For the last ten years, our Department’s Strategic Plan has involved three new ideas based on an analysis of the top 20 PT programs nationally. All 20 except Marquette offered both PhD education offerings and PT clinic services on campus to support the education, teaching and research missions of their programs. In addition, many of the top 20 programs offered residency training leading to specialty certification within the profession. We are now pleased that all three ideas are approved programs at the University.

Our graduate program is called the Clinical and Translational Rehabilitation Health Sciences (CTRH) program. CTRH focuses on research that has clinical implications to human conditions.

**A master’s degree option** is offered to Marquette exercise physiology and athletic training students in an advanced degree program (ADP) taking only five years for both an undergraduate and a CTRH masters degree. The ADP program targets those students using CTRH as a pre-professional track to PT or other health professional schools. It also trains EXPH and ATTR students for leadership, research, or academic career tracks.

**The PhD offering** in CTRH targets health professionals with a clinical masters or doctoral degree. Students in the PhD program can use many of their professional degree credits toward their PhD. In addition, monetary and tuition support in the form of assistantships and full tuition scholarship are available for accepted full-time PhD students. PhD students in CTRH target positions in academia as teachers, researchers, scholars and leaders within physical therapy and other health professions. We are pleased to be able to train future leaders in the EXPH, ATTR and PT professions. It can only enhance our national reputation. The University has strongly supported its Department of Physical Therapy as its highest ranked full-time program and CTRH is simply another expression of Marquette’s support.

-Dr. Lawrence Pan
The profession of physical therapy is already aligned with our Marquette mission statement. However, I had the pleasure of interviewing three professors who have truly been living out this statement in order to make a difference in the world. Professor Kloth, Dr. Neumann, and Dr. Simoneau have dedicated themselves to traveling around the globe in order to speak, teach, and serve others. Oh yeah, and they teach at Marquette in their spare time. Let’s take a closer look at each professor.

Professor Kloth

Professor Kloth came to Marquette University in 1965 for a master’s degree in physical therapy. One year into this two-year program, he was informed that the program had been discontinued. Undiscouraged, Prof. Kloth switched into the anatomy department and graduated with a master's in human anatomy while doing research on the side with his research advisor, Mary Pat Murray. He immediately joined the PT department faculty in 1967, and taught for 36 years.

Wound care quickly became an area of interest to Prof. Kloth. Before the 1980’s, there was no specialization in wounds in any profession! After much research and publishing a few papers, Prof. Kloth was contacted by a textbook publisher about writing a book. He accepted the challenge and recruited co-author Joseph McCulloch. By 1988, their first edition came out as the first contemporary textbook on wound healing. This inspired more research to be done in the area of wound care, and several new editions have been published to keep up with this dynamic, expanding field.

Professor Kloth began traveling by invitation starting in the mid-80’s to places like Canada, Norway, England, and Amsterdam. He was recruited because of his research, but also to teach anywhere from a few days to an entire semester abroad. Professor Kloth taught at the University of Puerto Rico for a semester while on sabbatical. He has also taught PT programs in Singapore, Bangkok, Seoul, and Japan. These experiences were rewarding because he was able to share his knowledge, but also learn from others about their research. Prof. Kloth also wanted to emphasize how the research should be translated into patient care.

Mission trips are also an important piece of Prof. Kloth’s history. This past October, he went to Arusha, Tanzania with an eight-member team affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America to help out at the rural hospital. The 80-bed facility was understaffed, underequipped, and had little access to up-to-date knowledge. With only three doctors and no PTs, the hospital was in need of assistance. Prof. Kloth made patient rounds every morning and tended to everything from vehicle accident wounds, to diabetic foot ulcers, to post-surgery patients. He and his team compiled a needs assessment report for the hospital and submitted it to the main mission here in Milwaukee in hopes of helping to advance their care.

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One mission trip that is dear to Prof. Kloth’s heart is going to Columbia, South America with the Milwaukee Medical Mission. He has gone twelve times with a team of doctors, PTs, and other healthcare providers. For two weeks each year, the team is dedicated to treating patients with chronic wounds in the hospital, but also to teaching the PTs, nurses, and physicians about wound healing. They bring supplies and educate the staff to help advance the level of wound care. Prof. Kloth describes his mission trips as a “give and take” that benefits both parties. He has gained invaluable experience, but has also been able to contribute his skills and knowledge to a good cause.

Professor Kloth is now professor emeritus of physical therapy here at Marquette. He continues to speak about wound care and attend medical mission trips. He is also currently co-editing an entire issue of the wound healing society’s official journal.

Dr. Neumann

Kinesiology has always been Dr. Neumann’s specialty ever since he began teaching at Marquette University in 1986. He began traveling in the mid-90’s on physical therapy mission trips to Central America and Mexico. However, his traveling really took off in 2002: the year when his kinesiology textbook was published and he received the Fulbright Scholarship to teach for a semester in Lithuania.

Dr. Neumann traveled to Lithuania for the first time in 2002 to help start the first physical therapy class at the university in Kaunas, Lithuania. This was the beginning of a great relationship between the two universities. Every other year or so, either Dr. Neumann or Dr. Simoneau returns as guest lecturers or to teach clinical techniques to the therapists in the country. In 2007, they both received honorary doctorate degrees from Lithuania. The international relationship continued when a Lithuanian Fulbright student, Rolandas Kesminas, came to Marquette and worked under Dr. Neumann for a year.

Dr. Neumann has grown both personally and professionally from his experiences abroad. He is proud to represent Marquette and the profession of physical therapy, but he has also gained many friendships. Dr. Neumann has taught many people living in poorer conditions who...
work extremely hard and truly appreciate any information and knowledge he can share with them. He expects more out of his MU students now, because he has seen what can be accomplished even when faced with significant challenges.

Dr. Neumann will be traveling to Korea in June for another seminar, and hopes to return to Lithuania in the summer of 2014.

Dr. Simoneau

Born in Montreal, Canada, Dr. Simoneau decided to attend the University of Illinois to get his athletic training and master’s degrees, and to better learn English. In 1992, he became a part of the MUPT faculty. Dr. Simoneau took a sabbatical in 2000 and 2007 to Australia, where he spent several months researching and sharing skills with others in the field. In 2002, he traveled to Lithuania to educate physical therapists about best practices in PT at the University. Dr. Simoneau and Dr. Neumann continue to nurture this connection with Lithuania, and Dr. Simoneau is returning in June.

International travel has given Dr. Simoneau so much to be grateful for. The interaction he is able to have with people from around the world has helped him to learn about different cultures, values, lifestyles, and medical systems. He has learned that different regions have different physical therapy focuses, such as massage or hydrotherapy. But in the end, all physical therapists, no matter where they are, have the same goal: to help people. The basic premise of the work remains the same, so he has been able to collaborate with international PTs in order to improve the lives of those less fortunate.

Dr. Simoneau is also the editor of the scholarly, peer-reviewed, Journal of Orthopaedic & Sports Physical Therapy. This journal is co-owned by the orthopaedic and sports sections of the APTA. In 2007, Dr. Simoneau made it his goal as editor to expand distribution beyond the U.S. JOSPT now has partners in 21 countries, and it is well recognized all over the world.

Dr. Simoneau states that the benefit of being the editor is that he is able to witness changes around the world in the quality of research and where it comes from. The origin of the research articles featured in JOSPT has changed drastically in the past decade. In 2002, less than a quarter of the research featured came from outside the U.S., whereas the 2012 issue presented 46% of its research from other countries. Dr. Simoneau has been asked to speak around the world about the quality and type of research that should be done in the field, as well as how it relates to clinical practice. He chose to be an editor for JOSPT because he wants to help make research more accessible. It is obvious that the journal has made a far-reaching impact on innumerable researchers, professors, and healthcare providers who have the desire to improve their practices. Dr. Simoneau claims, “I’m just the mailman. To me, it’s a service, and I’m happy to be able to do that”. International access to the JOSPT has evident value, and it’s something clinicians from across the globe can now appreciate.

In the next few months, Dr. Simoneau will be traveling to London, Canada, Mexico, and Brazil to speak about research and its value to clinicians.

Lauren Niemi

WPTA/APTA Benefits Presentation:
Erik Gregersen

The Academic Liaison Chair for the WPTA, Erik Gregersen, put on a phenomenal presentation on the benefits of being a student and professional member of the WPTA/APTA. In a very fun and relaxed environment, Erik educated the students in attendance on how each dollar of your dues goes to advance the capabilities of the APTA/WPTA to further the profession of physical therapy. Erik also informed us on how easy it is to set yourself apart to potential employers by becoming involved in the WPTA with just putting forth minimal effort. The opportunities for finding scholarships, volunteer positions, legislation, networking and residencies/fellowships through the WPTA were discussed. If you have any questions about anything APTA/WPTA or how to get further involved, Erik would love to hear from you at Erik.Gregersen@froedterthealth.org

Rob Hofschulte
Robert C. Olson Lectureship

Saturday, March 23rd marked the inaugural date for the Robert C. Olson Lecture Series, made possible by a generous grant from the Olson Family.

This first event was well attended, and we were able to bring in two fantastic speakers. The first speaker was Cindy Marti, a Milwaukee private practice owner, who spoke on the Schroth method for treating patients with scoliosis. Her talk covered many different case studies, and she used her patient-based interactions to demonstrate the benefits of this method. Jim Elliott, a researcher at Northwestern University, was the second speaker. He discussed his research into whiplash injuries and treatment. His creative and interactive lecture taught us more about this injury.

All who attended were able to enjoy inspiring presentations and great food. In addition, professionals who attended received continuing education units, while students received observation hours. The inaugural Robert C. Olson Lectureship was just the first of many scheduled to continue throughout the coming years. The next session will take place in the fall semester.

Thank you to everyone who made this event possible!

Please take a moment to fill out a quick survey concerning this year’s event and new presenter suggestions for the fall:

If you attended the inaugural event, please fill out this survey: [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SHHQ2F7](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SHHQ2F7)

If you did not attend the event, but have ideas for the future, we’d like to hear from you too! [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SHW8GSY](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SHW8GSY)

-Kirsten DeGuzman

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Orders due Thursday, April 11

Massage-a-thon
April 3rd – 26th

Marquette’s physical therapy students will be hosting Massage-a-Thon from April 3rd through April 26th. The cost is $8 for 15 minutes, $15 for 30 minutes, $22 for 45 minutes, and $30 for 1 hour. Accepted forms of payment include cash, check, or Marquette Cash. Walk-ins are welcome (availability depending).

To book an appointment, go to

All proceeds directly benefit the graduation fund of the Class of 2014. Thank you in advance for your support!