Faculty and PhD Students Participate in Joint International Conference in OS

The 2014 Society for the Study of Occupation: USA, the Canadian Society of Occupational Scientists, and the International Society for Occupational Science Joint International Conference in Occupational Science, hosted by St. Catherine University, convened October 16-18 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The purpose of the conference is to foster collaboration in research and education on occupation by bringing together scholars who are committed to advancing the empirical, theoretical, and methodological knowledge base of occupational science. This year’s Ruth Zemke Lectureship honoree was Dr. Elizabeth Townsend of Dalhousie University, and the Townsend-Polatajko Lectureship honoree was Dr. Lynn Shaw of the University of Western Ontario.

Several faculty and doctoral students from UNC facilitated panels and workshops, and

Students Travel to DC for OT Day on the Hill

Eleven UNC MSOT students traveled to Washington, D.C., on September 15, 2014, to participate in the annual Occupational Therapy Day on the Hill organized by the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). They were joined by more than 550 occupational therapy practitioners, students, and faculty from across the country to discuss legislation that affects the practice of occupational therapy and represent our profession’s interests to policy makers.

Students personally met with members of Congress and their staff members to educate them on the value of occupational therapy and discuss current policy decisions. Two important issues that students brought to the attention of their representatives included the need to repeal the Medicare Outpatient Therapy Cap and

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Humphry Selected for 2015 Zemke Lecture

Ruth Humphry, PhD, OTR/L, Director of the UNC Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, has been selected to deliver the 2015 Ruth Zemke Lecture at the 2015 SSO-USA Conference in Occupational Science, hosted by the occupational therapy department at Nova Southeastern University, October 1-3, 2015, in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Continuing Ed Session at UNC in January

UNC will host “Ethical Approaches to Sexuality in Occupational Therapy” beginning at 5:30 p.m. on January 20, location TBA. The event will be worth 2 hours of continuing education credit, including an hour of the needed ethics component. The session will begin with a keynote speaker, with the second part being divided up into four breakout groups focusing on sexuality within their spheres: mental health, developmental disabilities, the aging population, and physical disabilities. For more information or questions, please contact Stephanie Ready at sready@med.unc.edu.

2015 Mitchell Symposium

Dorothy Holland, Boshamer Distinguished Professor of Anthropology Emeritus at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has been selected as the 2015 Mitchell Symposium Scholar. Holland will deliver a public lecture, tentatively titled “Community Capacity and Transformative Agency: A New Frontier for Occupational Science and Therapy,” on March 26. Look for additional details at www.alliedhealth.unc.edu/ocsci/about-us/mitchell-symposium in early 2015.