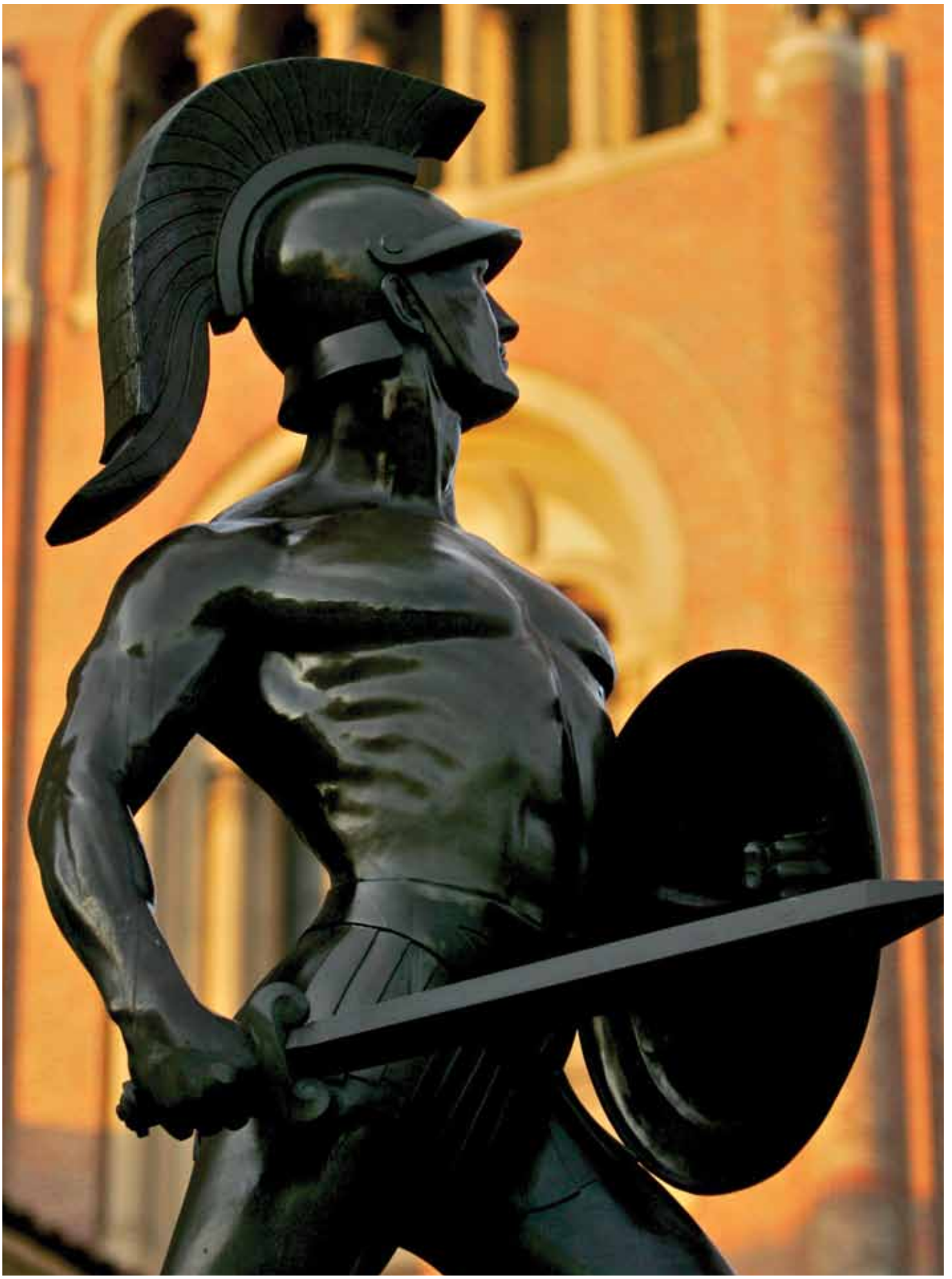
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Our vision: extending our capacity for delivering quality care throughout the USC health enterprise, influencing the profession at-large, and engaging communities both near and far.

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If \$6 million sounds like an audacious figure, that's because **it is**.
The Campaign for USC Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy
will be the **largest ever** in the history of occupational science and
occupational therapy higher education.

But this Campaign is not about the money. It's about what the money **will do**.

Every person. Every program. Every gift **counts**.

With the generosity of alumni, friends, patients, and partners worldwide,
together we will make history.



To learn more about the many ways of giving to USC, including how
your generosity can benefit your own financial planning, please visit
ot.usc.edu/campaign

Fight On!

INPATIENT REHAB UNIT OPENS AT KECK HOSPITAL OF USC

For the first time in more than 10 years, the Keck Hospital of USC has an inpatient rehabilitation unit.

Unveiled earlier this month with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, the facility will act as a place for patients to recuperate and regain their strength while recovering from a variety of ailments, including strokes, spinal cord and brain injuries, limb amputations, burns, cardiac disorders, and neurological disorders, such as multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease.

"This will serve a critical need for our hospital," said Janice White, the unit's director of inpatient rehabilitation. "It will allow for patients to have continuation of medical care."

Although work only started in January, the makeover of 3 North Rehabilitation Center is complete. There is a large gym, a generous day and dining room, and 17 private rooms.

In just those few months, White has assembled a team of rehabilitation nurses,

with the majority being Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurses. Also, all physical therapists and occupational therapists are clinical faculty at USC.

"This was an all-hands-on-deck team effort to get this done," White said.

To be admitted to the unit, patients must meet certain criteria, including having a medical diagnosis that results in functional impairment, being medically stable, but continuing to need supervision and care, and having a functional impairment interfering with their ability to perform activities of daily living.

The average stay is 12-14 days, but patients' time on the unit will vary based on medical necessity and functional goals, White said. To help them transition back to their regular lives, patients will be encouraged to behave as if they're not in a hospital—they will wear street clothes and have family visit. There are even fold-out beds in the rooms for loved ones.

"This is a bridge to home," White said.

"Here they can start mimicking home life."

The unit also includes an Activities of Daily Living Training Room, with a kitchen, a bed, and a bathroom. It will act as a bridge for patients to be able to function more independently when they return to their home environment.

"It addresses not only the physical, but the psychosocial aspect of recovery," said hospital administrator Sharon Lee.

Lee said the unit allows physicians to keep a closer eye on their patients during their rehabilitation.

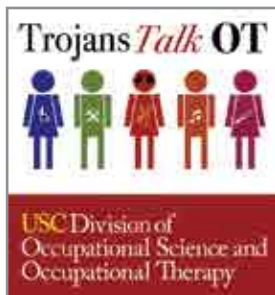
"Our patients really need this type of environment to expand the continuum of care we provide to our patients," she said. "Prior to the unit opening, we were sending our patients to other rehabilitation facilities in the community. Now, we are able to keep those patients in the USC family."

—Reprinted from *Med Center E-News*

FLORENCE CLARK DELIVERS 2013 ANNE CRONIN MOSEY LECTURESHIP AT NYU STEINHARDT

Associate Dean and Professor Florence Clark delivered the New York University Steinhardt Department of Occupational Therapy's 2013 Anne Cronin Mosey Lectureship, entitled "Approaching Occupational Therapy's Silver Anniversary: Perspectives on the Controversial 'Marriage' of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy," in March. The lecture, named in honor of Anne Cronin Mosey, a former Chair and faculty member of the NYU Steinhardt Department of Occupational Therapy since 1966, is intended to address controversial, timely issues facing the occupational therapy profession.

View Clark's lecture in its entirety online at vimeo.com/62729507



STUDENT-PRODUCED PODCAST "TROJANS TALK OT" GOES LIVE

"Trojans Talk OT," a new student-produced podcast series, is available online now. Hosted by master's students Alyssa Concha and Rob Russow, the podcast features conversations with researchers, vendors, students, and practitioners about important research, events, and perspectives on practice, aiming to empower the greater professional community.

"I just wanted a chance to interview some of the bright minds we have in this field," says Russow.

Episodes are available on the Division website as well as on iTunes, SoundCloud, and YouTube. ot.usc.edu/news-and-events/trojans-talk-ot

OUTGOING GRADUATES GENEROUSLY DONATE THOUSANDS FOR MILITARY VETERANS

In an overwhelming display of generosity, the graduating class of occupational therapy students has donated over \$2,000 to a fundraising account earmarked for a future campus veterans center. The class decided on the giving objective by voting on several potential ideas.

"USC's founding is tied with treating veterans injured in World War II, and with today's generation of military veterans needing occupational therapy more than ever, it's a really touching idea and in many ways an example of how the profession in general, and USC occupational therapy in particular, is coming full circle," said Division Assistant Director of Development Amber Pollard.

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Clinical faculty positions at the
Keck Medical Center of USC
are posted online today at
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Congratulations to the over 120 USC alumni, students, and faculty members who presented at the 93rd annual conference of the American Occupational Therapy Association! Fight On!



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Michal S. Atkins MA '89
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Aaron Bonsall, PhD student
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Associate Dean and Professor Florence Clark PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, finishes her three-year term as President of the American Occupational Therapy Association in June 2013. Clark is the fourth USC Trojan to serve as the nation's most visible and influential occupational therapist, joining former presidents Wilma West, Florence Cromwell, and Mary Foto.

Congratulations,
Dr. Clark, and Fight On!



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JULY	26 - 27	AOTA 2013 Specialty Conference Advancing School-Based Practice Hilton Minneapolis, Minneapolis, MN www.aota.org/ConfandEvents	OCTOBER	24 - 27	OTAC 37th Annual Conference and USC Alumni and Friends Reception Hyatt Sacramento & Sacramento Convention Center www.otaconline.org
AUGUST	9	Documentation for Reimbursement Continuing Education Course Center for Health Professions, USC HSC ot.usc.edu/academics/continuing-education	NOVEMBER	8	24th USC Occupational Science Symposium and Reception USC University Park Campus ot.usc.edu/research/symposium