

Vice Chair: Institute for Scholarly Inquiry - Candidate Bio and Statement – 2025

The information below was provided by each candidate in response to a request to provide a brief bio and statement of interest and qualifications for the position.

Name: Darcy Reisman PT, PhD, FAPTA

Title: Professor and Chairperson

Position: Institute - Vice Chair of Scholarly Inquiry

Brief Bio	Candidate Statement
<p>I am Professor and Chairperson in the Department of Physical Therapy and Professor in the Biomechanics and Movement Science Program at the University of Delaware. I have been a Physical Therapist for more than 30 years. I received my PhD from the University of Delaware in 2003 and completed post-doctoral training at the Kennedy Krieger Institute/Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. The overall goal of my research is to develop scientifically based therapies to advance physical rehabilitation and recovery after stroke. My research has been continuously funded for over 20 years through federal agencies and foundations including the American Heart Association and the National Institutes of Health. I have published more than 120 peer-reviewed publications, and I am/have been an Associate Editor and Editorial Board Member for some of the top rehabilitation journals, including Physical Therapy and the Journal of Neurologic Physical Therapy. I have extensive experience serving on, and leading, grant review panels for several federal agencies and foundations. My service to the profession over the years has been extensive - through the Academies of Research and Neurology and more recently, within ACAPT.</p>	<p>I have been a Physical Therapist for 30+ years, and I have been conducting research and training future clinician-scientists for 20+ years, resulting in extensive leadership experience in research and education. I am exceptionally committed to training the next generation of PT clinicians and clinician-scientists and I serve as the Principal Investigator of an NIH T32 DPT-PhD training grant. Scientific research that supports and informs the practice of physical therapy is the cornerstone of the future of the profession. This research is necessary to demonstrate the value of PT to all stakeholders – clients, other health professionals, decision-makers and payors. With that in mind, I have been serving the Institute for Scholarly Inquiry for the past year helping to develop a vision statement for scholarship that can operate as a guide as we continue to strive for excellence in our professional education programs. Working with faculty from programs across the country with varied missions relative to scientific inquiry has provided an excellent foundation for my thinking about the role of scholarship in our profession. This work has motivated me to advance my engagement within ACAPT.</p>