



A Message From The Chair

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- **Donate today to the USD Communication Sciences & Disorders department to help fund awards & scholarships.**
- **Through your generous donations, the majority of CSD students will receive an award or scholarship at some time during their graduate career at USD.**
- **If you would like to fund an award at the CSD Annual Banquet, please see page six for more information on how to make this possible.**

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Once again, WHAT A YEAR!!! For some reason, this year seemed like our busiest yet (and yes, I know I say that every year). I have no idea how this fantastic CSD team continues to “up their game” every year, and yet, they do!

Our programs and clinics are literally bursting at the seams. Applications and enrollment continue to rise, and we continue to expand our activities throughout the region, state, nation and world. For example, Marni Johnson, Martin and myself worked with faculty of the Department of Music to begin plans for a comprehensive hearing conservation program for our student musicians and their directors. Several of our faculty

(Mandy Williams, Marni Johnson Martin, Lindsey Jorgensen, Solveig Korte, Angie Brown and myself) earned awards for continuing education (ACE) from ASHA. Kyle Brouwer served as president for the South Dakota Speech-Language-Hearing Association. The Vermillion and Sioux Falls clinic teams continue to provide onsite speech, language and hearing services and to travel to multiple off-site locations for outreach inservices and clinical activities.

During this year, our department faculty produced more than 25 articles or book chapters and presented more than 40 papers or posters at regional, national, and international conferences, with the

vast majority of these co-authored by speech-language pathology and/or audiology students! This collective achievement continues to attest to the strong research foundation provided by our programs.

In late March, we received word that Kyle Brouwer was successfully promoted to associate professor with tenure, maintaining our 100% tenure success rate during the past decade!

We did say goodbye to Patsy O’Neal in May and we miss her so very much. But we wish her a happy, happy retirement and fantastic travels!

Well, I’m out of time AND room...here’s to another successful year!

NSSLHA News

MICHELLE MCCLELLAN, 2015 - 2016
USD NSSLHA PRESIDENT

USD’s National Student Speech Language Hearing Association is finishing another exciting year! This hardworking chapter has been busy advocating for the field to fellow USD students and individuals across the state.

To begin the year, our NSSLHA team, Lou’s Sluggers, raised money for ALS research by collecting donations and participating in the ALS Walk in Sioux Falls. We got together in October to pass out numerous pairs of ear plugs in the Muenster University Center in honor of Protect Your Hearing Month. Also in October, we decorated cookies and distributed them to the clients at the Scottish Rite Speech

Language & Hearing Clinic. In addition, many NSSLHA members volunteered at the South Dakota Speech-Language Hearing Association (SDSLHA) Convention in Sioux Falls where we were able to interact with and learn from many professionals. In December, we enjoyed listening to holiday carols together as we decorated cards for local nursing home residents.

This spring, we had the privilege of attending the SDSLHA advocacy day at the State Capitol and had the opportunity to talk with our legislators about the fields of speech-

language pathology and audiology. In March, we read to children at local daycares for Read Across America and Dr. Seuss Day. In April, we are handing out ribbons and selling bracelets in the Muenster University Center to fundraise for Autism Awareness Month. Our awards banquet will be held at the end of April where we will recognize the hardworking students in the department.

NSSLHA’s impactful year could not have been possible without the outstanding group of students and faculty who share a passion for the profession. You can contact USD NSSLHA by emailing nsslha@usd.edu.

Faculty Updates

Lindsey Jorgensen, Ph.D., divides her time among multiple research projects that focus on hearing loss and adults with TBI, dementia, and normal cognitive aging. Speaking engagements and collaborations with VA hospitals in Sioux Falls and Pittsburgh keep her on the road. She teaches graduate courses in Amplification, OAEs, Vestibular Assessment/Treatment and Pathologies of the Ear at the graduate level and Aural Rehabilitation for graduate and undergraduate students. Over the last year she has attempted to balance being a new mom and a professor-she continues to enjoy both!

Jessica Messersmith, Ph.D., continues to enjoy her position in CSD at USD and what a year it has been. She is now serving over 85 patients with cochlear implants at the USD clinic and continues to offer an outreach clinic in the Rapid City area for patients with cochlear implants or other implantable devices twice per year. This year she has been working with the South Dakota Department of Health in conjunction with the Haifa Samra (USD Nursing) to enhance the South Dakota EHDl program. She continues to be active in research, involving students whenever possible. Finally, she continues to strive to serve as an advocate for the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology.

Marni Johnson Martin, Ph.D., has been busy over the past year enjoying her life as a work-ing "boymom." She still cherishes the quiet time her commute from Sioux Falls provides her. Johnson is looking forward to many new professional adventures over the next few months and year. She will again be taking Au.D. students to Spearfish to provide hearing screenings for athletes at the South Dakota Special Olympic Summer Games. At the end of May, she will be traveling to Tanzania with Home Ministries. During her visit, she will be educating Tanzanian Medical Providers at Bugando Medical Centre about hearing loss and audiology services. This is exciting as she is the first audiologist to visit the facility. Johnson was also accepted into ASHA's 2016 Leadership Development Program in Audiology. She is thrilled to participate in the program for the remainder of the year and into 2017.

Teri James Bellis, Ph.D., served as the first CAPD Topic Chair for the ASHA 2015 convention in Denver, and is also on the program committee for the 2016 Academy Research Conference (ARC/AAA) convention. These activities, along with multiple presentations (including Denmark, Johns Hopkins and others), teaching and seeing patients for special-

ized CAPD/electrophysiology services has kept her busy this year. Oh...and chairing the department-has it REALLY been 12 years already? Perhaps her most prolific production this year has been the amount of gray in her hair!

Kyle Brouwer, Ph.D., continues to supervise clinic and teach courses related to language, literacy and speech sound disorders. He is currently conducting research related to literacy and speech sound acquisition in students with vision impairments. This year he is serving as the president of the South Dakota Speech, Language, and Hearing Association (SDSLHA), and is looking forward to seeing many of our department alumni at the state convention in Rapid City on September 22 and 23.

Elizabeth (Liz) Hanson, Ph.D., delights in hearing from former students and, especially, brainstorming about AAC ideas! She is active in the State's AAC Community of Practice (CoP), which provides support for teachers and SLPs who work with children with AAC needs (see: <http://doe.sd.gov/oess/AACresources.aspx>). She's also helping plan this year's AAC Workshop on Transition Planning from K-12 scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2016 in Rapid City. The workshop is co-sponsored by the SDSLHA and SD DOE and is scheduled the day before the SDSLHA annual convention, September 22-23, 2016 (<http://www.sdslha.org/convention/>). Liz was recently named associate editor for AAC for the *Assistive Technology Journal*, and continues to collaborate with partners in- and out-of-state in patient-provider-communication research. Contact Liz at elizabeth.hanson@usd.edu.

Mandy Williams, Ph.D., enjoys providing clinical services to children and adults who stutter. Last year she worked closely with the Stuttering Foundation of America working at their exhibitor booth during the SDSLHA and ASHA conventions. She is dedicated to helping clinicians learn to evaluate and treat stuttering. She is planning to share her knowledge with SLPs in the region this year. She has been invited to speak to the South Sioux City SLPs as part of their continuing education day this spring. Next fall she will be presenting on the best practice for treating stuttering in the schools at the annual SDSLHA convention in Rapid City. Williams also consults with the National Stuttering Association Sioux Falls chapter leader Darin Palmer to hold monthly stuttering support group meetings. The NSA Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month at the

Siouxland Libraries Prairie West Branch in Sioux Falls. Please spread the word to any people you know who stutter. Contact Mandy Williams for more information mandy.j.williams@usd.edu.

Liz DeVelder continues to teach Language Development, Clinical Methods, Organic SLP and the spring section of Intro in addition to coordinating SLP services at the Vermillion clinic. During the fall and spring semesters, Liz sees clients at the Vermillion clinic as well as students at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Yankton. In the summer, Liz keeps busy with Speech Camp which is a 2 week/3 hours each day camp held in Noteboom serving children between the ages of 3-12. Liz is the advisor for the USD NSSLHA chapter.

Solveig Sperati Korte continues to keep her days filled with classes, clinic and internship responsibilities along with a variety of other worked and outside of work activities. She completed her seventh Award for Continuing Education late in 2015 and is finally getting the hand of the paperwork for the Continuing Education Coordinator for the State Association. July will bring a trip to England for daughter Kendra's wedding.

Shelly M. Grinde, MA, CCC-SLP, began teaching the graduate level Dysphagia course in Spring of 2015. She works as a Director of Rehabilitation with Aegis Therapies in Sioux Falls, and is also a site visitor for the Council on Academic Accreditation at the American Speech Language and Hearing Association. In her spare time, you will find her watching her kids play sports or coaching on the softball field!

Jane Heinemeyer, Clinical Director; **Angie Brown**, Outreach Coordinator; **Tracey Lorang**, Clinical Supervisor, and **Jolaine Kempema**, secretary keep the USD Scottish Rite Children's Clinic running in Sioux Falls. They welcome about 10 graduate SLP students each semester and provide extensive diagnostic services covering speech, language and dyslexia, as well as consultation and outreach for several agencies in the Sioux Falls area. Former students are always welcomed, so stop by the clinic when you're in the neighborhood.

The CSD department would like to welcome **Kathy Peckham** as Senior Secretary, as well as **Theresa Bendert** as Accounting Assistant. Both women keep our department and clinic running smoothly and efficiently. We would be entirely lost without them!!!

Audiology

It has been another stellar year for our AuD student clinicians. We definitely have no shortage of patients for audiology services and our best marketing continues to be word-of-mouth advertising by our wonderful group of patients. This past year, our youngest patient was only weeks old while our oldest was 100+ years of age. Our graduate student clinicians continue to rotate through our on-site clinic as well as off-site opportunities with the USD Center for Disabilities, South Dakota School for the Deaf and Avera Yankton ENT, in addition to their internship and externship placements. We are always looking for new internship and externship sites and supervisors so if you are interested, please contact Marni Johnson at marni.johnson@usd.edu.

Speech Language Pathology

The Vermillion SLP Clinic has been busy. Kyle Brouwer, Liz DeVelder, Liz Hanson, Solveig Korte, and Mandy Williams supervise between 15 and 18 clinicians each semester. We see approximately 25 clients in Noteboom Hall. We also see approximately 28 clients off campus. Liz Hanson has clinicians that work with Sister James Care Center in Yankton as well as SESDAC in Vermillion. Liz DeVelder takes clinicians over to Sacred Heart Catholic School in Yankton as well. In addition to scheduled therapy, clinicians and supervisors have conducted numerous preschool screenings and community health screenings.

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CSD Annual Banquet

Friday, April 29, 2016 Buffalo Run Winery 5:30 social hour; 6:30 dinner

Please make your banquet reservations by Friday, April 22 via mail, email or phone to Kathy Peckham. Seating may be limited, so make sure to get your reservations in early!

Email: Kathy.Peckham@usd.edu
Phone: 605-677-5474
Mail to: University of South Dakota
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414 E. Clark St.
Vermillion, SD 57069

Information to include with reservation:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

Email: _____ Number of people attending: _____

Support CSD Awards & Scholarships

As we do each year, we are asking former students and supporters of the program to donate funds to our student recognition/awards program. It continues to be very important for us to receive assistance for our students from private individual donors such as alumni and faculty of our program. Please send your contributions for the various awards listed below to:

Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders
 University of South Dakota
 414 E. Clark Street
 Vermillion, SD 57069-2390

Make all checks payable to The University of South Dakota Foundation. **If you would like your donation to be applied to our recognitions and awards, please indicate “Communication Sciences and Disorders Awards Fund” on your check.** All donations should be tax deductible, depending upon your tax status.

Following are some of the awards that are funded by your generous “Awards Fund” donations:

General Communication Sciences and Disorders Scholarship Fund: This fund provides several awards to deserving CSD students not otherwise specified below, including graduate academic achievement awards.

Graduate Book Awards: These awards have been supported annually by graduates of our program for many years. Please consider supporting one or two graduate book awards at \$100 each. Books have soared in price!

Knutson Award: This award is for outstanding clinical work with adults exhibiting neurological challenges. The purpose of this award is to generate interest in working with older clients. It honors a family that had one member who suffered severe problems and has another member who is a successful speech-language clinician. The Knutson family helps support this award.

James “Jim” Walters Award: This award was established in 2007 to honor Jim Walters, long-time speech-language pathology faculty member in the department. In recognition of Jim’s leadership role in the development and inception of the South Dakota Speech-Language-Hearing Association, this award is given to a student who has made significant contributions to our local chapter of NSSLHA.

Robert Litke Excellence in Audiology Award: This award has been contributed to primarily by graduates of our audiology program and honors an outstanding student in audiology as well as the late Robert Litke, a long-time audiology faculty member in our department .

Other already-funded awards to be given at the banquet include the **USD Scottish Rite Communication Sciences and Disorders Graduate Fellowships**; the **Dean Lockwood Award for Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology**; the **Vermillion Sertoma Communication Disorders Undergraduate Scholarship**; the **Clifford, Gregg, Stanage Award**; the **Lulu B. Wheeler Scholarship**; the **Harold Jordan award**; the **Tjomsland award**; and others.

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