

Message from the Chair

On behalf of Faculty and Staff, I welcome you to the Department of Physical Therapy at the University of North Texas Health Science Center. I am honored to have the opportunity to lead The Department at this exciting time, and I am committed to continuing and expanding its reputation for excellence in all aspects of our mission.

It is my pleasure and honor to share with you some extraordinary achievements as well as remarkable community and professional services, all with a common thread of breaking through barriers in a journey to advance the Department of Physical Therapy's mission. Our department is dedicated to providing outstanding educational experiences to our Doctor of Physical Therapy students. Our dynamic and highly qualified faculty who have extensive experience across diverse practice areas, are engaged in community and professional service and participate in scholarly activities to promote excellence in practice and physical therapist education.

In this newsletter, you will find information about our presentations, success, scholarship and service in the field of physical therapy at the state and national level. Included in here are stories that show the hard work and dedication of our faculty and students, leading to the publishing of 12 peer-reviewed articles, 1 book chapter and over 50 presentations at state, national and international conferences. Just recently, five of our faculty, several of our DPT students and alumni received acceptance notifications to present their scholarly work at the World Congress of Physical Therapy conference being held in South Africa. This scholarship and research is supported by more than \$ 1 million in grants from the NIH, NSF, Texas Physical Therapy Foundation, and others.

Our service to the profession remains unmistakable. A faculty member was reelected for the second term as the president of the Texas Physical Therapy Association. Another of one of our faculty members was elected to serve as the vice president of an APTA Sections. We are grateful for the support of our alumni and friends. We are excited to meet the new challenges and opportunities in the coming years. We hope you enjoy this edition of our Department's newsletter.

Best Regards,
Yasser Salem PT, PhD, MS, NCS, PCS, Professor and
Interim Chair



Dr. Yasser Salem

Faculty Celebrations, Accomplishments and Projects

Dr. Salem honored with prestigious research award

At the most recent TPTA conference, Dr. Yasser Salem was awarded the 2016 Outstanding Physical Therapy Researcher Award. Dr. Salem received this award due to his body of research that encompasses numerous publications, both national and international, grant funding as well as fully committing to the profession of physical therapy academically and in practice. This is the second time in three years that a UNTHSC faculty member received the honor. The first was Dr. Howe Liu in 2014.

A second term as TPTA president

Dr. Mike Connors, a faculty member and DFW clinician, was elected for a second term as TPTA president. Dr. Connors continues to show his dedication to physical therapy through his research, clinical service, teaching and his advocacy. Dr. Connors advocates for the profession and for patients right to choose. He is an inspiration to our students as he radiates professionalism, accountability and passion.



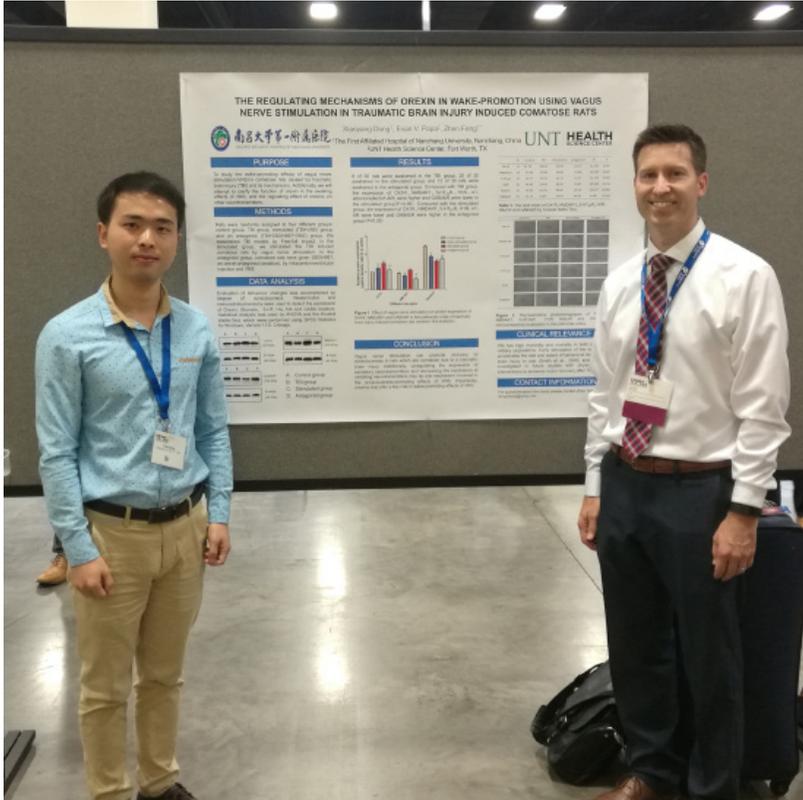
Dr. Yasser Salem & Dr. Mike Connors

Valubility award winner

Dr. Howe Liu was an August Valubility award winner. At UNTHSC, *Valubility* is a program created by faculty, staff and students that helps recognize and celebrate a person who is living our values in extraordinary ways, by going above and beyond. Dr. Liu was nominated by Dr. Salem and Dr. Richardson. Dr. Liu was nominated for embodying the values UNTHSC holds. He maintains great relationships with all his students and encourages collaboration, and is always willing to volunteer and offer help when needed. Dr. Liu demonstrates integrity, respect and dedication to others no matter where he is or what the situation is. Congratulations Dr. Liu!



Yasser Salem, Mike Richardson & Howe Liu



Xiaoyang Dong & Dr. Evan Papa

Dr. Papa and Postural Control research

Dr. Papa has been focused and dedicated to research on postural control. Dr. Papa, along with Mahid Hassan and Dr. Nicoleta Bugnariu, published the article 'The Effects of Performance Fatigability on Postural Control and Rehabilitation in the Older Patient', in the journal of Current Geriatrics Reports. (Look for it in Volume 5, issue 3, pp 172-178). Dr. Papa is also the co-investigator on the grant 'Effects of OMT on Gait Kinematics and Postural Control in Parkinson Disease', from the American Osteopathic Association.

Dr. Miller appointed to Autism Advisory board

Dr. Haylie Miller was recently appointed to the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History's Autism Advisory Board. The Autism Advisory Board is a group of professionals working in the autism community in Fort Worth. It includes representatives from local universities (UNTHSC, UNT Denton, TCU), intervention specialists (BCBAs, SLPs) and directors from several local service providers, educators, and representatives from non-profit organizations dedicated to ASD advocacy (Autism Speaks, FEAT-NT). The board has been working to plan a Sensory Saturday event at the FWMSH. Annually in the fall the Museum holds a free after-hour event for the ASD community that includes activities facilitated by therapists, information, resources, and entertainment from a music therapist. Dr. Miller was a founding partner for this event since 2012, working to build the FWMSH advisory board and increase ASD outreach.



Dr. Haylie Miller

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Dr. Quiben a 2016 APTA ELI Fellow

Dr. Myles Quiben completed the APTA Education Leadership Institute Fellowship this past July. Dr. Quiben was one of fifteen to finish the program. The ELI Fellowship strives to develop PT and PTA education directors and instructors with leadership skills to facilitate change, creative solutions and enhancement in the academic environment. The fellowship strives to respond to health-care changes and advance the profession of physical therapy. Dr. Quiben has demonstrated personal and institutional leadership skills and is a great example of what an educator and leader should be in the discipline of physical therapy.

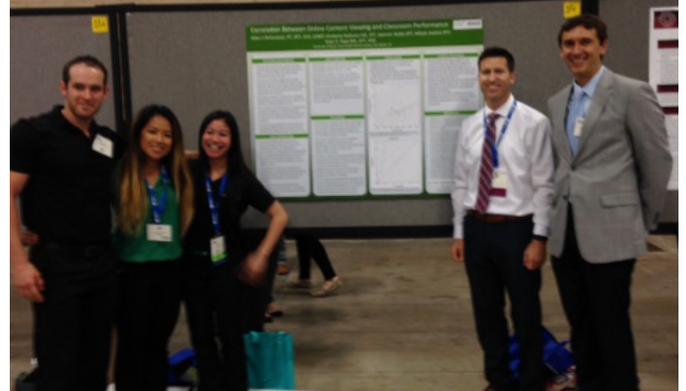
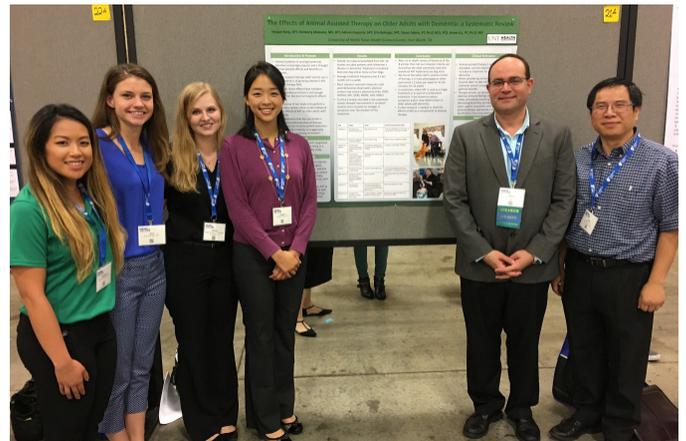


2016 ELI Fellowship Members

TPTA Conference October 2016

The TPTA conference was held at the Fort Worth Convention Center October 27-30, 2016. To kick off the conference UNTHSC DPT and the Alumni Association hosted an Alumni & friends Happy Hour event from 4:30-6:30 at the Ginger Man in the cultural district.

The following day, UNTHSC Physical Therapy had a significant presence at TPTA as it relates to presentations and posters. Topics covered by UNTHSC faculty and students included: intercultural effectiveness in clinical education, animal assisted therapy, plantar ulceration, evidence based approaches, maximizing exercise and motivation in patients. UNTHSC students and faculty (current and retired) finished the conference with a bang. Many were able to present current research, and a select few were honored and awarded for the diligent work in the field of physical therapy.



UNTHSC Faculty and Students at TPTA Conference

Success at APTA Combined Sections Meeting



Dr. Liu and UNTHSC DPT Students

This February, UNTHSC Physical Therapy department attended the APTA Combined Sections Meeting with a large attendance. UNTHSC Faculty and students successfully presented numerous education sessions, platforms and posters. In addition to faculty and students who presented, UNTHSC had representation from Alumni and current 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students. During CSM, two faculty members received national awards for their leadership and service to their APTA sections. Dr. Salem won the Aquatic Section service award, and Dr. Quiben was awarded the Joan Mills award from the Academy of Geriatric PT. Additionally, retired UNTHSC Faculty member Dr. Lovelace-Chandler received the Educational Leadership award during CSM.



Dr. Myla Quiben



Dr. Yasser Salem

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National PT Month:

October was National Physical Therapy Month! National Physical Therapy Month (NPTM) is a celebration held each October by the American Physical Therapy Association. It was created to recognize the impact that physical therapists and physical therapist assistants have in repairing and improving motion in people's lives. To kick off NPTM here at UNTHSC, our Physical Therapy Student Association hosted their first "Dip, Dive, and Dodge" ball tournament on October 1st. Funds raised from the tournament were donated to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

On October 15, PT Day of Service, our DPT students volunteered at the Puzzle Scuttle 5K benefiting the Child Study Center in Fort Worth. The children were able to participate in an obstacle course filled with balance and coordination activities!



DPT students from Class of 2018 and 2019

Application for success

Current second year student, Mark Anthony Rodriguez and his employer Foreman Therapy Services, recently won the Innovation Award at the SIA HealthCare Staffing Summit in Washington, DC. Mark has been working with the home healthcare staffing company for some time and has been a part of the company's move from an outdated software system to a developing and creative healthcare management app, best described as "Uber meets home healthcare". Mark, along with a few other members of the Forman team converted an unorganized and complicated system and streamlined the process. Their idea came from the sense that "there is an app for that". The Forman Therapy Services app allows therapists to receive a patient through the application and chose to treat or not treat the patient based on factors, such as location, ailment, time, etc. The company had the idea about 3 years ago, and it has now come to fruition. Debuting their app in early November and receiving the Innovation Award is an incredible honor.



Foreman Therapy Services Employees

Upcoming UNTHSC Events:

- > Physical Therapy Career Fair
 - April 10, 2017
 - Get more details at:
<http://www.UNTHSC.edu>
- > Thursday Afternoon of CCUs
 - April 11, 2017
 - Get more details at:
<http://www.UNTHSC.edu>
- > Kinetacore Functional Dry Needling Level 1
 - June 3 & 4, 2017
 - Register and get more details at:
<http://www.kinetacore.com>

How educating the future has its benefits

Our department offers a few incentives for being a clinical instructor to the physical therapy students here at UNTHSC, such as CCUs, library access and discounted courses. Our department is able to provide Continuing Competence Units for serving as a clinical instructor. Per Physical Therapy Practice Act Rule 341.3 “Qualifying Continuing Competence Activities” section F, physical therapists can earn CCUS for serving as a CI full-time to PT students and can claim up to 10 CCUs per renewal cycle. Supervising a student full time for 5-11 weeks will earn one 5 CCUs, while supervising a student full time for 12 or more weeks will earn one 10 CCUs. Acting as a clinical instructor for UNTHSC allows for access to the UNTHSC Lewis Library and data bases. This provides the ability to stay up to date with current topics, research and evidence based practice. Another great benefit to being a clinical instructor for our DPT students in the availability for discounted registration fees on the numerous continuing education courses and events UNTHSC hosts. In addition to these benefits, being a clinical instructor to a student helps stimulate your work environment and assists in your own clinical and individual growth. If you are currently a clinical instructor make sure you are taking advantage of these opportunities, and encourage others to become clinical instructors so they too can benefit from educating the next generation of clinicians! Interested in these perks, reach out to the departments’ clinical site coordinator, Sara Correa today.

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