

From the Editor

As you may know from reading my *From the Editor* in issues of **WORK**, I am a board-certified professional ergonomist (CPE) by the Board for Certification in Professional Ergonomics (BCPE) and an occupational therapist. For those of you unfamiliar with occupational therapy, it is a health profession whose distinct value is to “. . . improve health and quality of life through facilitating participation and engagement in occupations, the meaningful, necessary, and familiar activities of everyday life”¹. Globally, there are over 550,000 occupational therapy practitioners working in over 101 countries. In 2011, to help promote occupational therapy’s global community, I created a yearly event called **Occupational Therapy Global Day of Service (OTGDS)** which is held on October 27 in honor of World Occupational Therapy Day. OTGDS is a “pay it forward initiative” that calls occupational therapy practitioners and students to volunteer a small amount of their time to provide a service, from volunteering at a homeless shelter to an afternoon’s companionship to a person with cancer. During this volunteer experience, participants are encouraged to share information about occupational therapy. If you would like to learn more about this global event, please go to promOTingOT.org

Just like OTGDS, **WORK** promotes a global community of scholar practitioners and researchers through its publications. This issue of **WORK** contains 16 articles on a variety of topics such as: *The experiences and perceptions of employers and caregivers of individuals with mild- moderate traumatic brain injury in returning to work; Labor-Market Mobility among Persons with Disabilities; Relation between psychosomatic disturbances and job stress in video display unit; Are body posture and self-reported musculoskeletal symptoms different between employees in the healthcare and administrative sectors?; Utility of Science, Technology and Innovation Governance for occupational*

discourses from the Perspective of Occupational Therapy Students Operators; Occupational safety and health performance indicators applied to assess the crisis’ impact on SMEs: A literature review; Low cost ergonomic interventions to reduce risk factors for work related musculoskeletal disorders during dairy farming; and Work Hard Play Hard; Leisure Satisfaction and Work Engagement among Turkish Women.

In addition, our monthly section on *Ergonomics in a Global World* which are presentations from the 2018 International Ergonomics Association (IEA) Congress, contains two articles: *Assessing the effects of lean on occupational health and safety in the Ready-Made Garment industry* and *Effect of heel base area and walking speed on the utilized coefficient of friction during high-heeled walking.*

We hope that you are continuing to enjoy our webinar series, **Learn at WORK**. If you missed any of the webinars, you can find the recordings at the **Learn at WORK** YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOJalCXvSg9fPHaFFs48PuQ>

Here is the schedule for the upcoming 2019 **Learn at WORK** webinars:

Wednesday, October 16, from 1pm-2pm Eastern Standard Time (EST):

The impact of customer incivility and verbal aggression on service providers: A systematic review presented by Valentina Sommovigo.

Registration link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1164081940462995457>

Wednesday, November 27, 2019, from 1pm-2pm Eastern Standard Time (EST):

Job satisfaction and its related factors among dentists: A cross-sectional study presented by Joanna Kobza.

Registration link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7542927240404548355>

Wednesday, December 4, 2019 from 1pm-2pm Eastern Standard Time (EST):

¹Retrieved 8/18/19 at <http://www.aota.org/Publications-News/AOTANews/2015/distinct-value-of-occupational-therapy.aspx#sthash.MIVYOb4Q.dpuf>

The efficacy and efficiency of disability management in job retention and job reintegration: A Systematic Review presented by Dominique Van de Velde.

Registration link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4057103748385459467>

Finally, here's a sneak preview of our first **Learn at WORK** webinar in 2020:

Wednesday, January 29, 2020, from 1pm-2pm Eastern Standard Time (EST):

A bird's eye view of driving safety culture: Truck drivers' perceptions of unsafe driving behaviors near their trucks presented by Garry Gray.

Registration link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/441219022715395596>

I welcome hearing from you.

All my best,

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