



2015 Award Presentations

February 6, Westin Indianapolis Grand 4
Following the HPA Business Meeting (6:30 pm – 8:00 pm)

Jill Black, PT, DPT, EdD

Outstanding Service Award



Jill has a long and distinguished record of service to HPA The Catalyst. After serving as the Vice-Chair of the Global Health Special Interest Group (GHSIG, formerly the Cross Cultural and International Special Interest Group), Jill moved into the position of Chair of the GHSIG. Over her two terms as Chair, she built a team of highly motivated elected and non-elected leaders.

In her ceaselessly positive but tenacious way, she led this group to the SIG's new era of visibility and influence in the Section and in the Association. Many key milestones happened under Jill's leadership. These included: the renaming of the SIG to make it more relevant and inclusive of members' varied interests, the expansion of membership by several-fold, the dramatic growth of student membership, the

development of the Ronnie Leavitt Award, and the institutionalization of the Global Health Reception.

All of these achievements occurred because of Jill's vision and countless hours of hard work -even while facing some particularly difficult personal challenges. She remained committed to building relationships and identifying shared goals between the Section and the SIG. Additionally she remained focused on promoting social responsibility, one of the pillars of the Section. Reflecting the successes gained over her tenure as Chair of the GHSIG, the Section Board of Directors recently ranked GHSIG membership as number 3 of 40 programs/services offered by the Section. The Global Health Reception was ranked 6.

Jill is Assistant Professor in the Institute for Physical Therapy Education at Widener University in Chester, PA. In addition to faculty responsibilities, she serves as the Pro Bono Services Coordinator. In this role, she oversees the growth and development of the local student-run pro bono clinic as well as international service. Her part-time clinical practice is in outpatient orthopedics and oncology.