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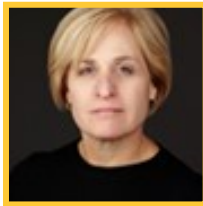
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## Alumni Newsletter

### Faculty and Staff News

Changes abound! We are pleased to share details of our upcoming Retirement Extravaganza for four distinguished UNE OT faculty.



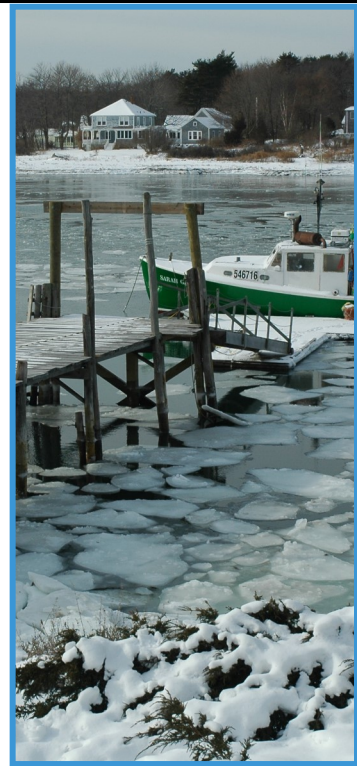
Dr. Jane O'Brien    Dr. Kathryn Loukas    Prof. Jan Froehlich    Dr. Regi Robnett

You are invited to a Retirement Celebration for Jane, Kathryn, Regi, and Jan. Please RSVP by April 10, 2023, so we can plan accordingly. The party will take place on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 from 4-5:30pm in Alumni Hall, the Newberry Room on the Portland Campus. Please RSVP via this link: <https://forms.gle/C6qcABQbMeyFhGYx7>

If you have any sentiments to share with these individuals and their influence in your professional OT practitioner career and/or personal lives, please be in touch. Our Staff Assistant, Natalie Perry (nleavitt@une.edu) would love to hear from you. Please send cards to:

(Retiree Name)  
UNE Occupational Therapy Department, c/o Natalie Perry  
716 Stevens Avenue—Proctor Hall 320  
Portland, ME 04103

We will share cards and sentiments (for their eyes only!) with them during their Retirement Celebration on May 17, 2023.



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Scholarship and Achievements
- We're Hiring!
- See you in Kansas City!

## ALUMNI SOCIAL EVENTS



We are excited to host an alumni event for UNE OT alumni on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:30pm for local OT practitioners to meet, greet, and network with one another. Please use the

google form link to RSVP.  
[forms.gle/3WjpNkPfeBpQBPY56](https://forms.gle/3WjpNkPfeBpQBPY56)

Location will be:

**Maine Craft Distilling**  
123 Washington Avenue,  
Portland, Maine.

There is a large parking lot available for ease.

*“This experience has given me a shifting perspective on working with clients hands-on and tailoring our type of care to their experience within their homes.”*

### KANSAS CITY

Are you coming to AOTA in Kansas City in April? Please be sure to let us know.

We hope to have an event for alumni during conference and hope to see you there.

Follow us on social media for updates as we get closer to April.

## UNEMSOT AND WESTBROOK HOUSING AUTHORITY

Last year, MSOT students partnered with DPT students to complete a monthly educational series based around topics gleaned from a needs assessment for the Westbrook Housing Authority (WHA) residents. This pilot project has been a catalyst for a variety of spin off projects with the Center for Excellence in Aging and Health (CEAH). This semester and next, first year MSOT students, with the facilitation of faculty members **Jessica Walton & Elise Ostensson** are completing home safety assessments. **Kiara Boeck**, 1<sup>st</sup> year MSOT student (class of 2024) shared “This experience has given me a shifting perspective on working with clients hands-on and tailoring our type of care to their experience within their homes.”

Further, Elise Ostensson, MSOTR/L, UNE OT faculty shared “This programming allowed the students to directly impact clients in the community. The students utilized their recently acquired clinical skills to improve the quality of life for the residents at WHA. An experience enjoyed by both students and faculty alike”. Stay tuned to hear more about UNE MSOT students and the positive impact they are having with the residents of the WHA community.





## CLASS NOTES

**Casey Manion, MSOT 2018** works as a pediatric occupational therapist in a public school setting primarily with students in a life skills program. We have had the opportunity to partner with Special Olympics Massachusetts to provide a unified sports program in both basketball and track. The students get to participate in a school sport alongside their peers. Since getting to volunteer with this program, I was given the opportunity to run the Boston Marathon to raise money for Special Olympics Massachusetts! The race is April 17th, 2023 and I need to raise \$10,000 by then! I am extremely appreciative of any donation, and I know the students are too! <https://www.givengain.com/ap/casey-manion-raising-funds-for-special-olympics-massachusetts/#timeline>

**Mary Beth Selby and Morgan Mitchell, MSOT 2019**, received their Certified Neuro Specialist (CNS) designations. More information about this certification process can be found here <https://www.neurospecialist.org/certification>

**Rebecca Lanham MSOT 2019**, attained her Board Certification in Pediatrics (BCP). This distinction through AOTA is held by less than 1% of the OT Practitioner workforce.

**Alexandra St. Clair, MSOT 2017**, attained her Hand Therapy Certification (CHT) through the Hand Therapy Certification Commission in December of 2022.

**Meghan Bowler, MSOT 2020**, was accepted into the Johns Hopkins Hand Therapy Fellowship in August!

## STAY IN TOUCH!

Do you have news to share? Did you get a new job? A promotion? Get married? Expand your family? Go backpacking through the Himalayas? 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 email your news to Dr. Elizabeth Crampsey ([ecrampsey@une.edu](mailto:ecrampsey@une.edu)) to have it included in our next newsletter.

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? Be involved. Be in touch. Be part of the UNE COmmuniTy.

Are you part of UNE Alumni Fire yet? If not, please check it out here:

[une.alumnifire.com](http://une.alumnifire.com) It is a chance to reconnect, open doors, and network.



## HONORARY CONGRATS!!

A hearty congratulations to Dr. Lambdin-Pattavina!

Special Interest Section (SIS) Quarterly Excellence in Writing Award 2022 presented by the American Occupational Therapy Association to **Lambdin-Pattavina, C.** & Dart, L. for their article:

*Complex trauma and neurodiversity: What happens in childhood doesn't always stay in childhood,* (August, 2022).

## RECENT MSOT PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

**Crampsey, E.** (2022). Embracing intentional change in the MSOT admissions process. Poster presentation, virtual option, AOTA Education Summit, December 7, 2022.

**DePrimo, A.** (2022). Critical discourse analysis: An occupational science methodology necessary for occupational therapy practice. Society for the Study of Occupation: USA (SSO:USA) Annual Research Conference, San Diego, CA.

**Lambdin-Pattavina, C.** & Pyatak, E. (2022). Position statement: Occupational therapy's role with chronic conditions. American Occupational Therapy Association. Bethesda, MD.

**Lambdin-Pattavina, C.,** Lannigan, E. & Linkie, C. (2022). Psychosis, trauma, and attachment: Intersections and implications for reimagining occupational therapy approaches to support meaningful occupational participation. American Occupational Therapy Association Mental Health Specialty Conference, Columbus, OH.

**O'Brien, J.** & Conners, B. (2023). *Introduction to occupational therapy* (6<sup>th</sup> ed.). Elsevier.

**O'Brien, J.** (October 27-29, 2022). *Strengths-based intervention for children and youth: An interactive workshop.* University of the Southern Caribbean, Maracas/St. Joseph, Trinidad. [Invited Speaker: 3-day Workshop].

Popova, J., **O'Brien, J.**, & Taylor, R. (2022). Family-centered care in early intervention: Exploring therapist and parent perspectives using the Intentional Relationship Model. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 76 (5), 1- 9.



## DID YOU KNOW?!

- UNE MSOT has been very busy, check out our latest news stories at the bottom of the page <https://www.une.edu/wchp/ot>
- The University of New England held a groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2022, for the construction of the Harold and Bibby Alford Center for Health Sciences on its Portland Campus. The project will facilitate the relocation of the University's **College of Osteopathic Medicine** (UNE COM) from Biddeford, creating an **integrated health sciences campus** that is unique in all of the New England region.



*Occupational Therapy is where science, creativity, and compassion collide.” -Jessica Kensky*

## WE ARE HIRING

We are seeing two full-time, doctoral-level faculty candidates for our MSOT program!

- Focus on Interprofessional Education and Collaboration
- Committed to Providing Diverse, Inclusive, & Equitable Community of Learning
- Opportunity for Community Engagement at Local, Regional, & International Levels

For more information, check out the links below and contact our Search Chair, Jessica Walton at [jwalton5@une.edu](mailto:jwalton5@une.edu)

**Clinical Track position**

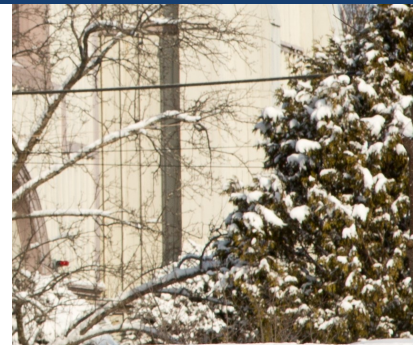
<https://une.peopleadmin.com/postings/12982>

**Tenure Track position**

<https://une.peopleadmin.com/postings/12980>

Read more about our current faculty team, here:

<https://www.une.edu/wchp/ot/people>



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