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AOTA Selects New Journal Editor-in-Chief

Sharon A. Gutman to Lead the American Journal of Occupational Therapy

(Bethesda, MD)—After a comprehensive search and review process, the American Occupational Therapy Association's (AOTA's) Board of Directors has selected scholar-practitioner Sharon A. Gutman, PhD, OTR, Associate Professor in Programs in Occupational Therapy at Columbia University, New York, as the journal's new Editor-in-Chief, succeeding Mary A. Corcoran, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA. Dr. Gutman's 3-year term will begin July 1, 2008, with the possibility for renewal.

AOTA President Penelope Moyers Cleveland, EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA, believes that the appointment of Dr. Gutman "is a very positive step for the profession." Dr. Gutman is "excited about being selected" and "looks forward to building upon the esteemed work of Dr. Corcoran to enhance the rigor, public image, and public exposure of *AJOT* in accordance with the profession's *Centennial Vision*."

One of Dr. Gutman's first tasks will be to select Associate Editors for the journal's Editorial Board. Additional responsibilities will include planning and directing editorial contributions and managing the peer review process.

The bimonthly journal, now in its 62nd year of publication, is the Association's scholarly research periodical and is an important component of advancing AOTA's *Centennial Vision* goal for 2017 of linking occupational therapy education, research, and practice. In 2006, the journal had a 36% acceptance rate and an impact factor of 0.67.

The American Occupational Therapy Association, established in 1917, represents nearly 38,000 members. AOTA is an active advocate for the profession and for individuals who can benefit from occupational therapy services.