



Third year SLP students at graduation

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Second year Audiology students at Holiday Party



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Letter From The Chair

Karen A. Doherty, PhD



Dear Alumni,

I am proud to share a few highlights from another successful year in CSD! Faculty have earned impressive awards for their excellence in teaching, research, and service, and students continue to be recognized for their outstanding work in CSD research labs and in the clinic. Please read more about these accomplishments in this newsletter and in the news section of our department website (<http://csd.syr.edu/>). We update the news section daily so check in occasionally and see what's going on at SU!

This year we are fortunate to welcome three new faculty; Dr. Stephanie McMillen, Dr. Jamie Desjardins, and Laura Vincent. Dr. Stephanie McMillen, our new Assistant Professor,

has an expertise in child language. You can read more about her interesting bilingual child language research in this newsletter. Renovations of Dr. McMillen's new state-of-the art child language lab are almost complete. Dr. Jamie Desjardins is our new Associate Teaching Professor in audiology and Director of Undergraduate programs. This is a new position for our department and Dr. Desjardins has already started creating innovative ways to grow our undergraduate program, and engage CSD undergraduate students and AuD students in research. Our third new faculty member, Laura Vincent, joined our department last summer as an Assistant Teaching Professor. Laura's primary responsibilities will be to provide clinical teaching to the MS SLP students and CSD undergraduates. Laura has extensive experience working with children on the autism spectrum. We are excited for her to expand on the types of services we offer children and adults with autism in the Gebbie Clinic.

I look forward to another productive year of working with this terrific group of colleagues and students! Don't forget to let us know about any news you have to share. We love to hear from you!

Best,

Karen A. Doherty
Chair & Professor



First year SLP students at Induction Ceremony

New Faculty and Staff



Dr. Jamie Desjardins joins the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders as an Associate Teaching Professor and Director of Undergraduate Programs. She will coordinate the 4+1 program and teach undergraduate CSD courses and graduates courses in Audiology. She has experience teaching and developing more than 12 different CSD courses.

Dr. Desjardins earned her Ph.D. in Audiology from SU in 2011 and was awarded the Doctoral Prize for

Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation in the College of Arts & Sciences. She stayed at SU to complete a Post-Doctoral Fellowship through the Center for Aging and Policy Study.

Prior to returning to SU, Dr. Desjardins was an Assistant Professor at the University of Texas at El Paso from 2014 - 2019. The focus of Dr. Desjardins' research is on the aging auditory system, listening effort in bilingual older adults, and hearing aid use among older adults. Her research has been supported by grants from NIH, the American Academy of Audiology, and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation.

Dr. Desjardins is a certified audiologist and licensed to practice in both Texas and New York.



Dr. Stephanie McMillen joins the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders as an Assistant Professor. Dr. McMillen received her PhD in Communication Sciences and Disorders from The University of Memphis in 2017. She completed a Post-doctoral Fellow at The University of Texas at Austin from 2017 - 2019 and was a Visiting Research Scholar at Temple University from 2018 - 2019. She will be teaching courses in language development and language disorders in children.

Dr. McMillen's research focus is on the longitudinal trajectories of spoken and written language for bilingual children with and without language impairment. Her work incorporates behavioral measures and online processing, including eye-tracking to evaluate developmental trends of lexical-semantic growth in culturally and linguistically diverse populations.

Dr. McMillen is a certified Speech-Language Pathologist who has worked with children with a range of speech and language impairments. She is a member of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and the Society for the Scientific Study of Reading.



Ms. Laura Vincent joins the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders as an Assistant Teaching Professor. Her primary responsibilities will be to provide clinical teaching in the Gebbie Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic to both undergraduate and graduate students. She received her Master's degree in speech-language pathology from the College of Saint Rose in 2012.

Prior to Syracuse University, Laura was a speech pathologist in the Skaneateles School District from 2014 - 2019 and chaired the Committee on Special Education for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Laura has extensive experience working with children on the autism spectrum. She received specialized training from NYU as part of the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Nest Support Project, which was created to advance the development and implementation of educational solutions for children living with an ASD. She started and co-taught an ASD Nest inclusion class for students on the autism spectrum in the Skaneateles School District.

Laura is an active member of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and a member of the Central New York Speech-Language-Hearing Association (CNYSHLA).



Ms. Nicole Caballero is a recent SLP graduate from The College of Saint Rose. She is completing her Clinical Fellowship in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at SU. Her position is split between conducting clinical research with children with apraxia of speech in Dr. Preston's Speech Production Lab, as well as seeing a range of clients in the Gebbie Speech-Language Clinic. Nicole is an excellent asset to the department and we are thrilled to have her on board!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to these new CSD faculty and staff.

Retirement



Professor Kim Lamparelli Professor Kim Lamparelli will retire in January 2020 after providing 6 years of outstanding service to the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders as both a faculty member and clinic director. As director of the Gebbie Speech-Language Clinic, Professor Lamparelli implemented new services in the clinic, expanded externship sites both within and outside of the Syracuse area, and has been an exceptional mentor and teacher to students in the speech-language pathology program and undergraduate program. She received the College of Arts and Sciences Excellence in Master Level Teaching Award at SU. Prior to coming to SU, Professor Lamparelli was the clinic director at College of Saint Rose for 17 years. She was awarded the Recognition for Service Excellence by The College of Saint Rose in 2005.

Professor Lamparelli has distinguished herself in service throughout her career. She was the President and Vice President of the Capital Area Speech-Language-Hearing Association, sat on numerous American Speech-Language-Hearing Association committees, and was the regional President of the New York Board of Regional Presidents. Professor Lamparelli received Distinguished Service Awards from the New York State Speech-Language-Hearing Association and the Capital Area Speech-Language-Hearing Association. For over 20 years, Professor Lamparelli has been an active member (coach, judge, assistant state director) of Odyssey of the Mind.

Professor Lamparelli is looking forward to spending more time with her children and grandchildren, and traveling with her husband. We wish Professor Lamparelli all the best in her retirement.

New 4+1 Program

We are pleased to announce that in August we had our first student, **Eve Mercer**, graduate from the new 4 + 1 program. This is a four-year B.S. in CSD and one-year M.S. in speech-language pathology. Undergraduate students in their junior year can apply for this program and, if admitted, they will start taking graduate courses in their senior year. We are one of a small number of universities around the country that offers this unique opportunity to students. This is a highly selective program and we hope it helps us keep our top undergraduate students at SU for graduate school. Currently, we have two students who recently started the program this fall, and we anticipate a full cohort to begin the program in the fall of 2020.



Eve Mercer

Research Highlights

Grants Concluded

Project Meaningful Differences, US Department of Education Grant, Graduates 18 Scholars

In December, 2018, a grant from Office of Special Education Programs, concluded with the graduation of the last of 18 scholars (five cohorts) funded by the grant. The grant was awarded to **Dr. Linda Milosky**, **Dr. Tanya Eckert**, (Psychology) and then clinic director, **Dr. Janet Ford**. The scholars were master's students in speech pathology

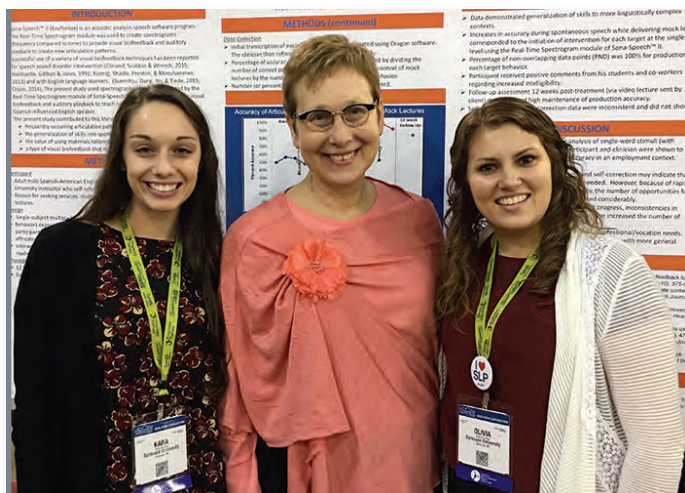
who were trained in language, learning, and academically-oriented behaviors for children from backgrounds of poverty or in high-needs school districts. Training also included data-collection methods. Clinical faculty and externship supervisors worked with the scholars and grant personnel to implement single-case designs, a gold standard for measuring individual treatment effects, for pre-school and early school-aged clients.

With funding from the grant, supplemented

by the Kurman Travel Fund, each of the scholars presented at least one single-case design at the ASHA or NYSSLHA convention. Scholars reported that learning how to construct and carry out single-case designs helped them better understand and

critically evaluate single-case designs in professional literature/presentations. In a recent final evaluation survey one scholar noted *“Presenting my poster was one of the most rewarding and inspiring experiences I have had in this field.”*

Scholars have been working in public schools, and publicly funded EI, preschool or specialized schools, and 11 of the 18 scholars have worked in settings in which at least 75% of the children they see come from low-income homes or have attended high-needs school districts. Scholars valued the exposure to special considerations needed in working with low income families. *“For example, I’m more aware of automatic assumptions that I might make about clients and families that I interact with, and I actively challenge my assumptions so that I can better serve my clients and meet them where they are at. In my interactions with colleagues, I’m more inclined to bring up perspectives gained from the PMD seminar*



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into our discussions about challenges with parents and students. I believe it has helped me to better understand and empathize with the struggles impoverished and disadvantaged parents encounter and how that impacts parenting choices. Understanding the factors that may affect their choices helps me to serve them without judgement or frustration.”

We are very grateful to have been able to support our scholars in their learning about poverty and assessment of treatment efficacy, as well as having had the opportunity to learn so much from and alongside them.

Grants Awarded



Dr. Jonathan Preston's Speech Production lab has two ongoing clinical trials. One randomized controlled trial for school-age children ages 9 - 17 years with childhood apraxia of speech (CAS) is in its third year. This study compares treatment outcomes for children with CAS who are treated with and without ultrasound visual feedback of the tongue during speech. Differences in treatment schedule models are also being studied (intensive vs. distributed treatment).

Additionally, in a newly funded NIH grant, Dr. Preston's lab is one of three sites involved in a multi-site randomized controlled trial to study the effects of ultrasound visual feedback, visual acoustic feedback, and traditional articulation therapy for school-age children with residual /r/ distortions. This five-year, \$3.7 million project will study treatment outcomes from over 110 children with persisting /r/ errors to determine the degree to which biofeedback affects treatment outcomes. Several SLPs and graduate students are involved in this project.

Student Research

Michaela Baratta is working in Dr. Victoria Tumanova's Stuttering Research Lab. She is currently conducting research on temperament and childhood stuttering. Michaela is collecting ECG data to determine a child's temperament, and examining the relationship between temperament and fluency in children.

Nina Benway is working in Dr. Jonathan Preston's Speech Production Lab. Nina is currently involved in data collection for the single-case experimental design arm of a multi-center study investigating responses to different types of biofeedback-enhanced treatments for children and adolescents with speech errors on /r/ (NIH-R01DC017476, T. McAllister, PI). Nina has also investigated how perceptual speech features can be used to distinguish between children who have received diagnoses of childhood apraxia of speech and children with other subtypes of speech sound disorder. She has presented aspects of this project at the 2019 International Child Phonology Conference in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, and will be presenting at ASHA 2019 in Orlando, Florida with SLP master's student Raya Campeas.

Rebecca Brown is working in Dr. Beth Prieve's Pediatric Audiology Lab. She is analyzing Bayley-3 data in babies born prematurely.

Kelly Garcia is currently working in Dr. Jonathan Preston's Speech Production Lab. Over the summer she completed a research project that focused on the relationship between phonological awareness and perceptual acuity in children with speech sound disorders, specifically, those who struggle with /r/.

Julia Gregoire is currently working in Dr. Victoria Tumanova's Stuttering Research Lab. She is studying Autonomic Nervous system arousal by looking at emotional reactivity to emotionally evocative images in preschool age children who do and do not stutter. The data will be used to determine if emotional reactivity plays a role in the onset of stuttering. She will present her work at the ASHA 2019 convention in November.

Dannielle Hibshman is conducting a research study in Dr. Ellyn Riley's Aphasia Lab. She is examining EEG vigilant attention levels in persons with aphasia during a linguistic and a non-linguistic task.

Angela Madrid is collaborating with **Devon Pacheco** on a project with the Psychology Department that looks at the brain's hemispheric differences in response to speech sounds and click stimuli in children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Additionally, Angela is assisting Dr. Beth Prieve in writing an article about speech-evoked auditory brainstem responses in preterm infants.

Monica Mascellino is working with both Dr. Ellyn Riley and Dr. Victoria Tumanova on a project that measures EEG and skin conductance activity to determine the effects of stress on language.

Mariana Mendes Bahia is currently working in Dr. Soren Lowell's Voice and Swallowing Physiology Laboratory. Her initial research critically assessed the evidence base for the effortful swallow maneuver in a systematic review, which identified important current and future directions for her work. She plans to examine hyolaryngeal movement during the effortful swallow, and functional impacts of this maneuver in healthy individuals and ultimately in people with dysphagia.

Kenny Morse is currently working with his mentor, Dr. Kathy Vander Werff, on proposing his dissertation, which is focused on the discrete effects of noise exposure history and tinnitus. He plans to examine the interaction between noise exposure history and tinnitus on changes in auditory "gain" and the relative balance of excitatory, inhibitory, and spontaneous neural communication.

Chris Niemczak is working on his dissertation project with his mentor Dr. Kathy Vander Werff, which aims to examine the neural correlates of speech perception in noise, by systematically manipulating both linguistic similarity and auditory attention at both bottom-up and top-down levels of auditory processing. The goals of his study are to provide objective evidence of how both increased linguistic similarity and altered auditory attention increase the amount of speech perception difficulty experienced by the listener.

Devon Pacheco is currently testing school-aged children for a collaborative research project with the Center for Autism Research and the Electrophysiology Lab. The goal of the study is to investigate hemispheric differences in auditory processing to speech tokens and tonal sounds in children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Jasleen Singh is currently working on her dissertation project with her mentor, Dr. Karen Doherty. She is examining the use of over-the-counter (OTC) hearing aids by typical hearing aid consumers. She is interested in determining whether individuals will be able to; self-identify if they are a candidate for over-the-counter (OTC) hearing aids, self-select an OTC hearing device that fits their needs, and self-fit the OTC hearing aid they select.

Clinical Highlights



Electronic Health Records

The Gebbie Clinic is preparing to transition to an electronic health record (EHR) during the fall semester. The EHR will allow us to securely share electronic information with clients, students, and clinical instructors, and promote efficient documentation and accurate, streamlined coding and billing while enhancing privacy and security of client data. Additionally, use of the EHR will help to prepare students for real world documentation experiences in their externships. Thanks to **Joe Pellegrino** and **Kim Lamparelli** for spearheading this effort.



Multidisciplinary Evaluations for Preschool Children

Laura Vincent, our new Assistant Teaching Professor, is conducting/supervising the Committee for Preschool Special Education (CPSE) evaluations for our program. Laura previously worked as a speech-language pathologist in a neighboring school district, and served as a chairperson for the Committee on Special Education. **Jessie Buecheler**, our part-time school psychologist, serves as part of our team for the psychological portion of the CPSE evaluations. They look forward to the opportunity to work with area school districts to serve the youngest members of our community as well as provide support and resources to parents, caregivers, and families.



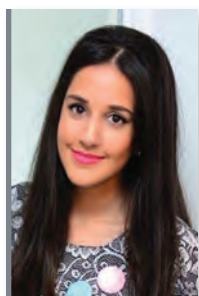
Stroke Camp

Upstate University Hospital sponsored New York State's first Stroke Camp Sept. 6 to 8 at Greek Peak Mountain Resort in Cortland, NY. The mission of Retreat and Refresh Stroke Camp is to improve the quality of life for stroke survivors, caregivers, and their families and gives them a chance to experience patient recovery outside the hospital and to connect with their families. Camp activities were planned by the United Stroke Alliance, which partners with hospitals across the country to offer Stroke Camp. Stroke survivors and their caregivers enjoyed a weekend filled with outdoor activities, entertainment, educational sessions, games, and relaxation. More than a dozen volunteers, including **Dr. Ellyn Riley** and **Ramani Voleti**, were on site to support 10 survivors and 10 caregivers throughout the weekend.



Awards and Recognition

Jasleen Singh



Audiology Doctoral student, **Jasleen Singh**, was selected as an attendee/trainee to the CIHR—Institute of Aging- Summer Program in Aging, as well as a CIHR Travel Award Recipient. This is a five-day advanced training program that provides trainees an opportunity to engage in sessions and activities in relation to technology and innovation for supporting the health of older adults. The program also provides an opportunity to work on fundamental skills such as research, grant writing,

communications and knowledge translation. Trainees will also have access to mentoring and networking opportunities.

Ramani Voleti



Assistant Teaching Professor **Ramani Voleti** received the distinguished clinician award from New York State Speech Language and Hearing Association (NYSSLHA) on May 3, 2019. The award is given to a member of the Association who has demonstrated outstanding innovative clinical care to communicatively impaired individuals on a continuing basis. Professor Voleti received this award for her vast and impressive work in the profession of speech-language pathology.

She was also selected for the ASHA Leadership Development Program (LDP) for 2019. The LDP is a year-long program for ASHA members with leadership potential; it encourages them to develop leadership skills and give back to the professions through volunteering.

Professor Voleti is additionally the Co-chair for the Board certification Committee for the Academy of Neurologic Communication Disorders and Sciences (ANCDS) and will be the chair of the committee in 2020.

Awards and Recognition (continued)

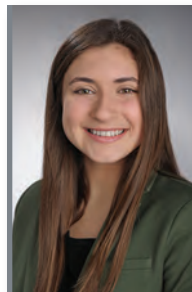
Kimberly Lamparelli



Speech-Language Clinic Director and Associate Teaching Professor, Kim Lamparelli, was featured in the ASHA Wire for a program she started in 2011 called LIFT (Language Intervention for Tomorrow). LIFT aims to help

kindergarten students in 24 classrooms in Albany City Schools with vocabulary development, verbal expression and language comprehension. Kim was also awarded the College of Arts and Sciences Excellence in Master Level Teaching Award at SU in May 2019.

Julia Gregoire



Current undergraduate CSD student and recently accepted 4+1 student, Julia Gregoire, was selected to be a Remembrance scholar. The Remembrance Scholarship was founded as a tribute to—and means of remembering—the 35 students who were killed in the Dec. 21, 1988, bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. Scholars are chosen in their junior year through a rigorous, competitive process. Applicants submitted an essay and another response in multimedia, artistic, musical or written format as part of a comprehensive application, and finalists were interviewed by members of the selection committee, composed of University faculty, staff and current Remembrance Scholars. The \$5,000 scholarships are awarded on the basis of scholarship, leadership and service to the community.

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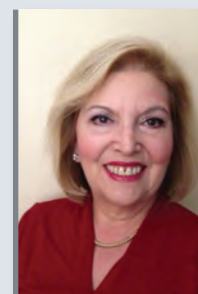
Vestibular Donation

A state of the art Videonystagmography (VNG) system has been purchased for the Gebbie Clinic through a generous donation from **Mr. George Knight** in memory of his late wife, **Kimberly Keller Knight**, who received her Master's in Audiology from SU in 1982. George graduated with an MS in Accounting from the Whitman School of Management in 1981. The new VNG system includes an air caloric irrigator, an LED projector and 60" wall mounted monitor for ocular motility testing, and a motorized exam table for positional testing.



This new system will allow for accurate diagnosis of vestibular pathology and will serve as a cutting-edge training tool for our AuD students.

Kurman Fund



The Barbara Kurman (G'78) Research Travel Fund was established by **Barbara Kurman** to provide financial support to our SLP and Audiology students for travel to conferences and workshops. In the past year, 16 students benefitted from this fund allowing them to take advantage of professional development opportunities. We extend our warmest gratitude to Dr. Kurman for her ongoing commitment to our students and lifelong learning.

*These generous contributions provide state-of-the-art training facilities and research opportunities for our students. Please **consider contributing to CSD** in the coming year!*

In Memoriam

1954 Dr. Walter W. Amster (PhD), who received his PhD under Dr. Louis DiCarlo, passed away on Sept. 11, 2019. He was very proud of the time he spent obtaining his doctorate at Syracuse University. He attended Indiana University studying with Jon Eisenson and at University of Iowa where he studied with Wendell Johnson. He was an ASHA Fellow and a Professor at Brooklyn College in the graduate program. He received many awards for his clinical and administrative work and was Chief of Audiology and Speech Pathology at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in both Miami and Syracuse. He was exceptionally dedicated to his work and his many patients in all dimensions of the field. Walter organized prestigious conferences, garnering the most important researchers and scholars in the field. He produced articles, chapters, texts and was president of FLASHA. He worked until four years ago and continued private practice until this past year. He leaves his wife of 58 years, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Alumni Updates

- 1967 Linda Caskie (BS)** is enjoying her retirement while serving on the board of Smith Mountain Lake Good Neighbors, Inc.
- 1977 Gayle Weiss (BS)** has recently retired!
- 1981 Cindy Watson (MS)** relocated to Nashville, TN, to be the President of Local Government Healthcare for Wellpath, a correctional healthcare company. Her youngest son, Jack, is a junior at Syracuse University, majoring in Political Science.
- 1982 Robin Kanal (MS)** retired in June 2018 after 36 years as a speech-language pathologist in public schools. She became a grandmother to Benjamin in May 2018 and her son was married in May 2019. She is blessed to have her children and their families nearby.
- 1984 Marianne Natale (MS)** is an adjunct clinical supervisor in the graduate Speech Language Pathology program at Sacred Heart University since August, 2016. She also celebrated her daughter Cara's wedding on September 7, 2019.
- 1986 Denise Monte (MS Audiology)** has begun her 32nd year as an educational audiologist at American School for the Deaf. She has also become involved in a marine science education program and took a group of students to the national sea perch competition in Maryland last year.
- 1987 Steve DeMari (MS Audiology)** is now the Vice President of Sales and Account Management at United Healthcare Hearing. His son, Luc, is a junior at Iowa State University and his son, Evan, and daughter, Gabriela, attend Naperville North High School.
- 1990 Lori Goldberg (BS)** works in the Palm Beach County Schools in Palm Beach, FL. Her daughter is already a high school sophomore.
- 1994, 1991 J. Scott Yaruss (PhD, MS)** was inducted into the National Stuttering Association's Hall of Fame in July 2019.
- 1999, 1997 Katie (Hancur) Bucci (MS Audiology, BS)** teaches Anatomy and Physiology and Human Biology at The Community College of Vermont and recently received the 2019 Teaching Excellence Award.
- 1999 Margaret Hargrove (MS)**, aside from running her private practice, A Sound Beginning, LLC, has been Chapter Leader for AG Bell of Maryland since 2016 and is working to develop and pass legislation to support spoken language as an option for deaf/hard of hearing children in Maryland.
- 2000 Bethany Jensen (BS)** relocated back to Maine in 2017. After 15 years in the medical field, she is now on her third year as an elementary school SLP in the Freeport, ME, school district.
- 2001 Jean Terry (MS)** is a full-time speech-language pathologist with Attleboro Public Schools in RI.
- 2002 Jocelyn (Goodwin) Lee (BS)** married John Lee in Boston on December 15, 2018. Jocelyn also has a new job at Match Community Day Charter Public School as the Head of the Language Acquisition Department.
- 2003 Norah Breidel (MS)** continues to work for the Liverpool School District at the Nate Perry Elementary School.
- 2004 Amanda Picioli (MS Audiology)** is now the Chairperson of the Department of Communication Studies and Services at Rochester Institute of Technology.
- 2005 Monica (Stine) Churm (BS)** is working in a combination of private practice, doing in-home therapy, and working with the Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program. She also finished her 11th cohort of Broad Futures, a program that helps young adults with disabilities to be successful in the work force.
- 2006, 2003 Mandy Theisen (AuD, BS)** is celebrating her 13th year at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary as the Manager Specialist.
- 2007 Kate Gillen (MS)** accepted a position as a speech therapist in the Syracuse City School District at Frazer Pre-K - 8 School and Salem Hyde Elementary School.
- 2007 Jeanine Mitchell (MS)** is in her eighth year at Sprout Therapy Group as the Therapy Director.
- 2010 Kelly (Miranda) Kanellis (MS)** works as a Clinical Specialist at UNC Hospital's Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Center. She and her husband, fellow Syracuse University Alum Greg, have two daughters: Kara, three years, and Nora, nine months.
- 2011 Sara Willis (MS)** just started a new position as a speech-language pathologist for the Central New York Developmental Disabilities Services Organization (CNYDDSO), in Rome, NY.
- 2013 Brittany (D'Addezio) Kirchner (MS)** is enjoying beach life in Wilmington, NC, since July 2018. She is working at OT solutions, Inc.
- 2013 Heather (Crawford) Manning (MS)** married Matt Manning on August 18, 2018. She is working at Little Luke's Preschool in Dewitt, NY.
- 2014 Katie Botash (MS)** was married this past year.
- 2014 Dana Levitt (MS)** is in her third year at Elmcrest's SPICE program, at the Park Hill site.
- 2014 Colleen (FitzGerald) Ratica (MS)** was married on August 17, 2019, in Cleveland, OH. She is currently working as an SLP Clinical Preceptor at St. Vincent Charity Home Care.
- 2014 Holly (Garrison) Zarrelli (MS)** married Anthony Zarrelli on October 20, 2018. Holly also started a new job this year in the Scotia-Glenville Central School District.
- 2016 Xue Bao (BS)** completed her MS at Boston's MGH Institutes of Health Professionals in August 2018 and is working on her PhD with Dr. Tiffany Hogan at the Speech and Language Literacy Lab (SAiL). Xue also welcomed a baby boy in February 2019.
- 2016 Melissa Cignarale (AuD)** started a new job with Cochlear in January 2019 as the Associate Clinical Territory Manager for upstate New York.
- 2016 Amanda (Czech) McKallip (AuD)** and her husband just welcomed their first child, a baby girl named Paige, on July 5, 2019.
- 2016 Christy Musser (MS)** has moved back to Syracuse, New York, and is working for ARC of Onondaga's Parkside Children's Center. She also welcomed a daughter, Madeleine, in August 2019.
- 2016 Nikki Uy (MS)**, in addition to her current job working in EI in Philadelphia, started as an adjunct professor at Saint Joseph's University in their Linguistics program. Nikki had the honor of helping St. Joseph's University establish a concentration in speech-language pathology. She has also started testing the waters to become a certified therapy dog handler with her dog, Darwin.
- 2016 Kayla Weaver (MS)** moved to Ithaca, NY, this past year. She works as an SLP at one of the preschool locations for the Racker Centers.
- 2017 Jennalyn Burke (MS)** and her husband, Chris, welcomed their baby girl, Astoria, last year. Jennalyn is currently working with the Olympia School District, at the elementary and high school levels. She works primarily with students who have complex communicative needs in the medically fragile and life skills classroom.
- 2017 Kara Comins (MS)** was engaged in July 2019. Kara is working for Connections here in Syracuse, and has been teaching the *Speech-Sound Disorders in Children* course at Syracuse University as an adjunct professor.
- 2017 Amanda Corrado (MS)** moved to Boston in September 2019. She works with children and families, providing early intervention services and she is loving her new job and city.

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Alumni Updates (cont.)

2017 Olivia Frieling (MS) recently moved to Nashville, TN to work at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in outpatient pediatrics.

2017 Annelise Gaffney (BS) is completing her Clinical Fellowship at Riverdale Nursing Home in Bronx, NY.

2017 Amy (Jarvis) Locke (MS) started a new job as a speech-language pathologist at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, MI.

2017, 2015 Alycia Maher (MS, BS) moved to Syracuse and works at Connections Family-Centered Therapies.

2017 Kassandra (Gacek) Meluni (MS) married Joe Meluni on July 6, 2019.

2017 Lauren Peduto (BS) will be graduating in December 2019 with her MS in Speech-Language Pathology from Worcester State University.

2017 Jenna (Ryan) Rinaldi (MS) was married this past year and works at Nashoba Learning Group, a school for students with autism, in Massachusetts.

2017 Danielle Stewart (MS) is still working for the Horry County School District in Myrtle Beach, SC, but this year she moved from elementary to middle and high school students.

2018 Aimee Alilio (AuD) works for Nicklaus Children's Hospital in Miami, FL.

2018 Olivia McVoy (MS) is working for Beaver River Central School as a K - 12 SLP. She just got engaged this summer and is planning her wedding for September 2020.

2018 Eileen Shen (MS) is working with the school-age population in New York City.

2018 Kara Vrooman (MS) is working at Little Lukes Preschool in Pulaski, NY, and is set to complete her CF this November. She and her husband welcomed their son Elliot on May 1, 2019.

2019 Cole Forester-Clarke (MS) is completing her Clinical Fellowship at Sunnyside Care Center in Syracuse, NY.

2019 Heidi Ludwig (AuD) is working at Watertown Audiology in Watertown, NY.

2019 Amanda Tamilia (AuD) is working at James A. Haley VA in Tampa, FL.

2019 Kerry Walker (AuD) is living in Colorado and working as a research audiologist at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.





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