

## PT PAIN SUMMIT PRESENTERS

**Skulpan Asavasopon, PT, DPT, PhD** is an Associate Professor at Loma Linda University (LLU) Department of Physical Therapy where he currently teaches in the entry and post-professional levels. He is the developer and director of the LLU Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Residency Program. He received his PhD from LLU with a strong research emphasis in functional MRI as it pertains to the neural correlates of chronic pain and muscle synergies. He continues his research endeavors as a research faculty member at USC's Applied Mathematical Physiology Laboratory. He is the curriculum coordinator/developer of the Kaiser Permanente Southern California Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Residency Program and Spine Rehabilitation Fellowship. He is also the Director of Clinical and Fellowship Education at the Movement Performance Institute with Dr. Christopher Powers. His purpose life is to help eliminate suffering in the world.

**Ben Boyd, PT, DPTSc** is an Associate Professor at Samuel Merritt University in Oakland, California, where he teaches neuromusculoskeletal content, with an emphasis on nerve injuries and pain. In addition, he teaches internationally for the Neuro Orthopaedic Institute on the neuroimmune system and pain. His research involves examination of the peripheral nervous system and intervention strategies for neuropathic pain, most recently in people with Diabetes Mellitus and women post breast cancer treatments. Ben also works clinically at Stanford ValleyCare, where he sees patients with ongoing, persistent pain conditions and is part of a team developing and delivering chronic pain programs.

**Nancy Byl, PT, MPH, PhD, FAPTA** is currently a Professor and Director Emeritus at UCSF and SFSU. She continues to follow up on research studies in Parkinson's Disease and accepts consultations from around the world on focal dystonia. She continues to mentor students and participate in interviewing applicants. She continues to see patients periodically in the Health and Wellness Center of the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science. She currently lives in Reno Nevada and volunteers in an outpatient orthopedic physical therapy practice (Physical Therapy Professionals) where she continues to see patients with orthopedic problems as well as balance problems and/or neurodegenerative disease. She also serves as a faculty member at the University of Nevada, Osher Learning Institute where she helps plan the curriculum and provides lectures. She currently serves as Chair of the Quality Practice Committee in the California Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association, a member of the Education Committee and serves as President of the CAL PT Fund. She is also on the Board of Trustees of the Foundation of Physical Therapy Research.

**Kim Clarno, PT, DPT**

**Boyd Etter, PT, DPT, Dip MDT**

**Clare Frank, PT, DPT** serves as the Program Director of Azusa Pacific University Clinical Fellowship in Movement & Performance as well as clinical instructor for the Spine Rehabilitation Fellowship at Kaiser Permanente, Los Angeles. She served on the medical team for the 2009 World Figure Skating Championships held in Los Angeles, and injury prevention & rehab team for the Chinese Olympic National Training Center in Beijing, China (2010-2016). She is also a certified instructor for Janda's Functional Approach to Musculoskeletal Pain Syndromes, and Kolar's Approach to Dynamic Neuromuscular Stabilization. Dr. Frank has presented at both state

and national conferences. She currently teaches in the U.S. and internationally and has co-authored “Assessment and Treatment of Muscle Imbalances: The Janda Approach.

**Nick Karayannis, PT, MPT, PhD**'s mission as a physiotherapist-scientist is to further the practice and integration of mind-body interventions in the lives of individuals living with chronic pain and in the healthcare environment through clinical practice and research. Fundamentally, Nichólas is interested in promoting awareness of the body-mind and activity engagement. His career goal is to elucidate the interactions and differential effects of sensorimotor and psychological change processes of body-mind interventions for people experiencing pain with movement. With this mechanistic-based approach Nichólas aims to refine the content, delivery and patient selection aspects of rehabilitation. Dr. Karayannis is a consultant physiotherapist and mindfulness teacher within the Stanford Pain Management Center. Nichólas completed his postdoctoral fellowship in interdisciplinary pain medicine within the Systems Neuroscience and Pain Laboratory at Stanford University. Before receiving his PhD degree in Physiotherapy from The University of Queensland, he graduated with a Master's degree in Physical Therapy and a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences from Ohio University. Dr. Karayannis is a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists, board certified as an Orthopaedic Clinical Specialist, a Certified Yoga and Tai Chi Teacher, and a qualified Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction teacher.

**Dan Kirages, PT, DPT** is an associate professor of clinical physical therapy. In clinical practice, he cares for diverse patients, addressing orthopedic and pelvic health disorders. In the classroom, for both the residential and hybrid programs, he serves as course director for integrated patient management clinical skills in the third year of the doctor of physical therapy curriculum. Dr. Kirages is a board-certified orthopedic clinical specialist and a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists. He is significantly involved with advanced professional education through his teaching and clinical mentorship within the Orthopedic Physical Therapy Residency program. He is also a primary faculty member of the USC Orthopedic Boot Camp Series, post-professional seminars that enable participants to attain high-level skills in examination and intervention procedures for common musculoskeletal conditions. Dr. Kirages researches topics associated with pelvic health, teaches continuing education courses, and gives lectures at a variety of academic institutions and healthcare facilities nationally and internationally.

**Adriaan Louw, PT, PhD** is an educator, scientist and author. He has been practicing for 25 plus years and published more than 70 peer-reviewed papers in various journals. He presents frequently at international, national and regional conferences on various topics pertaining to pain science.

**Katrina Maluf, PT, PhD** is a Professor of Physical Therapy at San Diego State University. She received her PT and PhD degrees from Washington University in St. Louis and completed a post-doctoral fellowship in neurophysiology at the University of Colorado in Boulder. Dr. Maluf has numerous publications on mechanisms, prevention, and management of stress-related chronic pain conditions, with funding from the National Institutes of Health, the Foundation for Physical Therapy, and the International Association for the Study of Pain. She has presented her work at national scientific meetings such as the NIH Pain Consortium Symposium and a variety of clinical symposia sponsored by the APTA. Two of her recently funded studies currently use quantitative sensory testing to examine biomarkers for persistent post-traumatic headache in veterans, and treatment responses to a cognitive-behavioral based physical therapy intervention for Latinos with chronic spine pain.

**Steve Schmidt, PT, MPhysio** is a physical therapist with over twenty-five years of experience treating patients with persistent pain, neurological and musculoskeletal problems. He is the Rehab PT Supervisor at Kaiser Foundation Rehabilitation Center and the Co-lead of the Spinal Cord Injury Specialty Program. He has a MS in Physical Therapy from the University of Pacific, an advanced Masters in Manipulative Physiotherapy from the University of South Australia and is currently in the PhD program at the University of South Dakota. He is also a Fellow in the AAOMPT, a board-certified specialist in orthopaedic physical therapy, faculty for the Kaiser Vallejo PNF program, senior faculty for Evidence in Motion and has taught numerous state, national, and international seminars on pain neuroscience topics.

**Brad Stockert, PT, PhD** is a full professor at California State University, Sacramento (CSUS). He has taught in professional Physical Therapy, Nursing and Pharmacy programs for 30 years. He received his PT degree from Stanford University and his PhD in Physiology from University of California, Davis. Dr. Stockert currently teaches in the areas of pathology, differential diagnosis, and cardiovascular & pulmonary rehabilitation. His research interests include the use of high-fidelity simulation as a teaching strategy for interprofessional education and learning to work in acute and intensive care settings. Dr. Stockert has presented his education-based research using simulation at CSM and WCPT on multiple occasions as well as published his research in the area. Dr. Stockert was appointed recently as the **Chair** of the *Strategic Initiative Panel on Simulation in Physical Therapy Education* by the *American Council of Academic Physical Therapy*.

**Derrick Sueki, PT, DPT, PhD** successfully defended his Ph.D. dissertation on associative learning and the role of memory, trauma, and injury on pain, cardiovascular, and motor responses. Since 1999, he has been a primary instructor in the Department of Physical Therapy at Mount Saint Mary's University, and in 2015 he accepted a professorship in the Department of Physical Therapy at Azusa Pacific. Sueki is a chief editor of two orthopedic textbooks and has authored numerous works in textbooks and peer-reviewed journals. He is serving as chair for the Orthopedic Specialty Council, and on the California State Physical Therapy Association's Research Council. Since 2001, he has been a primary therapist for the Association of Volleyball Professionals and serves as their Southern California Medical Coordinator. Sueki is a certified orthopedic clinical specialist, a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists and specializes in the science and management of chronic pain.

**James Syms, PT, DSc**

**Joseph Tatta, PT, DPT** is one of the pioneering experts in lifestyle interventions for treating persistent pain. A unique combination of physical therapist, nutritionist, and ACT trainer, he has 25 years of experience creating integrative models of pain care, leadership and private practice innovation. He holds a Doctorate in Physical Therapy, is a Board-Certified Nutrition Specialist and has trained extensively in Acceptance and Commitment Therapy. Dr. Tatta is the Founder of the Integrative Pain Science Institute, a company dedicated to reinventing pain care through education, research and professional training.

**Rachel Tran, PT, DPT**