From the Editor

Globally, uncertainty with the pandemic endures, and the presence of systemic racism in society continues. As Martin Luther King, Jr. shared, “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate. Only love can do that.”

Personally, I am committed to listening, looking inward and amplifying my support for positive change. We can all do better in cultivating “…a diverse and inclusive culture that supports equity, acceptance, and respect for the differences in others” (http://www.bu.edu/sargent/about-us/diversity-inclusion/).

Two approaches that I am taking are to make my voice heard and to be better educated. Here are some recommended reads:

- How to Be an Antiracist (Ibram X. Kendi)
- White Fragility (Robin DiAngelo)
- Tacky’s Revolt: The Story of an Atlantic Slave War (Vincent Brown)
- So You Want to Talk About Race (Ijeoma Oluo)
- Dying of Whiteness: How the Politics of Racial Resentment is Killing American’s Heartland (Jonathan M. Metzl)
- Racism without Racists: Color-Blind Racism and the Persistence of Racial Inequality in America (Eduardo Bonilla-Silva)
- Fatal Invention (Dorothy Roberts)
- Eloquent Rage (Brittney Cooper)

This issue of WORK contains 22 papers in total, including two articles on COVID-19: Modification of existing occupational therapeutic protocols in response to new normal life after COVID-19 and Most cited and co-cited COVID-19 articles: Knowledge base for rehabilitation team members. The other articles are on a variety of topics such as neuropsychological effects of long-term occupational exposure to mercury among chloralkali workers; e-worker postural comfort in the ‘third-workplace’: an ergonomic design assessment; assessment of risk of tripping before and after crossing obstacles under dimmed lighting conditions; identifying factors influencing nurses’ work ability within the framework of system engineering initiative for patient safety; roadmap for the development of a resilience indicator system for protection and civil; a review of the evidence literature on defense organizations; and socio-psychological effects of stress in organizations’ absenteeism problems among other topics.

Finally, here is a list of our upcoming Learn at WORK webinars:

Wednesday, July 8, 2020 from 1pm–2pm EST
A conceptual framework to promote career development for vocational rehabilitation consumers with traumatic brain injuries
Presenter: David Strauser, E-mail: strauser@illinois.edu.
Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/61045286798182412

Wednesday, August 5, 2020 from 1pm–2pm EST
Does objectively measured prolonged standing for desk work result in lower ratings of perceived low back pain than sitting? A systematic review and meta-analysis
Presenter: Diana Decarvalho, E-mail: Diana.decarvalho@med.mun.ca.
Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/739866173672625164

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 from 1pm–2pm EST
Millennial preferences in training messages: The role of teamwork and corporate social responsibility to WORK
Presenter: Diana Schwerha, E-mail: schwerha@ohio.edu & Tyler Clark, E-mail: tc142810@ohio.edu.
Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2725235628413300749

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 from 1pm–2pm EST
Development of an online digital resource accessible for students with visual impairment or blindness: challenges and strategies
Presenter: Dr. Almeida, E-mail: marga@ua.pt.
Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8581833792537508621

If you missed any of the Learn at WORK webinars, you can find the recordings on our website at workjournal.org and at the Learn at WORK YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOJalCXvSg9fPHaFFs48PuQ


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