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DEAN'S MESSAGE



**Dr. Doug Klarup,
Interim Dean**

Greetings from the College of Sciences Dean's Office!

It has been, to put it mildly, an interesting year! The State of Illinois' budget impasse forced us to impose a spending freeze and eke through our fiscal year as best we could. We are encouraged by some recently allocated "bridge" funding and hope to resume normal operations soon.

There have been numerous staffing changes in the COS Dean's Office since the last update. Dean Ornes resigned his position and the end of October, 2015, at which point former Dean Mary Anne Hanner (a familiar name to many of you!) stepped back into the position. An internal search was conducted in December and subsequently I began my Interim Dean role January 1, 2016 (I am a member of the Department of Chemistry). In March, 2016, our office manager position was one of those (temporarily) eliminated, so Felicia Magee transferred to a different position at the University. On June 30 Sherri Arnholt, a long time EIU employee, Academic Advisor, and Assistant to the Dean for Student Academic Affairs, retired. Assistant to the Dean Angie Rhoads remains, although her duties had been shifted to cover some of what Sherri had been doing, and on July 1, 2016 Mike Cornebise moved from chairing Geology/Geography and joined us as Interim Associate Dean. I am very grateful for the dedication and enthusiasm that infuse Angie and Mike; they are both great people to work with.

It is perhaps particularly important in this year's Dean's update to note that, despite unprecedented budget challenges, the University has remained steadfast in its commitment to and support of the Department of Communication Disorders & Sciences. We well recognize the importance of the program to EIU and the State of Illinois, and we appreciate the exceptional students the department attracts to the University. CDS is a campus leader in exploring curricular delivery models, and the development of initiatives such as the Autism Center and STEP are examples of meaningful contributions the program makes to our community and society. It has been a pleasure to get to know CDS during the few months I have occupied the Dean's position. I look forward to working with Dr. Anthony and the departmental faculty to further advance the mission of CDS and Eastern Illinois University!

DEPARTMENT CHAIR UPDATE

*I need a teacher quite as much as Helen.
I know the education of this child will be the
distinguishing event of my life, if I have the
brains and perseverance to accomplish it.*

-Anne Sullivan

The word of the year is perseverance. Any of you who still live in Illinois, (and likely even those who do not) are aware that our state did not have a fully funded budget for the 2016 fiscal year, and as of this writing, does not yet have a fully funded budget for fiscal year 2017. A "stopgap budget" was passed on June 30, 2016, which provides partial funding for higher education in the state, through December 2016. This has led to some challenging times in higher education, which promises to continue in at least the near future. However, like Anne Sullivan, EIU and CDS continue to persevere in providing an excellent, high quality education for our students.

CDS has continued to experience transition in staffing following more retirements. In the Fall of 2016, we welcomed more CDS alumni to our faculty. Danielle (LaPrairie) Osmelak joins our faculty after several years of experience in the medical setting. She will teach the Voice and Dysphagia classes, previously taught by Frank Goldacker before his retirement. Danielle will also supervise in the clinic. Lynne (Duzan) Barcus also joined our faculty to replace Christine Chambers, who retired in July of this year. Despite the many budgetary challenges the university has faced in light of the lacking state budget, our department has continued to receive support in keeping our programs well-staffed. We rely on consistent, complete staffing to operate a large graduate program on campus, a distance education graduate program, and an undergraduate major in CDS. Therefore, we are grateful to President Glassman, Provost Lord, and Interim Dean Klarup for directing resources to meet our needs.

This year was also a year of success. We admitted a new group of 16 students in the online master's program in the summer 2015 semester, as well as 30 students in the traditional on-campus graduate program. In February of this year, several students attended the annual ISHA convention, and some also presented their research. In May of this year, twenty-nine students traveled to Ireland on a CDS study abroad trip to Ireland. The pilot of STEP in 2015 – 2016 laid the groundwork for a fully enrolled program of 15 students for the coming academic year. Dr. Gail Richard continues to serve as the part-time director of the Autism center, and will also take on the title of ASHA President in January 2017!

On November 7 & 8, 2016, site visitors from the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) will be on campus reviewing our graduate programs for reaccreditation. Prior to and/or during this visit, we need help from you, our alumni and friends, to provide feedback to the site visitors about our program. There are two ways to participate in this process. For those who live near Charleston, there will be a public meeting held during the site visit. Details of this meeting will be posted on our website early in the fall semester. Written comments may also be sent directly to CAA, but must be received at least 15 days before the scheduled site visit. Comments should relate to the program's compliance with the published Standards for Accreditation of Graduate Education Programs in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, and should include the name of our program, as well as your name, address, telephone, and your relationship to the program. Your comments must be signed, and submitted to:

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A link with additional information about the site visit, as well as our department mission and strategic plan can be found on our website at www.eiu.edu/cds. The 2016-2017 academic year promises to be an adventure! Regardless of what comes our way, we will rely on our brains and our perseverance to continue to accomplish great things!

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES



**Dr. Angela Anthony,
Department Chair**



CLINIC UPDATE

With the retirement of Frank Goldacker last May, Trina Becker has assumed the role of clinic director. For a change, there were no new initiatives, no new equipment acquisitions, and no significant changes in client or clinicians numbers. There was the typical tweaking of clinic policies and procedures such as a transition to ICD-10 Diagnostic Codes.

Dr. Sheila Baker, EIU Medical Center Director, assisted the Department in developing a new immunization policy consistent with the Centers for Disease Control recommendations for university speech and hearing clinics. Dr. Baker stressed that getting the flu shot was not just about protecting ourselves, but also to avoid transmission of the flu to those with compromised immune systems, such as our clients and coworkers, who for medical reasons, may not be able to receive the flu vaccine. As a result of the new policy, there was a marked increase in the percentage of clinicians and faculty who elected to receive the flu vaccine this past fall.

Jill Fahy has been an invited speaker on executive function disorders nationally and internationally. As a result, the Clinic has seen a significant increase in the number of clients referred for executive function evaluations. Courtney Scott, new to the faculty last year, has been working closely with Jill to increase the number of clients in this disorder area that we can accommodate for evaluations and therapy.

Last fall, the Clinic entered into a new agreement with the Eastern Illinois Area Special Education Association for services at The Treatment and Learning Center in Kansas, Illinois. Three graduate clinicians along with a clinical supervisor provided evaluations and therapy for students of the Center two half days per week. The placement gave clinicians the opportunity to gain experience working with individuals identified with behavior disorders in addition to communication deficits. Unfortunately, that affiliation ended at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. Also, due to the ongoing state budget impasse, the Charleston School District has had to end its long term affiliation with the Clinic. Student clinicians will no longer participate in the Jefferson School Practicum. A new affiliation agreement was established with the Neoga school district beginning fall 2016 and students will be able to gain public school experience with that opportunity.

CLIENT UPDATE

As a part of the clinic update, we would once again like to feature one of our long-time clients, Cathy Wilson. In 2008, while visiting Arizona, Cathy had a stroke, which resulted in a diagnosis of Broca's Aphasia. After the stroke, she came to the EIU Clinic starting Spring 2011. Not only has Cathy been connected to the Eastern Illinois University community through her involvement at the Clinic, but she also received her bachelor's degree in sociology from EIU. Now 53 years old, Cathy is working as a housekeeper at Charleston Rehabilitation Center. She has three adult sons and two granddaughters who are 6 and 7 years old. Cathy is also involved in her church. She loves to play with her dog, "Baby". The dog's name is "Baby" because that was the only word she could say right after her stroke. Cathy enjoys watching T.V. dramas and going out to eat. Her favorite restaurant in Charleston is QQ buffet.



Featured Client:
Cathy Wilson

AUTISM CENTER UPDATE

The Autism Center enjoyed it's second full year as a subset of the existing Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic. Staff included a part-time Director (Dr. Gail J. Richard), part-time faculty member (Rebecca Edgington), Autism Center graduate assistant (Meghan Levy), and STEP graduate assistant (Mary Beth Xenakis). A few highlights from the year:

- The Students with Autism Transitional Education Program (STEP) was launched in August to provide support services for EIU students diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders. The program has three focus areas, Academics, Social Skills, and Daily Living (ASD). Six students were part of the pilot year and the program expanded to 15 students this year. Mentors are assigned to each student to assist with monitoring Study Tables and coordinate social activities. All students remained in good academic standing at the conclusion of the academic year!! Check out the website at www.eiu.edu/step

- Nine individuals who represent various community entities (e.g., education, medical, business) served on the Autism Center Advisory

Board. They met twice last year, once the evening before the fall conference, and in the spring they were joined by President Glassman.

- The fourth Autism Conference was hosted on September 25 with Susan Stokes, who spoke on the topic of challenging behaviors. The conference for fall 2016 will be on Friday, September 30 with Carol Kranowitz on the topic of "The Out-of-Sync Child: Understanding How Sensory Processing Disorders Affect Learning, Communication, and Behavior". Watch for registration information on the Autism Center website.

- The Autism Center Director conducted 20 evaluations during the 2015-2016 academic year, with additional evaluations Summer 2016.

- Fundraising efforts continued to be successful, helped immensely by various student initiatives, such as a Zumbathon, can-shaking at Rural King, and the Illinois Marathon. Dr. Judy James, professor emeritus in Biological Sciences, agreed to donate an additional \$25,000 again this year.

ALUMNI UPDATE INFORMATION

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ILLINOIS SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING ASSOCIATION CONVENTION HONORS

Mrs. **Trina Becker** received the honor of becoming an ISHA Fellow at the annual 2016 convention in February. This award is given to an ISHA member who has proven excellence in clinical service, research, teaching, and professional service. Mr. **Frank Goldacker** received Honors of the Association at the same convention. This award is given to an ISHA member who has already received ISHA Fellow and continued to serve the profession and association and become a life member due to that dedication. Congratulations to the both of you!



WAYNE THURMAN COMMUNICATION DISORDERS & SCIENCES FUND

Dr. Lyle Lloyd, a 1956 undergraduate alumnus, continues to support an endowment to honor his professional mentor, Dr. Wayne Thurman. Dr. Lloyd enjoyed an illustrious career in speech-language pathology & audiology and continues to work as an emeritus faculty member at Purdue University.

There are many alumni who experienced the mentoring hand of Dr. Thurman. Generations of future professionals were pushed, prodded, and inspired during Dr. Thurman's 30 years as head of the Department. Dr. Lloyd is inviting and challenging fellow alumni to honor Dr. Thurman by contributing to this fund, which he has established.

The overarching principle of the fund is to enhance and enrich the CDS experience for students. The fund is unique in designating multiple possibilities for application of the yearly endowment funds, which will be decided annually by a committee to be in concert with the most current benefit for the CDS Department. Options include the following:

- A scholarship award to a graduate or undergraduate student who documents need and who has a minimum major grade point average of 3.5;
- A significant program need that arises and requires supplemental funds to enhance or meet an aspect of the program;
- A significant or innovative research project or grant that requires supplemental funds;
- Student travel support for presentations or attendance at professional conferences e.g., ISHA, ASHA, Clinical AAC Research Conference;
- A Study Abroad experience that will allow students to experience a new aspect of CDS in a different environment as well as cultural diversity;
- An invited speaker to provide a presentation under the banner of the Wayne Thurman Lecture Series.

Please consider pledging or making a contribution to the **Wayne Thurman Communication Disorders & Sciences Fund** to honor the long-time Chair of the Department. If you have questions, feel free to contact Mike Murray in the EIU Foundation Office at **(217) 581-3455 or mkmurray3@eiu.edu**.



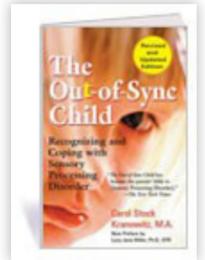
2015 FALL AUTISM CONFERENCE

The CDS Department, College of Sciences, Graduate School, and the East Central Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association co-sponsored an autism conference last fall to raise money for the Autism Resource Center on the campus of Eastern Illinois University on Friday, September 25th, 2015. Susan K. Lewis Stokes, Educational Autism Consultant and Trainer on ASD and author of *Autism: Interventions and Strategies for Success* presented an all day workshop on "The Challenge of Challenging Behaviors! Understanding and Effectively Addressing Behavioral Challenges of Students with ASD." Alumni, area speech-language pathologists, parents, other professionals, and many students benefitted from Susan's functional ideas for working with children with autism spectrum disorder.



2016 FALL AUTISM CONFERENCE

On Friday, September 30th, 2016, Carol Kranowitz will be on campus to present on the timely topic of sensory processing disorder and how it impacts learning, communication, and behavior. Carol is the author of many books on this topic and will discuss why "kids gotta move", how sensory processing gets in kids' way, and the importance of movement and three-dimensional movement activities. This will be an all-day workshop in the Grand Ballroom at the University Union at EIU with .5 ASHA CE's offered. The cost is \$50 for professionals. Please visit <http://www.eiu.edu/commdis> for registration and more information.



ALUMNI UPDATES



Alumni in attendance at the 2015 autism conference.

➔ **Kaylee (Bookhout) Heinzmann ('09)** is working at Sava Senior Care as a speech-language pathologist and rehabilitation program manager in Odin, IL. She and husband, Stuart, have two sons Brooks (3) and Clay (3 months).

➔ **Kara Davis ('14)** recently completed her clinical fellowship at Jefferson Parish Public Schools in New Orleans, LA. She also began religious formation as a pre-postulant with the Daughters of Charity and is on her way to become a nun as well as a licensed SLP.



SOME NSSLHA MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE HALLOWEEN ROAST!

NSSLHA UPDATE

The 2015-2016 academic year was eventful for NSSLHA! They had several social events such as the Welcome Back Picnic, Halloween Roast, Client-Clinician Christmas Party, several pizza parties and breakfasts! NSSLHA members worked hard to give back to the community through various service activities. Some of the activities included volunteering at the Illinois Marathon and our Autism Awareness Event, which was a Zumbathon! NSSLHA had various fundraisers to raise money for the Autism Center, such as Can-Shaking, and selling both Yankee-Candles and Fannie May Chocolates! This money was

raised to further the development of EIU's Autism Center, which provides diagnostic services and began the pilot year for the Students with Autism Transitional Education Program (STEP) for college students with Autism.

The 2015-2016 NSSLHA advisors were Dr. Naomi Gurevich and Mrs. Courtney Scott. The executive board for planning and organizing successful events included: Mary Beth Xenakis (President), Jessica Grzegorzewski (Vice President), Candace LaPrairie (Secretary), Sarah Barrie (Treasurer), and Katherine Pritchard (Program Coordinator).

MS. CHRIS CHAMBERS AND MR. FRANK GOLDACKER RETIRE

Two influential members of the CDS family at EIU retired after the spring/summer of 2016. Ms. Chambers graduated with both her B.S. and M.S. from EIU. She initially worked for Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center as a speech-language pathologist for 11 years. It was there that she met Beth Broline and the two began a private practice. After working together for a couple years, EIU contacted them to contract for supervision. After a few years working part-time, Ms. Chambers was hired full time and has worked at EIU for over 20 years. Mr. Goldacker also graduated from EIU with both his B.S. and M.S. degrees. He initially worked for a special education cooperative in Wisconsin and then moved to Kankakee, IL and worked for the Illinois Department of Developmental Disabilities and then St. Mary's hospital. He and Lisa then moved south to the EIU area and he worked for Carle. Mr. Goldacker began his career in 1989 and had 27 years of service in at EIU. The CDS department will greatly miss these two seasoned faculty members as well as the other faculty who have recently retired. While this is a season of transition, the contributions of these faculty members were significant.



Ms. Chambers and Mr. Goldacker at a retirement party summer 2016.

STUDY ABROAD TRIP

Mrs. Trina Becker and Dr. Tena McNamara led 29 travelers on a study abroad to Ireland in May. They started their journey in Dublin, then traveled through the west to east parts of the country, where they ended in Dublin before leaving for home. During their travels they visited such sites as Queenstown where the Titanic last departed, the Ring of Kerry (a 112-mile coastal route), Rock of Cashel, the Blarney castle and many more. All of the travelers kissed the Blarney Stone, which bestowed the gift of gab on each one. You know how important that is to a speech language pathologist! Students learned about the history, art, music, food and customs of the country, which included actual Irish Dance lessons! In addition to exposure to the culture, the students were guests at two universities where they learned about the profession of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology in Ireland. At Trinity College in Dublin, the students explored the Department

of Speech and Language. They attended a lecture on the studies of "Speech Therapy" in Ireland. They toured the university and received VIP passes to view the Book of Kells (a hand illustrated and written Gospel book in Latin dating back to c.800). Then they were off to University College Cork for a lecture on Irish Phonetics and a tour of their Speech Therapy and Audiology clinic. During this visit, ultrasound and palatometry technology were demonstrated. Both universities were very welcoming and informative. In all, it was a very successful trip and the CDS students did a wonderful job representing Eastern Illinois University and the USA!



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FACULTY UPDATES (CONTINUED)

Nichole Mulvey and her husband are very busy following the kids around to all of their activities, especially softball and baseball. Mason is 12, Avery is 9, and Hayden is 7. Mason is getting to the age where he is involved in almost everything. Nichole and her husband celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary and are planning to build a house in the near future. During the past year, Nichole taught graduate coursework, advanced language and grand rounds, and also co-taught language acquisition with Dr. Throneburg. The past year at ASHA, she and Mrs. Fahy presented about inter-professional practice. In addition, she also wrote a chapter in a book about inter-professional practice in speech-language pathology. Currently, Nicole is working on a longitudinal narrative study and is collaborating with Dr. Jenkins, a faculty member in the psychology department, to conduct a research project about social skills and social language development and precursors to bullying in preschool children.



Jill Nilsen's son Chris is in San Francisco and son Jeff is in Chicago. Dr. Nilsen is still patiently waiting for the first marriage and grandchild! Hank and Jill continue to enjoy traveling and last year had the opportunity to travel to Eastern Europe on a river cruise and to Jamaica for a week in the sun. Golf, volunteering, and consulting take up lots of Jill's other time.



Heidi Ramrattan finished her first year as a faculty member at EIU and she kept busy throughout the school year. Heidi taught two undergraduate classes, audiology and aural rehabilitation. In addition to classes, she supervised audiological diagnostics, central auditory processing evaluations, and graduate clinicians during their aural rehabilitation practicum. Heidi is currently working with an undergraduate student's thesis about noise induced hearing loss in

band students. Heidi met her husband, Ravi, in Germany when they were both working in the Air Force. Rani (13) their oldest child, enjoys cross-country and was accepted to Uni High in Champaign. Ayanna (10) is involved in ballet and Irish dance, and Bhoj (8) plays soccer. The Ramrattan family is planning a trip in December to Jamaica, and they are really looking forward to it.

The Students with Autism Transitional Education Program (STEP) was piloted this year with six students and absorbed most of **Dr. Gail Richard's** work time. The President-Elect responsibilities with ASHA have gone well and Gail is excited to begin her Presidential role in January 2017. One nice surprise was her election into the EIU Athletic Hall of Fame, with induction ceremonies in October 2016. The highlight of her many travels was a trip in June to China as the keynote speaker for a conference sponsored by the Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics division under the Ministry of Health. Her beloved cat Panther died this spring at age 20, so Dr. Richard is "catless" for the first time in 40 years! John continues to hold court at Starbucks each morning and prepare meals when the traveler arrives home. It has been a challenge to find time to visit the Texas grandkids, who are now 2 (Johnny), 4 (Jaxon), 6 (Jacob), and 12 (Jaden) years old.

Courtney Scott completed her first year at EIU as a professor and a supervisor. In March, she and her husband bought a house in Charleston, and they absolutely love it. Plans for the house include painting, landscaping, and screening in a porch. Throughout the past year at EIU, she taught anatomy and physiology to sophomores in the CDS program and co-taught clinical techniques with Mrs. Smitley. In addition to her role as a professor, she supervised clinicians in the EIU clinic as well as graduate clinicians at The Treatment and Learning Center (TLC) in Kansas, Illinois. At TLC, she supervised six different graduate students and helped them develop skills in many areas of articulation, language, and pragmatics while integrating behavior management into therapy. Since she enjoys interacting and working with students, Courtney also spent her first year as a faculty advisor for NSSLHA at EIU. Courtney completed her 6th and final semester of her clinical doctorate program at Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions in Utah. During her doctorate program, she traveled to Utah twice for presentation. During the summer, she began her research, which focused on supervisory real-time feedback with graduate clinicians. Also, Courtney and Joe celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary in June. Courtney is looking forward to the upcoming year, and is especially excited to be the chair of student day at ISHA in February 2017.



Jean Smitley has appreciated those alums who have reached out and expressed interest in mentoring an EIU graduate intern in the educational setting. She is beginning to understand most of what Mrs. Calvert managed in the role of educational internship coordinator and by the time she gets it down, it might be retirement time! She continues to enjoy bringing graduate students to the small, rural school of Kansas, IL for an introduction to provision of speech services in the schools. Husband, Blaine, still enjoys golfing and recently celebrated a hole in one, daughter, Erin, goes to SIU-C and is studying nutrition/dietetics and works as a pharmacy technician, and son, Ryan, began his senior year in high school this fall.

Sandi Thiele has been department office manager since July 2012. She has two "fur babies" – Barney (beagle mix) and Emma (lap/pit mix). With two brothers and two sisters (and many nieces and nephews), she stays busy with family activities (e.g., ballgames, graduations). She has a house for sale in Charleston – feel free to contact her if there's any interest in investing in real estate! She has continued to enjoy getting to know the clients, students, and faculty.

Rebecca Throneburg and her family continue to keep busy. Jacob, 19, completed his first year at Western Illinois University and loved it. He participated in ROTC, which involved a lot of early morning workouts, and he also joined Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Sarah, 16, is an aspiring world traveler. In May, she traveled to Morocco with her great aunt and applied to travel to Japan in the upcoming school year, as part of Shelbyville's student exchange program. Rachel, 13, continues to be the high-energy kid and is actively involved in cross country, basketball, volleyball, and track. Currently, Rebecca has a mental countdown going on to the day that Rachel gets her driver's license and can drive herself to her extracurricular activities. The Throneburg family continues to enjoy spending time on the boat on Lake Shelbyville. Rebecca continues to feel very fortunate to work with all the great students and faculty in the CDS faculty every day. Her teaching load is focused mainly on graduate level courses in both the traditional and hybrid programs. She is still very involved in the curriculum and assessment committees at the university and has taken the lead in a couple major university initiatives.

FACULTY UPDATES (CONTINUED)



Rebecca Edgington just finished her first year as a faculty member at EIU. Rebecca has two children. Katelyn is 9 years old and enjoys gymnastics and swimming. Alan is 5 years old and recently started playing t-ball. Rebecca, her husband, Corey, and their two children reside in Leroy, IL. Rebecca and Corey are alumni of EIU and each have Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the university. The Edgington family enjoys going camping and spending quality time together. Throughout the school year, Rebecca helped Dr. Richard with

the Students with Autism Transitional Program (STEP). As a clinical supervisor at the EIU clinic, she supervised undergraduate and graduate clinicians and had the opportunity to experience a wide-range of disorders and populations during the past year.

Jill Fahy continues to stay very busy in her professional and personal life. Throughout the past school year, Jill taught neurology to undergraduate students and acquired language disorders, medical grand rounds, professional regulations, and a special topic, executive functions, to graduate students. In addition to the curriculum, she is also the new medical internship coordinator and continues to supervise clients and diagnostic evaluations at the EIU clinic. Jill has immersed herself in the research and education of executive functions and how it relates to the field of speech-language pathology. Over the past year, she has given presentations in British Columbia, California, New York, and Kentucky about executive functions to a variety of different professionals. In addition, she is currently working on the second edition of the Source of Executive Functions. Jill's step-daughter, Emily, had her second child in December and her daughter, Kate, is 17 and has been going on a lot of college visits.

After working some 38 years in the profession, almost 27 at EIU, **Frank Goldacker** has retired. Frank worked in about every setting a speech-language pathologist could. He was employed at various times in the public schools, a state facility for developmentally delayed adults, and hospitals before coming to the university. He also worked part-time in private practice. Frank misses the team of faculty with whom he developed a close relationship and all the students who challenged him as a professor in ever changing ways. Frank and Lisa's granddaughter, Kate turned one-year old last spring. Emma has established herself as a nurse practitioner with a medical practice in Litchfield, IL. She and her husband, Marko, still reside in Edwardsville. Lisa has been retired two years now and is enjoying painting and gardening. Frank's plan for retirement includes putzing around the house or on the boat, more golf, and trying to remember where he put things.

Naomi Gurevich continues to live in Champaign, IL and commutes to EIU's campus during the week. Her son, Alex, was recently accepted to Countryside Middle School in Champaign and will begin 6th grade this year. Currently, Naomi is working on a couple manuscripts related to motor speech disorder and a treatment book for adult neurogenics that she hopes to get published. Throughout the past school year, she supervised the communication group (previously known as the "aphasia group") for the first time. In addition, she supervised graduate students with adult clients during the summer. Naomi taught cognitive communication to the graduate students and also taught the sophomore level phonetics course and the undergraduate honors seminar. She kept very busy helping the undergraduates with their research projects while working on her own research project with Dr. Ramrattan. In addition to the research, supervision, and instruction at the EIU, Naomi also does community outreach and education about dementia.

Both of the Hanners are retired now! **Mary Anne**, who retired in 2011, has adjusted well to Dale being home during the day. He retired September 15, 2015 after 39 years as public works director of Oakland. They have enjoyed more flexibility to visit friends and family and especially the five grandchildren. They spent some time in Orange Beach AL this spring and just might find a warm spot to spend part of the winter in 2017. Mary Anne's Mom, Marge, is doing very well at 87, still living on the farm and managing all aspects of her life independently. Daughter Emily (Plainfield IL) and son David (Gurnee IL) are busy with growing families. Mary Anne continues to work as a consultant for programs in Communication Disorders and Sciences who are seeking candidacy or re-accreditation with ASHA's CAA and serving on a couple of boards. She continues to enjoy keeping up with former students on Facebook! And a second generation graduated this spring with former student Julie Diedrich Ciero's daughter Nicole receiving her MS in CDS from EIU! Go Blue!

Linda Huddlestun continues to work three afternoons a week at the Charleston Parks & Recreation Department. Eric works full time at the Macon County Health Department and drives to Decatur every day. Tricia (daughter) and her husband Jim added three puppies to their household of Braden (16), and 6 ft. tall; Jacob (10), also tall, thin and played baseball again last summer; Meredith (5), looks a lot like her mother, and started kindergarten this fall. T.J. (son) is still on the engineering side with the Illinois Department of Transportation. He and girlfriend Megan, who is Mrs. Bergstrom's niece, have three dogs and, of course, treat them like children.

Richard Jacques couldn't be better. He went to see the doctor for his annual wellness visit. The doctor gave him a month to live but when Richard told him he couldn't pay the bill, the doctor gave him another 30 days. That was 29 days ago so he's going to see him again tomorrow. Flagstaff is a great place for Richard to have retired. He has some terrific friends, the scenery is beautiful and there are lots of things to do. The cost of living is a little high, but it comes with a free trip around the sun. Richard finished writing his memoir and has had it published. It's entitled: "A Kid's Chronicles, From High School Dropout to PHD." Currently, it is available at Amazon.com.

Tena McNamara has now been officially retired from Eastern for a little over one year. During this time she has been working part-time as a pediatric audiologist for Mueller Pediatric Therapy. The best part is she is employed by a former EIU CDS graduate, Erin Mullins Mueller. Erin graduated from the CDS program with her B.S. in 2003 and her M.S. in 2005. Erin runs a thriving Early Intervention practice that employs over 40 SLPS, OTs, PTs, DTs, Social Workers, Staff and one lonely audiologist (Tena). Tena has also stayed active in professional organizations and serves on the Board for the Educational Audiology Association and on the Advisory Council for ASHA. In addition to some part-time gigs, Tena is enjoying spending days with her grandson, Donnie, who just celebrated his first birthday. She is also enjoying learning how to play golf with her husband, Dennis (which her golf swing still has a lot to be desired). Now that she has more time, she can likewise keep better tabs on her daughters, Kelcy & Lindsey. Kelcy actually works as an OT for Mueller Pediatrics which makes it easy to keep a close eye on her. She has to work a little harder to watch over Lindsey, since she is working as a Special Education Teacher for Chicago Public Schools. Although she truly misses the students and staff at Eastern, she is grateful for her time home with her family.

2016 AWARDS CEREMONY

The CDS awards ceremony was held on Thursday, April 28, 2016, in conjunction with the annual NSSLHA banquet. Scholarships and awards endowed specifically for Communication Disorders and Sciences Department students were presented.

Exemplary Supervisor Award – Elaine Crettol

The Exemplary Supervisor Award recipient was Elaine Crettol, who supervised graduate student Kathryn Scudieri's medical internship in fall 2015 at Silver Cross Hospital (acute care and inpatient rehabilitation) in New Lenox, IL. Kathryn stated Elaine was one of the most knowledgeable people she has ever met and was amazing at sharing information verbally, by modeling, and through hands-on training. She used adjectives such as inspiring, encouraging, honest, and patient to describe Elaine's demeanor. Elaine has supervised many interns and has also graciously volunteered to guest lecture while introducing students to a medical site. Elaine was unable to attend the banquet due to a much deserved trip to Hawaii after supporting two of her children through PhD programs.

Margaret C. Hollowell Scholarship for Graduate Study in Communication Disorders and Sciences – Elizabeth Jansen

The recipient of the Margaret C. Hollowell Scholarship for Graduate Study in Communication Disorders and Sciences was graduate student Elizabeth Jansen. Elizabeth was the graduate assistant for the front office and helped Sandi with the busy atmosphere of assisting clients, families, students, and faculty with their office needs. Elizabeth is one of four children in her large family and this award will assist her in traveling to internship sites and with tuition payments. This scholarship was endowed to benefit students who demonstrate outstanding academic potential and financial need. Mrs. Hollowell took great pleasure in coming to Charleston, IL for many years to present her award. Sadly, Margaret passed away on November 30, 2014 but her daughter, Mary Ann, came all the way from Arizona to be in attendance and present her mother's scholarship to Elizabeth.



Mrs. Mary Ann Barlow, Margaret's daughter, presents Mrs. Hollowell's scholarship to Elizabeth Jansen, graduate student.



Mr. and Mrs. Jim Struebing present the Ryan Struebing Distinguished Graduate Student Award to Cassie Cox, graduate student.

Cassie served as secretary and president of the ISU NSSLHA chapter and continued to participate in NSSLHA during graduate school. She served

as a mentor for STEP and also serves as a Big Sister for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Vigo County. Cassie demonstrated the passion and work ethic Ryan had when working with clients and participating in volunteer activities.

NSSLHA Distinguished Graduate Student Award – Mary Beth Xenakis

The NSSLHA Distinguished Graduate Student Award recipient was Mary Beth Xenakis. Mary Beth attended EIU for both her undergraduate career and her master's degree. Mary Beth was nominated for the award due to her dedication to clients, exemplary clinical skills, and strong interpersonal skills. Mary Beth served as the graduate assistant for STEP. She was also the 2015-16 NSSLHA President. Mary Beth was one of those graduate students who always has a smile on her face and was willing to help others.



NSSLHA Vice-President Jessica Grzegorzewki presents the NSSLHA Distinguished Graduate Student Award to Mary Beth Xenakis, graduate student.



Paul Rosenberger from the Decatur Sertoma Club presented the awards to Hannah East and Emily Villareal.

Decatur Breakfast Sertoma Scholarship – Hannah East and Emily Villareal

The Decatur Breakfast Sertoma Scholarship was first awarded in 2013 and is sponsored by the Sertoma Club to support a junior, senior, or graduate student in Communication Disorders and Sciences. Preference is given to students from Macon County or surrounding areas. There were two recipients of the award this year. The first recipient was Hannah East, who is from Mt. Zion, and as a first generation

college student began her college career at Richland Community College, where she received the Scherer scholarship, which paid for her two years of college. Despite the scholarship, she has worked two jobs to cover additional expenses. Hannah said, "receiving scholarships has motivated me to push harder and strive for success, because I owe it not only to myself, but to those who have supported me." The second recipient was Emily Villareal. Emily is from Decatur and is a graduate student in CDS. She completed her undergraduate degree at Augustana College. Emily served as a graduate assistant for the chair of the department. Emily will be independently responsible for her living expenses as she moves on to internships in her second year of graduate school.

2016 AWARDS CEREMONY (CONTINUED)

Rose Marie Coon Communication Disorders and Sciences Scholarship – Maeve Burke

The Rose Marie Coon CDS Scholarship was endowed for an undergraduate CDS major who demonstrates financial need. Dr. Lewis Coon is a retired professor from the Math Department and his wife, Rose Marie, had a hearing impairment and benefitted from the services of speech-language pathologists. Upon his retirement, they endowed one scholarship for an undergraduate in the math department and one for an undergraduate in CDS. The CDS recipient was undergraduate student Maeve Burke. Maeve will be a junior CDS major who discovered the field after hearing a presentation at a career day in her high school, followed by job shadowing an SLP in the traumatic brain injury unit at a children's hospital.



Dr. Nichole Mulvey, Maeve's advisor, presents the Rose Marie Coon CDS Scholarship to undergraduate student Maeve Burke.



Mrs. Courtney Scott, Hailey's instructor, presents the Margaret and Walter Lowell Voluntary Service Scholarship to Hailey Tellier

Margaret and Walter Lowell Voluntary Service Scholarship – Hailey Tellier

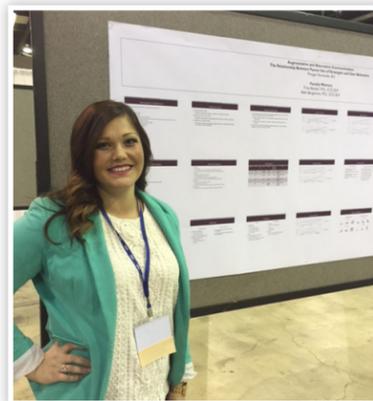
The Margaret and Walter Lowell Voluntary Service Scholarship was awarded to a student enrolled at EIU who has dedicated substantial time to volunteer service in the local community. Hailey Tellier is a junior CDS major who has been involved with Homecoming Family Night, Salvation Army, Girls on the Run, Carl Sandburg reading night, Camp New Hope, and NSSLHA. She also works in the College of Sciences office.

Outstanding Alumni Award – Kathy Bollinger

The Outstanding Alumni Award is presented to an individual who graduated from the department of CDS and has gone on to have a significant impact in their professional or personal life. Recipients embody integrity, professionalism, and leadership. Kathy Bollinger holds both a bachelor's and master's degree in CDS from EIU, and started her health care career as a speech pathologist at Oak Forest Hospital. She has held several positions in healthcare, prior to becoming the CEO of Banner Estrella Medical Center in Phoenix Arizona and CEO of Banner Heart Hospital in Mesa, AZ. She was named president of the Arizona West Region of Banner Health in 2009. Kathy was unable to attend the banquet, but hopes to come back to visit in the fall with her husband, who is also an alum of EIU.

2015-2016 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Maeve Burke--Rose Marie Coon Communication Disorders and Sciences Scholarship



Morgan Fernandes presents her poster session at the ISHA conference.

Cassie Cox--Ryan Struebing Distinguished Graduate Student Award

Hannah East--Decatur Breakfast Sertoma Scholarship

Elizabeth Jansen--Margaret C. Hallowell

Candace LaPrairie--College of Science Commencement Speaker

Emily Villarreal--Decatur Breakfast Sertoma Scholarship

Mary Beth Xenakis--NSSHLA Distinguished Graduate Student Award

Fernandes, M. Relationship Between Parent Use of Strategies and Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) User Behaviors, Presented at the Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Rosemont, IL.

Hunt, R. (2016, February) Bilingual Adolescents' Attitude Towards Home Language: Effects on Narrative Language, Presented at the Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Rosemont, IL.

Phillips, J. (2016, February) The Effects of Cued Speech on Phonemic Awareness Skills, Presented at the Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Rosemont, IL.

Scamihorn, S. (2016, February) Use of Formal Assessments of Intelligence for People with Dysarthria, Presented at the Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Rosemont, IL.

Wallace, S. (2016, February) Relationship of Revised GRE to Performance in Graduate School, Presented at the Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Rosemont, IL.

Sydney Scamihorn--Sigma Xi Top Prize for 2016 Undergraduate Poster Competition

Hailey Tellier – Margaret and Walter Lowell Voluntary Service Scholarship Award



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FACULTY UPDATES

Angela Anthony completed her 2nd year as chair of the CDS department and continues to provide clinical supervision and teach undergraduate and graduate coursework. During the past year, she taught language disorders and sign language (10 years teaching sign language at EIU) to undergraduates and also taught language and literacy to the first year graduate students during the summer semester. Angela and her husband, Graham, continue to enjoy every minute they spend with their son, Thomas. Thomas will begin kindergarten this year and is currently very interested in racecars. During the past summer, the Anthony family traveled to Virginia to visit family and Dr. Augustine.

Dr. Augustine and his wife continue to enjoy their life in downtown Washington, DC and have welcomed many former EIU CDS colleagues including Gail Richard, Mary Anne and Dale Hanner, and Angela Anthony! Dr. A. continues his work leading a national project on master's education as Senior Vice President at the Council of Graduate Schools. The Augustine family is pleased to add a new member as youngest son David became engaged to Windy Lawlor of Chicago. David is a chef at the Chicago Club and Windy is a music teacher. Son Mark and his girl, Dauren, continue to advance their careers in the city of Chicago where both are working for new companies and enjoying new challenges. Son Matt, daughter-in-law Katie, and grandson Julian continue to reside in Scotland. Matt holds a teaching position at St. Andrews University and has just published his second book. Katie has taken an administrative position with the University of Glasgow. Two-year-old grandson Julian is using enough complex sentences to make any speech-language-pathologist (or grandpa) glow with pride! My favorite so far: Poppy, I'm getting on the airplane so you can take me to the baseball game! Dr. A. looks forward to seeing all of you at the next ASHA convention.

Trina Becker and her family continue to stay very busy with work, school, and extracurricular activities. Jonah (15) recently got his driver's permit, so the family has been working on that. He doesn't scare Trina too much! Jackson (12) is beginning 7th grade, and both the boys are very involved in sports, especially traveling baseball during this past summer. In May, Trina helped lead a departmental trip, with approximately twenty-nine students, to Ireland. In addition to the students who attended the trip, Trina's mother and sister also went on the trip and Trina very much enjoyed getting to spend some quality time with them while exploring Ireland. Trina continues to be a member of a golf league at the country club, and although she claims to not be very good at it, she enjoys getting out there and having fun. In the past school

year, Trina continued to supervise graduate students at an off-campus clinical practicum site and taught AAC, articulation and phonology, and the introduction class to undergraduate students. Currently, Trina is transitioning into her new role as clinic director of the CDS department, and she thinks she has some very big shoes to fill. Trina is looking forward to the new responsibilities that the next year will bring!

During the past school year, **Beth Bergstrom** taught CDS 3700, the junior level assessment and diagnostic class, for the first time and loved it. She also taught cleft palate as a special topic this past summer to first and second year graduate students. In the clinic, Beth has transitioned into Dr. Wilson's old office. Beth continues to supervise a variety of clients and this past summer, she had the opportunity to supervise the cohort students. Beth enjoys keeping up with faculty and graduated students on Facebook. Beth's oldest son, Mason (17) has been going on college visits. Reese (16) started driving and got his license in July. Beth's youngest son, Cooper (12), plays baseball, tennis, and basketball. Beth and her husband recently celebrated their 20-year wedding anniversary and they are traveling to Mexico in February for a wedding.

As you may recall, **Lynn Calvert** retired in May of 2015 so the past year was full of various new experiences. A few of her new jobs have included nurse/caregiver to her mother who broke her arm/elbow, working at Homewood Grill in Effingham (serving ice cream), working at a boutique, and subbing as an SLP for a maternity leave. All this work has not left enough time for travel but hopefully there will be more travel in the future and less work!

Chris Chambers decided it was time to write a new chapter in her life, made the decision and retired at the close of six week summer semester, July 31, 2016. Her daughter, Ali, son-in-law, Justice, and grandson, Landen, who will be a year old August 12, reside with her. If anyone has been in the CDS department this academic year, there was a sequence of Landen's adorable pictures outside her office door from birth through his first year of life. Even though retired, Ms. Chambers will continue attending the ISHA convention, and keep in contact with alumni! Your significant contributions to our field touch the lives of many. Whether you know it or not, prospective students visit EIU on open house days as a result of the high regard they have about you as practicing professionals. You continue to highly represent our program and profession. Thank you for all you do, and your commitment to improving the lives of others. See you at Convention.