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## **EDUCATION**

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- M.S. in Speech Language Pathology (June 2003, Syracuse University, NY)
- B.S in Speech & Hearing (May 1985, All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysore, India)

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

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- American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA) -Clinical Competence Certification in Speech Language Pathology (CCC-SLP)
- NY State Licensure
- Lee Silverman Voice Therapy Certification-since 2007
- Board certified in neurogenic communication disorders in adults through the Academy of Neurogenic Communication Disorders and Sciences (BC-ANCDS)-since November 2014
- Leadership Development Program (LDP) certificate -2019 cohort, by ASHA

## **HONORS**

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- Distinguished clinician award (2019) by New York State Speech Language and Hearing Association (NYSSLHA)
- Meritorious award for the poster presented at the annual convention of American Speech Language and Hearing Association, Philadelphia, PA : Voleti, R., Worcester, K., McNamara, K., Poovayya, R., Shivkumar, B (2016, November): Global Consultation and Collaboration: Who Benefits?
- Recipient of the ASHA Award for Continuing Education (ACE): 2008, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021
- Inducted into the Alpha Sigma, Syracuse University chapter of the Phi Beta Delta Honor society for international scholars (2003)
- Awarded the Graduate Assistantship at the Department and worked for Dr. Linda Milosky, Associate Professor, Syracuse University, assisting her in her research, teaching and administrative responsibilities (2002-2003)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### ***Courses Taught:***

***12/2005-present***

#### **Grad Courses:**

- CSD 600: Professional Issues in Medical SLP (2009-Current) - 1 credit elective
- CSD 727: Neurogenic Communication Disorders II (2017- 2023)
- SEM 100: First Year Experience Focusing on Diversity and Inclusion (2020)
- CSD 611: Motor Speech Disorders (2006- 2016)
- CSD 725: Neuropathologies of Language (2013)

#### **Undergrad Courses:**

- CSD 450/650: Clinic Seminar (2007-2008)
- CSD 451/651: Clinical Methods in SLP (2011-2013)

- CSD 409/609: Cognitive Neuroscience of Speech and Language (Spring 2024)
- Completed training for incorporating various technologies in the classroom, through the Summer Institute for Technology Enhanced Teaching and Learning (SITETL), Syracuse University

## **CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

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***Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY***

***12/2005-present***

Associate Teaching Professor in speech-language pathology at the Gebbie Clinic, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Syracuse University. The clinic serves the Central New York community and is a training site for undergraduate and graduate students in speech-language pathology and audiology

- Direct intervention with clients, including master clinician modeling for students
- Guide and teach students in diagnostic and therapeutic work both in person and online telepractice services.
- Initiate and train students in weekly Life Participation Approach to Aphasia (LPPA) therapy groups, a service unique to our community
- Instrumental in obtaining Medicare coverage for the clinic resulting in students gaining a significant experience working with adult clients with various neurogenic communication disorders
- Well versed in Medicare documentation/supervision and other insurance requirements
- Trained and instructed students in providing global teleconsultation services to SLPs at Samvaad Institute of Speech and Hearing, in Bengaluru, India, including biweekly Skype sessions to help SLPs in India provide evidence-based diagnostic and treatment services to their clients with neurogenic communication disorders
- Resource person to other supervisors on Medicare documentation requirements
- Teach graduate and undergraduate courses in neurogenic communication disorders and medical speech-language pathology
- Participate in Departmental service activities including faculty (clinical and academic) search committees, Non-Tenure Track (NTT) promotion committees, graduate admissions committees, and curriculum and assessment committees
- Participate in invited community outreach presentations to educate the public, provide workshops and after-hours continuing education to the SLP community
- Previously fulfilled duties related to clinic director for one year, in the absence of a clinic director who was on medical leave:
  - Orient new students to clinic policies and procedures
  - Complete clinical assignments for graduate and undergraduate students
  - Negotiate contracts and formal agreements with community agencies
  - Place and oversee students completing adult externships
  - Work closely with externship sites to ensure appropriate supervision

## **CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

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### ***Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY: Per Diem SLP position 01/2014 – 09/2020***

Medical speech-language pathologist covering the inpatient rehabilitation, acute care, and transitional care units on two weekends every month.

- Guided and provided shadowing and learning experience for graduate students from SU
- Provided assessment and treatment services to clients with dysphagia, speech, language, and cognitive deficits
- Conducted bedside swallowing evaluations
- Provided consultative and training services to medical staff and caregivers for speech, language, and swallowing strategies

### ***Bassett Healthcare, Cooperstown, NY***

***06/2003 – 12/2005***

Medical speech-language pathologist covering inpatient and outpatient units in an acute care rural hospital setting servicing pediatric through geriatric clients (80% of the caseload was adult-based)

- Conducted clinical swallow evaluations and video fluoroscopic swallowing studies, speech, language, voice, and cognitive assessments and treatment for various neurological disorders
- Collaborated with various medical staff and was involved in drafting policies for referral process for Passy Muir valves and swallowing evaluations for tracheostomy/ventilator dependent patients in the ICU
- Certified and trained in National Outcomes Measures (NOMS) to report patient data to the national data base in conjunction with the hospital's quality improvement team
- Provided in-services and was involved in grand rounds presentations

### ***Graduate Clinical Practicum Education***

***08/2001-04/2003***

- Ed Smith Elementary School, Syracuse, NY
- Veterans Administrative Hospitals, Syracuse, NY
- Jewish Nursing Home of Central New York, Syracuse, NY
- Gebbie Speech Language and Hearing Clinics, SU, NY

### ***Rehabilitation Services Division, Ministry of Health, Botswana 08/1997 – 08/2001***

Consultant speech therapist to the Government of Botswana on policy development related to People with Disabilities, specifically those with speech, language and hearing disorders. Community Based Rehabilitation as recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO) was adopted as a strategy to rehabilitate people with disabilities within their own communities.

*Responsibilities included:*

- Assessment and management of clients in community and clinical settings
- Training of grass root level health workers through seminars and workshops
- Development of training materials
- Training and guidance to a junior speech language pathologist

- Involvement in various forums related to the issues of People with Disabilities in the country
- Served on committee to draft legislation for services for people with disabilities
- Founding member of the Botswana Speech Language and Hearing Association and was also its secretary for two consecutive years

***S.D.M. Hospital, Jaipur, India***

***01/ 1995 – 07/ 1997***

Medical speech therapist & audiologist.

- Instrumental in developing the Speech & Hearing Unit at the hospital
- Provided diagnostic and therapeutic services for clients with various neurogenic communication disorders
- Provided hearing assessments and hearing aids
- Involved in training special education teachers for National Institute for Mentally Handicapped in Jaipur, India
- Provided consultative speech and language services to DISHA, a center for special education for physically and mentally challenged children
- Provided speech and language services through a private practice managed by a senior speech language pathologist

***Medwin Hospitals, Hyderabad, India***

***04/ 1994 – 08/1994***

- Worked as a medical speech therapist & audiologist

***Yayasan Sultan Idris Shah, Ipoh, Malaysia***

***09/1992 – 11/1993***

Speech therapist with a Non-Government Organization (NGO), providing community services to physically and mentally challenged children and adults. Part of an international multidisciplinary team of rehabilitation professionals who provided services to the clients at their homes and encouraged communities and their leaders to participate in their rehabilitation.

- Provided speech and language assessment and treatment of children and adults
- with Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation, Aphasia, Dysarthria, Apraxia, and hearing disorders
- Trained grass root level workers and community leaders in identification and basic management of people with speech, language, and hearing disabilities
- Supervised and guided a newly qualified local speech language pathologist
- Provided home based services along with a team of professionals such as physical therapists, occupational therapists, social workers, and psychologists

***Hyderabad Speech and Hearing Center, Hyderabad, India***

***05/1996 – 07/1992***

Speech language pathologist and audiologist at a private practice owned by 4 Ear Nose and Throat specialists

- Managed and developed the practice into a full-fledged organization
- Supervised several junior therapists/audiologists and completed administrative duties

- Provided speech and language services to adults and children with hearing loss and neurological conditions
- Provided hearing assessments and hearing aid services

***Andhra Mahila Sabha Hospital, Hyderabad, India***

***02/1986 – 05/1986***

- Worked as a speech therapist & audiologist in collaboration with an ENT surgeon

***New Delhi Ear Hospital, New Delhi, India***

***08/1985 – 01/1986***

- Worked as both speech therapist & audiologist at a private practice owned by an ENT surgeon

**PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS**

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*Publications:*

Lowell, S.Y., Kelley, R.T., Busekroos, L., Voleti, R., Hosbach-Cannon, C.J., Colton R.H., Mihaila, D. (2017). The Effect of Anchors on Reliability of Endoscopic Tremor Ratings. *Laryngoscope*, 127(2), 411-416.

*Presentations:*

Kamath, S., Davis, A., Rivera, A., Pei, Y., Voleti, R., (2022, November 16). Are We REDI for Heterogeneity? Academy Of Neurologic Communication Disorders and Sciences Annual Scientific Meeting, New Orleans, LA, United States.

Kamath, S., Davis, A., Voleti, R., Rivera, A. (2021, October 22). Race, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion: The Big-Picture! Academy Of Neurologic Communication Disorders and Sciences Annual Scientific Meeting, Virtual, United States.

Invited International Presentation (2022, October 27): Improving Word Retrieval Abilities in Aphasia: Recent Trends and Clinical insight. Online Webinar for Special Interest Group Clinical Aphasiology, Indian Speech and Hearing Association.

Invited virtual presentations (2020-Ongoing/twice a year): “Ethics in Communication Disorders” for Central New York Speech Language and Hearing Association After Hours (*fulfills ASHA requirement*)

Invited online presentation (2021, December 2). Apraxia of Speech: Is it just tapping and syllable segmentation? Central New York Speech Language Hearing Association (CNYSSLHA) Medical Study Group.

Gargan, C., Lightburn, A.L., Voleti, R., Maxfield, S. E. (2021, May 14). Telepractice for speech language pathology services across the lifespan and disorders. Virtual presentation at Syracuse University.

Invited International Presentation (2021, April): Tele-rehabilitation for Adult Aphasia and Related Neuro communication Disorders: Theory & Practice. Online oral

presentation at Annual National Conference of World/ Indian Federation of Neuro Rehabilitation (WFNR/IFNR)

Voleti, R (2020, November). ANCDs Board Certification: Steps, Benefits, and Myths. Oral presentation at New York State Speech Language and Hearing Association's Unconventional Continuing Education Virtual Program.

Invited presentation (2020, September) : "Aphasia Therapy: What is new? An Update and Review" for CNYSSLHA Medical study Group.

Invited lecture (2017, July -2022, July): "Communication, Swallowing, and Cognitive Strategies: Working with Adults with Neurogenic Communication Disorders" for Physical Therapy doctoral students at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Invited lecture (2019, April) "Strategies to improve cognitive communication skills after stroke" by the Triumph over stroke support group at Crouse Hospital.

Milosky, L, Voleti, R., Schlater, M., Mercer, E (2019, November). Changes in Pitch & Duration During LSVT® In A 17-Year-Old with Severe Spastic Dysarthria Post-CVA. Poster presented at the annual convention of American Speech Language and Hearing Association, Orlando, FL.

Biel, M., Petroi, D., & Voleti., R (2019, November). Grand Rounds: Evidence-Based Practices Applied to Neurogenic Cases, Lessons Learned, and Clinical Implications. Panel presentation at the annual convention of American Speech Language and Hearing Association, Orlando, FL.

Schlater, M., Voleti, R., Milosky, L., & Preston, J (2018, November). Evaluation of LSVT®-X on Intelligibility in a 17-year-old with Severe Spastic Dysarthria Post-CVA. Poster presented at the annual convention of American Speech Language and Hearing Association, Boston, MA.

Voleti, R., Worcester, K., McNamara, K., Poovayya, R., Shivkumar, B (2016, November): Global Consultation and Collaboration: Who Benefits? Poster presented at the annual convention of American Speech Language and Hearing Association, Philadelphia, PA (Received a merit award).

Gacek, K., Maxfield, S., Voleti, R., Milosky, L., & Eckert, T (2016, November). LSVT® LOUD in an Adolescent Following a Cerebellar Stroke. Poster presented at the annual convention of American Speech Language and Hearing Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Voleti, R (2015, August). Graduate Student Training in Medical Settings. Talk presented at CNYSSLHA medical study group, Syracuse, NY.

Voleti, R (2015, July). Application of Principles of Neuroplasticity in Rehabilitation of Adults with Neurogenic Speech and Language Disorders. Presentation at a National Aphasia Conference at Samvaad Institute of Speech and Hearing, Bengaluru, India.

Voleti, R (2015, April). Principles of Neuroplasticity and Motor Learning: Application to Rehabilitation of Neurogenic Speech and Language Disorders. Talk presented at Connections, Private practice at Syracuse, NY.

McGlothlin, L., Voleti, R., Milosky, L., & Eckert, T (2015, April). The Effects of Combined Aphasia and Apraxia of Speech Treatment (CAAST) on Verbal Language and Speech Intelligibility: A Replication of Wambaugh et al. (2014). Poster presented at the annual convention of New York State Speech Language and Hearing Association, Rochester, NY.

Schafer, K., Voleti, R., Milosky, L., & Eckert, T (2014, November). /l/ as in “Letter”: Targeting Writing with a Phonological Approach. Poster presented at the annual convention of American Speech Language and Hearing Association, Orlando, FL.

Fredericks, A., & Voleti, R (2014, November). Therapy for Agrammatism: It Is “Complex”! Poster presented at the annual convention of American Speech Language and Hearing Association, Orlando, FL.

Heinzen, V., Voleti, R., Milosky, L., & Eckert, T (2014, April). Using a Modified ACT Procedure to Improve Written Communication of a Client with Severe Wernicke’s Aphasia. Poster presented at the annual convention of New York State Speech Language and Hearing Association, Saratoga, NY.

Voleti, R., & Milosky, L (2003, November). Relation between young children’s language abilities and their interpretation of adult intents. Poster presented at the annual convention of American Speech Language and Hearing Association, Chicago, IL.

## **SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES**

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### ***College/Department Service***

- *Faculty advisor:* National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association, Syracuse University Chapter, 2021- 2024
- *Member:* Department’s Curriculum and Assessment Committee 2022-2024
- *Member:* Tenure Track faculty search Committee 2022-2023
- *Mentor:* Clinical fellow, Junior faculty (assistant teaching professor) and adjunct faculty 2019—present
- *Facilitator* for SEM 100: First Year Experience Focusing on diversity, and Inclusion, 2020
- *Member:* Departmental Newsletter Committee, 2020
- *Member:* Search Committee for hiring Clinic Director, 2020
- *Member:* Departmental Newsletter Committee & Student Scholarships Committee, 2018

- *Member*: Admissions Committee, 2013- 2017
- *Collaborator and Supervisor* Aphasia awareness brochures and posters with students and clients , 2016, 2017
- *Leader* : Medicare monthly audits, 2011-2019
- *Guest lecturer* : CSD 725 and CSD 212 classes , Fall 2015
- *Member*: Master’s Comprehensive Examination Committee, 2006 - present
- *Represented* : the department at CAPCSD Annual Conference , 2013 & 2016
- *Book Reviewer* for JBL publishers, Boston, MA “Aphasia Rehabilitation: Clinical Challenges”, Dec 2015
- *Demonstrations*: Voice software to vocal pedagogy students at SU , 2014 & 2015
- *Coordinator and leader* : Bimonthly voice meetings at the department where an ENT surgeon, voice scientist, clinical and research faculty participate along with students to discuss various voice clients and their treatment, 2013-Current
- *Member*: Committee to implement new software (Typhon) to track clinical clock hours , 2014
- *Member*: Committees for Clinical and Academic Faculty searches, 2008-2023

***Professional Service (Local, State, National, and International Level)***

- *Elected Member at Large/Executive Board Member*: Academy of Neurologic Communication Disorders and Sciences (ANCDS), 2024-2025
- *Member*: Committee on Race, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI), Academy of Neurologic Communication Disorders and Sciences (ANCDS), 2021-Current
  - *Instrumental in developing a self-study on REDI (fulfills ASHA requirement for DEI)*
- *Member*: Board of Clinical Certification, Academy of Neurologic Communication Disorders and Sciences (ANCDS), 2018-Current
  - *Review case studies submitted by candidates for certification and participate in oral defense of eligible candidates*
- *Chair*: Board of Clinical Certification, ANCDS, 2020-2021
  - *Responsible for and lead board certification process*
- *Member*: Board of advisors for Indian Speech and Hearing Association (ISHA), Special interest Group (SIG) Clinical Aphasiology, 2020-present
- *Member*: Healthy Ageing/Neurogenics Convention Committee, New York State Speech, Language, and Hearing association (NYSSLHA), 2019- present
- *Co-Chair*: Board of Clinical Certification, Academy of Neurologic Communication Disorders and Sciences (ANCDS), 2019
- *Participated*: in 2 podcasts published on the ANCDS website, 2018
- *Presenter*: at the Onondaga County Aging Services and local TBI fair , 2014, 2017
- *Mentor* : ASHA’s S.T.E.P – Student to Empowered Professional Mentoring Program , 2008, 2015
- *Assisted*: in perceptual voice ratings research for a faculty member at St. Rose College, Albany, NY, Feb 2014
- *Fundraiser*: for ANCDS Business meeting (raised \$1800), 2014