

Newsletter, Issue #2, December 2003 .

CSOS is slowly growing as a new academic organization dedicated to the development of knowledge related to occupational science in Canada. We are still operating on initial small donations, and hope that we can attract additional funds over the next year. The major events since the last Newsletter have been the announcement of the Second Canadian Occupational Science Symposium, the development of a column on occupational science in an occupational therapy newsletter, two presentations, and a CSOS Board Teleconference, all summarized below. You will note that CSOS has developed a new logo, and we welcome your feedback! (mkhetarp@dal.ca)

1. Second Canadian Symposium on Occupational Science

Occupation, Health and Well-being: Exploring Relationships Across the Lifespan
Toronto, Ontario, Canada. May 27-28, 2004.

Keynote address: Dr. Mihaly Czikszenmihalyi, Claremont Graduate University

Further details at <http://www.occsciconference.ca/>

2. 'Sense of Doing' in Occupational Therapy Now

The 'Sense of Doing' column, sponsored by CSOS, was first published in the Jan/Feb 2003 edition of OTNow <http://www.caot.ca/default.asp?ChangeID=26&pageID=7> to begin a dialogue about occupation and its centrality to the profession of occupational therapy. Since that time five articles have been published. The first three offered information on the foundations of occupational science and initiated a discussion about occupation – its idiosyncrasies, its complexities and its ubiquitous nature. In the fourth article in the Sept/Oct. 2003 special consumer edition, Marie Gage illustrated how occupation-based practice can be used by occupational therapists within a home care setting. Bice Amoroso and two occupational therapy students will continue the focus on occupation-based practice in the upcoming Jan/Feb 2004 edition, with a discussion about how they uncovered the meaningful and purposeful occupations of their clients within a long term mental health inpatient setting. So far the response to the column has been great, and contributions have come from clinicians, academics and occupational therapy students. Helene Polatajko and Jane Davis, the co-editors, encourage you to contact them with your ideas for the column at h.polatajko@utoronto.ca and ja.davis@utoronto.ca

3. Two Occupational Science Presentations

- Helene Polatajko and Elizabeth Townsend presented at the "Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists" conference in Winnipeg in May 2003. A large turnout (around 75 people) had a vigorous discussion about 'What is Occupational Science? and Why do we need it?'

- Elizabeth Townsend and Zofia Kumas-Tan presented on behalf of the CSOS at the "OT Atlantic 2003" conference, held in Western Shore, Nova Scotia in September 27, 2003. The presentation, titled 'What is occupational science, and What can it do for occupational therapy?' was well attended and provoked some very interesting discussion - which we even continued on the CSOS listserv! To retrieve this listserv discussion, send the command "INDEX CSOS-CA" to listserv@is.dal.ca. You can then retrieve these files with a "GET CSOS-CA LOGxxxx" command.

4. Teleconference, November 2003

CSOS Board members discussed the possibility for including a subscription of the Journal of Occupational Science in the **CSOS** membership (fees would be set for this option), and the key focus was on developing a financial foundation for **CSOS**.

5. Occupational Science Events Outside Canada

- **3rd UK Occupational Science Symposium: Creativity for Health.** Keynote speakers: Dr Virginia Dickie, USA and Jennifer Creek, UK. April 1-2, 2004, University of Brighton, Eastbourne, UK
Further details at <http://www.occupationuk.org/symposium2004.htm>
- **International Society of Occupational Scientists (ISOS)** will launch a new webpage in the New Year, watch for information through the **CSOS** listserv.

6. New Book - Workplace Learning: A Critical Introduction

John Bratton, University of Calgary
Jean Helms Mills, St. Mary's University
Timothy Pynch, University of Calgary
Peter Sawchuk, University of Toronto



This book is part of a growing body of work that takes a critical approach to workplace learning, recognizing the power relations, politics and conflicts of interest that shape learning. Workplace learning is not value-free or politically neutral, and cannot be studied independently of the political economy of work. The book offers an alternative to mainstream approaches, emphasizes the experiences of working people, and avoids prescriptive accounts and uncritical Human Resource Development views. The authors are concerned with the power relations, complexities and contradictions in the paid workplace.

Contents (Foreword by D'Arcy Martin)

- Introduction
- Management Strategies and Workplace Learning
- Groups, Teams and Learning
- Learning Organizations and Organizational Learning
- Union-based Workplace Learning
- Adult Education, Learning and Work

Garamond Press, 1-55193-047-1, 208 pages, \$24.95, December 2003

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Please tell us about yourself . . .

Educational background (degree(s), university):

Discipline or profession:

How did you hear about occupational science? (Please check all that apply.)

- Literature Occupational Science Symposium Other: _____
 Colleagues Other conferences

All of the CSOS's achievements are a result of many volunteer efforts. Would you be interested and/or willing to participate in any of the following CSOS activities? (Please check all that apply.)

- Fundraising
 Organizing future occupational science symposiums
 Giving presentations about occupational science (e.g. at conferences, in your workplace)
 Other: _____

I am interested, but unable to participate at this time.

Contributions: I am interested in making a financial contribution. (See CSOS website).

Any comments, concerns, questions?

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