



**University of Washington Rehabilitation Medicine Newsletter**

**July 2007**

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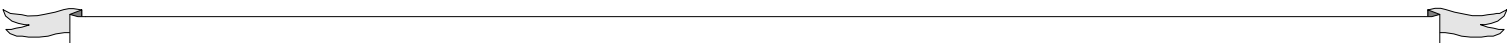
Once again, we are pleased to report that the University of Washington has been ranked #3 nationally for rehabilitation care in the 2007 "US News and World Report" rankings. Additionally, we remain the top-rated hospital-based rehabilitation program (the #1 and #2 facilities in the rankings are freestanding rehabilitation hospitals).


Since this ranking is based on a reputational survey of physicians, we believe it reflects positively on our clinical programs throughout the UW Medicine system, including the Rehabilitation Medicine programs at University of Washington Medical Center, Harborview Medical Center, Children's Hospital & Regional Medical Center, the VA Puget Sound Health Care System, and the Eastside Specialty Clinic. Further information about the "US News & World Report" rankings can be obtained at <http://health.usnews.com/sections/health/best-hospitals>.

**2. TBI Documentary Premieres to Positive Reviews.**

The UW TBI Model System, under the leadership of Kathleen Bell, MD, Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine, the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Harborview Medical Center, and the Brain Injury Association of Washington hosted the premiere of the documentary "Living with a Traumatic Brain Injury" on June 26, 2007. The event was part of an evening dedicated to the celebration of Washington's first law providing funding for support services for traumatic brain injury survivors and their caregivers.

Chronicling the lives of four patients living with traumatic brain injury and sharing information from experts at the University of Washington and Harborview Medical Centers, "Living with a Traumatic Brain Injury" evoked a number of positive responses from





attendees. Janet Powell, PhD, Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy and a co-producer of the film, reports that survivors were pleased with how their lives were realistically portrayed, while lay people felt they came away with a better understanding of brain injury and the rehabilitative process.

At the end of the viewing, the audience fittingly acknowledged the contributions of the TBI survivors and family member profiled in the film with a standing ovation.

Links to the film and a web-survey to provide feedback to the producers are at:  
<http://depts.washington.edu/uwtbi/Education/documentary.htm>

### **3. Lehmann Day Symposium and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala: What a Weekend!**

Attendance hit a new high this year for the Annual Lehmann Day Symposium, where keynote speaker Leighton Chan, MD, MPH (National Institutes of Health) shared current information on the NIH intramural research program, while keynote speaker Alan Jette, Ph.D., MPH (Boston University) discussed the challenges involved in attempting to measure the primary domains included in the International Classification of Function, Disability, and Health. Departmental faculty from all affiliated medical centers presented their cutting edge research, and faculty, residents, and graduate students presented 22 posters; numerous faculty commented on the exciting work their colleagues are doing! A well-attended reception followed the symposium.

The following day was our department's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, celebrated with a formal dinner and dance at the Palace Ballroom. 128 people, including Mrs. Lehmann and several members of the Lehmann family, attended the gala. Dr. Marjorie Anderson emceed an informative and entertaining program depicting the 50 year history of the Department. Other speakers in the program included Dr. Donald Silverman, Dr. Bill Fordyce, Dr. Walter Stolov, Dr. Larry Robinson, David Taylor (physical therapy alumnus) and Kathy Stewart (occupational therapy alumnus). Closing comments were given by Dr. Peter Esselman, Acting Chair of the Department. The festivities concluded with an outstanding performance by The Shrinking Heads, a band featuring Harborview's own Dr. Dave Patterson and a group of other 'shrink' musicians.

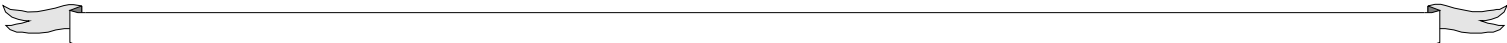
Our pledge drive resulted in \$8,640 donated to the department – we would like to thank our donors and everyone who came out to help salute 50 amazing years!


### **4. Dr. Marjorie Anderson: An Outstanding Career Comes to an End, An Amazing Retirement Sure to Begin.**

After 34 years with the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, Marjorie Anderson, PhD, has officially retired, effective June 30, 2007. Dr. Jefferson Slimp, UW Professor of Neurophysiology and longtime friend and colleague of Dr. Anderson presented a moving portrait of her tenure with our department at our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala.

Dr. Anderson received her Bachelor's in Medical Technology at Michigan State University, then moved on to become one of the first women graduate students in the University of Washington's Physiology Program. As a postdoctoral fellow at Rockefeller University, Dr. Anderson began her career in the study of the control of movement, a career that would bring her back to the Northwest as an assistant professor in the UW Department of Rehabilitation Medicine in 1971.

Accolades and honors continued to follow her as Dr. Anderson's research focused on the study of the basal ganglia and the control of movement in monkeys. A teacher of physiology for over 30 years, she mentored a long list of students in the department, publishing many





significant scientific papers with them and inspiring them with her dedication and enthusiasm.

Additionally, she was a powerful presence in the department, serving as director of rehabilitation research, as vice-chair of the department, as interim chair after the end of Dr. Lehman's and Dr. Stolov's tenures, as chair of the NIH Neurology Study Section, and on various committees at the university, regional, and national level. In 2003, her outstanding career and contributions as a scientist in the UW School of Medicine were acknowledged when she was invited to give the Annual Distinguished Science in Medicine Lecture at the University of Washington.

Dr. Anderson's dedication to research and our department made her a key member of our faculty, one who will be sorely missed. She will continue to work at 10% until December 2007 to mentor her final doctoral candidates and grants. Those of us familiar with her work ethic are not surprised, but ask to be remembered on the postcard mailing list when she begins her freewheeling retirement travels.

### **5. Spotlight: New PhD Program in Rehabilitation Science Up and Running**

At summer quarter's end, the PhD Program in Rehabilitation Science completes its first full year of academic instruction. The six students in the program's inaugural cohort are Deanna Britton (Speech Path), Cecille Corsilles-Sy (OT), Cheryl Kerfeld (PT), Patti Matsuda (PT), Megan Morris (Speech Path), and Cyndi Robinson (PT).

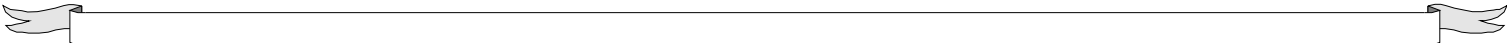
Thus far the students have completed three of the core courses in the PhD Program: Foundations of Rehabilitation Science (Instructors: Kurt Johnson, PhD and Kathy Yorkston, PhD), Quantitative and Qualitative Methods in Rehabilitation Research (Instructors: Marcia Ciol, PhD and Brian Dudgeon, PhD, OTRL), and Outcomes in Rehabilitation Research (Instructor: Dagmar Amtmann, PhD). This quarter, Kathy Yorkston and Deborah Kartin are teaching Evidence-Based Rehabilitation, the fourth course in the program's series of seven core courses.


The PhD students in Rehabilitation Science have had a growing presence at scholarly meetings locally, nationally, and internationally. They include poster and platform presentations at the Annual Conference and Exposition of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) (Denver, CO), Combined Sections Meeting (APTA) (Boston, MA), the World Confederation for Physical Therapy International Congress (Vancouver, BC, Canada), and Justus F. Lehmann Day (Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, University of Washington, Seattle, WA).

The second cohort of students in PhD Program in Rehabilitation Science will begin Fall Quarter 2008. Applications for the 2008 cohort will be accepted beginning September 2007. For more information about the program explore our web page: <http://depts.washington.edu/rehab/phd/index.html> or contact: Deborah Kartin, PT, PhD, Director ([kartin@u.washington.edu](mailto:kartin@u.washington.edu) or 206-598-5338) or Victoria Corrin, Program Coordinator ([vcorrin@u.washington.edu](mailto:vcorrin@u.washington.edu) or 206-616-3212).

### **6. Faculty Awards and Honors.**

**Jay M. Uomoto, Ph.D.**, Director of the VA's Center for Polytrauma Care, Seattle Division, has been appointed to the American Psychological Association's Presidential Task Force on Psychological Needs of U.S. Military Service Members and Their Families. This Task Force was established to review and make recommendations on programs for and the needs of





service members and their families. Congratulations may be sent to Dr. Uomoto at [Jay.Uomoto@va.gov](mailto:Jay.Uomoto@va.gov).

**Stuart Weinstein, M.D.**, of Harborview Spine Center, has been named editor of the new journal to be published by the AAPM&R. The name of the journal has yet to be determined, but the first issue is scheduled for January 2009. Dr. Weinstein can be emailed at [smw25@u.washington.edu](mailto:smw25@u.washington.edu).

## **7. Division of Physical Therapy Welcomes New Faculty.**

Our recent faculty searches have resulted in the addition of two new members to the Division of Physical Therapy faculty. Valerie Kelly, PhD, received her BA in Physical Anthropology from the University of Pennsylvania, an MS in Physical Therapy from Washington University, and a PhD in Movement Science from Washington University. She also completed a post-doctoral fellowship here in Rehab Medicine under the mentorship of Dr. Anne Shumway-Cook. Dr. Kelly's expertise is in neuroscience; her research focuses on the evaluation and management of people with Parkinson's disease.

Sally Westcott McCoy, PhD, has also just to join the faculty in the Division of Physical Therapy. Dr. McCoy brings a wealth of expertise in neuroscience and pediatrics. She served on the faculty and as director of research in the Department of Physical Therapy at Hahnemann/Allegheny University 1993-99, and most recently in a similar position at the University of Puget Sound. Sally graduated from our initial Master of Physical Therapy program in 1979. Welcome home, Sally!

## **8. Welcome to Rehabilitation Medicine's New Fellows.**

Please extend a warm welcome to the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine's new Fellows: Kirk Danielson, M.D.; Matthew Davis, M.D.; Angeli Mayadev, M.D.; and David Morgenroth, M.D.

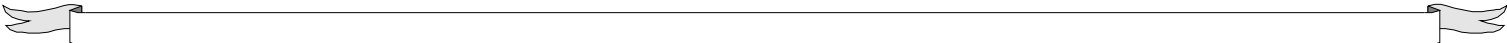
Dr. Danielson begins his appointment as the Spine and Sports Fellow on August 1, 2007. A graduate of the Oregon Health Sciences University School of Medicine, he just finished his residency in Rehabilitation Medicine with the University of Washington. Please send him a welcome at: [kdaniel@u.washington.edu](mailto:kdaniel@u.washington.edu).


The new Spinal Cord Injury Fellow is Dr. Matthew Davis. His residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Medicine was completed at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, while he received his medical doctorate from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. You may send greetings to [matthew.davis@va.gov](mailto:matthew.davis@va.gov).

Dr. Angeli Mayadev is yet another alumna of the UW Department of Rehabilitation Medicine's residency program, continuing here in the coming year as our Multiple Sclerosis Fellow. She received her medical degree from Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine. Welcome her at [amayadev@u.washington.edu](mailto:amayadev@u.washington.edu).

Dr. David Morgenroth begins his K12 Fellowship at the VA in August 2007, working with Joe Czerniecki, M.D. Dr. Morgenroth began his medical training at SUNY Downstate Medical Center and continued his Rehabilitation Medicine residency at the University of Washington. Please send your hellos to [david.morgenroth@va.gov](mailto:david.morgenroth@va.gov).

Welcome to all of our new Fellows. We look forward to our association with you in the coming year.





*PLEASE NOTE: Grand Rounds are on hiatus for the summer. The Grand Rounds Schedule will be posted again starting in September. For the most current information, please visit our grand rounds section of our website at <http://depts.washington.edu/rehab/education/rounds.html>*

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