

PRESENTED AT: APTA COMBINED SECTIONS MEETING
San Diego, CA
February 24, 2023, 6:00-8:00 pm

Service Awards



GE "Bud" DeHaven Service Award

Honors an Academy member who has demonstrated sustained and extraordinary service to APTA Pediatrics.

Tricia Catalino, PT, DSc

Tricia Catalino PT, DSc, is Program Director and Professor of the Hawai'i Pacific University, Doctor of Physical Therapy Program and Interim Dean of the HPU College of Health and Society. She is a Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Pediatric Physical Therapy and a graduate of the APTA Education Leadership Fellowship. Dr. Catalino is a member of the APTA Pediatrics Board where she serves as Director of Professional Development. She has also served as APTA Pediatrics Annual Conference Co-Chair, as Vice Chair and Chair of the Early Intervention SIG, and as Chair of the Nominations Committee. Dr. Catalino is Chief Delegate of APTA Nevada, serves on the professional development committee for the APTA Academy of Physical Therapy Education, and is the physical therapy coordinator for Nevada LEND. During her 20 plus years of practice, Dr. Catalino has served children with disabilities and their families in the early intervention setting.



Jeanne Fischer Distinguished Mentorship Award

Recognizes demonstrated sustained, altruistic mentorship beyond that expected within the nominee's regular employment.

Karen Tartick, PT

Karen Tartick, PT, has been providing physical therapy services for over 37 years in a variety of pediatric settings, including early intervention, acute care, NICU, and in both the North Carolina and New York school systems. She graduated from the State University of NY at Buffalo in 1984 and has been a clinical instructor throughout her entire career. Karen is an APTA Advanced Clinical Instructor. She served as mentor for the school-based portion of the pediatric residency program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Duke University Health System. Karen contributed to several fact sheets on behalf of the APTA Pediatrics School SIG. Karen presents nationally on various topics, including autism, embedding physical therapy interventions in school settings, adaptive equipment for children with complex needs, and the role of school therapists in successfully transitioning from high school.



Distinguished Service Award for External Advocate

Recognizes an individual or institution that has made contribution(s) of exceptional value to APTA Pediatrics.

Paul J.M. Helders

Dr. Paul Helders has served the profession of physical therapy in his home country, the Netherlands, the United States and the greater international community for more than 50 years. This service, primarily to pediatric physical therapy, has taken the form of expert clinical practice, sustained research into pediatric conditions to improve practice, the leadership of a child development center and mentorship of numerous students in Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs and leadership in the dissemination of evidence to improve practice. Dr. Helders was Professor and Chair of the Department of Children's Physical Therapy at the University Medical Center and Children's Hospital in Utrecht, the Netherlands. He has published more than 200 articles in peer reviewed journals, was honored by the Dutch Society of Rheumatology for innovations on the care for children with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis, and has organized several congresses with medical colleagues on children with chronic disease. He initiated a 4-year course on pediatrics that resulted in a massive upgrading of pediatric knowledge and expertise. Dr. Helders served on the editorial boards of both Pediatric Physical Therapy and Physical Therapy journals.

Clinical Award



Outstanding Pediatric Clinical Practice Award

Recognizes an APTA Pediatrics member who has demonstrated going "above and beyond" typical job expectations including exhibiting creativity, adaptability, energy, dedication, and innovation.

Frances Baratta-Ziska, PT, DPT, MS

Frances Baratta-Ziska, PT, DPT, MS, is a Clinical Lead at the Pediatric Rehabilitation Department at Hospital for Special Surgery and provides direct clinical care to her pediatric clients and families, education and training and develops staff clinical competencies. She is Board Certified Clinical Specialist in Pediatric Physical Therapy with the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties. Frances holds a DPT from Temple University, a Master of Science in Health Administration and Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy degrees from CUNY Hunter College and is currently pursuing her PhD in Pediatric Science at Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions. Frances has lectured both internationally and nationally on various topics relating to torticollis, skeletal dysplasia and exercise. Frances is a published author on topics related to osteogenesis imperfecta, skeletal dysplasia and telehealth. She has been practicing PT for over 30 years in both center based and private practice settings. Frances is committed to helping her patients achieve their goals and ultimately, participate in activities that are meaningful to them.

Research Awards



Stephen Haley Research Award

Recognizes an Academy member who has performed sustained and outstanding basic, clinical, and/or education research pertaining to pediatric physical therapy.

Anjana Bhat, PT, PhD

Anjana Bhat, PT, PhD, is an Associate Professor of Physical Therapy (PT) at the University of Delaware. Her lab studies motor development of children with ASD and how that impacts their overall social communication and cognitive development through a study of developmental trajectories and various intervention effects including music and movement, yoga, exercise/play, and videogaming. After receiving her PhD in Movement Science from the University of Delaware, she completed a post-doctoral fellowship in Autism at the Kennedy Krieger Institute and first joined the University of Connecticut as an Assistant Professor of PT and later moved to the University of Delaware's PT department. Her research has been supported by various federal agencies including NIH, HRSA, Autism Speaks, and the Dana foundation. The findings from her research highlight the lack of gross motor/physical activity interventions (including PT services) offered to children with ASD and the need for greater motor screening, assessment, interventions, and accommodations for this population.



Dissertation Award

Recognizes completion of an outstanding research project as partial fulfillment for a research doctorate (eg, PhD, DSc, EdD).

Kara Boynewicz, PT, DPT, PhD, ATC

Kara Boynewicz, PT, DPT, PhD, ATC, is a board certified pediatric physical therapy specialist with over 22 years of clinical experience with infants and children in the NICU, hospital, early intervention and outpatient settings. She was awarded her PCS certification in 2007 and re-certified in 2015. She received her B.S. in zoology and athletic training from Eastern Illinois University. She earned her master's & transitional DPT in physical therapy from Governors State University and her PhD at East Tennessee State University in Early Childhood Education. She is currently an assistant professor in the department of physical therapy at East Tennessee State University (ETSU) and is a core faculty member in the Vanderbilt Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (Tn-LEND) program. Kara's interprofessional clinical research uses standardized outcome measures to determine the effects of prenatal opiate use on newborns for early identification of delays, specifically with motor development and neurobehavior. Her research focus is understanding early brain development with early identification and prevention of infants and children at risk for developmental delays.

Outstanding Research Abstract Awards

Recognizes an outstanding research abstract submitted to APTA Pediatrics for a platform and poster presentation at the APTA Pediatrics Annual Conference and APTA Combined Sections Meeting.

POSTER

APTA Pediatrics AC 2022:

Use of Knowledge Translation
Strategies to Increase the Use of
the Alberta Infant Motor Scale in
Patients With Congenital Muscular
Torticollis in the Pediatric
Outpatient Hospital Based Setting.

Adelstein L, Burke A, Smith S, Will B, Georgetti T.

Connecticut Children's

PLATFORM

APTA Pediatrics AC 2022:

Self-Initiated Movement During Physical Therapy in Young Children With Cerebral Palsy.

Prosser L, Skorup J, Paremski A, Alcott M, Pierce S.

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

POSTER

CSM 2023:

Developmental Trajectory of Selective Leg Joint Control of Infants at High Risk of Cerebral Palsy.

Barbara Sargent

PLATFORM

CSM 2023

Best Practice Outcome
Assessment in Spinal Muscular
Atrophy: Newborn Screening and
Presymptomatic Populations.

Kristin Krosschell

Scholarships



Pediatric Physical Therapy Journal Mentored Writing Scholarship

APTA Pediatrics provides this scholarship to facilitate mentor-mentee relationships among experienced and novel authors.

Debra Depto-Hoffman, PT, DPT, MA

Debra Depto-Hoffman, PT, DPT, MA, is an Assistant Professor at the University of North Florida since 2022 preceded by six years as an adjunct professor. She has thirty-three years of experience as a clinician focusing on pediatrics and adults with neurological disorders. She is a 1988 physical therapy graduate of Downstate Medical Center, received her Advanced Master's Degree in Developmental Disabilities in 1996. She received her transitional DPT from Stony Brook University in 2004 where she was also an adjunct professor. Debra is a Board-Certified Specialist in pediatric physical therapy. She received her certification in Pediatric Vestibular Rehabilitation and utilizes this clinical expertise along with her neurological rehabilitation training to provide comprehensive care to her pediatric clients. As a teacher, Debra considers her greatest asset to be her passion for the physical therapy profession and for lifelong learning. Her areas of interest in research include early detection of Cerebral Palsy, pre and post operative balance training following Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy and early mobility training for children with neurological deficits.



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Jenna Lammers, PT, MSPT

Jenna Lammers, PT, MSPT, received her MSR/PT degree from the Medical University of South Carolina in 2000, became a Certified Neonatal Therapist in 2019, and Pediatric Clinical Specialist in 2020. Jenna has a passion for infants and young children with severe mobility impairment who have the most to gain from early intervention. She enjoyed two decades of clinical practice in NICU, CICU, PICU, early intervention, and outpatient settings. During that time, she was a consultant Clinical Evaluator on over 50 industry-sponsored clinical trials for rare diseases including: Canavan Disease, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, Pompe Disease, Spinal Muscular Atrophy, and X-Linked Myotubular Myopathy. Jenna currently works as a Research Physical Therapist at the Powell Gene Therapy Center at The University of Florida. She provides consultative services for Advancing Trial Outcome Measures (ATOM) International and recently founded Boost Therapeutic Innovations (BTI), a company dedicated to advancing health equity for children with complex medical conditions. BTI has partnered with Benik Corporation and The University of Florida for a 2023 release of The GiggleFITTM Therapeutic Play Gym, a caregiver-mediated exercise system that is the research topic for the APTA Mentored Writing Scholarship.



Carol Gildenberg Dichter Memorial PCS Scholarships

Reimburses the cost of an APTA Pediatrics course registration (such as the APTA Pediatrics Advanced Clinical Practice in Pediatrics Course or APTA Pediatrics Annual Conference) to help prepare for the PCS exam.

Nancy Heuer, PT, DPT

Nancy Heuer, PT, DPT, graduated in 2019 from Angelo State University and completed a pediatric residency through the University of Central Arkansas following graduation. Her experience working in most aspects of pediatrics including acute care, NICU, outpatient, early intervention, school-based and home health settings prepared her for current outpatient and inpatient settings. She has a special interest in treating medically complex patients and NICU/post-NICU infants and enjoys the opportunity to co-treat and provide comprehensive whole child and family centered therapeutic interventions. She thoroughly enjoys mentoring students as well as new graduates. She aspires to teach pediatric course material in a DPT program with ambitions to become further involved in pro bono and mission endeavors.



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Kelsey Lake, PT

Kelsey Lake, PT, graduated with her DPT from Widener University in 2016. She serves as a multidisciplinary Clinic Director and PT/OT Supervisor for North Florida Therapy Associates. Kelsey has extensive experience in performing DME evaluations, providing home-health physical therapy for medically complex pediatrics and outpatient pediatric physical therapy services. She is currently pursuing a patent to assist with sensory toe-walking needs.



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Melissa Staskal, PT

Melissa Staskal, PT, is a Pediatric Physical Therapist with 14 years of experience working in a combination of outpatient and school based settings. She has been a member of the APTA since 2007 and am also a Pediatric Section Member. She chose to pursue becoming a Board-Certified Pediatric Clinical Specialist because she loves the challenge and strives to be the best provider she can be for her students. Melissa is inspired daily by my husband and three sons.



Annual Conference Attendance Scholarship for Student

Assists one student to attend the APTA Pediatrics Annual Conference.

Richelle Brousseau

Richelle Brousseau is a 3rd year Upstate Medical University DPT student. Richelle volunteered in the Pediatric Practice Clinic during her time at Upstate and now preceptors other students there. Richelle participated in research on full body vibration and its effect on key muscles of gait in children with developmental disabilities. She also recently conducted pressure mapping research in Ecuador where she and other students tested a sustainable, loop wheelchair cushion in hopes that this design will be effective and affordable for wheelchair users globally. Richelle plans to pursue a career in Pediatric PT upon graduation this May.



Annual Conference Attendance Scholarship for New Professionals

Assists one new professional to attend the APTA Pediatrics Annual Conference.

Caitlin Keller, PT, DPT, PCS

Caitlin Keller, PT, DPT, graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) in 2018 and since that time has been an acute care physical therapist at the Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital. In addition to her work as an acute care physical therapist, she is a frequent guest lecturer in the MUSC DPT program. Caitlin also serves as a mentor for the Pediatric Residency at MUSC and takes multiple students each year as a clinical instructor.



CSM Attendance Scholarship for New Professionals

Assists one new professional to attend the Combined Sections Meeting.

Courtney Brewer, PT, DPT

Courtney Brewer, PT, DPT, is is a Pediatric Physical Therapist originally from Rockford, Illinois. She graduated from Winona State University in 2018 with her Bachelor's in Movement Science and minors in Psychology and Dance. She obtained her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Des Moines University-Osteopathic Medical Center in 2021. Courtney currently works for Wisconsin's IDEA Part C program- Birth to 3- through The Parenting Place in La Crosse, WI. Courtney provides family centered care to families in La Crosse and Vernon Counties where she sees a wide variety of diagnoses and cultural backgroundsincluding Hmong and Amish communities.

Pediatric Physical Therapy Journal Awards

Kari Kretch, PT, DPT, PhD

for "Learn the Signs. Act Early"

Toby Long Journal Award

Honors the author of the best manuscript published in *Pediatric Physical Therapy* not adapted from a thesis or dissertation.

Kari Kretch, PT, DPT, PhD, is a physical therapist and developmental psychologist. She received her BA in Psychology from Vassar College in 2007, her PhD in Psychology from New York University in 2015, and her DPT from the University of Southern California in 2019, and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at USC in 2021. She has worked clinically in multiple pediatric settings including early intervention, outpatient, and school PT. She is currently an Assistant Professor of Research in the Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy at USC and a K12 scholar in the Rehabilitation Research Career Development Program. Her research focuses on perceptual-motor skills and processes of developmental change in infants with typical and atypical motor development, including those with or at risk for neurodevelopmental conditions like cerebral palsy. The overall goal of her research is to promote exploration, learning, development, and participation in children with physical disabilities.

Diana Early, PT, DPT, PhD

for "The Journey: Parental Expectations and Perceptions of Therapy Services for Children with Down Syndrome"

Jeanne Hughes Journal Award

Honors the author of the best manuscript published in *Pediatric Physical Therapy* not adapted from a thesis or dissertation. Diana Early, PT, DPT, PhD, is a physical therapist who has been practicing for 32 years and has been a pediatric specialist since 2011. She has practiced in a variety of settings including acute care, inpatient rehabilitation, and internationally in cross cultural contexts. She currently works providing outpatient physical therapy services at Children's Health in Dallas, Texas. She also serves as a research facilitator for the rehabilitation department at Children's Health.

Lectureship



2023 Ann VanSant Global Scientific Writing Lectureship

Toby Long, PT, PhD, FAPTA

Inclusion, Participation, Belonging, Surviving, Thriving, Flourishing

Toby Long, PhD, PT, FAPTA is Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Georgetown University and Director of Professional Development at the Center for Child and Human Development. She is on faculty of the GU Minors in Education, Inquiry and Justice and Disability Studies. Dr. Long received her physical therapy degree from Boston University, a master's degree in early childhood special education from George Washington University and a doctoral degree in human development from University of Maryland. She is on the editorial boards of *Physical and Occupational Therapy in* Pediatrics, and Infants and Young Children. She is the author of over 60 peer-reviewed publications including The Handbook of Pediatric Physical Therapy, Third Edition. Dr. Long is the recipient of a variety of prestigious awards including, the Lucy Blair Service Award from the American Physical Therapy Association, the Jeanne Fisher Distinguished Mentorship Award from the American Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapists, and the Bud Dehaven Award from the American Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapists. She was named a Catherine Worthingham Fellow by the American Physical Therapy Association. Additionally, Dr. Long collaborates with colleagues on serving infants and toddlers with disabilities and delays using contemporary, evidenced based practices in the throughout Eastern Europe, Central Asia, the Gulf region, and Asia.

APTA Pediatrics Research Grant Recipients

- Planning Grant: Mary Gannotti, Adults with CP: Patient Reported outcome Registry Enrollment: \$28,000
- Research 1 Grant: Julie Shulman, Assessing the Impact of Exercise Based Intensive Interdisciplinary Pain Treatment (IIPT) on Endogenous Pain Modulation in Youth with Chronic Pain Syndromes: \$29,626
- Research 1 Grant: Mary Rahlin, Reliability and Construct Validity of the Functional Symmetry in Congenital Muscular Torticollis: \$30,000
- Mentored Grant: Melissa McIntyre, Identifying Early Signs of Motor Impairment in Infants with Spinal Muscular Atrophy: \$9,943
- Mentored Grant: Corri Stuyvenberg, Associations Between Infant Motor Development and Parent-Infant Relationships: \$9,650

APTA Pediatrics Members Honored by APTA

APTA hosted the 2022 Honors & Awards Ceremony at their Leadership Congress on August 14, 2022.

Congratulations to the following APTA Pediatric-member recipients:

- Chattanooga Research Award: Regina T. Harbourne, PT, PhD, FAPTA, PCS (Emeritus)
- Federal Government Affairs Leadership Award: Theresa Marko, PT, DPT, MS, OCS
- Minority Scholarship Award: Nia I. Toomer-Mensah, PT, DPT, PCS
- Outstanding Physical Therapist Resident Award: Mackenzie Wilson, PT, DPT, NCS
- Societal Impact Award: Jennifer Tucker, PT, DPT, PCS
- Lucy Blair Service Award: Yasser Salem, PT, MAPT, MS, PhD, PCS, and Patricia Wolfe, PT, MS
- Catherine Worthingham Fellow: Jennifer A. Furze, PT, DPT, FAPTA, PCS
- Catherine Worthingham Fellow: Venita Lovelace-Chandler, PT, MA, PhD, FAPTA, PCS (Emeritus)
- Emerging Leader Award: Brigid Griffin, PT
- 28th John H.P. Maley Lecture (to be delivered at the 2023 APTA Leadership Congress): Stacey C. Dusing, PT,
 PhD, FAPTA, PCS

In 1981 the APTA House of Delegates approved board certification in the area of pediatrics. The first pediatrics specialist certification examination was administered in 1986. Of the more than 30,000 certified specialists, more than 2,300 are pediatric specialists. Congratulations on this important accomplishment! Congratulations to the following new Board-Certified Clinical Specialists in Pediatrics.

Charleen Boucher

Sheryl Abelmann	Emma Bowen	Avery B. Dabbs
Natalie Albright	Jennifer Brashears	Dana DAmato
Elizabeth Antman	Jennifer Brilmyer	Nadine Lucia Daniels
Laura Area	Chrystal Browning	Amy Davis
Jessica Arndt	Natalia Byrne	Tina Deguzman
Trey Arnold	Marta Carrion	Elizabeth Derbak
Lesley Avilez	Lindsey Christoffersen	JoAnn Devany
Aubrey Baker	Kristen Connolly	Kaitlyn DiJohn
Deborah Bauer	Rosa Cooksey	David Downing
Jennifer Baum	Eve Cooper	Kristen Dragotta
Christopher D. Beadle	Cathlyn Corrado	Caitlin Drinkwine
Deborah Bercik	Rachel Crandall	Mandy Duman
Hayley Blackman	Monique Creus	Charlene Durham

Kimberli Curtis

Gisselle R Escobar

Cynthia Espinal	Morgan Haskins	Chelsea Kane
Heather Fechner	Kathleen Heinrich	Jaime Klein
Renee Fontana	Katherine Ellis	Kelsey Konz
Lisa Fraher	Kyle Hodyl	Amelia Lanning
Rebecca Fritz	Brian Hoppestad	Grace Laughlin
Kristen Gary	Elizabeth Horsmon	Andrea Leal
Emily Glasson	Kaycee Howell	Heidi Lee
Sarah Goldstein	Hetty Huen	Juliana Libertin
Jennifer Grandpre	Kellie Janes	Elizabeth Little
Elaina Gregerson	Brigette Jason	Kellie Loftus
Rebecca Grier	Megan Elizabeth Johnson	Colleen Lopata
Brandon Gust	Jessica Johnston	Eve Makdisi
Bryn Hager	Therese Jordan	Jessica Mankowski
Caroline Hart	Susan Justice	Hormoz Maragoul

Kayce Marsh	Kara Nies	Nicole Ann Ramos
Ashley Elizabeth Marsh	Natalie Niles	Madison Rau
Elizabeth A Marshall	Kristin Nunez	Shanice Reeves
Kara Masse	Laura O'Connor	Maggie Ridenhour
Tonya McCool	Meaghan O'Day	Madison Rivenburg
Jennell McIntosh	Mary Jo Oechslin	Katherine N. Robey
Patricia L. McNeil	Julia OMeara	Kate Rustem
Siobhan McOsker	Sarah Jo Peabody	Summer San Lucas
Ashton McPherson	Christine Pelis	Katie Saylor
Mary Meyer	Kristen Polaski	Melanie Schmuck
Julie Miller	Maegan Powell	Nicole Crippen Schremp
Allyson Murphy	Stephanie Powers	Julia Schroeder
Andrea Myane	Molly Quinn-Shea	Jena Schultz
Katelyn Navarro	Kathryn Quiray	Abbye Senn

Allison Pitman Sevillano	Kaycee Stone	Melinda Ann Wheeler
Megan Shore	Erin Swartz	Marisa White
Robert Silva	Kathleen Tat	Rachel Wilkins
Hannah Smith	Amy Taylor-Haas	Jennifer Wilkins
Sonya Smith	Amanda Brinkman Tillinghast	Jessica Wolfe
Marie Nicole Snyder	Elizabeth Tubbs	Patricia Wong
Emily S. Steckbeck	Kendra VanWasshenova	Lindsey Woosley
Christopher Steiner	Kelsie Varga	Sharon Yocius
Michelle Steinman	Bailey Walter	Stacy Lynn Zousmer
Corri Stewart	Amanda Walters	Katherine Zuppann
Julie Stone	Megan Webb	

Brenna Brandsma	Megan Freeland	Kendra Paker	Erin Springer
Alisa Brewer	Sharon Held	Eric Pelletier	Daniel Swan
Kristin Brown	Suzanne Higgins	Lise Petricone	Daisy Tan
Laura Case	Jennifer Jezequel	Jacklin Pfaff	Heather Vye
Efrat Cohen	Michelle Johnson	Barbara Sargent	Jennifer Walkup
Megan Conklin	Sara Kerrick	Matthew Schaefer	Jessica Ward
Ashley Conklin	Krista Koch	Kimberly Scharff	Erin Wentzell
Kathleen Coultes	Tracy Kornafel	Lisa Schwarcz	Stephanie Yu Covert
Sandra Davis	Judith Loebl	Heather Shattuck	
Whitney Davis	Patricia Lograsso	Danielle Simpson	
Jenifer Dice	Crystal Markfort	Janet Slaughter	
Margaret Dietrich	Nancy Muir	Beryl Smith	
Agnes Ferro	Kelly Nelson	Julia Smolinski	
Jean Flickinger	Kelley Newman	Regine Souverain	

Congratulations!

APTA Pediatrics members are encouraged to submit nominations for APTA Pediatrics awards, scholarships, or grants! Most awards and scholarships are due on October 1 (the SNP AC Attendance Scholarship is due August 1). Research grants are due June 1. More information can be found at www.pediatricapta.org under About Us > Awards, Scholarships, Grants. Visit www.apta.org for more information about their honors & awards and the PCS process.

