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### [Sign-language interpreting: A high-risk occupation](#)

Sign-language interpreters face a high risk of ergonomic injury, such as carpal tunnel syndrome—possibly even greater than assembly-line and other manual-labor workers—and the risk is heightened in high-stress settings. These are some of the findings of research led by **Matthew Marshall**, an associate professor of industrial and systems engineering in RIT's [Kate Gleason College of Engineering](#).

Particularly with the large population of deaf and hard-of-hearing people—and, thus, interpreters—here at RIT and [NTID](#), this is important research. Dr. Marshall's study also looked into steps taken to minimize ergonomic injuries by lessening occurrences of interpreters placed in stressful situations. RIT's [Department of Access Services](#) has made strides in recent years in reducing the injury rate among interpreters, he adds.

Dr. Marshall's findings, released in the March 2008 edition of the journal *Ergonomics*, have received coverage by [UPI](#) and other news outlets.

Hear more about this fascinating story—including the role of cognitive stress in ergonomic-related injuries—along with campus news and [News & Events](#) highlights, all on this week's [Dateline: RIT – The Podcast](#).

On a separate topic . . . For those going to tonight's Red Wings game, I'll be there, along with "Ritchie the Tiger," as part of an RIT contingent distributing information about this spring's [Imagine RIT Innovation and Creativity Festival](#). See you at the ballpark!

Have a great weekend!

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