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Julie Kolesar is a Research Engineer in the Human Performance Lab, supporting teaching and interdisciplinary research at the crossroads of engineering, sports medicine, and athletics. Her work aims to understand the underlying mechanisms relating biomechanical changes with function and quality of life for individuals with musculoskeletal disorders and injuries. As part of the Wu Tsai Human Performance Alliance, Dr. Kolesar engages in collaborations which seek to optimize human health and performance across the lifespan. Her expertise and research interests include experimental gait analysis, musculoskeletal modeling and simulation, and clinical interventions and rehabilitation.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Research Engineer, Bioengineering
- Member, Wu Tsai Human Performance Alliance

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., The Ohio State University , Mechanical Engineering (2013)
- M.S., The Ohio State University , Mechanical Engineering (2009)
- B.S., The Ohio State University , Mechanical Engineering (2008)

LINKS

- Google Scholar Profile: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=OyKga9AAAAAJ&hl=en>
- Human Performance Lab: <https://ortho.stanford.edu/humanperformance.html>
- Neuromuscular Biomechanics Lab: <https://nmbi.stanford.edu/>
- Wu Tsai Human Performance Alliance Stanford: <https://humanperformance.stanford.edu/>

Research & Scholarship

CLINICAL TRIALS

- Long-Term Effectiveness of Walking Training in Patients With Knee Osteoarthritis, Not Recruiting

Publications

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- **Bone changes in the lower limbs from participation in an FES rowing exercise program implemented within two years after traumatic spinal cord injury** *JOURNAL OF SPINAL CORD MEDICINE*
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