Serendipity: It’s a word that I find intriguing. Serendipity is stumbling on something valuable when you are not searching for it. As I recently heard at the Occupational Therapy Research Summit, serendipity is having a prepared mind to recognize these opportunities. I attribute the genesis of WORK to serendipity. In 1989, I was in a telephone conversation with Dr. Gary Kielhofner and he mentioned that he was a consultant for a small startup publisher, Andover Press, who were looking for journals. I responded that I had an idea for an international, interprofessional journal on the concept of work. Gary made the introductions and coincidentally the publisher was located in my home town in Massachusetts. We met the next day and 27 years later, I am writing this From the Editor. Serendipity.

This issue of WORK contains two sections. The first section, on the topic of work innovation and sustainable development, is guest co-edited by Pascal Béguin and Francisco Moura Duarte. My gratitude is extended to Pascal and Francisco for their leadership.

The second section contains six articles on a variety of topics such as attrition, disability management, musculoskeletal disorders, work-related stress among others. I know you will topics of interest from both sections.

The 2017 Learn at WORK webinars continue to be well received. If you missed any, you can find the recordings of these complimentary learning experiences at the Learn at WORK YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOJaICXvSG9fPHaFFs48PuQ

You can view the complete schedule on Facebook:
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Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 1-2pmEST
Presenter: Dr. Shira Yalon-Chamovitz & Mr. Yoav Kraiem
Title: Deconstructing hierarchies - Service users as co-teachers in occupational therapy education

Register at: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/934809563274447875

Thursday, October 19, 2017 1-2pmEST
Presenter: Dr. Julie Dorsey
Title: Re-evaluation of a LEED Platinum Building: Occupant experiences of health and comfort
Register at: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8452443241262777347

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 1-2pmEST
Presenters: The Project Career team composed of: Dr. Phillip Rumrill, Dr. Deborah J. Hendricks, Eileen Elias, Dr. Karen Jacobs, Anne Leopold, Amanda Nardone, Elaine Sampson, Deborah Minton & Dr. Marcia Scherer.
Title: Perceived benefit of iPad apps among college students with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
Register at: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3415532095909897988

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 1-2pmEST
Presenter: Dr. Bex (Rebecca) Twinley
Title: Woman-to-woman rape and sexual assault, and its impact upon the occupation of work: victim/survivors’ life roles of worker or student as disruptive and preservative
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As always, I welcome hearing from you.

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