



A Message From The Chair DR. TERI JAMES BELLIS

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Just take a look at our faculty updates and you can see that Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of South Dakota has gone international! From a faculty-led program to Australia to study durable medical devices, to completing a mission trip to Tanzania, to touring four countries in central Europe, to undertaking study of a novel stuttering treatment in Australia and New Zealand, to other presentations and consultations in South America and other places, our speech-language pathology and audiology faculty members have made their mark on every continent (except Antarctica) this year! There is no doubt at all that USD CSD is "on the map!"

A great deal of my time and energy

this year has been spent on preparing and submitting our re-accreditation applications. Yes, it's that time again, when once every eight years, we undergo a full-scale re-accreditation review and site visit by the Council for Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association! Although preparing the reports, the initial stage of the process, was hugely time consuming, I took great pride in being able to share the incredible accomplishments of our faculty and students and to tell our "story." And what a story it is—I cannot believe the growth we have made since I came here 18 years ago!

Speaking of re-accreditation, we will be having site visitors from

ASHA come to our clinics sometime in September or October. They will be meeting with faculty, students, the public, administrators, and will also be contacting alumni of our programs as well as offsite supervisors. So be ready—you may be contacted! I have no doubt that we will come through our re-accreditation review with flying colors, just as we did the last time. Of course, we will all be happy when the year is over and we can return to "business as usual."

So, it's been another successful year here at USD, and I stand in awe of our hard-working faculty and students once again. We would love to hear what YOU are doing, so let us know!

NSSLHA News

HANNA RINGS DORF, 2016 - 2017 USD NSSLHA PRESIDENT

USD's National Student Speech Language Hearing Association has had an exciting year of service and activities!

To start the year off, NSSLHA hosted an ice-cream social. Multiple members attended and volunteered at the SDSLHA Convention in Rapid City. In October, we handed out ear plugs and advocated for Protect Your Hearing Month. For Halloween, we decorated cookies for clients. NSSLHA raised over \$160 for the Vermillion Backpack Program by displaying professors' baby pictures and having individuals vote for the cutest baby by putting money in the designated jar. The winner, Dr. Williams, was un-

veiled at our Holiday Soup Supper at the end of November. We also decorated holiday cards for the members of Dakota Gardens senior living center in Vermillion.

In the spring we received a presentation about Special Olympics. Members were able to sign up to volunteer at a variety of events. Some members traveled to Pierre for SDSLHA Advocacy Day. Members gathered to decorate Valentine's Day cards for Dakota Gardens and the Senior Center. For Read Across America, we read to children at Kids of Character and USD's daycares.

For Autism Awareness Month we handed out awareness ribbons and talked with peers about the existing spectrum. NSSLHA created a Facebook event, inviting our peers to wear funky socks to spread awareness and support for Autism. We will be hosting the NSSLHA Banquet at the end of April. Students and faculty will gather for dinner, conversation, awards, and prizes.

The members of NSSLHA are proud of their year of hard work. Be sure to check out and follow our Facebook page (USD NSSLHA), Twitter (@NSSLHAUSD), and Instagram (@nsslhausd)!

Faculty Updates

Dr. Lindsey Jorgensen divides her time among multiple research projects, teaching and clinic at USD. Her research focuses on the interaction of cognition, hearing loss and hearing assistive devices. National and international 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 continued to love the interactions of clinic, teaching and research—each one depends on the other—a mix she continues to enjoy.

Dr. Jessica Messersmith continues to enjoy her position in CSD at USD. She is now serving over 100 patients with cochlear implants at the USD clinic and continues to offer an outreach clinic in the Rapid City area for children with cochlear implants or other implantable devices twice per year. As part of her cochlear implant work, she presented at the New York School of Medicine, Cochlear Implant Programming Conference. Work continues on the HRSA Early Hearing Detection and Intervention grant. This is a joint effort between the USD Nursing Department, the USD CSD Department, and the SD EHDI program. Through grant efforts, loss-to-follow up rates in SD have reduced by more than 10% since the grant inception. Dr. Messersmith and Dr. Jorgensen also brought a group of 17 students to Sydney, Australia for 15 days in July for a faculty lead program. The course content included the regulatory processes for durable medical equipment worldwide. Students were able to visit Cochlear World Headquarters and other manufacturers of durable medical equipment.

Dr. Marni Johnson Martin traveled a great deal in the past year. Her most noteworthy trip took her to Bugando Medical Centre in Mwanza, Tanzania, Africa where she trained local physicians, medical students, and nurses on evaluating hearing and treating different types of hearing loss. Her collaborative efforts have continued via email and social media. She plans to travel back to Tanzania in May of 2018. Dr. Johnson spent time at ASHA's headquarters on two separate occasions to take part in the 2016 Leadership Development Program in Audiology and the 2016 AuD Education Summit. Dr. Johnson finished off her 2016 travels with a trip to Pennsylvania where she participated in the Special Olympics Healthy Hearing Clinical Director training. While there, she helped perform hearing screenings at the Pennsylvania Fall Festival, which is hosted and organized by Vil-

lanova University students and is the largest annual student-run Special Olympics event in the world.

Dr. Teri James Bellis traveled throughout central Europe this summer providing CAPD presentations and consultations. Her journey took her through Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Poland. This was the first time that CAPD was "in the spotlight" in that part of Europe, and she is looking forward to returning to Austria in 2018 to present again. Another coup this year was working with Modern Languages and the College of Arts and Sciences to get ASL approved as a foreign language for the BA at USD! She continues to teach, supervise EP/CAPD clinic, and stay extremely busy!

Dr. Kyle Brouwer 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 past 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 Sioux Falls on October 5th and 6th.

Dr. Elizabeth (Liz) Hanson would love to hear about your experiences with AAC in your work setting! She is helping the Department of Education's AAC Community of Practice expand its AAC support through service on the AAC HelpLine (see: <http://doe.sd.gov/oess/AACresources.aspx>) and speaking to groups about AAC and assistive tech for people of all ages. She's collaborating with colleagues in audiology to develop video modeling interventions for clients to improve patient-provider communication, and is in her second year as associate editor for AAC for the Assistive Technology Journal. The Letter Writing group at SESDAC is expanding and Liz continues to supervise students in Yankton. Stay in touch with Liz at Elizabeth.Hanson@usd.edu

Dr. Mandy Williams traveled to Australia and New Zealand to further her expertise in treating adolescents and adults who stutter. Dr. Williams was invited to become a member of the Camperdown Stuttering Treatment Program Training Consortium. Once she completes the rigorous consortium membership requirements, Dr. Williams will be the only SLP in the U.S. eligible to provide training for SLPs interested in using this innovative new stuttering treatment. Dr. Williams completed clinical training and a Camperdown workshop while in Australia

and New Zealand. She is excited about this opportunity for future collaboration with the Australian Stuttering Research Centre. Dr. Williams would like to express gratitude for the travel funding provided by the CSD department and the Arts & Sciences Travel Grant Program.

Mrs. 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.

Mrs. Solveig Sperati Korte has some wonderful memories of travel in 2016 to France and England and daughter Kendra's wedding. 2017 might have a trip to England to meet her first grandchild! She was honored in spring 2016 with the Outstanding Instructor Award given by the College of Arts and Sciences. ASHA Convention in November 2016 in Philadelphia was also a great time to visit family in the area as well as continue to learn and grow professionally. The days in the classroom and in Noteboom continue to be fulfilling and keep her busy. She also loves to hear from graduates of the program and is thrilled when they become supervisors for current students.

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.

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.

Senior Secretary, **Kathy Peckham**, and Accounting Assistant, **Theresa Bendert**, continue to keep our department and clinic running smoothly and efficiently! We would be entirely lost without them!!!

Audiology

Our audiology clinic continues to provide the highest quality services to patients of all ages and abilities. Our AuD student clinicians are simply the best, impressing us at USD, as well as at the state and national levels, garnering top externship placements and jobs post-graduation. 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. Next year we will have 4th year AuD students representing us in Sioux Falls, Minneapolis, at NYU, Yale, and in New Zealand! We are always looking to collaborate with USD alums. If you are interested in being an internship or externship supervisor, please contact Dr. Johnson at marni.johnson@usd.edu.

Speech Language Pathology

The Vermillion SLP Clinic has been busy. Dr. Brouwer, Mrs. DeVelder, Dr. Hanson, Mrs. Korte, and Dr. Williams supervise between 15 and 20 clinicians each semester. We see approximately 25 clients in Noteboom Hall. We also see approximately 25 clients off campus. Dr. Hanson has clinicians that work with Sister James Care Center in Yankton as well as SESDAC in Vermillion. Mrs. 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 28, 2017 Buffalo Run Winery 5:30 social hour; 6:30 dinner

Please make your banquet reservations by Friday, April 21st via mail, e-mail, or phone to Kathy Peckham. Seating may be limited, so make sure to get your reservations in early!

E-mail: Kathy.Peckham@usd.edu
Phone: (605) 677-5474
Mail to: University of South Dakota
Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders
414 E. Clark St.
Vermillion, SD 57069

Information to include with reservation:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

E-mail: _____ 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 Dr. 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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