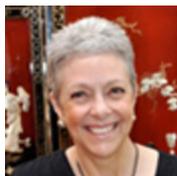


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## Chair's Message



The past year has been a busy one for the Department of Physical Therapy. We welcomed two new faculty, [Dr. Sara Knox](#) and [Dr. David Selkowitz](#), bid [Dr. Doug Haladay](#) adieu as he and his family relocated to Florida, and celebrated the move to emerita status for [Dr. Cyndi Zadai](#). Dr. Zadai will remain Coordinator of the transitional DPT program through the program's completion in December 2014.

The PT faculty [continue to be productive scholars](#) while also preparing for the June 2014 site visit by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) for our 10-year review.

Other news:

- The entire department relocated offices in September 2013 to the other side of the Navy Yard at [One Constitution Center \(OCC\)](#). I invite you to visit us at our new digs when you can.
- [Dr. Diane Jette](#), a respected leader in the physical therapy educational community, will be joining us as Associate Chair of the Department in August. Dr. Jette (no relation to current Professor Dr. Alan Jette) has a tremendous amount to contribute and we eagerly await her arrival.

Please send any comments, suggestions, or recent accomplishments to increase the value of our newsletter to you, our alumni, and friends.

[Pamela K. Levangie, DPT, DSc, FAPTA, Chair](#)

## Professor Jette Elected to IOM



## Faculty to Present at 2014 CSM



Several faculty will be presenting during the APTA's Combined Sections Meeting in Las Vegas on February 3–6, 2014. They are: [Marianne Beninato](#), [Tracy Brudvig](#), [Stephanie Jones](#), [Mary Knab](#), [Pam Levangie](#), [Kelly Macauley](#), [David Selkowitz](#), and [Lin Steiner](#). [Complete list of presentations.](#)

## Dean Portney Reception at CSM

The Office of Development and Alumni Relations and the Department of Physical Therapy will host a reception for School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences Dean [Leslie Portney, PT, DPT, PhD, FAPTA](#), on **Wednesday, February 5, 2014**, from 6:30–8:30 p.m. at The Venetian Las Vegas in room Lido 3106. [RSVP.](#)

Prior to the reception, Dean Portney will deliver the Pauline Cerasoli Lecture from 3:00–5:00 p.m. at The Venetian in Murano 3205. [Story.](#)

## Celebrating at the Annual Gala



Former Partners HealthCare System Board Chair [Jack Connors](#), left, and third-year DPT student and Connors Family Scholar [Olodade \(Maryanne\) Alalade](#), were among the more than 300 people who attended the [Institute's Gala](#) in November 2013. The event, which raised more than \$390,000 for student scholarships, was held at the Renaissance Waterfront Boston Hotel.

Center for Interprofessional Studies & Innovation Professor [Alan M. Jette, PT, PhD, MPH, FAPTA](#), has been elected to the [Institute of Medicine \(IOM\)](#) – considered one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine. [Story](#).

## Interprofessional Rounds Show IHP Grads' Role in Healing Marathon Bombing Survivor



Institute physical therapy alumnae and physical therapists: **Dara Casparian '13, PT, DPT** (left), and **Jessica Guilbert '11, PT, DPT**, who assisted several Marathon survivors at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, were two of the six panelists at the Institute's 2014 Interprofessional Rounds event that featured Boston Marathon survivor Heather Abbott. [Story](#).

## Institute Expands Space for Research and Offices

The Institute added 14,000 square feet of new space in [Building 79/96](#), located at the east end of the Navy Yard (near the new Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital), to relocate from 2CC the Biomotion Lab (run by Assistant Professor [Janet Kneiss, PT, PhD, MS](#),) support the research of CSD faculty researchers [Jordan Green, PhD, CCC-SLP](#), [Tiffany Hogan, PhD, CCC-SLP](#), and nurse researcher [Lisa Wood, PhD, RN, FAAN](#), and provide workstations for the PhD in Rehabilitation Sciences students.

## Faculty News



Clinical Assistant Professor [Sara Knox, PT, DPT, GCS, CEEAA](#), joined the faculty for the 2013–2014 academic year.



Associate Professor [David Selkowitz, PhD, PT, OCS, DAAPM](#), also is a new faculty member.

[Kelly Macauley, PT, DPT, GCS, CCS](#),

## Evening Continuing Education Seminar Series Initiated

This past fall, the PT department launched an evening seminar continuing education series. The topics have included; management of the patient with temporomandibular disorders, taping techniques for altering spine and extremity mechanics, the role of the pelvic floor in lumbopelvic spine dysfunction, and biomechanical indicators of running injuries. The response has been strong, with the series already fully enrolled. We anticipate offering the seminars again next year so watch for email notifications in late summer.

## Alumnus a Factor in Sox' Success



One of the reasons why the Boston Red Sox won the 2013 World Series is due to the work of a man who never put on a uniform or faced a big league pitcher. **Dan Dyrek, PT, DPT**, a 2003 Doctor of Physical Therapy alumnus (with slugger David Ortiz above), became Coordinator of Sports Medicine for the 2013 season after being a consultant the prior year. His mission: to work on keeping the players on the field and off the disabled list. [Story](#).

## Alumnae, Faculty Mentors Awarded at APTA of MA Meeting



At the annual American Physical Therapy Association of Massachusetts conference in October 2013, the poster

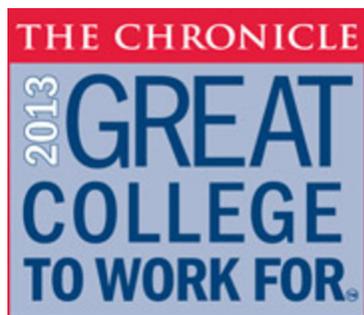


was promoted to Clinical Assistant Professor.

## Student PT Club Supports Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Nineteen members of the Institute's Physical Therapy Club participated in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk in October 2013. The students were: Joshua Benjamin, Stephanie Dini, Meredith Drake, Kim Elsworth, Jenna Flis, Nina Freitas, Jinesh Gandhi, Nikki Hansen, Diane Kaliris, Liana Litsky, Ashley Majewski, Elizabeth Nelson, Shaelyn O'Reilly, Kathryn Palano, Frances Paul-Heskins, Melissa Pedraza, Emily Roy, Hilary Strong, and Audra Wallace.

## A Great College to Work For



The MGH Institute was the only school in Metro Boston named as one of the best colleges in the nation to work for, according to a 2013 survey by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. "Being named for the fourth year in a row as a Great College to Work For is an affirmation from our faculty and staff of our strategic commitment to being a 'preferred place to work'," said President **Janis P. Bellack**. [Story](#).

## Wanted: Lab Instructors and Teaching Assistants

The MGH Institute is seeking physical therapists who are interested in passing on their knowledge to the next generation of therapists. We have opportunities to assist in clinical skills laboratories or to serve as facilitators for small group discussions around patient management and other related topics.

Most (but not all) activities require weekly time commitments of two to six hours per week during a 13-week semester. While needs vary by semester, we are looking for practitioners with experience in a variety of content areas including Neuro, Cardiopulmonary, and

"Exploration of Patient Characteristics in Lumbar Spine Dysfunction Impacting Functional Outcome Measures," created by **Tara Orton '06** (right) and her Spaulding Clinical Scholar colleagues received Best Poster Award. This poster was created under the mentorship of PT Department Chair **Pamela Levangie, DPT, DSc, FAPTA**. Several faculty and students also presented at the event.

## Alumni Corner

### Career Services for Alumni



The [Office of Career Services](#) continues to post jobs and provide assistance to alumni and students. It contains numerous job search resources, including access to the Institute's unique career portal and job board [IHP CareerLink](#), as well as the [Interview Simulation Tool](#).

### Marathon Team IHP Grows to Five



Alumna **Kate Greveling DPT '02, PT '00, ATC, OCS**, along with CSD faculty members **Joanna Christodoulou** and **Margaret Kjelgaard '97**, will once again take on the challenge of training for, running, and completing the 118th Boston Marathon on April 21, 2014.

Team IHP will be joined by two additional Institute-affiliated runners: Master of Science in Nursing student **Matthew Ellam** and CSD alumna **Kara Beckwith Coffin '11**. To read more and to support their efforts go to [www.mghihp.edu/marathon](http://www.mghihp.edu/marathon).

### Alumni Awards Nominations Wanted

We invite you to nominate your IHP peers for the Bette Ann Harris '83 Distinguished Alumni Award and the Emerging Leader Alumni Award, which will be presented during the 2014 Commencement ceremonies in May. Deadline to submit an [Alumni Award Nomination](#) is March 27.

### Class of 2014 to Support the Next Generation

This year's graduating class of physical therapists will give back to the MGH Institute community by providing study breaks for students next year. Free snacks, drinks, highlighters and note cards, as well as other materials to help sustain students will be given out as mid-term and final examinations approach. The Class of 2014 is looking for 100% participation to leave a tangible legacy. You can join the PT Class of 2014 in supporting the Institute community by [making a gift today](#).

### Library Resources Now

Musculoskeletal, among others. [Contact Program Manager Christopher De La Cerda](#) for more information.

## Earn Your PhD at the Institute

The PhD in Rehabilitation Sciences is designed for clinically certified/licensed health care professionals in Physical Therapy as well as several other health disciplines who wish to acquire the advanced knowledge and skills to conduct clinical research with an emphasis on assessing clinical outcomes in rehabilitation. Doctoral Fellowships to cover most of the program costs are available for up to six qualified candidates. Email [mlnicholas@mghihp.edu](mailto:mlnicholas@mghihp.edu) or visit [www.mghihp.edu/phd](http://www.mghihp.edu/phd) for more information.

## Available to Alumni

MGH Institute alumni now have access to journals, databases, and other research resources at the Institute's new [Alumni Library Resources](#) section. This robust section is sure to meet many of your research needs. [Contact IHP Librarian Jessica Bell](#) with questions or for assistance.

## Class Notes Wanted

Tied the knot? Moved? Started a new job? Received an award? Welcomed a new addition? We are always eager to know what's going on in the lives of our alums. Please [submit a class note](#) to let us know what is happening in your world.

## Join the Institute'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 your MGH Institute classmates and fellow graduates.

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