

From the Editor

It's 2°F (−16°C) outside as I gaze upon a snowy frozen pond in New Hampshire, USA. It's perfect weather for staying inside by a blazing fire to write this *From the Editor*. Being inside when the weather is so cold makes me even more appreciative of how fortunate I am, but how challenging it is for those who are homeless. Worldwide, according to the United Nations (2005), an estimated 100 million people were homeless with as many as 1.6 billion individuals who lacked adequate housing [1]. In the United States, according to the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, it is "... estimated that each year at least 2.5 to 3.5 million Americans sleep in shelters, transitional housing and public places not meant for human habitation" [2]. Some causes of homelessness are: poverty, unemployment, lack of affordable housing, poor physical or mental health, drug and alcohol abuse, gambling, family and relationship breakdown and domestic violence. Homelessness and unemployment/employment is a topic that I welcome investigating in future publications in **WORK**. Please consider sharing your research, clinical practice and case studies with us.

This issue of **WORK** contains 12 articles on a variety of topics. The article, *A scoping review on smart mobile devices and physical strain* by Patricia Tegtmeier will be discussed by the author in the November 28, 2018 **Learn at WORK** webinar. I hope you can join us for this very interesting webinar. Here is the 2018 schedule for our **Learn at WORK** webinar series:

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 1-2pmEST
Parental awareness of schoolbag carriage: A comparative study of Irish and United States parents
Sara Dockrell & Karen Jacobs
Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1069191880491268866>

Wednesday, February 28, 2018 1-2pmEST
From the past to the future: integrating work experience into the design

João Marcos Bittencourt, Pascal Béguin & Francisco Moura Duarte
Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7285376525477185537>

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 1pm to 2pm.
Workplace Violence and the Meaning of Work in Healthcare Workers: A phenomenological study
Josianne Lamothe
Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6573904541339253762>

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 1pm-2pmEST
A case study detailing key considerations for implementing a telehealth approach to office ergonomics
Linda Miller
Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3289959078106673923>

Wednesday, May 16, 2018 1-2pmEST
Use of Speech Generating Devices Can Improve Perception of Qualifications for Skilled
Steven E. Stern
Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5676727242389189889>

Wednesday, June 13, 2018 1pm-2pmEST
Split-shift work in relation to stress, health and other psychosocial factors among bus drivers
Jonas Ihlstrom, Göran Kecklund and Anna Anund
Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5910367965600248322>

Wednesday, July 11, 2018 1pm-2pmEST
A Workplace Modified Duty Program for Employees in an Oncology Center
Elpidoforos S. Soteriades
Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7829754627924088323>

Wednesday, August 22, 2018 from 1pm-2pmEST
A pilot study to precisely quantify forces applied by sonographers while scanning: A step toward reducing ergonomic injury

Dhyani Manish, M.D. & Shawn Roll

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4197487179777464065>

Wednesday, September 19, 2018 1pm-2pmEST

Psychosocial risks, burnout and intention to quit following the introduction of new software at work

Mouna Knani

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5356945280898533378>

Wednesday, October 24, 2018 1pm-2pmEST

Occupational therapists' experience of workplace fatigue: Issues and action

Cary A Brown, Jennifer Schell & Lisa M Pashniak

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4363076931463859203>

Wednesday, November 28, 2018 1pm-2pmEST

A scoping review on smart mobile devices and physical strain

Patricia Tegtmeier

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/920484034664805891>

If you missed any of the 2017 *Learn at WORK* webinars, you can find the recordings of these

complimentary learning experiences at the Learn at WORK YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOJalCXvSg9fPHaFFs48PuQ> You can view the complete schedule on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WORKJournal2016/?fref=ts>

As always, I welcome hearing from you.
With much thanks and appreciation,

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