Welcome Alexandra Borstad!

The Division of Physical Therapy is pleased to introduce its newest faculty member, Dr. Alexandra Borstad, PT, PhD, NCS.

Dr. Borstad began her role as Assistant Research Professor this fall, bringing with her an expertise in neurorehabilitation, stroke, and neuroimaging analysis.

Dr. Borstad’s extensive training includes a BA in Biology and Corporate Fitness, a BS in Physical Therapy, in addition to an MS in Neurologic Rehabilitation and a PhD in Health and Rehabilitation Science, both of which she received here at OSU. Her dissertation entitled, “Functional and Structural Neural Correlates of Sensory Discrimination after Stroke” was supervised by Dr. Deborah Larsen. After receiving her PhD in 2012, Dr. Borstad stayed with Ohio State and completed her post-doctoral fellowship in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation with Dr. Lynne Gauthier. Dr. Borstad is currently studying the underlying brain mechanisms of advantageous and detrimental neuroplasticity after upper motor neuron damage using both behavioral and MRI imaging techniques.

DPT Class of 2015 5k Run/Walk

The DPT Class of 2015 is hosting a 5k on Saturday, October 5th at 10:00am to raise money to attend APTA’s Combined Sections Meeting in February 2014 held in Las Vegas. To sign-up and help our students, go to https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Columbus/OSUDPT5kRunWalk

National Student Conclave

In late October, the Division will be sending 18 students to Louisville, KY to attend the ATPA’s National Student Conclave. At this weekend-long conference, students will network with peers, experts and distinguished leaders in physical therapy, while expanding their knowledge by attending various different lectures. Drs. John DeWitt and Matt Briggs will be giving a lecture on residency and fellowship education.
Student Updates: Happy Endings and New Beginnings

The Division said goodbye and congratulations to the Class of 2013 this past May, graduating 39 strong with a 100% pass-rate on the national boards. Class Vice President Briana Read was awarded DPT Outstanding Graduate Student, Ryan Burnett received the Pat Mahoney Clinical Excellence Award, and Class President Alanna Roark received the Lynn Colby Service and Leadership Award.

In June, the Division welcomed 46 students, making up the newest DPT Class of 2016, two of whom are pursuing the dual DPT/PhD degree, Lindsey Brown and Christopher Woeste. Faculty, students, friends and family gathered in late July for their official coating ceremony. The PT faculty is looking forward to three great years with this enthusiastic class!

New Look for the New Year

This summer, the PT offices underwent a total head-to-toe renovation, completed just in time for the new 2013-2014 academic year. Faculty and students are enjoying carpeted floors, a fresh and warmer paint color, new mailboxes, and all new furniture.

This was made possible by funding from the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences with additional support from generous alumni donations.

Global Health Service Learning Continues

During Spring Semester 2013, 8 members of the DPT Class of 2013, 3 faculty and 2 alumnae traveled to Merida for the Global Health Service Learning Course. The group provided physical therapy services in 8 facilities and taught an English lesson to young girls in a group home, enjoying many cultural experiences along the way.

In December 2012, 13 alumnae, faculty, and friends participated in another volunteer service trip to Merida. The alumnae, 6 of whom had been to Merida as part of the Global Health Service-Learning course as students, provided PT service in both familiar and new facilities, and enjoyed some adventures that supplemented their previous Merida experience. If you are interested in an alumni trip to Merida, please contact Dale Deubler, PT, MS at daledeous@gmail.com
**Residency Program Highlights**

The residency and fellowship programs at OSUWMC have grown tremendously since inception in 2006. The Division of Physical Therapy currently supports credentialed programs in Geriatric, Neurologic, Orthopaedic, Pediatric, and Sports specialties through collaborative clinical partnerships boasting more credentialed PT residencies than any academic medical center in the country. Every year, each program accepts 1-2 of the best and brightest young clinicians throughout the country to participate in clinical mentored practice, didactic education, research, and teaching that offers novel training opportunities for both residents and our entry-level students.

OSUWMC residencies have over 30 graduates and a 100% first time pass rate for specialty certification boards. With a highly skilled and committed faculty, residents have the opportunity to practice with some of the best clinicians and researchers in the country to provide essential training in becoming future leaders in the profession. Many of our alumni have used residency training to secure academic and residency faculty positions, highly specialized clinical practice areas, and some are working with Olympic and professional athletes.

Future programs currently in development include a collaboration with the Cleveland Indians to provide an Upper Extremity Athlete Fellowship as well as Performing Arts and Endurance Athlete Fellowships through OSU Sports Medicine.

The APTA currently has 140 credentialed residencies and 30 credentialed fellowship programs around the country. To learn more about post-professional training and OSUWMC programs please visit [http://medicine.osu.edu/hrs/pt/residency/pages/index.aspx](http://medicine.osu.edu/hrs/pt/residency/pages/index.aspx) or [http://www.abp.ptrfe.org](http://www.abp.ptrfe.org).

**Alumni News**

Mary Jane (Koch) Rapport, PT, DPT, PhD, FAPTA (left, OSU ’81) and Nancy Cicirello, PT, MPH, Ed.D. (right, OSU ’71) were both honored this year by the APTA. Dr. Rapport was named a Catherine Worthingham Fellow of the APTA, the professional association’s highest honor. Dr. Cicirello received the Lucy Blair Service Award in recognition of consistent service to the profession, the Association, the Section on Pediatrics, and the international community over the last four decades.

Selena Eskinza-Budge received the Legacy Grant Fund from the Sports Section of the APTA for her study on Identification of neuromuscular and functional characteristics of ACL-reconstructed athletes at the time of medical discharge through clinically-based outcome tools.

**CSM 2013**

Please look for us at CSM in Las Vegas. Registration is opening now, and we will have an Alumni Reception during the conference. We will contact you all with a save the date card as soon as we have the details.

**Faculty Updates**

Dr. Amelia Siles, DPT, NCS, was selected for the Neurology Section Task Force for the strategic plan to develop clinical practice guidelines and evidence based documents.

Dr. John DeWitt, DPT, SCS, is a member of a working group to develop clinical practice guidelines for concussion management in school aged children. This task force is organized by Centers for Disease Control.

Dr. Laura C. Schmitt, PT, PhD, received an Early Career Investigator Award in biomechanics research from the Biomechanics Special Interest Group of the APTA.

Dr. Tonya Apke, DPT, OCS, received the Outstanding Service Awards from the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.

Drs. Anne Kloos, PT, PhD, NCS, and Deb Kegelmeyer, DPT, MS, GCS, had their research featured by FOX News for their study of the effect of playing the video game Dance, Dance, Revolution Game on balance, mobility, and cognition in individuals with multiple sclerosis (MS). See the feature story online.
Outstanding CI Award
The PT Division awarded the 2012 Outstanding CI Award to Paula Melson, PT, MMS from Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center. Paula was recognized for her strong teaching skills, professionalism and exemplary clinical skills. Congratulations Paula!

Clinical Excellence Committee
Drs. Apke and Buford have joined together with the clinical leaders from throughout the Wexner Medical Center at Ohio State to form a clinical excellence committee. By engaging the leaders from outpatient (Tom Caldwell), inpatient and Dodd (Barbara Beech-Brown), the Spine Center (Jen Belu), The James (Karen Hock), and OSU East (Andy Morris), we are working to increase integration across the mission areas of research, education, and clinical practice. As an academic program, we highly value these clinical partnerships as the places where many of our students receive their clinical training. We are also fortunate to have access to master clinicians in many practice areas who help teach in our program. And, we benefit greatly from the innovative clinical practices being developed in the academic medical center. In turn, we hope to be able to serve as a resource for the clinics for evidence based practice. The residency program described above is one example of excellent cooperative partnership. The opportunity to engage in the mentoring of residents, serving as a clinical instructor, and contributing to the research mission of the academic program is a powerful draw for the best clinicians in the country. It is our hope that this partnership will continue to improve the excellence in the clinical practice of physical therapy at OSUWMC so that we can pay it forward in gratitude for all the help our program has received from the clinics over the years.

As one of the first tangible results of this effort, Dr. Apke brought together PTs, OTs, and SLPs from all areas in the medical center for a continuing education program in clinical mentoring. We had close to 100 attendees and initial reports are that the program was very well received.

More Faculty Coming Soon
As noted at the start of this report, we are excited to have Dr. Alexandra Borstad join us. We are also seeking a new senior faculty member in the musculoskeletal area. If you or someone you know is interested in applying for this position, we encourage you to see the job description on the next page. Our goal is to have this person on board in 2014.

Dr. Melissa Kidder, DPT, OCS, Leads Orthopedic Skills Labs
Over the past several years as we have implemented the residency program and reformatted the curriculum for semesters, we have moved to a model with a shared position between the clinics and the program for a master clinician who serves as a leader in the residency program to also serve as the leader for the skills labs in that area. The first person in that role was Dr. Matt Briggs, DPT, SCS, who is now engaged full time as a PhD student. The next person was Dr. Jacquelyn Ruen, DPT, OCS. Dr. Ruen has now moved back to her home region in the upper Midwest, where she and her husband, Jason, are settling in as newlyweds. We wish her the best of luck there. Now leading our orthopedics skills labs is Dr. Melissa Kidder. Mel has actually been the clinical coordinator for the orthopedic residency since its inception and as such is highly familiar with the residency program and the roles our residents play as assistant instructors in the labs. We are grateful to Mel for her willingness to accept this role and grateful to the OSUWMC Sports Medicine group for their flexibility in staffing to allow her to take on this split role.
Faculty Position Available – Orthopedic PT

The Physical Therapy Division at The Ohio State University invites applications for a full-time tenure track faculty member with expertise in musculoskeletal physical therapy. Our mission is to advance the profession of physical therapy through education, scholarship, leadership, and service. Our vision is to be among the truly great physical therapy programs. To achieve these goals, we seek a candidate who has demonstrated excellence as a scholar, educator, and professional leader who will advance through the ranks as a faculty member.

Qualifications:

1. Research-based doctoral degree (PhD or equivalent), with a post-doctoral research fellowship preferred.
2. A history of scholarly excellence in orthopedics, biomechanics, neuromuscular rehabilitation, or related areas; a history of extramural grant funding is expected.
3. Ability to teach in the DPT curriculum in content pertaining to musculoskeletal-related rehabilitation and related areas of kinesiology, biomechanics, neuromuscular control, and rehabilitation. A willingness to teach as part of a team in an integrated curriculum is required.
4. Capability to mentor PhD students and contribute to teaching of advanced coursework in our Health and Rehabilitation Sciences PhD program.
5. Eligible for Ohio licensure as a physical therapist (if applicable). Candidates who do not have a clinical degree in physical therapy may be considered.

Salary and rank are negotiable and will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Candidates who qualify for associate or full professor are highly preferred for this position, but an appointment at the assistant level may be considered for the candidate with an established funding and publication record that is indicative of sustained scholarly success. Laboratory space and a start-up package will be negotiated based on the candidate’s scholarship requirements and goals.

The OSU PT faculty includes successful scientists, master clinicians, and professional leaders with records of excellence in scholarship, teaching, professional service, and clinical practice. Each tenure track faculty has an extramurally funded research program, and all faculty members contribute to the science of practice. The program has the resources to support excellence in all mission areas.

Our DPT program is ranked in the top 20 nationally, and we have a strong and growing PhD program in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, including a DPT/PhD dual degree program. We are located in a major academic medical center and on a campus with the largest grouping of health sciences programs nationally. Our extensive university offers nearly limitless possibilities for collaboration and innovation. The Division of Physical Therapy is aligned with Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center, OSU Sports Medicine, Dodd Rehabilitation Center, the Wright Center for Excellence in Imaging, and Nationwide Children’s Hospital. Columbus, the largest metropolitan center in Ohio, is very affordable and family-friendly, with a vibrant and diverse economy and culture.

Applications should be submitted to: John Borstad, PT, PhD, borstad.1@osu.edu Applications must include a letter of application describing qualifications and interest in the position, a curriculum vitae, and contact information for three references.

To build a diverse workforce, Ohio State encourages applications from individuals with disabilities, minorities, veterans, and women. EEO/AA employer.