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## MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> HARD HAT PARTY

The Department is hosting this event May 28th between 5 – 9 PM at the UBC Life Sciences Building to increase awareness of our exciting new facilities which we are scheduled to move into on August 22, 2008. The evening features a performance by Chor Leoni Men's Choir, the world famous Vancouver men's choir, who have donated their time in support of our program. The event will also include presentations on the new facilities, a silent auction and a cash bar reception.

The presentation and concert will be broadcast live to both UNBC and UVic through the medical education facilities. We are planning receptions for those who will join us at those sites. We are seeking donations for the silent auction, large and small, and will also welcome donation of services. Please contact Sue Murphy ([suem12@telus.net](mailto:suem12@telus.net)) or Alison Greig ([Alison.greig@ubc.ca](mailto:Alison.greig@ubc.ca)) if you can provide a donation. Items can be dropped off at UBC or we can arrange pick up of items in the Lower Mainland. We need to receive all donations by May 20.



## HONOURING OUR BC PHYSICAL THERAPY FOUNDERS



**A**l Kozlowski challenges the physical therapy community to honour our pioneers through their donations to the Friedman Building Campaign.

Al has donated \$1000 towards the \$50,000 needed to name a room in memory of Jane Hudson, who led the UBC Division of Physical Therapy for 27 years from its beginning in 1961 to her retirement in 1988. As the Rehabilitation Sciences graduate student

who received the UBC Rehabilitation Medicine Alumni Jane Hudson Scholarship in 2007, Al wondered "What would Jane do?" The answer was immediate and simple: Jane would put back into the profession. Al challenges those who knew Jane Hudson and who value her contribution to the profession in BC and throughout Canada, to help realize this vision.

A handful of professional pioneers, Dr. Brock Fahrni, Jane Hudson, Lou MacGregor, and Hazel Southard were

instrumental in establishing the UBC Physical Therapy Program and fostering its growth for the first 25 years. The foundation they built at UBC and their contributions to the profession have benefited us all. We invite you to help us keep the memory of our founders alive for future students and practitioners who will utilize our newly renovated UBC Department of Physical Therapy facility which is scheduled to open in August 2008.

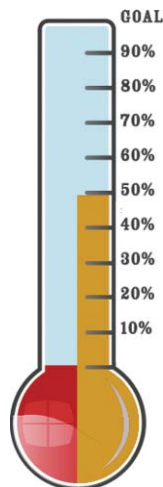
We would like to recognize all four founders by naming one room each in their honour.\* We are accepting donations to the Building Our Future fundraising campaign targeted toward naming seminar rooms in honour of Dr. Brock Fahrni, Jane Hudson, Lou MacGregor, and Hazel Southard. Donors will receive a charitable tax receipt and donations can be made by printing and submitting the pledge card which may be found on line at: <http://fundraising.physicaltherapy.med.ubc.ca/Home.htm> or by contacting the Department at 604-822-7408.

Donations of \$1000 or more will be recognized on a donor wall in the foyer of the new facility. Credit Card donations are accepted and to make giving easier, your contribution can be made by installments. Please indicate on the pledge card who you would like to honour with your donation or pledge.

*\* Naming is subject to UBC Senate Approval*

## FRIEDMAN BUILDING FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

**W**e want to thank all of you who have contributed to the "Building Our Future" campaign thus far. To date, we have raised \$442,000 toward our \$2 million dollar goal. Please consider donating if you have not already done so. Visit the website for more details. We need your support!



## INCREASED ENROLLMENT IN MPT PROGRAM APPROVED

**T**he Ministry of Advanced Education has both markedly increased the per seat student grant funding and confirmed increased enrollment in the MPT Program as follows:

- Fall 2008: 56 students
- Fall 2009: 72 students
- Fall 2010: 80 students

This is exciting for the profession as at present approximately 80% of new graduates remain in practice in BC post-graduation. UBC will be looking for expanded clinical placement opportunities as well as more clinical instructors and teaching assistants so if interested please contact [alison.greig@ubc.ca](mailto:alison.greig@ubc.ca)

## ALUMNI PROFILE

We would like to profile an alumnus in every issue. If you know of alumni that you would like us to profile or if you have an interesting story you would like to share about your time at UBC, send us an email at [ptnewsletter@ubc.ca](mailto:ptnewsletter@ubc.ca)

### NANCY CHO



#### **GRADUATING YEAR:**

1982

#### **DEGREE:**

Bachelor of Science  
in Rehabilitation  
Masters in Business  
Administration

#### **BACKGROUND:**

I was born and raised in Vancouver and I was initially interested in being a pharmacist but then heard about rehab from a friend whose sister was in the rehab program at UBC (her name was Janet (nee) Hunt for those who might know her). To begin my journey into rehab, I started volunteering at Shaughnessy Hospital on the spinal cord unit with Sue Laughlin (UBC grad) and in the OT department. Later I volunteered at GF Strong and met some of those same patients going through rehab. My volunteer work provided me with information and experience about what OT and PT were all about. It also led me to a part time job in the Shaughnessy Food Services that helped support me through UBC!

At UBC, I feel fortunate to have spent at least one year in the beloved 'Huts' before moving into the third floor of the new UBC Hospital. I have to give credit to my student mentors, Catherine Backman and my 'Big Sister' Karen Grimsey, who guided me through the program with tips, strategies, and old exams. I was eager to get involved with Rehabilitation Medicine Undergraduate Society (RMUS) Student Council. In my first year, I was the Orientation Rep and was responsible for planning the orientation night for potential rehab students. In my last year as President of RMUS Student Council, our group initiated a fundraising campaign to ask Rehab Alumni to donate money to

create a bursary for students. We soon found out how generous our Alumni were and in 1983 awarded the first Rehabilitation Medicine Alumni Bursary Award. From 1982–1995, I was also actively involved with the UBC Alumni Association by continuing the fundraising activities for this bursary and promoting alumni involvement. Catherine Backman and I hosted the School of Rehabilitation Medicine's 25th Anniversary Event at Woodward IRC which was an educational event with alumni reunions.

At graduation in 1982, there was a hiring freeze and most of my classmates had to leave the Lower Mainland to find work. I was fortunate to get offered one of 3 new graduate rotation positions at Vancouver General Hospital where Department Head Pamela Jeacocke (UBC grad) was able to convince her administrators to free up funding for these positions. I felt like I had won the lottery! For two years I rotated through different services every 3 months. I was able to experience and consolidate all my knowledge and skills and feel prepared to assess and treat anyone. In my third year, I took advantage of an opportunity to do an exchange with a PT from New Zealand for 6 months. Here I quickly learned the influence of Canada when they told me I had to collect daily statistics using the Canadian Stats collection method which may have been easier than learning to drive on the other side of the road. After returning to Vancouver General, I continued to work in neurology and finally as the Section Head of Critical Care in the Laurel Street Pavilion. In 1990, on the advice of an OT colleague, I started my MBA in Health Care Administration through night school. With my MBA almost completed, I moved into an Advanced Community PT Practice Leader position in 1994 with the Vancouver Health Department, which is now the Vancouver Community Program within Vancouver Coastal Health. My other professional interests have been working on various committees for the College of Physical Therapists of BC, chairing the National Written Test Development Group for the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapists, and some teaching at UBC.

As a partner with the new Department of Physical Therapy Fundraising Committee, I feel this has brought me full circle to fundraising – "friend raising" activities with UBC alumni, colleagues, and friends of UBC. I see physiotherapy practice maturing and still growing in many directions. I have special interests in enhancing the scope of physiotherapy within an interdisciplinary framework in the areas of seniors' fall prevention, skin and wound management, pelvic floor and continence management and chronic disease self-management. I look forward to seeing you at future events in the new Friedman building.

### NEW STAFF PROFILES



**Brenda Wessel, MS, PT**  
**Research Grants Facilitator**

Brenda joined the Department of Physical Therapy as the Research Grants Facilitator in January. She has a Master's Degree in Physical Therapy from the University of Southern California and has previously been in the role of Research Coordinator for the Brain Behavior Laboratory at UBC. Prior to moving to Vancouver last year from the U.S., Brenda worked as a Research Coordinator at the University of Kansas and in a variety of settings as a clinician. She is thrilled to be able to assist faculty and help expand the grant portfolio for the department.

Brenda is happy to be in such a beautiful part of the world where a variety of outdoor activities are so accessible. She enjoys hiking, mountain biking and snowboarding and is looking forward to participating in these activities with her twin 2-year-old daughters as they grow.



**Ernest Rosario**  
**Instructional Support Technician**

In January 2008, Ernest joined the Department of Physical Therapy. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our department with over 10 years' experience within the technology sector. He has worked as a consultant, an entrepreneur, as well as a network administrator/ systems analyst.

Ernest was born and raised in Toronto. Leaving Toronto has been quite a change. Though he misses the multi-lane highways, taking the subway and everything else Toronto has to offer, he is slowly getting acquainted with Vancouver's differences. Ernest has said 'Toronto will always be home, but Vancouver is where I will leave my mark'.

Ernest spends most of his free time enjoying things sports related, such as baseball, basketball and fishing. If you don't find him on the baseball diamond at 2nd base, most likely you will catch him on the water searching for trophy bass.



**Jennifer Talbot**  
**Administrative Manager**

Jennifer has recently been appointed Administrative Manager of the Department of Physical Therapy, commencing in April 2008. Jennifer brings eight years of Australian university administration experience with her. She has worked at the University of Technology, Sydney and for the last five years at The Australian National University in Canberra where she has held positions in Student Administration and Human Resource Management.

Outside of work, Jennifer enjoys reading and hiking and trying new food and wine. She enjoys watching sports, and misses playing with her women's baseball team back in Australia! Having come from a drought-stricken country, she is enjoying the abundance of rain and lush surroundings and is looking forward to exploring the beautiful Pacific NW wilderness.

### FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

**Janice Eng**, Professor, Department of Physical Therapy, has accepted the role as UBC Health Research Coordinator in the Office of the Vice President Research. Her mandate is to build health research capacity and she will work closely with researchers in health research-related faculties to ensure that information is disseminated and initiatives are developed to provide support for research and scholarship.

CIHR has named **Linda Li** as a new investigator and has awarded funding to her for five years in the amount of \$300,000.

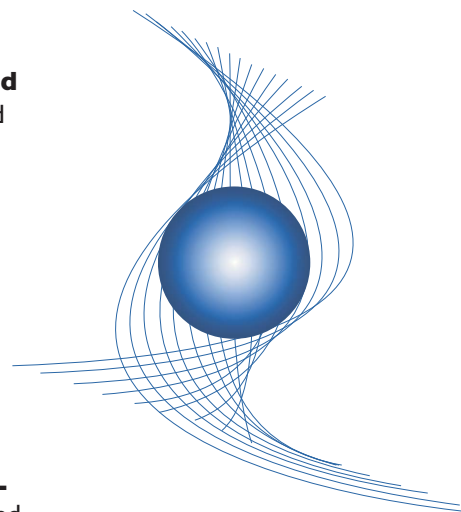
### FACULTY RESEARCH GRANTS

**Janice Eng (PI) and Lara Boyd (Co-PI)** have been awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) for a study to investigate novel methods for relating brain activation with balance and mobility entitled "Brain Activation: From Mechanisms to Mobility".

**Susan Harris (PI), Donna MacIntyre (Co-I), Linda Li (Co-I), and Darlene Reid (Co-I)**, with a host of community and clinician collaborators and Ontario partners, received a \$97,417 CIHR knowledge synthesis grant entitled: "Prescribing Safe and Effective Exercise for Older Adults after Fractures". Other BC physical therapy co-investigators or collaborators include Dr. Meena Sran, Marie Westby, Alison Hoens, Fatima Inglis, and Chris Palmer. Dr. Lynne Feehan has just been named the Project Coordinator for this grant.

**Linda Li (Co-I)** along with other researchers from several universities has been awarded a multi-year, \$2,500,000 grant from CIHR entitled "Community Alliances for Health Research and Knowledge Exchange in Pain"

**Darlene Reid (PI)**, team members Ghassan Hamarneh, **Linda C Li, Donna L MacIntyre**, Peter J O'Brien, Andrew W Sheel and David R Wilson and associated health researchers Hubert A Anton, Dina Brooks, **Rick G Celebrini**, Priscilla M Clarkson, **Janice J Eng**, J Mark FitzGerald, Walter Herzog, **Alison M Hoens**, Sunita Mathur, Janet E. McElhaney, Matthew RG Menon, Geoffrey W Payne, **Marc Roig, Babak Shadgan, Meena M Sran** and Krista Vandenborne received a team start up grant from MSFHR in the amount of \$225,000 to facilitate core collaborative research activities for their team "Rehabilitation Aimed at Muscle Performance"



### AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

**Darlene Reid** was awarded the 2007 Silver Quill Award for Knowledge Translation for the following article published in Physiotherapy Canada in 2007: "The Canadian Thoracic Society Recommendations for Management of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: Implications for Physiotherapists" (Vol 59, No 3)

### MASTER OF PHYSICAL THERAPY - SECOND YEAR CLASS: UPDATE



A picture of the MPT2 class, celebrating completion of Year 1 of the program! The MPT2 class is enjoying the program but also finding the condensed time frame challenging at times. Currently we are on our second set of clinical placements and are looking forward to our last term of school, this summer. It will however be the toughest term to date, as we will be finishing up our systematic reviews and preparing to write the national exams. Wish us luck as we head into the final stretch!

### INTERNATIONALLY EDUCATED PHYSIOTHERAPISTS PROJECT

The Department of Physical Therapy, in partnership with the College of Physical Therapists of British Columbia, the Physiotherapy Association of British Columbia, Fraser Health Authority and Vancouver Health Authority, has received a contract from the Ministry of Economic Development to develop and pilot a program to assist Internationally Educated Physiotherapists (IEPs) in the successful completion of the national physiotherapy competency examination (PCE) and entrance into clinical physiotherapy practice in BC.

The program will include both theoretical and practical components that will be arranged through a clinical mentoring model and practical clinical skill/clinical reasoning workshops. For each of the 4 educational modules (musculoskeletal, cardiorespiratory, neurology and professional practice), IEPs will be assigned to a mentor who will be a licensed, currently practicing physiotherapist. A fixed number of hours will be assigned to each IEP in each module for mentorship support.

First intake is expected to take place early July 2008. If you are interested in enrolling in the IEP program, becoming an IEP mentor, or want to find out more about this exciting initiative please visit [www.iepbc.ca](http://www.iepbc.ca) or contact Jonathan Coelho, IEP Project Manager, at [jonathan.coelho@ubc.ca](mailto:jonathan.coelho@ubc.ca) or at 604-822-7765.

### RESEARCH GRADUATE STUDENT UPDATE

It has been a busy and productive year for the rehabilitation research graduate students. **Jill Zwicker** (PhD Student) successfully completed her comprehensive exams and **Sharon Smith** (PhD Cand.) completed her candidacy exam in October 2007 by successfully defending her PhD proposal on the meaning of spirituality for people living with a diagnosis of schizophrenia. **Christina Ekegren** (MSc) completed her MSc thesis on ACL injury risk factors in female soccer players and has returned to Australia. Thesis proposals for both **Helia Sillem** (MSc student) and **Kristin Konnyu** (MSc student) have been approved and they are going forward with their projects. Helia is conducting an equivalency trial assessing the efficacy of two hand splints for the CMC joint of the thumb. Kristin is researching the beliefs and practices of PTs with respect to the use of dance in practice.

It has also been a prosperous year in the realm of grants and scholarships:

**Ben Mortenson** (PhD Cand.) is co-investigator on two grants:  
(1) a CIHR seed grant of \$78, 753 'Wheeled Mobility of Nursing Home Residents' and  
(2) a BC Network for Aging seed grant of \$5000.

**Alison McLean** (MSc student) was recently awarded the 2007 Canadian Occupational Therapy Foundation Thelma Cardwell Scholarship. **Mineko Wada** (PhD student) is now a Quality of Life Trainee and is receiving a Training Grant from the CIHR Strategic Training Fellowship and the Musculoskeletal and Arthritis Institute. **Rochelle Stokes** (MSc student) received the Syd Vernon Foundation Scholarship (administered through the Vancouver Foundation) and the Canadian Occupational Therapy Foundation Janice Hines Memorial Award. **Jill Zwicker** and **Amira Tawashy** (MSc student) jointly received the Louise McGregor Neurosciences Scholarship. **Jill Zwicker** and **Paula Rushton** (PhD Cand.) have recently been awarded Michael Smith Health Research Foundation trainee awards. **Nicole Acerra** PT, PhD was awarded a Focus on Stroke Post-Doc Award that is being collaboratively funded

by the Heart and Stroke Foundation/CIHR/Canadian Stroke Network to study the effects of repetitive trans-cranial magnetic stimulation TMS to the sensory cortex in people with stroke.

Special recognition must be extended to **Babak Shadgan** as he has been selected to be the team physician for wrestling in the upcoming 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.



*Babak Shadgan*

Each of the 29 Olympic sports has a sport federation physician responsible for doping controls and assisting with medical care for international athletes during competition.

When any wrestler suffers an injury, Dr. Shadgan will be responsible for overseeing medical care. If an athlete is too wounded to safely continue, Babak has the difficult task of disqualifying the athlete from the match.

Babak became Iran's first accredited sports physician in the early 1990s; he has since devoted his career to injury prevention. For the past four years he has been tracking and analyzing wrestling injuries in international competitions, including the Athens Olympics. He will be part of a multidisciplinary team that will also be involved in two research projects: one will investigate how the Beijing's notoriously bad air quality will impact athletes; the other is a national study on the athletic benefits of food supplements. His work will continue long after the closing ceremonies because after collecting more data in Beijing, he will analyze and present to the International Federation of Associated Wrestling Styles a series of suggested rule and technique changes to reduce the rate and severity of injuries.

## Section 4: Clinical Faculty and Community Partners

The Department of Physical Therapy has approximately 70 clinical faculty members as well as other physiotherapy and health professionals who support and advance the MPT Program, who contribute to clinical research and provide extensive service on department committees. We are thankful that our academic community has this breadth of expertise. The following is the first of what we want to be an ongoing feature in the newsletter to highlight our clinical partners.

### **Judy Richardson\*** Clinical Associate Professor



I began teaching at the School of Rehabilitation Sciences, Division of Physical Therapy in 1989 as a sessional lecturer and I am now a Clinical Associate Professor. I was recently appointed as the Cardiorespiratory Curriculum Stream Coordinator and my duties include a review of the existing cardiorespiratory curriculum across the MPT program and facilitation of cardiorespiratory curriculum changes in accordance with accreditation standards. I also coordinate and lecture in two of the Clinical Practice courses: RSPT 524 "Clinical Practice II" and 564 "Clinical Practice IV".

My area of interest as a clinician is cardiorespiratory and I have always enjoyed teaching students both on clinical placements and in the classroom. I find teaching both stimulating and rewarding. I have great respect for the students and the knowledge and enthusiasm they bring to the classroom. The combination of teaching and clinical practice is ideal, as each compliments the other. I can draw from my clinical experiences and bring situations and case examples into the classroom. Alternatively teaching forces you to keep up with the current research and therefore enhances clinical practice.

I feel it is so important for clinicians to maintain a strong connection with the UBC Physical Therapy Program and would encourage any clinicians out there with an interest in teaching to get involved.

\* Judy Richardson has also been nominated for the University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine 2008 Clinical Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching; decisions of awardees are pending.

### **Alison Hoens** Clinical Associate Professor



I am a 1986 UBC graduate and have taken courses in postgraduate studies in Australia at Curtin University. My three major foci of interest:

(1) the understanding and optimization of the prescription of electrophysical agents (electrical energy, sound energy and light energy) in pain management, tissue healing and muscle strengthening,

(2) the identification of

critical factors in dynamometric assessment and training of muscle function and

(3) the identification of key strategies to enhance the utilization of research in clinical practice. Currently in my position as Clinical Coordinator for Providence Health Care, I am responsible for continuing education, research, and facilitation of best practices across acute care, rehabilitation & residential sites for Providence Health Care.

As a graduate of the UBC Program, I feel personally connected to the program and feel it is important to continue to give back to a program from which I received so much. Working with students as well as practicing clinicians helps stimulate pertinent clinical questions from both distinctive perspectives and teaching is a major impetus to ensure I stay abreast of current literature. Working with the academic faculty provides opportunities to pursue common issues of interest.

### **Klari Varallyai** Clinical Assistant Professor



I have been a clinical faculty member for the UBC Department of Physical Therapy for 12 years. I enjoy my work with students while in their clinical placements with me, as well as co-teaching ergonomics with Maureen Haddock. I graduated from the University of Sydney in 1969 and practiced first in Australia, until moving to Canada to do postgraduate work for a year in PNF in



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Saskatchewan. I moved to British Columbia to work at Vancouver General Hospital, then to Campbell River before opening my own private practice in 1979. I continue to work to improve the quality of life of patients, young and old, as I apply clinical expertise, with a unique blend of coaching, teaching, and encouraging my patients to reach their full potential. I work with an interdisciplinary team of health professionals, to promote communication, to support patients, and also to continue my lifelong passion for learning. Over the years, I have extended my services to the outlying areas of the North Island and people of First Nations.

I am passionate about sharing my clinical expertise with future practitioners, as it allows a perfect mix of practical, hands-on experience with the theory of physical therapy. I benefit from my students' knowledge and from my patients' work and life experience. I believe my relationship with UBC as a clinical faculty member benefits me, patients and future practitioners.

### **Marie Westby** Clinical Assistant Professor



My relationship with the School of Rehabilitation Sciences and now the Department of Physical Therapy never ended since graduating from the program in 1988. Within two years of starting my clinical career, I was given the opportunity to be a clinical instructor for the then 8-hour rheumatology module. I thoroughly enjoyed teaching in the undergraduate program and when I became a Clinical Specialist with The Arthritis Society in 1996, I took over the coordination and teaching of this course. Being on clinical faculty has provided a number of valuable opportunities at UBC including tapping into the fantastic Teaching and Academic Growth (TAG) programs, having full faculty access and privileges to the UBC library and improving my instructor skills through peer and student evaluation. There is nothing like teaching to realize how much you still have to learn! I'm teaching less now that I'm juggling my roles as a PhD student, mom to a 6- and 8- year-old and my part time work as the PT Teaching Supervisor in the Mary Pack Arthritis Program. The faculty and staff at the "School" have been incredibly helpful and supportive of my efforts and I look forward to an ongoing relationship with both Departments (PT and OT).

### **D. Scotty McVicar** Sessional Lecturer



I received my Physiotherapy Diploma from the Royal Infirmary School of Physiotherapy, Glasgow, Scotland in 1969. My interest in sports physiotherapy led to my employment in professional hockey with The Winnipeg Jets of The World Hockey Association. I was honored to be in attendance as a physiotherapist at The 1976 Montreal Olympics and 1978 and 1982

Commonwealth Games.

I have been deeply involved with The Canadian Physiotherapy Association as a Branch President, Division Chairman, Board and Executive Committee Member. I was also National President in 1985-1986. I was recognized by The Canadian Physiotherapy Association with a Life Membership Award for my contribution to the profession over the past 38 years.

I have been involved in industrial rehabilitation since 1996 and have developed my skills in work conditioning, functional assessments, job site evaluations and job demands analysis. I value my involvement in the UBC Physical Therapy program by providing a sessional lecture "An Introduction to Industrial Physiotherapy" in RSPT 558: Case-based Integration IV to the UBC students.

### **Tyler Dumont** Clinical Assistant Professor



My first exposure to teaching was in 1995 during my M.Sc. under the guidance of Dr. Donna MacIntyre at the School of Rehabilitation Sciences. It was such a great experience that I continued to TA as much as possible during my studies. After completing my M.Sc., I was very fortunate to be offered a part-time teaching position in the B.Sc.PT program. Over the next 10 years, I taught and

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coordinated up to 4 courses pertaining to orthopaedics, kinesiology, and manual therapy. I also helped develop the curriculum for the MPT program.

It has been a wonderful experience and what I enjoy most is the variety of doing both clinical work as well as teaching. The students really keep me on my toes with their questions. Their energy and enthusiasm for the profession make me proud to be a physiotherapist. I find my clinical experience very helpful for teaching, and my teaching preparation helps me keep on top of current research that I can apply to my clinical practice.

Although my teaching role has diminished this year due to the opening of my own private practice in Surrey ([www.physiomoves.com](http://www.physiomoves.com)), I plan to remain involved with the Department of Physical Therapy for years to come. I look forward to the continued evolution of the MPT program, working with the great people in the department, and moving into the new building this summer!

### **Judit Spence** Clinical Assistant Professor



I graduated from UBC School of Rehabilitation Sciences in 1975 and now am the Director of Physiotherapy at the BC Centre for Ability in Vancouver. Formerly I was Director of PT/OT at the Centre for Child Development in Surrey

Physiotherapy has been a dream profession for me.

As a mother of 4, it has given me the flexibility I needed both as a parent

and a professional. As a paediatric therapist, my own parenting experiences have helped me to be even more in tune with the families we serve. As a student at UBC back in the "huts", I was nurtured in my love of paediatrics by Lou McGregor and challenged by Jane Hudson, Hazel Southard and others. As a clinician, I wanted to share my commitment to physiotherapy and paediatrics with other students and an effective way to do that was to get involved in clinical teaching. Nurturing future physiotherapists is not exclusively the responsibility of academics but also hinges on the academic environment's connectedness to the clinical community. As my career aspirations grew to include management, becoming more involved at the School, initially through the interviewing/admissions

process and eventually through other committee work (selection committee for PT Department Head; External Advisory Committee), have been avenues to personal growth.

### **Gabriele Yoneda** Clinical Instructor



I am a graduate of UBC with two degrees. My first, a Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Medicine (1983), qualified me to work as either a physiotherapist or an occupational therapist. However, my professional career has been in the area of physiotherapy practice only. My second degree was an MBA which I received in 1990. In my 25-year career as a

physiotherapist, I have worked in most areas of public sector practice as a generalist. My leadership roles gradually increased over this time and I am presently the Physiotherapy Professional Practice Leader at Providence Health Care. I have been actively involved with the College of PT of BC, PABC and CPA through a number of committee and board positions.

I have been on clinical faculty at UBC in the Department of Physical Therapy for over 10 years. I find the work on committees very rewarding, it pairs nicely with my interest in administration and allows me to interact with others of similar interests. My committee work began with the Clinical Advisory Committee in 2000. I joined the MPT Curriculum Committee in 2006 and I continue on ad hoc working groups. My area of interest in teaching is Administration and Leadership and I take pleasure in my guest lectures in RSPT 566. I have also contributed to the program via my work as an interviewer for student admissions since 1990 and for faculty positions since 2000.

While my personal life is busy with my husband and two children, I feel that involvement in the profession is crucial. I have valued all of my professional commitments with the school and feel that the field of physiotherapy has much to offer.

### **Terry Fedorkiw** **Clinical Partner in Northern B.C.**



As a chartered physiotherapist from Ireland, I immigrated to Canada in 1973. My interest in travel took me initially to the Quebec Centre de Readaptation, and later to northern British Columbia where I settled in Prince George to work at the Regional Hospital. In 1976 I co-founded the Phoenix Physiotherapy Clinic, a private practice which I owned and operated until 2006. My present practice involves a holistic approach to maximize function, incorporating medical acupuncture; my interests span from youth in corrections, to

occupational health, community games and the arts, and healthy aging.

I have been committed to our profession since 1973 as an active member both locally and provincially of PABC and CPTBC. I am currently chair of the CPTBC Patient Relations Committee and since 2006 have been a federal appointee as a medical member to the Review Tribunal for CPP.

I have long recognized the acute need for rehab professionals in the North. I have been actively involved in research and am a member of the steering committee for a physical therapy program at UNBC. I am also a member of the External Advisory Committee of UBC Physical Therapy. I appreciate the value of the Physical Therapy program at UBC, its strength of leadership, and potential collaboration and mentorship for the North.

As a semi-retiree, I embrace mentoring PT students, whom I think can be my best teachers. I look forward to experiencing the new technologies which will be available to UBC students this summer.

## HOW TO BECOME A CLINICAL FACULTY MEMBER AT UBC

Any physical therapy clinician who participates on a regular basis in the departmental programs is eligible for consideration to become a clinical faculty member. This includes those clinicians who are clinical instructors, teaching assistants and clinical supervisors of students during their clinical placements, as well as those who participate on department standing committees.

With expanded enrollment we need to increase the number of clinical instructors and teaching assistants in the MPT Program. We invite clinicians interested in applying for clinical faculty rank to contact Jonathan for more information:

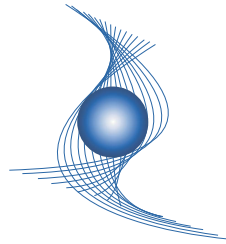
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### **The Benefits Of Becoming A Faculty of Medicine Clinical Faculty Member Include:**

- Use of rank and UBC affiliation on business cards or other communications
- Full ongoing communication with the Faculty of Medicine and Department of Physical Therapy

- Library card & access to on-line resources as per any faculty member at UBC
- Voting privileges within the Department of PT and Faculty of Medicine.
- Eligibility for inclusion on major departmental committees such as search committees, admissions or curriculum committees.
- Ability to use Faculty and Departmental services in support of research activities
- Access to Teaching Instructional Skills Workshops and other course offerings through the Teaching and Academic Growth unit (TAG)
- Email account & web access
- Discounts on computer software & departmental purchases
- Travel discounts (airline tickets, car rentals, hotel rates, YVR airport parking, and other University parking)
- UBC Attractions (e.g., Botanical Gardens; Museum of Anthropology)
- Privileges at UBC-affiliated universities (UVic & UNBC)
- Course discounts

For further information on these benefits, please visit:  
[http://www.med.ubc.ca/faculty\\_staff/clinical\\_faculty/membership/benefits.htm](http://www.med.ubc.ca/faculty_staff/clinical_faculty/membership/benefits.htm)



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