Greetings from the Interim Chair

It is my very great pleasure to introduce myself as the Interim Chair of the PT department at the IHP.

For those who don’t know me, I have been involved in PT education at both Boston University and Simmons University since 1989. After taking the past several years to focus on developing quality online instruction, most recently at the IHP, it is wonderful to return to the PT community. I would like to thank faculty and students for their warm welcome and support.

It has been a busy year, as you will see in the Faculty News section. Elsewhere, you’ll find photos and brief descriptions of our students’ expanded opportunities in international and interprofessional practice.

I’m also pleased to report that Dr. Julie Keysor is now supporting faculty in the development of their scholarship. In addition to faculty recognition in this newsletter, other kudos go to:

Associate professors Laura Plummer, DPT ‘04, MS PT ‘02, and Anne McCarthy Jacobson, DPT ‘02, MS PT ‘99, were named as fellows to the Institute’s Teaching Excellence Academy for Learning (TEAL), joining Assistant Professor Caitlin Fitzgerald who was named in the first group in 2019.

Dr. Plummer has also been named the first director of the Dr. Charles A. and Ann Sanders IMPACT Practice Center. It is a part-time position, so Laura will still be involved with the PT department while following her passion for developing interprofessional education.

Our PT Club, led by assistant professors Jane Baldwin and Rania Karim, will sponsor a half-day continuing education course involving running mechanics which includes time in the cadaver lab. The proceeds from the course are for the Marquette Challenge and the Foundation for Physical Therapy Research. There will be a limited number of spots available so keep your eyes open for the announcement.

CSM is coming up later this week, so if you will be there please look for IHP students and faculty who are attending and presenting. Thanks to creativity and superb planning by Sara Knox and our staff, more of our students can attend CSM this year without missing classes. I can assure that they will love to meet you and hear about “life after

Combined Sections Meeting Info

PT faculty, students, alumni, and staff will present their research at the 2020 APTA Combined Sections Meeting on February 12-15.

Alumni Reception: February 13

Better Together APTA CSM: Denver Social, a joint event with APTAMA, MCPHS, Northeastern, and Simmons, is on Thursday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Henry's Tavern, 500 16th Street, Denver. We'll have complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Stop by the MGH Institute table for your free drink ticket.

PT Center Named for Marjorie Ionta

To honor longtime Mass General Hospital physical therapy director Marjorie Ionta’s role in creating the MGH Institute and launching its PT program, the Marjorie K. Ionta PT Center for Clinical Education and Health Promotion was dedicated last summer.

Alumnus to Use Grant to Make Impact at MGH

Michael Sullivan, DPT ’02, the director of Mass General’s
graduation” so I invite you to join us at the IHP PT alumni reception on February 13.

Wishing you a great 2020!

Lynn Foord, PhD, MEd, MSPT
Interim Chair

Faculty News

**Beth Cornforth, DPT ’08**, an instructor of physical therapy, has been accepted to the Parkinson’s Foundation Physical Therapy Faculty Program at Boston University. She will be one of a select few PT faculty who will learn the latest evidence-based findings in Parkinson’s research and care, which she can in turn teach to students on how to treat patients with Parkinson’s and other neurological disorders.

**Shweta Gore**, an assistant professor of physical therapy, is a co-recipient of the grant “Clinical Practice Guidelines on the Immediate Post-Acute Care Management of Patients with Rehabilitation Needs After Cardiovascular Events or Surgeries” from the American Physical Therapy Association.

**Teresa Kimberley**, director of the Brain Recovery Lab and a professor of physical therapy, has been awarded the MGH SPARC Award to Catalyze Brain Research. The goal of her submitted proposal is to formalize the MGH Center for Neurotechnology and Neurorecovery-IHP partnership, promoting transdisciplinary neurorecovery research.

**Sara Knox**, associate chair and an assistant professor of physical therapy, received the one-year grant, “Center for Large Data Research and Data Research in Rehabilitation,” from the Center for Large Data Research.

**Prue Plummer**, a professor of physical therapy, was reappointed to a second three-year term on the Clinical, Translational & Rehabilitation Research Committee for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. She received the 2019 Annual Volunteer Award in the category of Health Professional from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

**Shweta Gore** and **Cathy Schmidt, PhD ’16, DPT ’07**, assistant professors of physical therapy, received the grant, "Utilization of Outpatient Physical Therapy and the Impact on Opioid Use and Healthcare Utilization for Older Adults with Osteoarthritis," from the Center for Large Data Research & Data Sharing in Rehabilitation: Pilot Project Program.

Faculty Scholarship

More than two dozen faculty have published, received grants, presented at conferences, and received honors in recent months. **Check out their work.**

Several faculty members also presented papers last fall at the 2019 Educational Leadership Conference, a collaborative effort of the Academy of Physical Therapy Education and the American Council of Academic Physical Therapy.
Development of Domains of Competence for Student Outcomes in a Doctor of Physical Therapy Program. Presented by Associate Chair Sara Knox, Assistant Professor Keshrie Naidoo, DPT ’05, MS PT ’04, Assistant Professor Jane Baldwin, Assistant Professor Catherine T. Schmidt, Associate Professor Kevin Douglas Gross, DPT ’13, and Adjunct Professor Richard Burton Westrick.

Pro-Active Tutoring for Students at Risk of Underperforming in a Doctor of Physical Therapy Program. Presented by Associate Chair Sara Knox and PT Program Coordinator Hailey Laflin.

Supporting Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Learners in Doctor of Physical Therapy Education. Presented by Assistant Professor Keshrie Naidoo, Instructor Christopher Clock, DPT ’14, and Assistant Professor Laura Plummer.

Students Go Global During the Holiday Break

Guatemala

Eight students from the DPT program’s class of 2021 visited Guatemala with Dr. Jane Baldwin, the fourth year she has taken students to the Central American country. The group once again went to the PT clinic in Villa Nueva, where they worked to optimize treatment plans and overall patient approaches with its staff and other students. Each IHP student spent two mornings presenting in-services to the Guatemalan students, including ones on stroke and cerebral palsy, as well as participating in patient care.


India

Ten students from nursing, physical therapy, and speech-language pathology, accompanied by School of Nursing faculty members Dr. Elissa Ladd, Kaveri Roy, and Department of Physical Therapy faculty member Shweta Gore, went to Manipal, India. The students participated in an IP Education Simulation workshop, worked with staff at Kasturba Hospital, and along with their Indian student counterparts assisted patients in hospitals, village clinics, local schools, and community organizations.

Photo: Vivian Leung (DPT), Barbara Stathis (MSN), Kelsey Dimond (MSN), Julia Khar (MSN), Holly Irvin (MSN), Mark Hughes (MSN), Jocelyn Chokkattu (SLP), Steve Le (DPT), Kamaria Washington (DPT), and Jennifer Quiros (SLP) with department heads in the Department of Yoga at Kasturba Hospital.

New Faculty

Monica Arrigo
Instructor

Rania Karim
Assistant Professor

Alumni Corner

Greetings! I am delighted to know that this newsletter provides you with the “inside scoop” on the IHP PT Department of today. Your connecting back to the IHP is of utmost importance to us. We are working hard to bring programs and services to the alumni community that will be of most interest to you. To accomplish this goal, we need your input! Please feel free to email me with any thoughts or suggestions you might have.

Katie Mulcahy
Director of Alumni Relations
Alumni Award Nominations Accepted Through March 20

Know an alumnus who’s doing extraordinary things – even you? If so, please nominate a graduate for either the Bette Ann Harris ’83 Distinguished Alumni Award or the Emerging Leader Alumni Award, both of which will be presented during 2020 Commencement ceremonies on May 11.

Library Resources

MGH Institute alumni have access to journals, databases, and other research resources at the Institute’s Alumni Library Resources section. This robust section is sure to meet many of your research needs. Contact Director of Library and Instructional Design Jessica Bell with questions or for assistance.

Career Development Available

Making a career move? Need your resume updated? Need to prepare for an interview? Check out IHP’s career development website and start moving forward now. Make an appointment with our career counselor.

Shop and Support the IHP

Support the IHP all year long by shopping with AmazonSmile. Just sign into 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.

Join the IHP's Online Community!

We invite you to become part of our expanding online alumni community by joining IHP’s LinkedIn, Facebook, and other social media to keep up with the IHP and your fellow graduates.

Tell Us About Your Life!

We invite you to submit a class note to share with your fellow alumni what is happening in your world. This includes such things as new jobs and promotions, professional presentations given, and awards, along with marriage photos, and photos of you with your new baby. We’ll include them in an upcoming issue of the MGH Institute magazine.

Feedback, Tips, Ideas, Etc.

If you have any news, tips, or ideas for PT News, please email editor John Shaw with any questions. View past editions.