

Message from the Chair



Myla Quiben, PT, DPT, PhD

Greetings! As the physical therapy profession is dynamic, so is higher education. As my first communication as with you, our alumni and friends, as Interim Chair of the Department, let me share with you the pride we have for our faculty, students, and program.

The Department is committed to providing superior education and our excellent faculty, half of whom are clinical specialists, include national and state leaders and award-winning educators and researchers. Over the past 4 months, we have been very busy at the state and national fronts. Two of our faculty have received national education awards, a testament to strengths of the faculty individually and as a whole.

Our faculty and students had a significant presence at the Texas Physical Therapy Association Annual Conference, with over 9 platform/poster presentations and 2 educational sessions. At the APTA Combined Sections Meeting this February, our program had 4 educational sessions and 7 platform/poster presentations. A fun fact: at the recent Physical Therapy Olympics held in San Antonio, our DPT students emerged as the overall champions out of more than 11 Texas PT programs who came to indulge their competitive and athletic spirits!

We continue to build upon our research strengths with our highly productive faculty who are NIH- and grant-funded in many areas of interests and who continue to contribute to the literature and generate new knowledge in neurologic and geriatric physical therapy, autism, diabetes and wound prevention. All these, while serving the community as resources and PT experts.

Many thanks to our dedicated clinical instructors – you are shaping future clinicians and colleagues amidst the many clinical challenges facing PTs, thank you for your sharing your time, knowledge and skills to our students!

To our alumni, we will be tapping you, your talents and expertise, and your feedback in building the next generation future clinicians and leaders in the profession. We pride ourselves on the talented physical therapists who have emerged from our school over the past 8 years – let us know what you have been up to and let us celebrate your achievements, leadership, and current professional endeavors!

It is an exciting time in the profession's movement towards a cohesive identity with the physical therapist as movement system experts. It is an honor to serve this faculty, our students, and alumni. Please join me in celebrating our achievements and in further strengthening UNTHSC DPT program.

Feel free to contact me should you have any questions. I would love to hear from you!

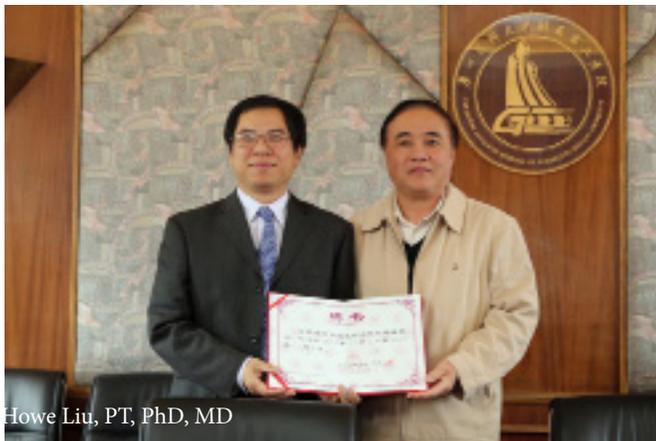
Warm regards,

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Dr. Liu and Salem visit China

Two UNTHSC Department of Physical Therapy faculty members traveled to Ganzou China in the fall to speak on Aquatic Therapy. Howe Liu, PT, PhD, MS, MD, and Yasser Salem, PT, MS, PhD, NCS, PCS, vice president of the APTA aquatic section, educated and trained Chinese rehabilitation doctors and therapists on aquatic therapy during a national rehabilitation conference. The conference spanned three hospitals in two different cities in China. In addition to speaking at the conference, Dr. Liu and Dr. Salem made time to visit patients with cerebral palsy, ages ranging from 3 months to 5 years. The two faculty members spent the week in China advancing the prac-



Howe Liu, PT, PhD, MD



Yasser Salem, PT, PhD

tice of physical therapy, applying techniques that are often underused. Both professors spoke positively about their experience working with patients and speaking at the conference. Dr. Liu and Dr. Salem were interviewed by the UNTHSC Newsroom and their inspiring story can be found on the university website.

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Notable professors paving the way

The students may not realize it now, but their professors do more than just teach a few classes here and there. Faculty have been dedicating this academic year to prepping for the CAPTE visit. Focusing on scholarship, service, and additionally, a few have won awards, accepted new leadership roles and joined distinguished programs. Dr. Yasser Salem was appointed to the leadership committee for the American Council of Academic Physical Therapy (ACAPT), and will also receive the 2018 Distinguished Educator award from the APTA Education Section. Interim Chair, Dr. Myla Quiben {pictured on previous page}, will receive the 2018 Distinguished Educator award from the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy (AGPT). Dr. Haylie Miller was accepted into the STARS Leadership Program, a distinguished fellowship program related to health disparity research. This is just a few of the celebrations and accomplishments of our faculty from the past few months.



Haylie Miller, PhD

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Clinical Instructor (noun)

clin·i·cal in·struc·tor

Definition:

An experienced health care professional who teaches, develops, and refines a student's clinical skills. A person who acts a role model by implementing contemporary and forward-looking clinical practice and care delivery for students who desire to grow in health care.

The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program is seeking Clinical Instructors (CIs). As a Clinical Instructor for UNTHSC, in addition to obtaining continued education credits for mentoring students during rotations, you will have the opportunity to utilize the extensive data bases of the university library. The University is also pleased to offer and provide educational and professional opportunities to valued clinical instructors, such as access to various on-site and on-line continued education courses, for little to no cost.

For more information, please contact the PT program Clinical Site Coordinator at 817-735-0146

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UNTHSC Presence at National and State Conferences

During the fall, students, faculty and alumni represented the school's passion for research, education and the physical therapy field Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA), American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM) and the Educational Leadership Conference (ELC).

In late September, several UNTHSC faculty, students, and visiting scholars had poster presentations at ACRM. These posters covered topics in exercise programs in assisted living homes and therapeutic injection impact on post-stroke patients.

Early in October, a handful of students, professors and clinical instructors attended ELC in Ohio. One of our 3rd year students, Amber Thurston, was able to present a platform session over Interprofessional Wellness Program within a Student-run PT Clinic with Pharmacy and Social Work. In addition, two all-star faculty members, Dr. Quiben and Dr. Schwarz, spoke at ELC over the topic of Interprofessional Education and Clinical Reasoning for Clinical Instructors.

Later in the month of October was the Annual TPTA conference. UNTHSC faculty and students presented over 10 topics. Research topics ranged from restructuring postural control, Parkinson' Disease gait initiation, to botulinum toxin as a therapy, and service learning.

As is tradition in February, UNTHSC Physical Therapy Department attended the APTA Combined Sections Meeting with a large attendance. Faculty and students superbly presented numerous education sessions, platforms and posters. Topics varied from Exercise programs in children with Down syndrome, Utilization of post professional programs to enhance private practice, cooling wheelchair cushion for injury prevention, to Geriatrics Physical Therapy Curricula.



UNTHSC DPT Faculty and Students at TPTA Conference

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National Physical Therapy Month



Jarod Hall, PT, DPT, OCS

National Physical Therapy Month occurred during October, and this year's theme was safe management of pain. The department offered two CCU events during Physical Therapy month. Jarod Hall, PT, DPT, OCS presented "The Opioid Epidemic: Our understanding of pain and what physical therapists can do to help". The events were well attended by local clinicians, including several UNTHSC DPT Alumni! Current students participated in hosting the events and were able to get a better understanding of current topics and public health issues they will encounter after becoming clinicians. Success at these two small CCU events lead to the department hosting a bigger event February 10th with Dr. Hall and Dr. Lopez over the science of pain.

Physical Therapy Day of Service

On October 14th UNTHSC PT students participated in the Bark For Life of Tarrant County at Z Bonz dog park. Bark For Life is an event to fight cancer, recognizing our canine companions who help those living with cancer. Humans and dogs alike participated in the activities and competitions. PT students represented the school, the profession, and National Physical Therapy Month by wearing their #ChoosePT shirts during the charity festivities.



UNTHSC DPT Students

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Upcoming UNTHSC Events

April 3rd – Physical Therapy Annual Career Fair

April 27th & 28th - Autism Event

April 28th & 29th - Kinesio Tape Assessments

May 4th & 5th – APTA Credentialed Clinical Instructor Program

To register and see a full list of UNT Health Science Center's Professional and Continuing Education events, Online and Live, visit <http://ce.unthsc.edu/> and to stay connected and up to date with department events, please visit our website – www.unthsc.edu/school-of-health-professions/physical-therapy/.

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