From the Editor

Where has the time gone? As we turn 24 years and celebrate our 50th issue, I applaud all of you, the Editorial Board of WORK, external reviewers and IOS Press for your support. Contributing to the future success of WORK is our new Editor’s Assistant. I am pleased to welcome Elizabeth (Liz) Auth, MSW, to our team. Liz brings to this position expertise as a licensed social worker (LCSW) and project manager for multiple research projects. In fact, she is also the Technology and Employment Coordinator for our current NIDRR research project which also includes two Editorial Board members, Phil Rumrill and Eileen Elias.

Victoria (Vicki) Hall has stepped down from her interim role of Editor’s Assistant and role as Senior Consultant. I will always be indebted to Vicki for her commitment, “can do” spirit and dedication to quality which has assisted in the growth of WORK over the last 8 years.

Now, let’s turn our attention to this issue of WORK. This issue contains 14 interesting articles.

Odek and colleagues lead off the issue with an article about how important are HIV clinical markers to the long-term formal employment among people living with HIV in South Africa.

There are two articles about occupational therapists/occupational therapy students. The first is authored by Bendixen and Ellegård who shared a time-geography-based study on occupational therapists’ job satisfaction in a changing hospital organization. The other article is by Avi-Itzhak and Krauss who provide a retrospective outcome assessment of occupational therapy students’ pre-licensure clinical competence in the skills and knowledge required for entry-level evidence-based work-related practice.

James and colleagues provide an article on anthropometric data reduction using confirmatory factor analysis.

I had the opportunity to live in Iceland while on a Fulbright scholarship, so I found the article on workers in the financial sector in Iceland who were laid off in the wake of economic recession particularly interesting.

Stoetzer and colleagues provided an insightful article on the organizational factors related to low levels of sickness absence in representative Swedish companies.

Editorial Board members, Albin and McLoone provide an important article on the effect of tablet tilt angle on users’ preferences, postures, and performance. This article will help advance the evidence-based knowledge in this area of practice.

Ekbladh and colleagues report on testing the psychometric properties of the Swedish version of the Work Environment Impact Scale.

Beach and colleagues report on unilateral ankle immobilization which alters the kinematics and kinetics of lifting.

Making safety an integral part of 5S in healthcare was written by Ikuma and Nahmens.

Another Editorial Board member is a co-author in this issue. Roll and colleagues researched the contribution of positioning to work-related musculoskeletal discomfort in diagnostic medical sonographers.

Shin and Yoo authored an article on changes in cervical range of motion, flexion–relaxation ratio and pain with visual display terminal work.

Arango-Lasprilla and colleagues describe a 1992-2008 EEOC study about the allegation of ethnic minorities.

Finally, the issue concludes with an article of a randomized control trial study which investigated the effect of physical exercise on work ability and the daily strain in symptomatic menopausal women.

As always, I welcome hearing from you and look forward to your submission of a manuscript to WORK. Learn more about the Editorial Board Members, authors, and articles published in WORK by following us on Twitter @WORK_Journal

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