

# **UNE MSOT ALUMNI NEWSLETTER**

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"OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTITIONERS ASK, "WHAT MATTERS to YOU?" NOT, "WHAT'S THE MATTER with YOU?" virginia "Ginny" stoffel, Phd, ot, BCMH, FAOTA

#### FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

Changes abound! We are very excited to share the exciting news of well-deserved retirement news among the UNE MSOT Faculty team. In June 2023, we will wish the following individuals the very best for their next chapter and thank them for all their commitment to UNE and the OT Department and all their achievements and contributions throughout their esteemed careers.

If you have any sentiments to share with these individuals and their influence in your OT practitioner lives, please be in touch. We will share cards and email sentiments with them during their Retirement Celebration in May 2023. More details to come, we'd love to have you join us in this Epic Celebration! Our Staff Assistant, Natalie Perry (<a href="mailto:nleavitt@une.edu">nleavitt@une.edu</a>) would love to hear from you. If you prefer to send a card:

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Dr. Jane O'Brien



Dr. Kathryn Loukas



Professor Jan Froehlich



Dr. Regi Robnett

\* We wished her well in her retirement in June 2021, but due to COVID restrictions were not able to celebrate her in the manner we all had wished.

## NEW FACULTY MEMBERS (JOINED UNE MSOT IN 2021) read more here www.une.edu/wchp/ot



Professor Elise Ostensson



Dr. Adam DePrimo



Professor Jamie Harmon



# RECENT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

#### **National**

Elise P. (MSOT 23) Exxat Scholarship for Care for Underserved Communities Award Jordan A. (MSOT 23) AOTA E.K. Wise Scholarship Local

*Gina M.* (MSOT 23) Maine Brain Aneurysm Association *Susan R.* (MSOT 23) Maine Brain Aneurysm Association

# DID YOU KNOW THESE "FUN FACTS" ABOUT UNE & UNE MSOT?

- The NBCOT pass rate from 2019 to present (in the year after graduation) is 99.5%!
- During COVID, thanks in large part to our amazing Alumni Network (THANK YOU!) all our students
  graduated on time without delay! A major nod to our fieldwork office and their collaborations with our
  community partners.
- UNE College of Osteopathic Medicine will be relocating to Portland in 2024-25.
- UNE MSOT upgraded our OT lab have you come by to see us? If not, feel free to check it out here with a
  wonderful tour by Ali Ross, MSOT '20 https://youtu.be/IXMRGYkmZys
- UNE MSOT has been very busy, check out our latest news stories at the bottom of the page https://www.une.edu/wchp/ot

#### DO YOU EMPLOY UNE MSOT ALUMNI?

If so, we would love for you to complete this short survey (or provide to your supervisor to complete). We will raffle four gift cards for participants. Thank you! <a href="https://redcap.une.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=Y4RYHXY9WC">https://redcap.une.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=Y4RYHXY9WC</a>



#### **CLASS NOTES**

Do you have news to share? Did you get a new job? A promotion? Get married? Expand your family? Go backpacking through the Himalayas? We'd love to share your news, photos, etc. Please provide your class year and your info and we will happily share it in our next newsletter. Please email your news to Dr. Elizabeth Crampsey (<a href="mailto:ecrampsey@une.edu">ecrampsey@une.edu</a>) and it will be included in our Winter newsletter.

Stay in touch. Ready to take a Fieldwork student? Are you local to campus? Are you a leader or advocate for your clients (we are looking for panelists for November 21<sup>st</sup> virtually)? Are you interested in sharing something you are doing through a guest lecture or lunch and learn opportunity in person on virtually? Be involved. Be in touch. Be part of the UNE CommuniTy.

**Rebecca Lanham** MSOT 2019, received her Board Certification in Pediatrics (BCP) designation in September of 2022. This distinction is held by less than 1% of all occupational therapists nationally and through the examination and certification process this distinction demonstrates a strong level of commitment to the profession, the practice area of pediatrics, and consumer care.

Special Surfers is an amazing non-profit organization providing adaptive surfing opportunities in the summer on Gooch's Beach in Kennebunk, ME. We have a variety of alumni involved in various capacities, some of which include **Hannah Reidman MSOT'20**, and **Holly St Onge ('07, MSOT '08)** (among others). We caught up recently with Holly who has been involved with

Special Surfers from 2013 to present, served on the Executive Board from 2017-2019, and currently is a Special Ops co-team leader (since 2019). Special Surfers brings joy to the beach on the third Tuesday of June, July, and August each summer for children and more recently expanding programming for adults. Surfers are usually 5 years old and up. Each event requires collaboration and team effort, needing 200-300 volunteers. Special Surfers needs your help! Be a volunteer, no experience is necessary (year-round, behind the scenes, on the beach, in the water- you name it). There is also a need for used and functional wetsuits and equipment, and Corporate Sponsorships are available. If you have the talent, they would love to hear from you. More information can be found at <a href="https://www.specialsurfer.org">www.specialsurfer.org</a> 2022 was the largest turnout for surfers and volunteers since the organization began in 2003. Will you be a part of Special Surfers next year? Please spread the work for both surfers of all ages, volunteers, and donations.



Are you part of UNE Alumni Fire yet? If not, please check it out here <u>www.une.alumnifire.com</u> It's a chance to reconnect, open doors, and network.

# RECENT FACULTY/STUDENT/PROFESSIONAL STAFF PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

## **Presentations**

Student Spotlight! In May 2022 Elise P. MSOT '23 presented a professional poster at the Nexus Summit in Minnesota. Her poster, in collaboration with Kris Hall and Trisha Mason was entitled "Partnerships in Harm Reduction: Campus to Community Engagement to Benefit Incarcerated Individuals Upon Reentry"

- Crampsey, E. Occupational Therapy Students' Application of Interprofessional Education core Competency Domains During Simulation [Conference Presentation]. Nexus Summit, Virtual Conference, September 2022.
- Lambdin-Pattavina, C. Trauma, Attachment, and Mental Illness: Intersections and Implications at the Micro, Meso, and Macro Levels. Occupational Therapy Association of California Conference. Virtual Conference.
- Winston, K. & Beals, C. (Paper Presentation) Occupational R-Evolution: Evolving Curriculum
  Using Qualitative Content Analysis. World Federation of Occupational Therapy, Paris, France,
  August, 2022.

• Winston, K., Bickmore, T., Noyes, S., & Larouche, J. (Poster Presentation). Creating an Academic Community of Practice: Facilitating Support, Problem Solving, and Comic Relief. World Federation of Occupational Therapy. Paris, France, August, 2022.

#### **Publications**

- Lambdin-Pattavina, C. & Dart, L. (2022). Complex trauma and neurodiversity: What happens in childhood doesn't always stay in childhood. *SIS Quarterly Practice Connections*, 7(3).
- Popova, E.S., **O'Brien, J.**, & Taylor, R.R. (2022). Communicating with intention: Therapist and parent perspectives on family-centered care in early intervention. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 76(5), 1 9.
- **O'Brien, J.** & Kuhaneck, H. (2022). *Case-Smith's Occupational Therapy for Children and Adolescents* (8th ed.). Elsevier. [Translated into Chinese].
- O'Brien, J. (2022). Introduction to Occupational Therapy (5th ed.). Elsevier. [Korean Translation]

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