

**2012 Honors and Awards Recipient:**  
***Catherine Worthingham Fellows of the APTA***



**Judith E. Deutsch, PT, PhD**, has a distinguished record of innovative scholarship on the implementation of technology into clinical practice. A gifted educator and tireless advocate for physical therapy, Deutsch has shared her research findings around the world and has elevated the *Journal of Neurological Physical Therapy's* quality and research as editor-in-chief.

Deutsch serves as director of the Research in Virtual Environments and Rehabilitations (RIVERS) Lab; coordinator of the PhD in Health Sciences Rehabilitation and Movement Sciences Track; and professor at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Health Related Professions, Newark, NJ. Deutsch has also held posts at Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation New York University Medical Center and Hospital for Joint Diseases.

Deutsch is committed to expanding the science of the profession through her service activities, and to the development of future scholars and evidence-based clinicians through her teaching. An internationally recognized expert in the field of neurorehabilitation using virtual reality and gaming, her work has been funded by NSF and NIH. In addition to 32 peer-reviewed manuscripts and 50 abstracts, Deutsch has presented her work at numerous meetings worldwide. Deutsch has collaborated with other professions, including engineers and computer scientists, which has broadened the audience for her insights and contributed to the worldwide recognition of her efforts. For the Neurology Section of APTA, Deutsch helped to transform the former *Neurology Report* newsletter into a quality peer-reviewed and indexed journal, *Journal of Neurologic Physical Therapy*. More recently, Deutsch has transitioned her efforts in evidence-based practice into her role as co-chair of *PT Now*, a web-based clinical resource.

A longstanding member of APTA and active in the Neurology and Research Sections, Deutsch was presented with the Neurology Section Service Award in 2005 and 2009 and the Lucy Blair Service Award in 2008. The book she co-authored, *Complementary Therapies for Physical Therapy: A Clinical Decision-Making Approach* was recognized by the American Publishers Nursing and Allied Health Award from the Professional and Scholarly Division of Association of American Publishers; the Distinguished Alumni of the Year by the University of Southern California Department of Biokinesiology; the Jack Walker Award for Best Clinical Paper and the Master Educator, Teaching and Research Awards from the University of Medicine and Dentistry.

APTA is pleased to present Judith Deutsch with the Catherine Worthingham Fellowship.

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