

School of Occupational Therapy at Western University Welcomes New Director

The School of Occupational Therapy at Western University (previously known as The University of Western Ontario) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Sherrilene Classen as School Director effective August 1, 2013. Dr. Classen was formerly a tenured Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy and Director of the Institute for Mobility, Activity and Participation at the University of Florida.

Dr. Classen holds a PhD in Occupational Therapy and a Master's degree in Public Health. She has completed a post doctoral fellowship sponsored by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR). She is also an Extraordinary Professor in Occupational Therapy at the University of Stellenbosch in South Africa, a fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) and a member of the Academy of Research at the American Occupational Therapy Foundation. She is a lead researcher in the area of at-risk drivers and has an extensive competitive funding and publication record. She has many awards, invited lectures and peer reviewed presentations to her credit. She has served on many scientific review panels including those of the NIDRR, the National Centre on Senior Transportation and the National Institute on Aging. Her many additional service activities include serving on professional editorial boards and expert panels.

She has supervised and mentored numerous graduate students including doctoral candidates and post-doctoral fellows, and has co-developed and coordinated courses in the entry Master's program in Occupational Therapy, the Rehabilitation Science Doctoral Program and the Public Health Program. She has also developed a number of web based continuing education courses.

We wanted to share this great news with our Canadian colleagues and know you will join us in welcoming her to the Canadian Occupational Therapy Community.

Submitted by Dr. Thelma Sumsion, Acting Director, School of Occupational Therapy