



Wheelchair basketball tournament was a SPOT student initiative to raise awareness of diversity and different abilities. Prof. Crystal Garnett tries to avoid a block!



SPOT Grads of 2014

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SPOT

SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL & OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

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STUDENTS/STUDYING



SPOT students come from diverse cultures and environments, and spread their new knowledge to the four corners of the globe.

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PROMOTION/PUBLICITY



Spreading the SPOT word around the Globe. The SPOT website receives approximately 1500 unique visitors per week, with a total of over 8000 pageviews/week. The SPOT Facebook Page (454 likes); Facebook

Group (382 members); LinkedIn Company Page (88 followers) ensure that news, application information, deadlines, documentation, School events, announcements, promotions, grants earned, prizes awarded, research opportunities and other notable newsworthy items are disseminated around the world.

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OUTREACH

Outreach is a core commitment of the School of Physical & Occupational Therapy. Initiatives take many shapes at SPOT and span both short and long distances. While various outreach activities take place in Montréal, other parts of Québec, and Canada, SPOT is also involved in learning, service, teaching and research activities with a global reach. A major focus of Dr. Matthew Hunt's research is the ethics of international global disaster relief and international development activities in low-income countries.

Dr. Annette Majnemer is participating in a project led by UNICEF to develop a manual and a toolkit for data collection on childhood disabilities in low and middle-income countries. Dr. Mindy Levin, at the Manipal Hospital in India is improving rehabilitation services to neurological patients through better assessment and treatment. Researchers and clinicians from India have visited SPOT facilities at JRH, McGill and CRIR and visits were reciprocated.



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TRAINING

Name-Tag Ceremony celebrated the diverse mosaic that makes up SPOT's student body and clinical partners.



Occupational Therapy (left) and Physical Therapy (right)



From the Director's Desk

SPOT: DIVERSITY ENRICHES US ALL

Dear Colleagues and Friends of the School,

In keeping with our values and the Faculty's Diversity Statement, the School of Physical & Occupational Therapy (SPOT) is respectful of differences within our social structures, and the diverse cultures and personal attributes of all individuals.

Diversity within our faculty constituency enriches us, in our pursuit of the academic mission of SPOT. It is our individual differences and uniqueness that empower the School and ensure our success. Our faculty:

- are at different (ages and) stages of their career (many new faculty and senior professors);
- are from different cultural backgrounds and countries of origins; new faculty from Brazil, Israel, Spain, United States;
- are of different genders (6 male faculty have been hired in the last 3 years, changing our landscape);
- have different academic profiles; some are heavily focused on research, others on pedagogy, on clinical innovation, important administrative functions or scholarly contributions to the community;
- ... and not surprisingly, have many different opinions and ideas!!

These different viewpoints, shared together, allow us to be forward-thinking and pedagogically innovative, and also, to come up with alternate and creative solutions in these challenging times of rapid change. It is because of these diverse and creative thinkers within our very talented faculty and committed support staff that the educational experiences for our students are of the highest quality both at the university and at the clinical sites.

As rehabilitation professionals, we adopt an inclusive model, enabling individuals with *differences in ability, or disability*, to be integral members of society. Rehabilitation focuses on removing barriers to full participation due to differences. Indeed, this is a preoccupation of our professional practice and our research.

At the School, we are committed to ensuring equal opportunities and accessibility to all, including individuals with disability, without discrimination. SPOT engages with society globally through education and research to remove barriers to accessing rehabilitation services. For example, we are training local rehabilitation technicians so as to overcome inequities and barriers to access. (see Haiti story- In Focus, Medicine)

Our field of practice is all about celebrating diversity. *Rehabilitation embraces and supports functional diversity for people with disabilities*, encouraging tolerance and acceptance of people with differences in ability. This is the philosophy we teach, in the classroom and in the clinic. As such, our students will make a difference in the lives of the people they touch, to ensure their diversity of ability is accepted and that they can participate fully in the roles and activities that are most meaningful to them. "Civilizations should be measured by the degree of diversity attained and the degree of unity retained." W.H. Auden (1907-1973); Poet

Sincerely,

DR. ANNETTE MAJNEMER
Director and Associate Dean

“ Bienvenue son Excellence, le très honorable David Johnston, le chancelier Arnold Steinberg et Madame la Principale et vice-chancelière Suzanne Fortier. Je suis honorée d'être dans la présence de gens très accomplis en tant que représentante des étudiants et étudiantes.

When I was asked to give this speech, I borrowed a quote from Manlius' Astronomica "the end depends upon the beginning" which seems appropriate for the occasion because both the principal and the students are at a new starting point in their lives. Even if our beginnings may be unique and diverse, we are students eager to learn from amazing people and continue to learn for the rest of their lives because in the end, McGill students know that together "by work, all things increase and grow". ”



Installation of new Principal, Suzanne Fortier. PT student, Sophia-Maria Giannakakis represented McGill's entire student body with a speech to the assembled crowds.



TRAINING Through Milestones

The annual Name-Tag Ceremony held in early April celebrates the milestone of transitioning from classroom to clinical training for OT and PT students. 150 students who have completed their third and final year of undergraduate training and those finishing their qualifying year (U3/QY cohort) gathered to receive the name-tags that they will wear throughout their upcoming clinical practica. Clinicians spoke to the assembled students and faculty about diversity and equity/inequity. Representatives from both national associations (CEO of the CPA, Michael Brennan; Québec Board member of the CAOT, Martine Brousseau) were present. **READ MORE:** www.mcgill.ca/spot/about/inaugural-name-tag-ceremony

NAME-TAG CEREMONY 2014



A



B

Clinicians Maria Vocos **A**, Lily Teng **B**; Students reciting the Pledge **C**, group photo with CPA rep (left) and CAOT rep (middle) **D**.



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MASTERS' PROJECTS PRESENTATIONS



The final academic milestone prior to graduation of the professional masters' cohort, the masters' projects are designed to develop research skills and scholarly appreciation of rehabilitation practice and research, management, and health-care delivery.

August 2013: Graduates of 2014 present their findings and enjoy the wine & cheese.



THE EDITH ASTON-MCCRIMMON LECTURESHIP



The Edith Aston-McCrimmon Lectureship of 2013 was given by Dr. Carol L. Richards, SPOT alumna; Professor, Department Rehabilitation, Université Laval; holder of the Université Laval Research Chair in Cerebral Palsy; Senior researcher, Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Rehabilitation and Social Integration (CIRRS). This is an annual inspirational lecture by a nationally or internationally renowned person, on a topic related to the field of rehabilitation. Dr. Richards' 2013 title was, "The Coming of Age of the Rehabilitation Sciences". **READ MORE:** www.mcgill.ca/spot/alumni-0

CELEBRATING WITH DR. CAROL L. RICHARDS



SPOT'S INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH VIA ONLINE CERTIFICATES IN CHRONIC PAIN MANAGEMENT

Chronic pain management is a major and growing challenge for patients, health-care professionals and the global healthcare system. SPOT's online Graduate Certificate in Chronic Pain Management is an ongoing collaboration between the School and the Alan Edwards Centre for Research on Pain, to provide healthcare professionals with the most recent and relevant approaches and techniques for this challenging condition.

READ MORE: www.mcgill.ca/spot/programs/online-graduate-certificates/chronic-pain-management.

Offered for the past three years, students "attend" the course virtually, that is, via the internet.

The distribution of origin countries of these students is represented in green on the map shown here 



Students WINNING AWARDS

Helen M. Gault Awards



Arthur Woznowski-Vu accepts the award from PT Director, Dr. Judith Soicher, and says, "McGill is a prestigious campus, which fosters an atmosphere of excellence and of constant quest for knowledge. It fills me with pride to say that I graduated from McGill."

OPPQ Clinical Prize of Excellence



OPPQ's Gilbert Chartier with Kaitlyn Fitzsimmons, who quotes: "My best experience at McGill was hands down my very first day in the program. Despite being 23 years old, the day started with my Mom walking me to my first class in the Anatomy Building. It is safe to say I was the only student walking up University Avenue with their Mom in tow."

OEQ Clinical Prize of Excellence



Valérie Pinel receives the Prize from Mme Diane Méthot, and says, "What did I enjoy most about McGill? The excellence of teachers, their availability and the richness and diversity of our cohort."

CAOT Award



Odrée Martin-Mailhot, shown with Dr. Paulette Guizard: "Despite the language barrier, I have been able to connect with other students, make friends, and develop a supportive network for my practice in OT. I have shared and established alliances with students coming from different parts of the world, and learned a lot from their culture (and hence developed my cultural competency); multiple activities were organized to facilitate

QY student integration; teachers know their students by their name (very personalized approach), they have always been very supportive and available to answer questions."

CPA Award



Meghan Straub receives the award from CPA Board Member, Sarah C. Marshall: "... my favorite memories will always be the time spent with my friends and classmates. As a small program, we became like a family. We stuck together through the late nights, impossible exams and difficult times. From the time you got to the School in the morning, to the time you left in the evening, you were surrounded by great people and tons of positive energy."





Edith Aston-McCrimmon Awards OT and PT



Lisa Kirsch (OT); Simon Dalle-Vedove (PT): To recognize students in the professional programs who espouse the ideals of professionalism and demonstrate outstanding commitment to their chosen profession. Awarded by the School to support expenses related to representing McGill University and their profession at major provincial, national or international professional congresses.

COTF Award



COTF Award winners were Marie-Andrée Benoit, Katie Delaney, Bich-Lien Dinh, Olivia Redouté-Minzière and Minh-Quan Tran. Shown here with COTF representative Mme Huguette Picard, the award recognizes full-time students within the professional program who exhibit the potential for research.

Sandra Perlman Award:



Olivia Ripa, shown with Prof. Crystal Garnett, says: "My favorite experience at McGill was the start of my clinical placements. After a year of learning the theory and practicing techniques on peers, friends, loved ones and simulated patients I was finally able to interact with real patients. The reason why I applied to SPOT in the first place was to help others in any way I could. It's the

hands-on time with your patients who have disabilities, injuries, diseases – that's what truly shapes you as a physiotherapist. "

Richard and Edith Strauss Musculoskeletal Doctoral Fellowships



From left to right: Owis Eilayyan, Gayatri Aravind (renewal) and Kedar Mate and Tatiana Ogourtsova with Dr. Bernadette Nedelec. These Fellowships were first awarded in 2007 by the Richard and Edith Strauss Canada Foundation to help ensure that a diverse pool of PT and OT scientists is available to teach and conduct research addressing the needs of people with chronic musculoskeletal conditions.

The Barbara Rosenthal Prize



Jessica Goldschleger shown with Dr. Laurie Snider and SPOT Alumna Barbara Rosenthal (at right in photo) who with her family created this award to be granted to the OT student in the MSc Rehab Sci program achieving the highest level of academic standing at the end of the first year of study.

Kavita Kulkarni Memorial Prize in Rehabilitation Science



Navaldeep Kaur shown in photo with Dr. Patricia Belchior and Mr. and Mrs. Kulkarni: This award was established in 2002 in memory of Kavita. The prize recognizes a graduate student on the basis of academic excellence with a preference given to students pursuing research at the Jewish Rehabilitation Hospital.

Margherita Rapagna Memorial Prize in Rehabilitation Science



Marcos Rodrigues with Dr. Mindy Levin, Dr. Socrates Rapagna and Dr. Isabelle Gélinas: This award was established in 2002, in memory of Margherita, an outstanding student at SPOT whose tragic passing was mourned by all who knew her.

The Alice Chan-Yip Multiculturalism Award



Aselin Jiunn Weng shown with Dr. Alice Chan-Yip and Dr. Nedelec: One of SPOT's newer awards, this was established in 2011 in recognition of the importance of cultural competency in profession practice in rehabilitation, both in the domestic and the international arena.

Rehabilitation Research Colloquium

DIVERSITY AND SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY

2014



Dr. Mary Law, PhD, OT Reg (Ont) FCAOT presented the first Shirley Metcalfe Memorial Lectureship **A** in the presence of Metcalfe family members, shown here with Dr. Annette Majnemer, SPOT Director and Associate Dean.



Dr. Annette Majnemer gives the opening address **B**; Dr. Matthew Hunt gives the Closing Presentation, "Equity, disability and the international response to disasters," **C** and participants attended the Colloquium from universities across Eastern Canada **D**.



King of the Hill: In October 2013, 68 students in OT and PT from the Université de Montréal and McGill University participated in the first-ever King of the Hill 5km Run Challenge! They raised \$630 for the Physiotherapy Foundation of Canada (PFC). UdeM won this first edition. Students hope this initiative will encourage other universities to do similar activities to raise money for the PFC. (by: Simon Dalle-Vedove)

Student Activities



O'Tea: U3/QY students were invited to drink tea and eat appetizers, prepared by the participants, that related to their cultural background, while M1 students and faculty members shared their clinical placements experience with them.
By: Kelly White, Mélissa Auguste



Congratulations to Honour Roll Student Athletes: Varsity sport competition and excellent grades is not an easy combination! (L to R): Melanie Desaulniers-Rioux PTU3 (Soccer), Prof. Adriana Venturini, Virginie Hebert PTU3 (Volleyball), Eric Ellemo PTU3 (Track & Field), Victoria Horn PTM1 (Rugby) and Simon Lamontagne PTU2 (Football).



International fieldwork opportunities for SPOT students: The School continues to build sustainable partnerships for fieldwork learning, to promote global rehabilitation practitioners. Recent collaborations have included Barbados, Colombia, France, Hong Kong, India, South Africa, Sweden, Trinidad, United Kingdom, United States and Zanzibar. See OT and PT students, in photo (Janna Abdulrahman third from right, Taranpreet Bains second from right, and Mélanie Desaulniers-Rioux on the right) during their practica in India.



OT/PT Games – McGill won the second annual event and will host the Games in 2015!

Homecoming 2013

Celebrating the "3" and the "8"



1968



1953



1978



1993



1963



Debbie Friedman (Class of 1983) was honored at Homecoming with the inaugural SPOT Alumni Award of Merit, pictured with her husband and two sons.



1983



1953/1958



Open House 2013

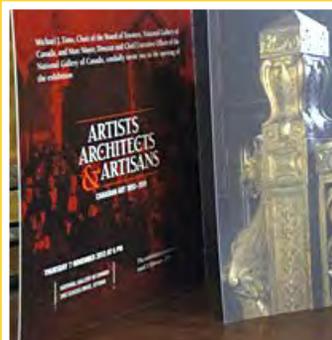
With 5 faculty members and a total of 9 SPOT students, the benefits of the McGill programs were extolled to hundreds of potential students and their families.



SPOT students Chidy and Jean-Sebastien were enthusiastic volunteers!

Artists, Architects & Artisans

Historical features of Hosmer House and Davis House were on display from November 2013 to February 2014... the Davis Chapel in its entirety has been reconstructed and is on an extended loan at the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa.



www.gallery.ca/en/see/exhibitions

Spring Clinical Day 2014

Clinical supervision has been a key component of the programs at SPOT for decades. Supervisors come from local hospital centres, rehabilitation centres, private clinics, community service points as well as Canadian and international sites. Each year we celebrate the exchange of knowledge at the Spring Clinical Day.

2013-14 Clinical Educator Award of Excellence:



Left to right: Adriana Venturini, Bernadette Nedelec, Giovanna Panetta, Julia Newman, Judith Soicher, Caroline Storr and Crystal Garnett.



For a clinical educator who has demonstrated exceptional performance in student clinical practice teaching and mentoring, and who inspires students to passionately pursue professional practice.



Sponsor gift prize: Generous gift from Atlas-Médic photo l to r: Aileen Castro, Sam Benamron, Kathleen Chassé with Stéphanie Carter.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY:

Julia Newman MUHC – *Montréal General site*

PHYSICAL THERAPY: Giovanna Panetta
Concordia Physio Sport Pointe Claire

Retirement mentions:
Roberta Payette, Nicole Julien, Marilyn Alfano (OTs from MUHC), Silvana Mauro (OT from Maimonides) and Pictured: Christiane Jolicoeur, OT from Douglas, as well as Roslyn Common PT from MUHC



Long-term Service Awards

- OT:**
 - **MUHC:** Gail Peters, Ann Taylor, Marie-Claude Champoux;
 - **Douglas:** Christiane Jolicoeur;
 - **Ergo Medic:** Sam Benamron.
- PT:**
 - **St Mary's:** Yen-nhi Lam;
 - **IRGLM:** J-F Lemay, Sonia Nguyen, So Pheap Pang, Christiane Garneau, Molly Hilsenrath, Christina Fougeris, Susan Crabb, Christine Arnold;
 - **MCH:** Nancy Alarie, Stephanie Arpin, Michele Geoffrion.

For the list of Faculty Lecturers (nil salary) see: www.mcgill.ca/spot/faculty

RENOVATIONS HOSMER:

before



Lecture space that was inadequate for teaching and learning has been **renovated** to create new lab spaces. This includes an interconnected teaching space linking 3 rooms with audio and visual projections: left to right: H-101; H-102; coach house lab; and Adapted Apartment.

after



KUDOS!



Dr. Bernadette Nedelec was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal



Dr. Isabelle Gagnon was awarded the Faculty of Medicine Honour List in 2014



Prof. Suzanne Rouleau has been re-elected to the Board of the Ordre des ergothérapeutes du Québec (OEQ) (region: Montréal)



Prof. Sarah C. Marshall has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Physiotherapy Association

RETIREMENTS

Two long-time faculty members were celebrated for their long and fruitful careers:



Dr. Nicol Korner-Bitensky, Full Professor



Dr. Patricia McKinley, Associate Professor



SPOT faculty and staff also celebrated the retirement of devoted staff member, Irena Mileva-Petkova, formerly Graduate Student Affairs Coordinator (third from left)

NEW HIRES

SPOT welcomed three new faculty members



Dr. Marie-Hélène Boudrias, whose focus is in the neurophysiological mechanisms in the brain, in aging subjects and stroke patients.



Dr. Raphael Lencucha, whose work is primarily in the implementation of mental health policy in Québec, and also in public health specifically as it applies to tobacco control.



Dr. Marc Roig who is interested in the mechanisms underlying the consolidation of motor memories in dementia.

See more at www.mcgill.ca/spot/faculty

ALUMNI ARE OUR HISTORY...

Alumni are our history, with over 4000 graduates of the School's PT and OT programs! As graduates, you have made unique contributions to society, having benefitted from your education at the School. Many have returned for graduate training, others remain connected as clinical supervisors, fulfilling a vital role in the training of future therapists.

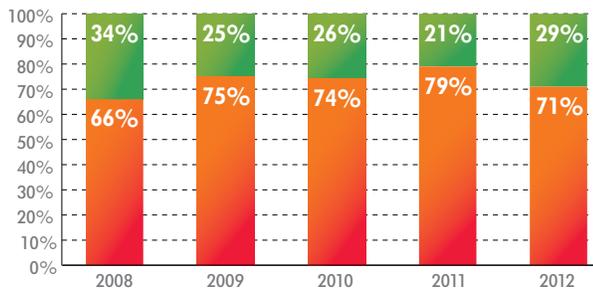
Donor support directed to the School is vital to our educational mission, enabling us to support student events and student travel to conferences, buy new teaching equipment and provide fellowship support to international graduate students. Funds are also used for visiting professors, for seminars, lectures, workshops, and clinical awards.

Some of you (about 12%) have generously donated funds in response to annual fundraising appeals. Over the past 5 years, total donations from Alumni range from \$48,000-\$52,000/year but on average only 73% is directed specifically towards the SPOT.

We hope that you will support SPOT's continued success by specifically directing your donation to the School of Physical & Occupational Therapy (SPOT).

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 ■ Gifts designated to the School of P&OT



Kaitlyn Fitzsimmons, Dr. Bernadette Nedelec with Tynan Jarrett from SEDE at Strawberries & Champagne with the 2014 Graduating Class gift

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