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Department of Occupational Therapy | Vol. 5 Winter 2024 Alumni Newsletter



Greetings from our Program Director



Hello from the UNE MSOT Program!

I hope that this semester’s newsletter finds everyone doing well and looking forward to Spring and Spring occupations. It hasn’t been a great Winter for outdoor Winter occupations and I find myself looking toward my garden for sure. Things here on campus continue to be busy with courses, service learning, and collaborations at UNE and in the community. We are developing partnerships with a variety of community agencies and I look forward to sharing more as we move along.

Students and faculty will be traveling to AOTA National Conference in March, if you are attending, please join us for our alumni happy hour on 3/22 (details regarding time and place are in the newsletter). We then look forward to celebrating Occupational Therapy Month in April. We would love for you to share how you and your OT colleagues celebrate the profession by sending us photos to share on our social media pages. In addition, send us any updates you have that you would like to share with the UNE OT community.

Looking forward to connecting with alumni whenever and wherever we can,

Kris

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We are looking forward to our upcoming Adaptive Projects Expo on **Tuesday, April 23rd from 4:30-6PM in Innovation Hall on the Portland campus.** Please join us for a fun and engaging night of community, inclusion and creativity as current UNE MSOT students showcase innovative projects created to meet the needs of children and youth in our community!

ALUMNI UPDATES!

Do you have news to share? Did you get a new job? A promotion? Get married? Expand your family? Had a weekend reunion with your MSOT classmates? We'd love to share your news, photos, etc. Please provide your class year and your info and we will happily share it in our next newsletter.

Please send these updates to Carrie Beals:
cbeals@une.edu

We look forward to hearing all your exciting news and adventures!

Faculty and Staff News

We are thrilled to welcome 2 new faculty members and a new professional staff member to our UNE OT community.

- Dr. Erin McCall joined our department in May 2023 as an assistant clinical professor. Erin comes to us with a background of practice in employee health and wellness, mental health, older adult well-being, and 5 years teaching experience at University of Southern Maine in their MSOT program.
- Dr. Jennie Dapice joined us in August 2023 as an assistant professor, and brings a background in pediatric occupational therapy practice in school and acute care settings, as well as animal-assisted interventions.
- Melissa Walsh joined us November 2023 as the administrative coordinator for the OT department. Melissa's professional background is in office management for the horticulture industry, veterinary medicine and alternative health. Melissa is also a licensed massage therapist, though not currently practicing.

Welcome Erin, Jennie and Melissa to our UNE OT Community!



Left to Right: Dr. Erin McCall, Dr. Jennie Dapice, Melissa Walsh

Program Updates

- **UNE MSOT in Morocco:** Three second year Master of Science in Occupational Therapy students (MSOT) and Dr. Kris Winston, MSOT Program Director, spent 10 days this past January at UNE's Tangier Campus in Morocco. They had one overnight stay in Kenitra to attend the 6th annual Occupational Therapy Association of Morocco Conference (OTAM). Our students participated in a panel with Moroccan OT students discussing how to handle stress, both as a student and while on clinical placements from the two cultural perspectives (*see photos on the next page!*)
- **ACOTE:** UNE MSOT is up for re-accreditation through the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education in the next 12 months. Our faculty and professional staff are busy preparing for this accreditation through our self-study. Our on-site visit is currently scheduled for **April 21 to 25, 2025**. Would you be willing to participate on an alumni panel? Please contact Dr. Kris Winston (kwinston@une.edu) with your interest to join in this important process!
- **Community Partnership, Park Danforth:** Faculty are excited to be exploring new partnerships with The Park Danforth. We are hoping to pilot community programming in the summer of 2024, more updates to follow!
- **Trauma Informed School Based Practice Badge:** We have several MSOT students working towards their Trauma Informed School Based Practice Digital Badge. Students who earn this distinction will research the neuroscience behind trauma, learn to recognize signs of trauma in the classroom, analyze student behavior through a trauma-sensitive lens, evaluate the characteristics of a safe learning environment, design a self-care plan to combat secondary traumatic stress when working in a school-based setting, and present their findings in a final project. We look forward to their final projects and work.



From left to right: Cheyenne Malloy, Adrienne Toof & Michelle Teodoro, UNE MSOT Class of 2024 in Morocco



From left to right: Cheyenne Malloy, Michelle Teodoro & Adrienne Toof, UNE MSOT Class of 2024 participating in the 6th annual Occupational Therapy Association of Morocco (OTAM) Conference



Leading Activities at a local organization in Morocco



Learning about Moroccan cuisine and cooking at The Blue Door in Tangier, Morocco

UNE MSOT at AOTA Inspire in Orlando, Florida



Will you be attending AOTA Inspire this year? We hope to see you there!

UNE Faculty and Student Presentations

March 22, 2024: 9-11AM Poster Presentation

Svendsen, M., Snyder, G., & Crampsey, E. W. (2024). Addressing sensory needs of adolescents within a residential setting.

March 23, 2024: 12:45-2:45PM Poster Presentation

McPartlin, T., Lynch, B., Delenick, C., & Crampsey, E. W. (2024). Advocating for increased accessibility on our college campus.

March 23, 2024: 3-5PM Poster Presentation

Brandow, K., & DePrimo, A. (2024) Looking through the lens of cultural humility: Occupational therapy in Morocco and cross-cultural expressions of occupational engagement.

Saturday, March 23, 2024 5:15-6:30PM

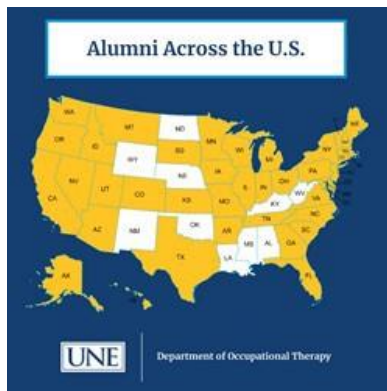
Dr. Carol Lambdin-Pattavina will be presented with her FAOTA as part of the Awards Ceremony!

Alumni Reception and Social Gathering at AOTA Inspire

Please join us for on Friday, March 22nd from 6:30-8:30 PM at the Pub Orlando (9101 International Drive, Suite 1003) for a special community gathering during the AOTA Conference & Expo in Orlando, Florida. Enjoy connection, community, lite bites and cash bar!

Register Here by March 14th: www.alumni.une.edu/OT2024

Faculty Awards & Recognition



ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

Ready to take a Fieldwork student? Are you local to campus? Are you a leader or advocate for your clients? Are you interested in sharing something you are doing through a guest lecture or lunch and learn opportunity in person or virtually? We have created a new link to [update your contact information](#), and let us know [how you would like to engage with the UNE Community](#):

<https://forms.gle/iz9AsBVNTmkYbYAo7>

Be involved. Be in touch! We can't wait to connect with you soon!

Dr. Carol Lambdin-Pattavina, Associate Professor, has been inducted as a **Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association (FAOTA)**. Ceremony and Celebration at the 2024 AOTA National Conference

Congratulations!!

UNE Department of Occupational Therapy

Congratulation to Dr. Jennie Dapice for becoming a Certified Animal-Assisted Intervention Specialist!

AAAIP Association of Animal-Assisted Intervention Professionals



Congratulations to Dr. Erin McCall on receiving a seed grant as part of her participation in the Healthcare Innovation Start Summit! [Click here](#) to read more about Dr. Erin McCall's work with Northeastern University's Roux Institute, addressing affordable housing and the need for older adults to live independently.



Congratulations to Dr. Elizabeth Crampsey on her new role at the University of New England! Dr. Crampsey was named the new Westbrook College of Health Professions Associate Dean of Academic Affairs in the Fall of 2023. While we miss Dr. Crampsey's presence in the OT department, we look forward to continued collaboration and work together as she takes on this leadership role at UNE. Congratulations Dr. Crampsey!

Program Scholarship

Dapice, J., & Nascimento, A. (2023). "Dogs in Animal-Assisted Interventions and Assistance Dogs: Roles and Requirements." Oral presentation accepted and presented virtually at the Association of Animal-Assisted Intervention Professionals 1st Annual Conference: Theory & Practice in Animal-Assisted Intervention. Virtual. October 2023.

Dapice, J. (2023). "Animal-Assisted Interventions in the School Environment: Benefits, Pathways, and Barriers." Invited oral presentation, presented at the Maine School Counselor Association Annual Conference, Augusta, ME. October 2023.

DePrimo, A., Winston, K., & Crampsey, E.W. (2023). "Embracing "It Depends" in OT Curriculum Design to Facilitate Inquiry and Critical Reflexivity for Practice: Being Comfortable with the Uncomfortable". Oral presentation accepted and presented at 2023 AOTA Education Summit, Denver, CO. November 2023.

Lambdin-Pattavina, C. (2024). "Professionalism: Wrapping Faculty Heads Around This Wily Concept." Old Dominion University, Department of Occupational Therapy. Virtual.

Lambdin-Pattavina, C. (2023). Occupational Time-Use Intervention for People with Serious Mental Illness: Action Over Inertia. In E. Pyatak & E. Lee (Eds.), *50 Studies Every Occupational Therapist Should Know* (149-156), Oxford University Press.

Notable Presentations

Dr. Carol Lambdin-Pattavina was invited to present the Keynote Address at the AOTA Education Summit in Denver, CO in November 2023. The annual summit is one of the largest gatherings designed specifically for occupational therapy professionals and assistant educators. In her address, “Professionalism: What Does It Really Mean?” Lambdin-Pattavina invited attendees to reflect on professionalism, a construct largely situated in White, Western, and typically male-dominated perspectives. Read more about Dr. Lambdin-Pattavina’s keynote address [here](#)

Dr. Carol Lambdin-Pattavina also was part of the American Journal of Occupational Therapy Authors and Issues Session (25) highlighting “The Issue Is—Preparing for and Responding to the Current Mental Health Tsunami: Embracing Mary Reilly’s Call to Action” which was recently published in the American Journal of Occupational Therapy. See this session on [YouTube](#)

Community Involvement

Did you know that our MSOT Faculty and Alumni are volunteer leaders in a variety of capacities in our local and national communities? Reach out to learn more and become involved!

- **Dr. Kris Winston:** Serving on the Maine OT Association conference committee (kwinston@une.edu)
- **Dr. Kimberly Davis (MSOT Alumni, class of 1991):** Serving as the President of the Maine OT Association
- **Sandra Larsen (MSOT Alumni, class of 2018):** Serving as the Secretary of the Maine OT Association
- **Dr. Carol Lambdin-Pattavina:** Serving as the chair of the Mental Health Special Interest Section (MHSIS) for AOTA. She is working to bring together mental health OT practitioners from every state and territory via the Interstate Consortium to support OT’s role in mental health spaces via generating & disseminating knowledge, and advocating for mental health OT (clambdinpattavina@une.edu)
- **Dr. Erin McCall:** Serving on the South Portland Age Friendly Committee. This advisory council to the town of South Portland advocates for keeping older adults in mind when developing community programs and advancing legislation (emccall@une.edu)
- **Dr. Jennie Dapice:** Serving as a member and volunteer with the Association of Animal-Assisted Intervention Professionals and a volunteer puppy raiser for Canine Companions for Independence (jdapice@une.edu)
- **Prof. Carrie Beals:** Serving on the executive board of Madeline’s Mission, a 501c3 organization supporting families in Maine navigating child loss (cbeals@une.edu)



Are you engaging in your community as a volunteer leader or advocate? Let us know what you are up to, we would love to highlight your work in an upcoming Newsletter. Send updates to Carrie Beals (cbeals@une.edu).

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