

2006/2007 Faculty Presentations

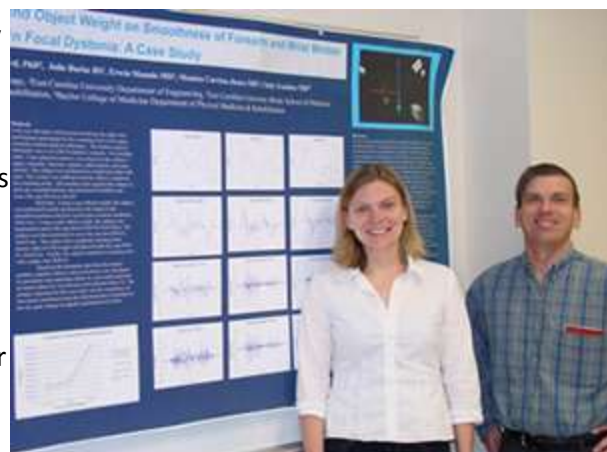


Dr. Anne Dickerson presented the paper *Use of an Occupational Therapy IADL Assessment for Screening Older Adult Drivers* at the Gerontological Society of America Conference on November 18, 2007 in San Francisco, CA. The authors on the paper included **Dr. Timothy Reistetter**, **Dr. Leonard Trujillo**, and **Page Riggs**. This study was based on the work done using the AMPS to determine if it was an effective screening tool for driving.

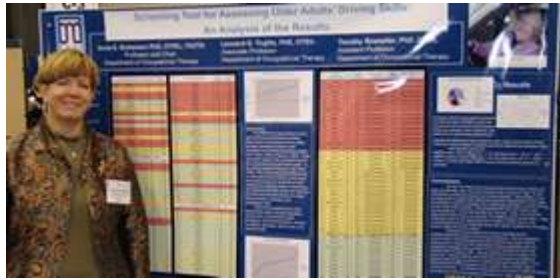
Dr. Beth Velde was honored as an invited speaker to Creighton University's School of Pharmacy and Health Professions' Distinguished Lecture Series. Beth presented *I Trusted the Process: Community Built Occupational Therapy Framed in Social Justice* in Omaha on October 23, 2007, based on her work at the community of Tillery in NC. A reception was also held in her honor prior to her presentation.



Dr. Timothy Reistetter presented a poster at the very competitive joint conference of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM) and the American Society of Neurorehabilitation (ASNR) in Washington, DC on October 3-7, 2007. The poster was titled: *Influence of Temporal Targets and Object Weight on Smoothness of Forearm and Wrist Motion in Focal Dystonia: A Case Study*. This was one of the first completed studies out of Tim's motion analysis lab established when he started at ECU in 2006. Other authors on the poster were Howard William, **Julie Nagelson** (a graduate occupational therapy student),



Erwin Manalo, Monica Carrion-Jones, and Cindy Ivanhoe. An abstract of the work was published in Volume 88 of the *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation* journal (October, 2007).



Dr. Anne Dickerson attended and presented a poster session at the American Psychological Association's 115th Annual Convention in San Francisco. The poster was on Friday, August 17, 2007 under the Adult Development and Aging Division session, which only accepts posters. Screening Tool for Assessing Older Adults' Driving Skills: An Analysis of the Results summarized the results ROADI's recent research using the AMPS as a screening tool. Drs. Leonard Trujillo and Tim Reistetter were the other authors on the poster. Other highlights of the conference were presentations from world renown psychologists Drs. Aaron Beck and Albert Bandura.



Anne Dickerson had an opportunity to get an autographed copy of Bandura's latest book on Self-Efficacy.



On Tuesday, May 22, **Dr. Beth Velde** was one of six panelists who discussed health and leadership issues of the community in a public forum. The event was part of the Changing Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians, planned by the Laupus Library. The panel also included Deborah Davis, vice president of business development and innovation for the University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina; Dr. Virginia Hardy, senior associate dean for academic affairs; Dr. Phyllis Horns, interim vice

chancellor and interim dean of the School of Medicine of the Health Sciences Division; and Dr. Cynda Johnson, senior associate vice chancellor for clinical and translational research in the Division of Research and Graduate Studies. The forum invited questions from the public and had about 40 attendees at the event at AHEC's Monroe Center.

Dr. Anne Dickerson and **Dr. Leonard Trujillo** presented the paper Occupational Therapy Practitioners Perceptions of the OTD at the American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference and Exposition on April 20, 2007. As we are all aware, the OTD is a controversial topic and based on the survey done by our research, we found that very few occupational therapy practitioners want to go back to school for higher degrees. This presentation was well attended in St. Louis, MO.



Anne Dickerson and Leonard Trujillo after their AOTA presentation.

Dr. Anne Dickerson attended the Joint Conference of the National Council on Aging and the American Society on Aging in Chicago on March 7-10, 2007. She represented the ROADI project with a poster *Replacing the "Blue Box": Age Norms for a New Brake Reaction Device*. **Drs. Leonard Trujillo** and **Tim Reistetter** were also authors. This study was based on data gathered by the researchers and four master's degree students: **Kristin Stone, Kristin Whitley, Stephanie Robinson, and Meredith Parnell**.



RT-2S is the new brake reaction device tested.



The four students gathered much of the data for their master's project.

On February 9, 2007 the School of Allied Health Professions sponsored the 3rd Annual Mills Symposium. The first day was presentations by leaders of the area and keynote speakers. The Keynote speaker was Dr. James Johnson, William Rand Kenan Jr. Distinguished Professor of Management at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The second day's community outreach is titled "Practicing What You Preach: Developing Healthy Habits." The public is invited 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for free demonstrations, screenings and education. **Dr. Beth Velde** also presented on panels about Health Disparities and Community Quality of Life and Environmental Justice. More on the Mills Symposium is available at: <http://www.ecu.edu/dhs/news/newsstory.cfm?ID=329>

Dr. Leonard Trujillo attended the Assistive Technology Industry Association Conference in Orlando, Florida from January 24-27, 2007. As the Co-Director of the Graduate Certificate in Assistive Technology at ECU, "Dr. T" is the technology expert for the Department and School of Allied Health Sciences. At this conference, he presented a workshop on *Critical Elements of Assistive Technology Research: A Timely Conversation*. He also had a paper presentation, *Exploring Professional Development Opportunities in Assistive Technology* and did a lab presentation Using the PDA and PowerPoint to Develop Cognitive Reminders.

Dr. Anne Dickerson attended the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) conference in Dallas, Texas from November 16-19, 2006. She brought a poster with research completed with initial data analysis from the study using the Assessment of Motor and Process Skills as a screening tool for driving. **Drs. Leonard Trujillo** and **Tim Reistetter** and Page Riggs from PCMH were also authors on the poster.



Anne Dickerson with GSA Poster: *Can Older Adult Drivers be Screened for Behind-the-Wheel Assessment?*

The North Carolina Conference on Aging was held in Raleigh on October 25-27, 2007. Several faculty members presented workshops at the conference. **Dr. Beth Velde** presented with colleagues on the Tillery Project. The title was: *Comin Home: Rural Retirement*.



Lena Carawan, Peggy Wittman, Beth Velde, Kathy Knight, and Robin Moore presented together at the workshop



Dr. Anne Dickerson and **Dr. Leonard Trujillo** also presented a workshop related to their ROADI project. Their workshop was titled: *The Role of Occupational Therapists in the Driving Evaluation Process and their Unique Relationship with the Department of Motor Vehicles in North Carolina*.

Dr. Beth Velde attended and presented at the Conference of the Association of the Schools of Allied Health Sciences in Chicago on October 19, 2006. She presented two sessions, *Building Bridges I: Collaborative Interpersonal Teaching* and *Building Bridges II: Collaborative Interpersonal Teaching*, with **Peggy Wittman**, former faculty member.

Dr. Leonard Trujillo was invited as an expert speaker to present at the Interactive Metronome Conference in Austin, Texas October 13-15, 2006. He presented his research with older adults at the conference, which completely sponsored him as an honored speaker. His presentation was titled: *The Development and Use of IM Protocols for Older Adults Identified as the "At Risk Driver*. Dr. Trujillo continues with his work using the IM with older adults.

