Although most of the 2020 academic graduations have occurred, I thoroughly enjoy re-listening to former US President Barack Obama’s high school class of 2020 virtual commencement address. During these challenges times, he underscored important attitudes for all of us to consider. He shared:

“...Ground yourself in values that last, like honesty, hard work, responsibility, fairness, generosity, respect for others. You won’t get it right every time, you’ll make mistakes like we all do. But if you listen to the truth that’s inside yourself, even when it’s hard, even when its inconvenient, people will notice. They’ll gravitate towards you. And you’ll be part of the solution instead of part of the problem...Build a community. No one does big things by themselves...But if we’re going to get through these difficult times; if we’re going to create a world where everybody has the opportunity to find a job, and afford college; if we’re going to save the environment and defeat future pandemics, then we’re going to have to do it together. So be alive to one another’s struggles. Stand up for one another’s rights. Leave behind all the old ways of thinking that divide us — sexism, racial prejudice, status, greed — and set the world on a different path” (retrieved 9/7/20 at https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/16/us/obama-graduation-speech-transcript.html).

I’d like to think that some of the topics in this issue of WORK set us on a different path for knowledge acquisition and translation. This issue contains two COVID-19 commentaries and 22 regular manuscripts on topics such as mental health outcomes and quality of life, feasibility evaluation of a return-to-work program, work related traffic crashes, self-management program for individuals with persistent low back pain, occupational accidents influencing factors in petroleum industry, job satisfaction, supply chain resilience and psychosocial risk factors for entrepreneurs among other important topics.

We have one last Learn at WORK webinar in 2020 and half of the 2021 webinars already confirmed. Here is the list of our upcoming Learn at WORK webinars:

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, marga@ua.pt
Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8581833792537508621

Wednesday, January 27, 2021 from 1pm–2pm EST
A pilot model for provider training to address brain injury in health care for the homeless settings
Presenter: Dr. Caitlin Synovec, CESynovec@gmail.com
Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7147982674392062476

Thursday, Feb 18, 2021 at 1pm–2pm EST
Taking care of the researcher – a nature and art-related activity retreat sharing natural space put humanity in perspective
Presenter: Professor Eva Bojner Horwitz, eva.bojner-horwitz@kmh.se
Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6844009491323621646

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 1pm–2pm EST
The importance of health management and maintenance occupations while homeless
Presenters: Quinn Tyminski, tyminskiq@wustl.edu and Ariana Gonzalez
Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9081127525691332879

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 1pm–2pm EST
Coping on the inside: Design for therapeutic incarceration interventions
Presenters: Dr. Amy Wagenfeld, awagenfe@bu.edu and Dr. Daniel Winterbottom, nina@uw.edu
Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5946523230165220366
Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 1pm–2pm EST
The role of office features and psychosocial working conditions
Presenters: Dr. Sarah Lütke Lanfer, sarah.luetke.lanfer@psychologie.uni-freiburg.de and Dr. Anja Göritz, goeritz@psychologie.uni-freiburg.de
Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2971930860503787533

Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 1pm–2pm EST
Telehealth in school-based practice: Perceived viability to bridge global occupational therapy practitioner shortages prior to COVID-19 global health emergency
Presenters: Cynthia Abbott-Gaffney, cynthia4@bu.edu and Karen Jacobs
Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2425795738833723661

As always, I look forward to hearing from you. Be safe and healthy.

With kind regards,

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