It is a pleasure to write this greeting to you from our newly renovated department and clinic facilities on South Campus. We celebrated the opening of our new facilities during the weekend of the Gebbie Gala festivities. More about this terrific event is covered later in this newsletter. I took over as chair of the Department on July 1 from Dr. Linda Milosky during the weekend of the Gebbie Gala festivities. Through Linda’s outstanding leadership, we doubled our space, strengthened the Ph.D. program, and secured a new tenure-track faculty line for CSD. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank Linda for her dedication and the countless hours of service she gave to CSD over the past 7 years. Linda is spending this year on a well-deserved research leave.

I have quickly learned that one of the best parts of being the chair is you get to know and brag about all of the good things your faculty, staff, and students accomplish. Many of these you will read about in this newsletter, but because there are too many to cover all in one newsletter, I encourage you to frequently visit our web site. Stories about awards, faculty research, clinic initiatives, student achievements, and alumni information are updated on the CSD web site, csd.syr.edu.

There were several changes in CSD personnel this year. We hired two new faculty, Jonathan Preston, who received his M.S. and his Ph.D. from Syracuse University and studies phonological disorders in children, and Ellyn Riley, who received her Ph.D. from Northwestern University and is studying aphasia. In addition, we hired two new speech pathology clinical supervisors. Sue Maxfield, an alumnus of Syracuse University, will work with adult clients, and Meghan Lister will be responsible for the preschool and school-aged clients. Kim Lamparelli took over the Speech-Language Clinic director position from Janet Ford after Janet retired last January. Thank you, Janet, for helping make this a smooth transition for Kim and more importantly for the 15 years of your dedicated leadership and service to the Gebbie Clinic. Janet is now an emerita professor, and we are fortunate that she continues to teach for us.

One of the biggest changes for the department will be Professor Mary Louise Edwards’ retirement in May 2015 after being on the faculty for 36 years. She served as chair from 1994 to 1997 and is coincidentally the chair who hired me. I have always valued Mary Louise’s perspective on current problems and how she is able draw on her years of experience when problem solving. We often refer to Mary Louise as our resident historian. After retiring, Mary Louise will become an emerita professor and will continue to work on her research papers and teach for us.

I look forward to my next three years as chair of the department and the opportunity to work with the talented CSD faculty, staff, and students. It’s an exciting time for our department to maximize the new Gebbie Clinic space and our three additional research labs. Whether you are on campus or reflecting on your time at Syracuse University, I wish you a productive year and look forward to working together to keep improving CSD.

Sincerely,

Karen Doherty
CSD Department Chair and Professor
New CSD Faculty and Clinical Instructors

**Kimberly Lamparelli**, a 40-year veteran in the speech-language pathology field, joined the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders in Syracuse University’s College of Arts and Sciences in January 2014. Lamparelli, the new Gebbie Speech-Language Clinic director, comes to Syracuse from The College of Saint Rose in Albany, where she worked since 1992 in a variety of clinical and teaching positions. As clinic director, Lamparelli will oversee the daily operations of the Speech-Language Pathology Clinic of the Gebbie Speech and Hearing Clinic, teach two courses, and assign and supervise final extern placements. In addition to her role in the Gebbie Speech-Language Clinic, she will serve as assistant clinical professor of practice.

**Meghan Lister** has been working in the field of speech-language pathology since 2001. She joined the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders in the College of Arts and Sciences in September 2013. Lister received her B.S. from Ithaca College and her M.S. from MGH Institute of Health Professions, in Boston, where she completed a dual certification program in speech language pathology and reading. She comes to Syracuse from Durham, North Carolina, where she worked as a speech pathologist and reading specialist for 10 years in a variety of clinical and educational settings. As a clinic supervisor, she will supervise undergraduate and graduate students in the Gebbie Speech-Language Hearing Clinic.

**Sue Ellen Maxfield** joined the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders in the College of Arts and Sciences in September 2014 as a clinic supervisor in the Gebbie Speech-Language Clinic. After graduation from Syracuse’s SLP program in 2000, Maxfield worked for Enable of CNY in Syracuse for five years, then nine years at area health care facilities, including Upstate University Hospital at Community General Campus, St. Camillus Home Care, and St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center in Utica. Maxfield’s interests in speech-language pathology are in swallowing disorders, voice disorders, augmentative/alternative communication, and neurogenic communication and cognitive disorders. She will supervise graduate students and serve as faculty liaison for the department chapter of the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

**Jonathan Preston**, joined the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders in the College of Arts and Sciences as an assistant professor in August 2014. For 12 years, he has been a speech-language pathologist working with children with speech sound disorders. He received his M.S. and his Ph.D. from Syracuse University in 2002 and 2008, respectively. He completed postdoctoral training at Haskins Laboratories, an affiliate of Yale University. Most recently, he was a research scientist at Haskins Laboratories and taught in the communication disorders department at Southern Connecticut State University. He has a grant from the National Institutes of Health to study biofeedback treatments for children with persisting speech sound disorders, including those with childhood apraxia of speech.

**Ellyn Riley**, joined the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders in the College of Arts and Sciences as an assistant professor in August 2014. After earning her master’s and Ph.D. at Northwestern University in 2011, she completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Northwestern and two years in a tenure-track faculty position at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Riley’s research focuses on improving treatment outcomes for persons with language disorders after a stroke. Although she is interested in a variety of factors that may influence treatment, she is focusing on investigating the role that cognitive fatigue plays in the recovery process and how biofeedback from EEG and eye-tracking can be used to enhance speech and language therapy for the stroke population.
RESEARCH NEWS

Beth Prieve Awarded $1.4 Million Grant

Prieve to use grant to study auditory response among newborns

By: Sarah Scalese

The most common birth defect among newborn babies is hearing loss. In fact, according to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, more than 12,000 babies are born each year with some degree of hearing loss. But Beth Prieve, professor of communication sciences and disorders, hopes to positively impact these children, especially preterm infants.

Prieve and Linda Hood, professor of hearing and speech sciences at Vanderbilt University, were recently awarded a 5-year, $3 million grant by the National Institute on Deafness Research and Other Communication Disorders, part of the National Institutes of Health, to study and measure auditory responses among newborns. Prieve and her team of researchers will use more than $1.4 million of the grant.

“Hearing problems are prevalent in preterm infants, but other neurological deficiencies are also widespread, and often one type of problem gets confused with another,” says Prieve, who also serves on the neuroscience studies faculty. “We anticipate the data gathered through our study will help us untangle deficits in the auditory system from other neurological problems.” Ultimately, preterm infants with a wide variety of conditions will be tested, and we anticipate that the results will be informative to the scientific community, and directly impact intervention decisions for infants and toddlers.”

Prieve says this research will be a team effort and has enlisted the help of Dr. Ste-ven Gross, a neonatal and pediatric expert at Crouse Hospital in Syracuse. Prieve and Gross will enroll preterm infants cared for in Crouse’s neonatal intensive care unit into the study. Researchers will then measure auditory responses from these newborns as they grow and will examine how they relate to and predict language outcomes at 2 years of age. The results from this study are expected to improve the scientific and clinical knowledge of various auditory measures and couple the auditory measures to language and developmental outcomes, ultimately influencing the fields of audiology, neonatology, pediatrics, speech-language pathology, and early intervention.

“Understanding the causes of variability in auditory neural responses is critical for effective diagnosis of hearing problems and evaluation of neural integrity early in life,” Prieve adds. “Our research will improve the health care of these infants by accelerating the identification of behavioral delays earlier in life, while supplying parents and providers with improved information earlier, so they can make more efficient and timely rehabilitation decisions.”

New Stuttering Laboratory

CSD Assistant Professor Victoria Tumanova’s research is focused on the role of temperament, linguistic, and speech motor control abilities in the development of stuttering in young children. The purpose of the current work in the Stuttering Research lab is to study how preschool-age children react to speech errors and disfluencies in their own speech and whether differences exist between children who do and do not stutter. She uses psychophysiology measures such as skin conductance and heart rate variability to explore children’s reactions during different language related stressors as well as a motion capture system to assess children’s speech motor control abilities. Several studies have shown that children who stutter are more reactive and less able to regulate their reactivity and attention than normally fluent children. The work in Tumanova’s lab is focused on uncovering how these differences in emotional reactivity and regulation may affect speech production and specifically speech fluency in these children. For more information, go to stuttering.syr.edu/index.html.

Ramani Voleti, receives ANCDS specialty certification

Ramani Voleti, Gebbie Speech-Language Clinic supervisor, was awarded a specialty certification from the Academy of Neurologic Communication Disorders and Sciences. The recognition requires an extensive, rigorous process of successfully completing a specialty examination and writing an extensive, 30-page case summary. She wrote a detailed account of the diagnostic and treatment procedures used for a patient with a neurological disorder, with detailed discussion and citation of the evidenced-based research used for every aspect of diagnosis and treatment, and how this supported the management process chosen. Voleti defended her paper in front of three reviewers at the ANCDS meeting at the American Speech-Language Hearing Association Convention, 2014.

2014 FACULTY PROMOTIONS

Karen Doherty, Ph.D., was promoted to full professor and chair of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Soren Lowell, Ph.D., received tenure and was promoted to associate professor of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders.
Jonathan Preston Awarded $557,000 NIH Grant
By: Sarah Scalese

Assistant Professor Jonathan Preston G’02, G’08 directs CSD’s Speech Production Laboratory, which evaluates and treats a variety of speech production issues. Much of his work addresses speech sound misarticulations in children. He and his research team, which includes graduate and undergraduate students, rely on an array of research tools, including phonetic transcription, ultrasound imaging of the tongue, and acoustic analysis.

Preston recently received a three-year, $557,000 grant from the National Institute on Deafness Research and Other Communication Disorders (part of the National Institutes of Health) to study the treatment of articulation disorders in children. The method he’s utilizing is so cutting-edge that national media outlets such as The Wall Street Journal have taken notice.

“We use ultrasound to get real-time images of the tongue, and then we show children what they are doing when they make certain speech sounds,” says Preston. “The ‘y’ sound is one of the most common speech errors among children with speech difficulties. With the ultrasound, we can help them see what shape their tongue is making and then cue them to do something differently with the tongue. This way, they can see if they are making the right tongue shape and can adjust their tongue position accordingly to achieve clearer speech.” Participants range from 10 to 14 years old and receive 14 free speech therapy sessions in return for their participation.

Preston is also a co-principal investigator of another NIH study, being conducted in Connecticut, New York, and Ohio. The five-year, multimillion-dollar project focuses on how ultrasound treatment may successfully translate into clinical practice. To read more about the Speech Production Laboratory go to speechproductionlab.syr.edu.

See entire article at: news.syr.edu/csds-newest-faculty-member-awarded-557000-nih-grant-41015/

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

PROFESSIONAL INDUCTION CEREMONY

A professional induction ceremony for first-year graduate students welcomed them into the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology. Through recitation of an oath, they pledged to aspire to professional excellence, lifelong learning, ethical conduct, and keeping clients’ needs as their priority in their practice of audiology and speech-language pathology.
BARBARA KURMAN RESEARCH TRAVEL FUND

This past year, a total of 36 students traveled to conferences and workshops with partial support from the Barbara Kurman Research Travel Fund. The ability to engage in lifelong learning begins while students are still in school, and attending and presenting at professional meetings is a great opportunity for them.

Project Meaningful Differences scholars posed in front of two of their research projects, with Dr. Barbara Kurman G’78.

CSD GRADUATE STUDENT WINS MINORITY STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM AWARD

Chair Karen Doherty says Carly Maldonado brings ‘national distinction’ to department

By: Georgia Popoff

Carly Maldonado, a CSD graduate student, is a recipient of the Minority Student Leadership Program Award from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Raised in a multicultural family in western New York, Maldonado is a third-year student in CSD’s Au.D./Ph.D. dual-degree program.

“We’re extremely proud of Carly, whose accomplishment brings national distinction to our department and also speaks to our commitment to training historically underrepresented minorities in the audiology and speech-pathology professions” says Karen Doherty, professor and chair of CSD, as well as Maldonado’s faculty mentor. “Carly is doing very interesting research on the early stages of age-related hearing loss, and this opportunity will allow Carly to begin developing her leadership skills early on in her career.”

CONGRATULATIONS AU.D. STUDENTS

Au.D./Ph.D. student Christopher Niemczak was awarded the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association’s 2014 Audiology/Hearing Research Travel Award to travel to the ASHA convention in November 2014. Professor Kathy Vander Werff is Niemczak’s research mentor.

Au.D. student Stephanie O’Flaherty’s research poster has been accepted for presentation at the next Joint Defense Veterans Audiology Conference to be held in Orlando, Florida, March 2-4, 2015. O’Flaherty’s research was completed under Professor Karen Doherty’s mentorship.

2013 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS RECOGNIZED IN DECEMBER 2013

From left to right:
Erin Jackson (M.S. in speech-language pathology) - Lisa Scime Memorial Scholarship - Mesissa Cignarale (Au.D) - Louis DiCarlo Memorial Scholarship - Lucia Ribeiro (Au.D) - Maureen Higgins Memorial Scholarship
On May 30-31, 2014, hundreds of friends, alumni, faculty, students, and clients converged on Syracuse University's South Campus to celebrate the new home of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders and the Gebbie Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic.

The Gebbie Gala Weekend was packed with events, including a building dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony, guided tours of the facility with demonstrations of new clinical/teaching capabilities, an alumni dinner, and Continuing Education Unit events.

Visit the Gebbie Gala page on the CSD website for the full gallery and video clips of the dedication weekend.

STANDING OVATION

Linda Milosky, CSD Chair (2007-2014) was instrumental in making the new Communication Sciences and Disorders Department and Gebbie Clinic space a reality. Under her leadership, the academic, research and clinical areas have become housed under one roof to benefit integration of research with student learning and client care. Thank you, Linda!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE GEBBIE Gala CEU SPEAKERS

Edward Gage Conture, Ph.D.
Fan-Gang Zeng, Ph.D.
Cindy Hogan, Ph.D.
Margot Kelman, Ph.D.
Robert Margolis, Ph.D.
Cathy Runnels, M.S.
1975 Cathy Runnels (M.S.) runs her private practice, Accent on Speech, in Washington, D.C. She was named a Fellow of the Association from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association in June 2014.

1980 Cindy Pitcher-Watson (M.S.) is living in San Diego with her family. She has two teenage sons and is the president and chief executive officer of Vericare, a venture capital-backed health care company.

1982 Robin Kanal (M.S.) is living in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Working in Palm Beach County schools, she teaches a class of 3- and 4-year-olds who are eligible for speech and language impaired services.

1982 JeanMarie Fiorentino (M.S.) works as a speech pathologist in a school setting and is contracted as a preschool therapist.

1983 Anthony J. Caruso (Ph.D.) is a professor emeritus at Kent State University. He spends his days creating digital art (artworkohio.com) or writing novels (writtenby-caruso.com). His first novel, The Conversation, was published in January 2014, and he is developing a sequel.

1983 Jill Besdin Holtzman (M.S.) moved back to Syracuse from Rochester.

1987 Lisa Blevis Fillon (M.S.) has three children with her husband, Paul. She is homeschooling one of her children, managing the family's investment properties, and spending time in her shared studio playing in mixed media and fabric.

1993 Dawn Murphy (M.S.) had her 17-year anniversary working at HARC, in Hartford, Connecticut, in July. She works in its birth-3 early intervention program and is the mother of a fun-spirited 6-year-old girl.

2001 Lisa Geary Espina (M.S.) is the director of rehabilitation at Genesis Rehab Services.

2002, 2011 Jamie Desjardins (M.S., Ph.D.) is an assistant professor in the Department of Speech Pathology at the University of Texas at El Paso.

2005 Rachel (Neuman) Pittmann (B.S.) married Nora Pittis May 18, 2014. They combined their last names, so her married name is Rachel Pittmann. This fall she became an adjunct instructor in the Department of Speech and Hearing at George Washington University and splits her time between academic teaching and clinical supervision in the university’s in-house clinic.

2006 Mandy Breitenbach Theisen (B.S.) is the senior audiologist at Massachusetts Ear and Eye Infirmary. On October 8, 2013, she welcomed a second son, Alexander Wells Theisen.
**2006 Lindsay Gyle Kaplan** (M.S.) is a school speech-language pathologist and has a private practice. She was married in October 2013 and went on a honeymoon to Hawaii.

**2006 Kristi (Lalor) Snyder** (B.S.) is a speech-language pathologist at a private special education preschool in New York City. She was married in May 2014.

**2006 Gina L. Palma** (M.S.) became a board-certified specialist in swallowing and swallowing disorders in 2013. She works as the senior II speech-language pathologist at Montefiore Medical Center in Bronx, New York, in the Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, and Department of Rehabilitation.

**2007 Amy Sled** (M.S.) works at Trillium Health Partners in Toronto on rehab, complex care, and palliative units. She welcomed her second daughter, Kennedy Anne, in April 2013.

**2007 Mary Lee-Vang** (M.S.) is employed by Thrive By 5 in Syracuse, where she is the itinerant speech-language pathologist. She works with toddlers in early intervention and preschoolers in preschool special education.

**2008 Jessica (Sutton) Logan** (M.S.) stays home with two children under 2. Her son was born in April 2013 and her daughter in May 2014.

**2008 Greer (Gordon) Bodner** (M.S.) was married in October 2012 and a son, Dylan Reed, was born in October 2013.

**2008 Lauren (Freel) Westby** works as a clinic supervisor and instructor at Syracuse University. She is expecting a baby girl in December.

**2010 Allison L. Goff** (M.S.) works as a speech-language pathologist at Easter Seals in Massachusetts.

**2011 Sara (Eyde) Willis** (M.S.) works as a speech-language pathologist for Vernon-Verona-Sherrill Schools in Verona, New York, serving grades K-12. She also welcomed a baby girl, Lane Adelyn, on September 6, 2013.

**2011 Kelley (DeFrees) Burt** (M.S.) works as a speech-language pathologist at Elmcrest Children’s Center SPICE Integrated Preschool Program in Syracuse.

**2011 Jessica (Baker) Hart** (M.S.) works with pediatric to geriatric patients who have defects with communication, voice, or dysphagia at Bassett Medical Center in Cooperstown, New York. On February 5, 2014, her family welcomed Olivia Joy.

**2011 Evan Sherman** (M.S.) works as a speech-language pathologist at Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center. He is married to Christina Sherman, formerly *Christina D’Agostino*, also an alumna. They welcomed a baby, Gavin Robert Sherman, on August 2, 2014.

**2012 Natalie (Chan) Yeung** (M.S.) was married in June 2014.

**2012 Elizabeth Fasulo** (Au.D.) works as an audiologist at the Syracuse VA Medical Center.

**2012 Lindsay (Boothroyd) Rooney** (B.A., M.S.) was married in July. She works as a speech-language pathologist at H.W. Smith PK-8 School in Syracuse.

**2013 Kathleen E. Maguire** (M.S.) works at the elementary and high school in Remsen Central School District in Remsen, New York, as a speech-language pathologist.

**2013 Jackelyn White** (M.S.) works as a speech-language pathologist at Virtua Rehabilitation Hospital.

**2013 Alison Rosenthal** (M.S.) works as a speech-language pathologist at NHC Laurens in South Carolina. She works at a nursing home, hospital, school for the deaf, with early intervention, and home care.

**2013 Victoria Vega** (M.S.) works as a bilingual speech-language pathologist for the School District of Philadelphia.

**2013 Kristen Lasky** (M.S.) works as a speech-language pathologist at Dover Public Schools in Dover, New Jersey.

**2013 Olivia Dunn** (M.S.) works at an elementary school in Pasadena Unified School District in Pasadena, California, as a speech-language pathologist.

**2013 Christina Le** (Au.D.) works as a pediatric audiologist at the Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Clinic, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia.

**2014 Rachel Amsterdam** (M.S.) works as a speech-language pathologist at Hughes Elementary and Huntington K-8 schools in Syracuse.

**2014 Kara McMyne** (Au.D.) works as an audiologist at Delta Medix.

**2014 Katie Botash** (M.S.) works as a speech therapist at the Institute for Child Development in Binghamton, New York.

**2014 Tracey Olesh** (M.S.) works as a speech-language pathologist in New York City Department of Education.

**2014 Katlyn Coscione** (Au.D.) is an audiologist at the Cochlear Implant Center of NYU Langone Medical Center. She was married on November 8, 2014.
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