

## From the Editor

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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”<sup>1</sup>. 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](http://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):**

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<sup>1</sup>Retrieved 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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