Greetings UW Rehabilitation Medicine friends and colleagues,

It’s hard to believe fall is upon us already. With the changing of the seasons, we usher in a whole new group of outstanding students to each of our graduate degree programs—physical therapy, occupational therapy, and prosthetics and orthotics. I am delighted to welcome these new students on their first step to exciting professions in the field of rehabilitation medicine.

This fall also marks the retirement of Dr. Elizabeth Kanny. Dr. Kanny was on the faculty for more than 33 years, 28 of which were as Division Head for Occupational Therapy. Dr. Kanny’s strong commitment and dedication to OT education will be greatly missed. Please see more about Dr. Kanny’s impressive career on page 4. Janet Powell, PhD, OTR/L is currently serving as interim OT Division Head while a search for the new Division Head is underway.

Finally, planning is already underway for our 29th Annual Review Course in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Co-chairs Tom McNalley, MD, and Karen Barr, MD are lining up expert faculty to provide a thorough review for ABPM&R certification and re-certification exams. Please be sure to save the dates: March 25—31, 2012.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of the department. Contact us at rehab@uw.edu with questions or comments.

Peter Esselman, MD, MPT
Professor and Chairman

Soon after Dr. Justus F. Lehmann was appointed as the first chair of the department in 1957, he initiated the physical therapy training program, followed by the occupational therapy training program in 1959. The prosthetics and orthotics program was created at the beginning of the department’s second decade. Today, these programs continue to grow and evolve. We are proud of the continued successes of our teaching programs, and with that, we are very pleased to welcome our new students.
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**Division of Physical Therapy: DPT Degree Program**

The Division of PT faculty and staff welcome the DPT Class of 2013. Applicants are evaluated based on scholastic records, standardized test scores, volunteer and/or paid PT-related experiences, personal statements, and letters of recommendation. Acceptance offers were sent to the most qualified of nearly 600 total applicants to fill the 43 available positions. The class includes 22 women and 21 men from Washington, Idaho, Montana, California and Guam. They come from diverse educational backgrounds; exercise science is the most common degree, but also represented are degrees in such fields as public health, nursing, international affairs, biology, chemistry, English and dance.

**Division of Occupational Therapy: MOT Degree Program**

The Division of OT faculty and staff are pleased to welcome the MOT class of 2013. This year, we admitted 27 students from a pool of 159 applicants. Our entering class includes students with strong academic records, broad volunteer and/or paid OT related work experiences, and a variety of undergraduate majors. Although the largest number of admitted students majored in psychology or biology, we also have students with degrees in music, English, communications, and foreign language.
Division of Prosthetics & Orthotics: MPO Degree Program

The Division of P&O faculty and staff are honored to welcome the inaugural Master of Prosthetics and Orthotics (MPO) class. The nine students in the Class of 2013 bring diverse educational backgrounds to their study of P&O, holding undergraduate degrees in bioengineering, kinesiology, education, writing, history and East Asian studies. Professional experiences include special education teaching in Philadelphia and directing museum education programs in Idaho.

Dan Daley relocated from Montana to enter the program. "I feel very privileged and fortunate to be part of the first MPO class here at UW. It is an honor for me to learn from some of the most innovative and leading P&O professionals in the field. I am excited for all of the opportunities that await me as I complete the program, and I look forward to the day when I can say I am an alum of UW's first MPO program!"

RESEARCH: Several Rehabilitation Medicine Faculty Affiliated with New Center for Sensorimotor Neural Engineering

A diverse group of faculty from the UW College of Engineering, UW College of Arts and Sciences and the UW Medical Center are involved in the exciting new Engineering Research Center for Sensorimotor Neural Engineering (CSNE). Among them are 5 Rehabilitation Medicine faculty members: Brian Hafner, PhD, assistant professor, Valerie Kelly, PT, PhD, assistant professor, Kurt Johnson, PhD, professor, Chet Moritz, PhD, assistant professor, and Janet Powell, PhD, OTR/L, associate professor.

In July, the National Science Foundation awarded the UW $18.5 million over 5 years (with the possibility of renewal over another 5 years) to establish the CSNE. The center will create robotic devices that are integrated with the body’s nervous system to restore or augment the body’s capabilities for sensation and movement. These new technologies show great promise for people with amputations, spinal cord injuries, cerebral palsy, stroke, Parkinson’s disease or age-related neurological disorders. Yoky Matsuoka, PhD, of Computer Science and Engineering, is the center’s director; Tom Daniel, PhD, of Biology, is the center’s deputy director.

The majority of the funding for the CSNE will support undergraduate and graduate research. Most recently, Sara Morgan, CPO, who is a student in the PhD in Rehabilitation Science program, received a 2-year Seed Project Grant from the CSNE. Sara Morgan, Dr. Kelly, and Dr. Hafner collaborated on the proposal to build upon their mutual interests and pursue a new line of research in the cognitive demands associated with ambulation in persons with lower limb loss.

Dr. Hafner is also co-mentoring graduate student, Morgan Redfield of computer science and engineering, who has just received a grant through the CSNE. Joan Sanders, PhD, associate professor of bioengineering, and Dr. Hafner are working with Morgan Redfield to develop a sensing platform to measure key outcomes of interest in persons with limb loss.

To learn more about the CSNE, please visit their website:
http://csne.washington.edu/
After more than 33 years on faculty, Elizabeth Kanny, Ph.D., OTR/L, FAOTA, officially retired on September 30, 2011. Dr. Kanny served as the Division Head of Occupational Therapy for an impressive 28 years. Prior to joining the UW faculty, she worked for over 10 years in occupational therapy practice. Throughout the span of her career, Dr. Kanny has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to occupational therapy education as evidenced through her administrative excellence, teaching, professional presentations, and peer-reviewed publications.

Born and raised in St. Paul, Minnesota, Dr. Kanny’s interest in occupational therapy began when she was in high school and she became well acquainted with one of her mother’s friends who was an occupational therapist. After a year at the University of California at Berkeley, she returned to Minneapolis to complete her Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy from the University of Minnesota. She later went on to earn her Master’s Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling at Seattle University, and her PhD from the College of Education at the University of Washington. Dr. Kanny’s leadership in education and administration has resulted in her being named to the AOTA (American Occupational Therapy Association) Roster of Fellows. Such an honor recognizes occupational therapist members of AOTA who, with their knowledge and expertise, have made a significant contribution to the continuing education and professional development of members of the Association. In addition, she has received five AOTA service awards for her task force leadership and service on the Commission of Standards and Ethics.

Dr. Kanny has given numerous national and state presentations that recognize her expertise in teaching technology and ethical decision-making. She has been Principal Investigator on 15 grants and/or project director for 19 research and training grants aimed at improving the education of occupational therapists. She has 18 peer-reviewed journal articles published related to OT education and practice and has written four book chapters including two recent chapters in textbooks widely used in OT education. Dr. Kanny is highly regarded for her teaching excellence. Throughout her career, she has continually developed and updated her courses to reflect state of the art information and practice standards. In mentoring occupational therapy students, she is well-known for fostering long-term commitments to political advocacy and professional leadership in occupational therapy.

A retirement celebration was held for Dr. Kanny in June at the UW Faculty Club. She worked part-time until September 30. She continues in the Department as emeritus faculty, teaching her course on Leadership & Management Autumn Quarter 2011. Following that, Dr. Kanny hopes to spend lots of time relaxing, enjoying life, and traveling.

US News & World Report Ranking

University of Washington has been ranked #3 nationally for rehabilitation care in the 2011 US News & World Report rankings. We have been ranked in the top four programs for the last 22 years (rankings began in 1990). Scoring is based on a national survey of physicians who are board-certified in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation.
Dr. Kraft Receives MS Society Lifetime Achievement Award

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society awarded one of its highest honors—the Lifetime Achievement Award—to Dr. George Kraft. The award, to be presented to Dr. Kraft at the society’s national conference in Dallas on November 3rd, recognizes 35 or more years of service to MS care. Dr. Kraft is a well-known expert in multiple sclerosis clinical care, education and research. He joined the UW faculty in 1969 and has served as director of the Western MS Clinical Center since 1979. He is also the Alvord professor of Multiple Sclerosis Research. Dr. Ellsworth “Buster” Alvord was the former head of neuropathology at the UW’s Department of Pathology, and a recipient of the MS Society’s Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005.

Dr. Kevin Hakimi named Chief of Rehabilitation Services at VA Puget Sound

As the new Director of Rehabilitation Care Services at VA Puget Sound Health Care System, Dr. Kevin Hakimi, assistant professor, is responsible for a growing department of 137 employees. Rehabilitation Care Services (RCS) at VA Puget Sound provides medical and therapeutic services throughout the hospital, nursing homes and within the VA’s 2 CARF accredited programs. In 2010, RCS saw over 30,000 unique patients in their outpatient setting. Development of Spine and Musculoskeletal programs has been responsible for much of the outpatient growth. Additionally, RCS has 3 regional programs: Regional Amputee Center, Multiple Sclerosis Center of Excellence and a Polytrauma Network Site which demonstrates their clinical expertise and leadership in rehabilitative care within the VA. Educating future health care providers is crucial to RCS’s mission; they currently support training in PM&R, Rehab Psychology, PT, OT, Speech and Audiology. Additionally, RCS continues to have one of the strongest VA Rehab Research programs in the county. “I look forward to working with a faculty and staff fully devoted to improving function and quality of life for those we serve,” said Dr. Hakimi. “I am confident we will continue to grow to meet the needed services for our Veterans while maintaining both our academic missions of education and research excellence.”

Dr. Mark Jensen Publishes Book on Hypnosis

Congratulations to Dr. Mark Jensen on the publication of his new book titled, *Hypnosis for Chronic Pain Management: Therapist Guide* (Treatments That Work). The guide is written for clinicians who treat patients with chronic pain and who wish to incorporate hypnosis and hypnotic procedures into their treatment protocols, or those clinicians who already have training in clinical hypnosis and hope to acquire the skills needed to apply it to pain management.

Dr. Jirikowic to Present in the UW Medicine Science in Medicine Lecture Series

Tracy Jirikowic, PhD, OTR/L, assistant professor, will present, “Biobehavioral Perspectives On The Effects Of Prenatal Alcohol Exposure On Children’s Development,” in the 2011/2012 Science in Medicine Lecture series.

**DATE:** Wednesday, December 7, 2011  
**TIME:** 12:00p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** FOEGE Auditorium, FOEGE Building, University of Washington

Please Join Us!  
The Annual Alumni Reception at the 2011 AAPM&R Meeting:

University of Washington PM&R Residency Training Program alumni, as well former and current faculty are cordially invited to attend the alumni reception at the 2011 American Academy of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation meeting in Orlando, Florida.

**DATE:** Friday, November 18th  
**TIME:** 7:00-10:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Gaylord Palms Hotel & ConventionCtr.
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WELCOME NEW FACULTY

Sandee Bristow,
MD, joins the department as a clinical assistant professor and new provider at the UW Center for Pain Relief at Roosevelt. Dr. Bristow’s clinical interests are in the treatment of chronic pain and related neurological and musculoskeletal pain. Her primary clinical focus is in the management of chronic spinal pain including diagnostic and therapeutic spinal injections. Dr. Bristow completed her PM&R residency at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital, and a pain medicine fellowship at the UW.

Leah Concannon,
MD, joins the department as a clinical assistant professor and new provider at our Sports and Spine Clinic at Harborview Medical Center. Dr. Concannon’s clinical interests are in the areas of non-operative sports and musculoskeletal injuries in athletes and non-athletes, and spine care including interventional procedures and electromyography. She has a special interest in athletes with concussions and gymnasts. Dr. Concannon completed her physical medicine and rehabilitation residency and sports medicine fellowship at the UW.

Edward (Ted) Claflin,
MD, joins the department as an acting assistant professor and new provider at our Rehabilitation Medicine Clinic at Harborview Medical Center. Dr. Claflin’s clinical interests are in the areas of stroke and neurological rehabilitation, trauma rehabilitation, electrodiagnostic testing, and spasticity management. His research interests are related to stroke and electrodiagnostic testing. Dr. Claflin received his medical degree from the University of Michigan and completed his physical medicine and rehabilitation residency at the UW.

EDUCATION & TRAINING: Welcome New Fellows

Dan
Colonno
Sports Medicine

Nesanet
Mitiku
Multiple Sclerosis

Wei
Han Tan
Spinal Cord Injury

Katherine
Rough
Neurologic PT

Jessica
Mackelprang
Psychology

Merry
Sylvestor
Psychology

Emily
Traupman
Psychology

Welcome New Fellows

Nesanet Mitiku
Multiple Sclerosis
Wei Han Tan
Spinal Cord Injury
Katherine Rough
Neurologic PT
Jessica Mackelprang
Psychology
Merry Sylvestor
Psychology
Emily Traupman
Psychology