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Letter from the Chair:



I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself as the new Chair of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders! I took over the position in July of this year when Dr. Karen Doherty stepped down after successfully leading our programs for seven years -- including getting us through the most challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are all grateful for her dedication and leadership and are happy that she has not left us but is enjoying a well-deserved research leave this year. Having served with her a few years as the Associate Chair, I am appreciative of her great example and the tremendous success of the department that she ushered in over her tenure.

I am joined by our new Associate Chair, Dr. Jonathan Preston, and we are fortunate to continue working with all our outstanding and supportive faculty and staff in these new roles.

In June we were happy to be able to finally hold a belated celebration of our newly tenured and recently promoted faculty, as well as to thank Dr. Doherty for her years of service as the Chair. In the past two years, Dr. Ellyn Riley and Dr. Victoria Tumanova were both awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor. Dr. Soren Lowell and I were both promoted to Professor. Dr. Joe Pellegrino was promoted to Teaching Professor, and Anita Lightburn and Ramani Voleti were promoted to Associate Teaching Professor. We also celebrated the hard work and dedication of all our faculty who have been awarded an impressive number of active research grants and who have continued to expand our Gebbie clinic services for both SLP and Audiology in exciting ways.

After a year of online and hybrid experiences, we are pleased to be back fully in-person, seeing each other and our returning students again in the hallways and the classrooms. Our programs continue to grow, and we have welcomed strong new classes of incoming SLP and AuD students again this year. With care and caution, we have been able to resume our regular instruction and clinical services with a fully vaccinated faculty, staff, and student body. Although it was a difficult time, we have all certainly learned a lot in the past year and found many innovative ways to expand our student training and clinical services.

As always, we are grateful for the consistent support of all our alumni which allows us to expand our programs and offer our students excellent and varied training and experience. I offer a warm hello to all those who know me well as a member of the Audiology faculty here since 2004 (and may or may not now appreciate your Instrumentation class), as well as to those who I didn't know well during their time at SU or who graduated before I started. Please don't hesitate to say hello or introduce yourself to me at any time by email or in-person. We would love hearing from you and the news you have to share, and we all look forward to seeing many of you at conferences this year!

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Vander Werff".

Kathy Vander Werff
Chair & Professor

Faculty Promotions



Ramani Voleti **Promoted to Associate Teaching Professor**

Ramani Voleti, M.S., CCC-SLP/BC-ANCDS, LSVTC was promoted to Associate Teaching Professor in the spring of 2021. Professor Voleti is a graduate of our own SLP Master's program (2003) and has been on the Syracuse University CSD faculty since 2005. She has taught many of our program's graduate courses over the years, most recently teaching

Neurogenic Communication Disorders II and one of our most popular elective courses, Professional Issues in Medical SLP. Professor Voleti also serves as one of the clinical supervisors in the Gebbie Clinic, providing high-quality supervision and mentorship primarily to graduate students treating adult clients. In addition, she is currently serving as Chair for the board certification committee of the Academy of Neurologic Communication Disorders and Sciences (ANCDS). Recently, Professor Voleti was also awarded the Distinguished Clinician Award from the New York State Speech-Language-Hearing Association, which is a testament to the excellent clinical services she provides. Our department is very fortunate to have Professor Voleti as a part of our team and we congratulate her on this well-deserved accomplishment!



Anita Lightburn **Promoted to Associate Teaching Professor**

Anita Lightburn, M.S., CCC-SLP was promoted to Associate Teaching Professor in the spring of 2021. Professor Lightburn, an alumnus of Syracuse University and of our Syracuse SLP Master's program, has enhanced our department for many years, through her unique specialization areas in fluency disorders, teaching English to speakers of other languages,

and working with culturally and linguistically diverse populations. Professor Lightburn has been instrumental in expanding our fluency intervention programs including the development of the Speaking Orange Fluency Summer Camp, and has partnered with Syracuse's Graduate School to develop and implement the International Teaching Assistant Code Switching Program designed to enhance the efficacy of participants' oral instruction as Teaching Assistants. Professor Lightburn has taught multiple high-enrollment undergraduate courses throughout her time at Syracuse, including our *Introduction to Communication Sciences and Disorders* course which often results in freshmen switching into the field of CSD. The commitment and level of care that she has shown in her mentoring, teaching and supervision of Syracuse's students reverberates with them for years after they complete their studies, strengthening the caliber and impact of our undergraduate and graduate CSD programs. We congratulate Professor Lightburn on this wonderful and well-deserved accomplishment!



Joseph Pellegrino **Promoted to Teaching Professor**

Joseph Pellegrino, AuD, CCC-A, FAAA was promoted to Teaching Professor in the spring of 2021. Dr. Pellegrino has been with Syracuse University for 21 years. He teaches several courses for the CSD department including Medical Audiology, Professional Issues in Audiology, Cerumen Management, and the Counseling course for SLP and AuD. He also holds the title of Audiology Clinic

Director. As Clinic Director he oversees the daily operations of the Audiology Clinic and coordinates the clinical experiences for the AuD students. Outside of our department Dr. Pellegrino has served as a member of the Arts and Sciences Faculty Council, the ASHA Audiology Advisory Council, the ASHA Task Force Committee on Guidelines for AuD Clinical Training Sites and is a member of the New York State Licensure Board for Audiology and Speech Pathology. Congratulations, Dr. Pellegrino, on this most recent accomplishment!



Victoria Tumanova **Tenured and promoted to Associate Professor**

Victoria Tumanova, Ph.D, CCC-SLP, was recently tenured and promoted to Associate Professor. Upon joining the CSD department in 2013, Dr. Tumanova re-established a stuttering research program at Syracuse University and is a founding director of the Syracuse Stuttering Research Laboratory. Her research focuses on the mechanisms

underlying the development of stuttering in young children. Dr. Tumanova's research has been funded by competitive awards from the National Stuttering Association and ASH Foundation. Recently, Dr. Tumanova was awarded a 3-year grant from the National Institute of Health (NIDCD) to continue her study of speech motor control and speech motor learning in preschool-age children who do and do not stutter. Dr. Tumanova also co-directs and contributes to stuttering-focused clinical programs at the Gebbie Clinic, such the preschool fluency group and the Speaking Orange camp for school-age children who stutter. Dr. Tumanova teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in anatomy and physiology of speech and in stuttering and mentors students in her lab. Several of her undergraduate mentees have been awarded student research grants, have presented at local and national conferences, and have participated in student leadership programs sponsored by ASHA. In addition, Dr. Tumanova has been an advisor for the Linguistics Language Acquisition program, has served on the Neuroscience ILM curriculum committee, and helped organize the Syracuse University Neuroscience Research Day. Dr. Tumanova is an emerging leader in stuttering research and we are thrilled that she has been tenured and promoted to associate professor and will continue to be a productive faculty member in CSD.

Faculty Promotions



Dr. Kathy Vander Werff Promoted to Professor

Dr. Kathy Vander Werff was promoted to Professor in Spring 2021 in recognition of her outstanding research, teaching, and service. Dr. Vander Werff's research includes high-priority multi-disciplinary clinical questions on the neural basis of speech understanding in noise and central

auditory processing in individuals with normal hearing, hearing loss and tinnitus, sound sensitivities, and auditory consequences of concussion/traumatic brain injury. Dr. Vander Werff has collaborated with Brian Rieger, neuropsychologist and director of the Concussion Management Program at Upstate Medical University, on the auditory consequences of concussion and their relationship to recovery in adolescents and adults. Dr. Vander Werff has shown a consistent record of teaching excellence earning her the Syracuse University's

Excellence in Graduate Education Faculty Recognition Award in 2019. She has served as an editorial review board member for the American Journal of Audiology for several years and then as Editor for the past three years, guest editor for Ear and Hearing, and frequent ad hoc reviewer for over 15 journals. She has served on several prominent national committees, including the National Advisory Committee for the Audiology Praxis exam, the CSDCAS National Advisory Board to the Council on Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CAPCSD), and the Misophonia Consensus Committee. She has also provided exemplary service within the department of Communication Sciences and Disorders and across the college, serving as associate Chair of the department of CSD for 4 years, Chair of the graduate admissions committee six times in the last 10 years and playing an important role in developing the Neuroscience ILM program. Although not on her CV, in her spare time, Dr. Vander Werff has recently completed a two-year quest to hike the 46 high peaks of the Adirondacks. Congratulations, Dr. Vander Werff, on your promotion and all of your accomplishments!

Faculty Spotlight-Research



Professor Beth Prieve

Professor Beth Prieve, in collaboration with Assistant Professor Ross Maddox of Biomedical Engineering and Neuroscience at University of Rochester Medical Center, has been awarded a UNYTE pilot grant for their project, "Novel hearing assessment method to predict communication challenges for pre-term infants". Click on the following link for the full story:

<https://thecollege.syr.edu/department-communication-sciences-disorders/csd-news/csds-beth-prieve-receives-a-nyte-pilot-grant-for-research-on-detecting-language-based-disorders-in-pre-term-infants/> Congratulations Dr. Prieve!



Victoria Tumanova

Congratulations to Associate Professor **Victoria Tumanova** on receiving an NIH grant for her project, "The influence of contextual and constitutional emotional processes on speech motor control and speech motor learning in early childhood stuttering." Dr. Tumanova is principal investigator and

collaborates with Associate Rachel Razza of the Falk College Department of Human Development and Family Sciences, Assistant Professor Asif Salekin of the College of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences, and Associate Professor Qiu Wang of the School of Education. For the full story, click on:

<https://thecollege.syr.edu/news-all/news-from-2021/nih-grant-funds-innovative-study-on-childhood-stuttering/>

Alumni Spotlight-Research



Tracy Fitzgerald (Ph.D. in Aud, Class of 2002) -

Congratulations to Tracy Fitzgerald on her continued work at NIH.

On Thursday, June 17, 2021, in a virtual lecture open to all staff and the public, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) staff scientist Tracy Fitzgerald, Ph.D., CCC-A,

(MS '93, PhD '01) discussed tests in mouse models that are used to support NIDCD research on the diagnosis and monitoring of hearing loss. This presentation can be viewed at NIH videocast website

Dr. Fitzgerald leads the NIDCD Mouse Auditory Testing Core Facility, which supports NIDCD laboratories by testing hearing sensitivity, inner ear function, and vestibular function in rodents. NIDCD research on these technologies led to the procedures used today to test newborns for hearing loss before they are discharged from the hospital.

Student Spotlights



Kenneth Morse

Dr. Morse completed his BS in psychology at Lafayette College in 2014, and his Aud/PhD at Syracuse University in 2021 under the mentorship of Dr. Kathy Vander Werff. Together, they researched the pathophysiological mechanisms contributing to the perception of constant tinnitus, and objectively assessed tinnitus using auditory evoked potentials. The preliminary tinnitus research they conducted at

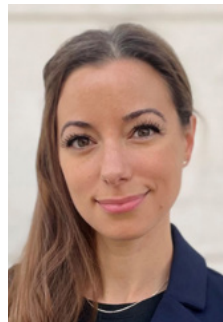
Syracuse University established a foundation from which Dr. Morse will continue to build upon in his future studies. He successfully completed his dissertation on 6/7/21, titled *Tinnitus and Decreased Subcortical and Cortical Inhibition*. This fall Dr. Morse accepted an assistant professorship at West Virginia University, where he will continue researching on the changes throughout the auditory system that relate to the perception of tinnitus. Congratulations Dr. Morse!



Mariana Mendes Bahia

Mariana Mendes Bahia was born and raised in Campinas, Brazil. She received a bachelor's degree in Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology ('10), a clinical specialization in Speech-Language Pathology in Neurology ('11), and a master's degree in Medical Pathophysiology - Neuroscience ('14) from the University of Campinas. Before beginning her Ph.D. studies at Syracuse University, she worked as a

speech-language pathologist in hospital and home health settings, and was a graduate student at the University of Northern Iowa. Mariana's research focuses on swallowing physiology, the influence of therapeutic strategies on swallowing biomechanics, and clinician decision-making in swallowing rehabilitation. She is working on her dissertation project in Dr. Lowell's Voice and Swallowing Physiology Laboratory. Her study aims to determine hyolaryngeal movement and tongue pressure during the effortful swallow maneuver in healthy adults and individuals with post-stroke dysphagia, as well as the association between perceived muscle effort used to swallow and tongue pressure generated during swallowing. Mariana was selected as an attendee/trainee to the Dysphagia Research Society - Nuts & Bolts of Dysphagia and Aerodigestive Sciences. This was a two-day training program that provided sessions and activities in swallowing assessment and treatment, as well as mentoring and networking opportunities. Mariana was also the recipient of the Summer Dissertation Fellowship Competition and the Research Excellence Doctoral Funding Fellowship from the Graduate School, Syracuse University, and the 2021 Graduate Student Scholarship from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation.



Nina Benway

Nina Benway is a PhD Candidate in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, where she studies under the mentorship of Dr. Jonathan Preston. Nina's research leverages speech signal processing, machine learning, neurocomputational models of speech production, and motor learning principles to develop efficacious artificial intelligence systems for children with speech sound disorders. She is a

recipient of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation's 2021 New Century Scholars Doctoral Scholarship and is an alumna of the ASHA Leadership Development Program. She has published in four different ASHA journals since starting her PhD program. Nina practiced clinically for 6 years as the director of a school-based multidisciplinary team before beginning doctoral study; she also taught as an adjunct and visiting faculty member at The College of Saint Rose in Albany, NY during this time. She spends most workdays remote from her home in Clifton Park, NY where she lives with her husband, Jason. When not at her computer, Nina enjoys the guitar, powerlifting, softball, and running (and she recently completed her first half-marathon).



Brena Brennan

Brena Brennan is currently a 4th year student in the Au.D program. Brena was born and raised in Manlius, New York. She attended the University of Massachusetts-Amherst for her undergraduate degree where she majored in Communication Disorders and minored in Education and Psychology.

Brena is currently completing her 4th year externship at SUNY Downstate Medical Center/Liberty Hearing Centers located in Brooklyn, NY. At her externship, Brena sees unique cases and diverse patients ranging from newborn to elderly adults. In the field of Audiology, Brena is most interested in pediatric and adult diagnostic testing. She enjoys working closely with patients and their families.

Brena was the 2019 recipient of the Louis M. DiCarlo scholarship, 2021 recipient of the CNYSLHA Scholarship and was recently awarded the Improving the Conversation Scholarship, an AAA award funded by CapTel from T-Mobile. This scholarship is awarded to 3 students per year who show promise as clinical audiologists. In the future, Brena hopes to work in a hospital setting with patients of all ages. She looks forward to continuing to learn and expand her knowledge in the field.

ALIGN (Academic Skill Building and Networking) Program

The 2020-21 academic year marked the inauguration of the ALIGN program (Academic Skill Building and Networking), which got off to a great beginning. The CSD Student Diversity and Success Committee (SDSC) developed and implemented this program for CSD graduate students of color, which focuses on academic skill building, networking and mentoring for enhancing the academic and career success of ALIGN participants.

Six ALIGN participants completed the ALIGN program in 2020-21, and several of these former participants are now serving as peer mentors for our current 2021-22 ALIGN cohort which includes 9 participants (6 SLP, 3 AuD). Outcome data was collected; participants noted that facilitated study groups providing assistance with specific course topics, and that workshop sessions were helpful for acquiring new study habits and learning strategies, as well as learning about wellness resources. ALIGN participants also noted that peer mentoring provided an opportunity to share thoughts, feelings and frustrations with other students who have similar experiences.

The SDSC is currently preparing an ALIGN manuscript for submission to a peer reviewed journal with the goal of providing a

roadmap and preliminary outcomes for ALIGN, as well as to stimulate other CSD and allied-profession academic departments to consider adopting similar programs. Implementation of multiple such programs would ultimately help to diversify our audiology and speech-language pathology certified professionals. Please see the attached photo to meet our ALIGN 2021-22 cohort!



Left to right: Chelsea Domond, Maya Attiah, Kaila Frith, Sofia Campos, Lizbeth Ramirez-Gaytan, Karisa Kirby, Adriana Reid, Moses Adenyo

Congratulations to our 2020 graduate student scholarship recipients!



Lauren LaBella
(left, with former Dept Chair Dr. Karen Doherty)
Lisa Scime Scholarship



Emily Muffett
Louis DiCarlo Scholarship



Morgan McLenithan
Maureen Higgins Scholarship

Student Organizations-NSSLHA & SAA



NSSLHA Apraxia Kids Walk



SAA October Hearing Protection Month students, left to right: Elise Velia, Abigail Prawitz, Griffin Mulvihill, Mary Kate Ingram



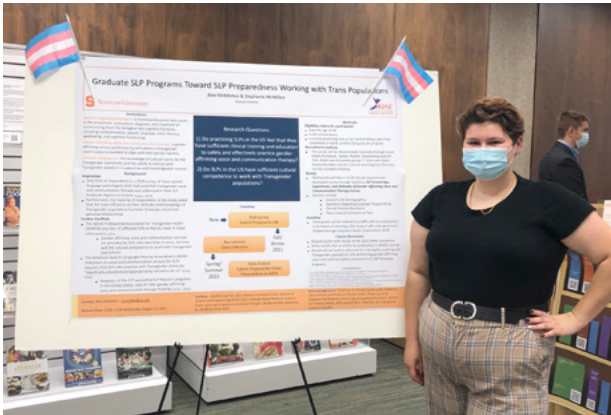
The NSSLHA Book Club with Hofstra University

Undergraduate Excellence

Source Grants

The Syracuse Office of Undergraduate Research & Creative Engagement (SOURCE) awarded grants to Alex Middleton, Sierra Mortimer, and Cynthia Garcia, under the mentorship of Dr. Stephanie McMillen. <https://news.syr.edu/blog/2021/07/23/twelve-undergraduate-students-awarded-wise-summer-research-funds/>
Congratulations to each of you!

Simone Bellot, an undergraduate student in the Voice & Swallowing Physiology Lab, was selected for the WiSE Women of Color in STEM Career Preparation Program, designed to enhance professional skills, networking and community building for career success. Simone has worked on swallowing and voice-related projects in my Dr. Lowell's lab since January 2021.



Alex Middleton's presentation for their SOURCE grant award



Simone Bellot



2021 Louis DiCarlo Undergraduate Scholarship Recipient Dannielle Hibshman and Dr. Karen Doherty

Graduation



Dr. Victoria Tumanova, Otto, and Dr. Kathy Vander Werff



Chris Neimczak received his PhD in Audiology with mentor, Dr. Kathy Vander Werff



Syracuse University's Dome on Graduation Day

Alumni News



Assistant Teaching Professor **Sue Maxfield**, G '00 announced her semi-retirement from her full-time position in September 2021, after providing 7 years of service to the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. Professor Maxfield officially joined the department in 2014 as a clinical instructor, although she had been supervising Syracuse University Communication Sciences and Disorders students as an

externship supervisor since 2003. At Syracuse, Professor Maxfield served on various department committees, appeared on WCNY's Cycle of Life, and presented for various agencies regarding services provided at the Gebbie Clinics. Professor Maxfield recently accepted a position working with NICU and acute care patients at Crouse Hospital. She will continue to work at the Gebbie Clinic part time. Professor Maxfield is looking forward to having more time to spend with family and especially with her grandchildren!

In Memorium

Susan Carnevale (MS SLP, Class of 1975), age 66, passed away in 2019. Susan was a 1970 graduate of The Mary Louis Academy in Queens, New York and went on to graduate with Phi Beta Kappa honors from Queens College in the field of Communication Science and Disorders. She was most proud of her Master's Degree as a Speech Pathologist from Syracuse University. She worked at Upstate Medical University as a supervisor for Speech and Language Pathology in the Communication Disorder Unit for many years before and after her private practice. She also supervised students in the Gebbie Speech & Hearing Clinic at Syracuse University.

<https://www.statecollege.com/obituaries/obituary-of-susan-j-carnevale-66/>

Corinne Smith Ph.D. (Class of 1973), age 76, passed away on November 15, 2021. Dr. Smith was Department Chair in the late 1990's at which time Gebbie Clinic was part of the School of Education. During her professional career, she was the author of the leading textbook on learning disabilities, which was one of the first textbooks in the field; it was translated into several languages and used in 100's of schools of education. She went on to publish many books on the subject; become the Dean of the School of Education and the founder of the Psycho-Educational

Teaching Laboratory at Syracuse University; and designed and consulted on the Special Education Governmental Programs in several foreign countries.

<https://obits.syracuse.com/us/obituaries/syracuse/name/corinne-smith-obituary?id=31284973>

Kelly Nichols (AuD, Class of 2011), age 42, passed away September 2, 2021. Kelly most recently worked for the Syracuse VA Hospital as an audiologist.

<https://obits.syracuse.com/us/obituaries/syracuse/name/kelly-nichols-obituary?n=kelly-nichols&pid=200025167&fhid=11722>

Alumni Updates

2021 Emma Adamik (MS) is working at Thrive By 5 providing early intervention and CPSE language, articulation and feeding therapy. She also works part time at Lifespan Speech and Swallowing Services, a private practice providing feeding and oromyofunctional therapy to children and adolescents.

2021 Joanna Derisse (MS) recently accepted a preschool SLP position at Abilities First, which is a not-for-profit organization for individuals with disabilities in Dutchess County, NY.

2021 Nicole Dischinat (MS) moved to Salisbury MD for her fellowship in an inpatient rehab hospital working with adults after stroke/TBI and is absolutely loving it. She is also on a committee to develop a standardization of care for individuals with dementia.

2021 Kenny Morse (AuD/PhD) married fellow alum, Leah Valensi, in October 2021 in Cazanovia, NY. They have relocated to Morgantown, WV as they have both accepted assistant professor positions at West Virginia University. Kenny's work will primarily be focused on researching tinnitus.

2021 Sarah Viola (MS) started her fellowship at Whispering Pines Preschool in Delanson, NY in July 2021. She is now engaged and in the process of planning her wedding for 2023.

2020, 2019 Sarah Baker (MS/BS 4+1) is working full time as an SLP for S&L Therapy, a pediatric private practice in Brookline, MA. Sarah is also doing clinical research at Boston University's Sensorimotor Rehabilitation Engineering Lab, where she recently collected acoustic data to analyze regressions in voice and speech production of patients with Parkinson's Disease. She has recently joined ASHA's Global Issues in Communication Sciences and Related Disorders Special Interest Group to focus on improving education and access to SLP care in other countries.

2020 Cassandra Malfara (MS) started working at Boomerang Health, a pediatric clinic owned by the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, where she works with children of all ages. She was married in September, 2021.

2019 Callie Strachan (AuD) has been working at the University of New Mexico Hospital since 2019 to work with the pediatric and cochlear implant population and was tasked with building the first pediatric cochlear implant program for the hospital. She recently performed her first Auditory Brainstem Implant stimulation intraoperatively and will soon activate the patient.

2018 Aimee Alilio (AuD) started working as the Educational Audiologist for Broward County Public Schools in October 2021.

2018 Jaspreet Grewal (AuD) is working under Dr. Alan Ho, an otologist specializing in head and neck surgeries at The Ear Clinic in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He spends his days doing preoperative and postoperative testing for surgical patients across the west coast of Canada.

2018 Alicia (Rossi) Petrucci (MS) was finally married in August 2021 after postponing her wedding due to COVID.

2018 Kara Vrooman (MS) welcomed second baby boy, Emmett, in January 2021. She recently started working with the Mexico Central School District and is still working with preschoolers part time through Little Lukes of Oswego county.

2017 Rebecca (Siegel) Bacon (MS) was married in July 2021. She is living in Manhattan and still working at Aaron School, a private special education elementary and middle school.

2017 Jennalyn Burke (MS) is working for Olympia School District and recently formed an Assistive Technology team within the district, along with a fellow SLP and OT.

2017, 2015 **Abigail Greene (MS, BS)** has been living and working in Philadelphia, PA with CORA Services, a non-profit organization. She's also been providing therapy services to children part-time with Kidology, Inc.

2017 **Kassandra (Gacek) Meluni (MS)** welcomed baby boy Charlie Meluni on June 2, 2021.

2017 **Leah Valensi (AuD)** married fellow alum, Kenny Morse, in October 2021. She and Kenny have relocated to Morgantown, WV and have both accepted assistant professor positions at West Virginia University. Leah's focus at WVU will be in clinical work.

2016 **Xue Bao (BS)** is currently working on her PhD at MGH Institute of Health Professions in Boston, MA. She just had her second child and her first author paper on reading loss during COVID 19, was recently featured by the Boston Globe, The Informed SLP and WCVB 5, a Boston news channel.

2016 **Melissa Cignarale (AuD)** left Massachusetts Eye and Ear in 2019 and has been working as the Upstate NY Clinical Territory Manager for Cochlear.

2016 **Kenzie (Southard) Franceschini (MS)** was married in March 2021. She is still living in the Syracuse area and working for Elmcrest.

2016 **Sarah Horst (MS)** is the clinic director at TALK, a private speech therapy clinic in Danville, CA. She welcomed a baby boy, Cameron, in October 2020.

2016 **Jenna Sanzone (MS)** has made a transition to medicine and is in her first year of medical school in Tampa, FL at Nova Southeastern's Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine program.

2016 **Kayla Weaver (MS)** is still enjoying her work at Racker in Ithaca, NY working with preschoolers. She recently started doing presentations for staff and families on pediatric

feeding and will be presenting at Ithaca College on the role of SLP's in pediatrics in November 2021. She married fellow SU alum, Trent Searfoss, on September 24, 2021.

2015 **Danielle (Panella) Demerdash (MS)** was married in November 2020. She moved with her new husband to Bloomberg, PA and is working at Geisinger, a long term acute care hospital.

2015 **Claire Pietrzak (AuD)** continues to work at Adirondack Audiology in Saranac Lake, NY. She was married on September 4, 2020 and has a baby on the way, due early 2022.

2014 **Dana Levitt (MS)** is working with Elmcrest Children's Center full time and has started working as a part-time research assistant for Dr. Soren's Lowell's current study here at Syracuse University.

2014 **Holly (Garrison) Zarelli (MS)** and her husband, AJ, will be welcoming their first child, a boy, in November 2021.

2013 **Ashley (Andrew) Gaucher (BS)** left NYU's Langone Medical Center to take a position at Mass Eye and Ear as a clinical Audiologist. She also married her SU sweetheart, Trenton Gaucher ('11) on September 19, 2021.

2011 **Elizabeth Tchurekow (MS)** moved back to the Syracuse area and is working for the Fayetteville Manlius School District. Her son celebrated his 2nd birthday in October 2021.

2009 **Shawna (Synakowski) Fox (MS)** is working at Holland Patent Central Schools. She was married in February 2019 and welcomed a son in March 2020.

2006, 2003 **Mandy Theisen (AuD, BS)** has recently been promoted to Audiology Manager at Mass Eye and Ear in Boston, MA.

2006 **Bethany (Levat) Weissman (MS)** and her husband, Craig, welcomed a baby boy, Bodie Sam Weissman on April 12, 2021.

2002 **Jocelyn (Goodwin) Lee (BS)** and her husband, Jace, welcomed a son on September 1, 2021. She is currently on sabbatical to enjoy time as a new mom. She will be returning to work in July 2022 at Match Education where she's been for the last 10 years. She is the Director of Language Acquisition where she teaches ESL to 5th graders half the time and acts as a school leader the other half.

2001 **Jean Terry (MS)** is working as an SLP in the Attleboro Public Schools, in Attleboro, MA.

1995 **Jenn Sweeney (MS)** is on her 22nd year in the Londonderry School District at the Matthew Thornton Elementary School.

1989 **Cindy Watson (MS)** is the President of Local Government Healthcare for Wellpath in Nashville, TN. Wellpath is the largest provider in the US for correctional healthcare services to county detention facilities.

1988, 1978 **Ann Tyler (PhD, MS)** retired in August 2020 from Western Michigan University where she was the Associate Dean of the College of Health and Human Services and Professor in the Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences where she served as Chair from 2007-2015, and Interim Chair from 2016-2018. Ann also served as Gebbie Clinic Director here at SU from 1980-1986.

1987 **Lisa Blevis Filion (MS)** has moved to St. Petersburg FL and is loving it! She worked in a private practice for a year and is now an independent contractor with Beach Baby Pediatric Therapy, providing home health services to children from toddler years to teens. Her three grown up kids are in Manhattan and Hudson Falls NY and she's now Nana to a grandson, Caleb.

1978 **Jill Thomas (MS)** is recently retired and relocated to Stewartville, MN to be closer to family.

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