President's Perspective

As Election Day nears, President Milone-Nuzzo says the IHP's core values can help people during these challenging times.

Provost's Post

Dr. Alex Johnson talks about International Stuttering Awareness Day in his latest post: “Conflict and Confluence: Media Attention, Politics, and People Who Stutter (PWS).”

The Possible Health Implications of the 2020 Election

More than 250 people listened to faculty experts Alex Hoyt, Elissa Ladd, Josh Merson, Lisa Quinn, Kathy Simmonds, and Diane Smith at “What’s at Stake? Health Implications of the Election” on October 26. At the virtual event, moderated by Karen Donelan, Stuart H. Altman Chair in U.S. Health Policy at Brandeis University, the faculty members discussed how the results of the November 3 election could impact health care delivery, access to insurance, scope of practice, health justice, and the health professions.

The Importance of Voting

With Election Day occurring November 3, students with the IHP Votes initiative have put together videos from members of the IHP community on why it’s so important to vote this year, especially as it relates to health and health care professionals.

Celebrating Cutting-Edge Research & Student Support

The collaboration between Dr. Jordan Green, director of the Speech and Feeding Disorders Lab, and Dr. Michael Brenner of Harvard University, to develop an app using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to help

Faculty Discuss Climate Change with U.S. Sen. Markey

Dr. Patrice Nicholas, professor of nursing and director of the Center for Climate Change, Climate Justice, and Health, and Dr. Suellen Breakey, associate professor of
The Challenges of Providing Spiritual Care During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Dr. Sarah Rossmassler, an assistant professor of nursing, joined three members of the Massachusetts General Hospital Spiritual Care department to discuss caring for patients during COVID-19 at the 2020-2021 academic year’s first Kenneth B. Schwartz Center Educational Rounds.

IHP Is Only School in New England to Receive Diversity Recognition

For the fourth consecutive year, the IHP has received the Health Professions HEED Award from Insight Into Diversity magazine for demonstrating an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion.

COVID, Kids, Controlled Chaos

For Kristine and Mike Ruggiero, faculty members in the School of Nursing and Department of Physician Assistant Studies, respectively, balancing their roles as IHP faculty while raising four kids at home during the pandemic has been a lesson in controlled chaos.

Employees Recognized for Their Service at 2020 Ether Day

Thirty-eight employees, representing a combined 375 years of service to the IHP and/or other MGB affiliates, were recognized at the 2020 Ether Day celebration.

OT Faculty, Alumni, and Students Present at Massachusetts Conference

A record 20 presentations – nearly double that of any other OT program in the state – were made by faculty, alumni, and students from the Department of Occupational Therapy during the Massachusetts Occupational Therapy Association’s annual conference, held October 26-30.

A Virtual Observation of Kids
The annual Interprofessional Child Development Day event, affectionately known as “Baby Day,” involved 298 direct-entry students on October 30. The virtual event included 34 young children with ages between 4.5 months and 3 years – many of whose parents are IHP alumni and staff – so students could observe the kids and focus on understanding the roles and responsibilities of the various health care professionals in developmental assessment. CSD students created videos for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

NP Students Give Flu Shots

A dozen students in the Master of Science in Nursing program – including Melissa Hall (left) and Talya Briana (right) flanking President Paula Milone-Nuzzo – administered flu shots at Building 149 during two sessions in October. Five School of Nursing faculty also were on hand. All IHP employees must receive a flu shot by November 13 to comply with MGB regulations.

Names in the News

President Paula Milone-Nuzzo Named to Cooley Dickinson Board of Trustees

Dr. Paula Milone-Nuzzo has been named to the Board of Trustees at Cooley Dickinson Hospital. The Northampton hospital is an MGB affiliate.

Board Chair Jeanette Ives Erickson Named to Boston Business Journal's Power 50 List

Jeanette Ives Erickson, DNP '11, chair of the Board of Trustees, is on the Boston Business Journal's Power 50 list for her work as co-medical and operations director of the Boston Hope field hospital that cared for COVID-19 patients.

Phillips Named Fellow of American Medical Informatics Association

Dr. Andrew Phillips, associate professor of nursing, has been named a Fellow of the American Medical Informatics Association’s Applied Informatics Recognition Program. Phillips, who also is a faculty nurse scientist at Massachusetts General Hospital and the director of nursing research for the Spaulding Rehabilitation Network, is one of 154 Fellows in the association’s third class. The designation recognizes AMIA members who apply informatics skills and knowledge within their professional setting, who have demonstrated professional achievement and leadership, and who have contributed to the betterment of the organization. A formal induction ceremony will occur in May 2021.

McKinnon, Merson Recognized by Boston University
Dr. Sarah McKinnon and Joshua Merson received alumni awards from Boston University, their alma mater, at the Sargent College Alumni Award event on October 3.

McKinnon, director of the IHP’s post-professional Doctor of Occupation Therapy program, received the Emerging Leader Award for launching the new OTD program and for her “willingness to go above and beyond to support her students.” Merson, an assistant professor of physician assistant studies, received the Professional Achievement Award for establishing an innovative curriculum in the Institute’s PA program and for his leadership as president of the Massachusetts Association for Physician Assistants.

Erler Receives Award at Mass. OT Conference

Dr. Kimberly Erler received the Herbert Hall Award for Outstanding Service to the Profession of Occupational Therapy during the Massachusetts Occupational Therapy Association’s annual conference on October 26 - 30. The award recognizes an individual or group that has demonstrated outstanding service to the OT profession in the state of Massachusetts.

IHP Scholarship, Research, & News

Communication Sciences & Disorders

Adlof, S. M., & Hogan, T. P. (2019). If we don't look, we won't see: Measuring language development to inform literacy instruction. Policy Insights from the Behavioral and Brain Sciences, 6(2), 210-217. https://doi.org/10.1177/2372732219839075

Green, J. R. (2020). Silent no more: New AI technologies give voice to the voiceless: Technology that can speak someone's thoughts? It's just one of the ways AI could help people with limited or no speech. ASHA Leader, 25(7), 51.


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Interprofessional Education and Practice


Physical Therapy


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### New Employees

**Russell Banks**  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow  
Brain Recovery Lab

**Lauren Baron**  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow  
Cognitive Neuroscience Group

**Rachel Cox**  
Assistant Professor  
School of Nursing

**Jessica DeMarinis Asiello**  
Instructor  
Occupational Therapy

### Virtual Library Support

The Janis P. Bellack Library and Study Commons may be closed, but librarians are still available to provide you with research and assignment support. **Send us your questions or book an online research consultation.** We are also offering no-contact pickup for physical library materials. **Visit our website for all of the details and to request materials.** Additionally, more e-textbooks have recently been added to the e-course reserves.

### Looking for Stories from the Field

The Student Government Association’s Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow Committee, in collaboration with the Alumni Relations Department, would like to collaborate with you on a new initiative. This endeavor, through the sharing of your stories from the field, aims to bring life to the black-and-white pages of student textbooks. It also seeks to connect students, alumni, faculty, and clinical supervisors to each other through the sharing of paths taken or not, opportunities realized, and experiences that will be remembered for a lifetime. The stories will then be included in a standalone e-publication that will be sent out in spring 2021. Please **submit your story** by Thursday, December 31.
Pie in the Sky Bake Sale to Benefit Community Servings

The Staff Council’s Community Service Committee once again is sponsoring the purchase of Thanksgiving pies through the Pie in the Sky bake sale to benefit Community Servings. Because of COVID-19, pies this year are limited so please order early. For more information and instructions on how to buy a pie, please email the IHP Staff Council Community Service Committee.

Calendar

11/3: Critical Race Theory and The 2020 Election Debrief, Noon–1:00 p.m.
11/5: Community Conversation: Presidential Election, Noon
11/9: Cooked: Survival by Zip Code Documentary Discussion, Noon
11/16-11/20: Career Development Week
11/27—11/27: Thanksgiving — Institute Closed

View more events on the Institute's Master Calendar.

Shop and Support the IHP

Support the IHP all year long by shopping with AmazonSmile. Just sign in to your Amazon or Amazon Prime account and the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.05% of the proceeds from your qualifying purchases to the IHP. Contact Christopher Bjork in the Office of Development for more information.

Institute Input

Please submit suggestions or comments about any issue at the IHP to President Milone-Nuzzo’s online suggestion box, Institute Input.

Feedback, Tips, Ideas, Etc.

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