“Hear What’s Happening” will be published biannually by the AuD Program at the CUNY Graduate, Center. With the inaugural issue of the newsletter we hope to maintain contact with each other, and keep students, faculty supervisors and alumni apprised of what is happening throughout the program.

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Important and Upcoming Events

- Students in the AuD program along with Susan Wortsman, participated in the Hunter College Better Speech and Hearing Day by providing speech-language-hearing screenings to approximately 60 students, staff, and faculty (May 5, 2011).

- Congratulations to the AuD Class of 2011: Brittany Eichinger, Kaitlin Calleja, Elena Kagan, Hilda Khakshoor, Ruth Reisman, Jaclyn Scagnelli, Robin Warwick, Stephanie Williams-Russo, Chava Drillick, Kerry Lynch, & Janie Borges. The guest speaker at the White Coat Ceremony held prior to commencement was Professor Doron Milstein, Associate Professor, Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences, Hofstra University.

- Carmen Brewer, PhD. Guidelines for monitoring and grading pediatric ototoxicity. Grand Rounds presentation on October 6, 2011 (4:30 pm - 6:30 pm).

- Joseph Danto, PhD, CCC-A, F-AAA, F-ABNM, D-ABNM. Neurophysiologic Intraoperative Monitoring. Grand Rounds presentation on March 1, 2012 (5:00pm – 7:00pm).

- Capstone poster presentations by AuD students to be held April 23, 2012.

Cohort Updates

Congratulations to Third Year Students on Landing Wonderful Residency Placements

Meghan Brady – New York Eye and Ear Infirmary
Elaine Devora – Auditory Oral School of New York
Jenna Holke – Weill Cornell Medical College
Aaron Krasnick - Manhattan Harborview Veterans Administration Hospital
Rena Leskowitz – Westchester Institute of Human Development
Rachel Marcus – Long Island Jewish Medical Center
Bess Nagler – Weill Cornell Medical College
Anna Palterman – Manhattan Audiology
Lauren Rouse – NY Presbyterian-Columbia University Medical Center
Frances Weaver – Total Hearing Care
Congratulations to Students Completing their Residency Placements

Jillian Blinkoff – NY Presbyterian-Columbia University Medical Center
Esther Fogel – Long Island Jewish Medical Center
Katherine Gilmore – Manhattan Audiology
Claire Jakimetz – New York University Diagnostic Center
Lauren Kaplan – New York Eye and Ear Infirmary
Patricia Mazzullo – Westchester Institute of Human Development
Sabrina Mussawar – New York Eye and Ear Infirmary
Swapna Nataraj – Montefiore Medical Center
Chana Pinkerson – Pollak Audiological P.C.
Claudyne Vielot – SUNY Downstate Medical Center
Yevgeniya Yubilier – Arden Hill Audiology

Student Awards

- **Jillian Blinkoff** (4th year) – Received a Doctoral Student Research Grant to fund her study titled “Test-retest reliability of AAC in children 0-12 months of age.”

- **Meghan Brady** (3rd year) – Received a Doctoral Student Research Grant to fund her study titled: “The Effects of Spectrally-Shaped Noise Masking of Speech Stimuli on the Acoustic Change Complex (ACC).”

- **Elaine Devora** (3rd year) – Received an award from Brooklyn College, CUNY Speech and Hearing Center Project Award during her 2nd year of doctoral study.

- **David Engelman** (2nd year) – Received a Doctoral Student Research Grant to fund his study titled: “The Status of Neonatal Hearing Screening in Lagos, Nigeria.”

- **Katherine Gilmore** (4th year) – Received a Doctoral Student Research to fund her study titled “What is the relationship between cognitive function perceived hearing-aid benefit as measured with the HHIE-S in a group of elderly hearing aid users?”

- **Jenna Holke** (3rd year) – Received a Brooklyn College, CUNY Speech and Hearing Center Project Award during her 2nd year of doctoral study.

- **Claire Jakimetz** (4th year) – Received a Doctoral Student Research Grant to fund her study titled “Efficiency of the acoustic change complex for various stimulus presentation strategies in infants ages birth to 12 months.”

- **Lauren Kaplan** (4th year) – Received a Doctoral Student Research to fund her study titled “The relationship between performance on the immediate and delayed word recall tasks and residual hearing handicap as measured by the HHIE-S in a group of older adult hearing aid users.”

- **Rena Leskowitz** (3rd year) – Received a Brooklyn College, CUNY Speech and Hearing Center Project Award during her 2nd year of study.
• **Patricia Mazzullo** (4th year) – Received a Research Doctoral Student Research Grant to fund her study titled “Physician’s hearing status and care provided to patients.”

• **Patricia Mazzullo** and **Claudyne Vielot** – Participated in ASHA’s 2010 Minority Student Leadership Program (MSLP). They joined in on a set of leadership-focused educational programs and activities, which enhanced leadership skills, provided insight into how the association works, and provided an opportunity to interact with leaders in the professions of audiology, speech-language pathology, and speech, language, and hearing sciences.

• **Sabrina Mussawar** (4th year) – Received a Doctoral Student Research Grant to fund her study titled “Physicians’ hearing loss and its effect on the quality of care service provided to patients.”

• **Bess Nagler** (3rd year) – Received a Doctoral Student Research Grant to fund her study titled: “Pitch and Timbre Perception and Quality of Life Differences in Young Adult Cochlear Implant Recipients and Normal Hearing Individuals.”

• **Swapna Nataraj** (4th year) – Received a Doctoral Student Research Grant to fund her study titled “Physicians’ hearing loss and its effect on the quality of care service provided to patients.”

• **Bess Nagler** (3rd year) – Received a Doctoral Student Research Grant to fund her study titled: “Pitch and Timbre Perception and Quality of Life Differences in Young Adult Cochlear Implant Recipients and Normal Hearing Individuals.”

• **Lauren Rouse** (3rd year) – Received a Brooklyn College, CUNY Speech and Hearing Center Project Award during her 2nd year.

• **Claudyne Vielot** (4th year) – Received a Doctoral Student Research Grant to fund her study titled “Factors of failure to follow-up with newborn hearing rescreening.”

• **Yevgeniya Yubliler** (4th year) – Received a Doctoral Student Research to fund her study titled “Eliciting Acoustic Change Complex in Infants Using Continuously Alternating Stimulus Presentation.”

**Capstone Projects**

• **Janie Borges** (John Preece, faculty mentor). Falls in the elderly.

• **Kaitlin Calleja** (Barbara Weinstein, faculty mentor). Distortion product otoacoustic emissions in adult cigarette smokers with normal hearing.

• **Chava Drillick** (Shelley Cherry, faculty mentor). Selective Auditory Attention Test: A pilot study to extend norms.

• **Brittany Eichinger** (Carol A. Silverman, faculty mentor). Knowledge base of graduate speech-language pathology students regarding the effects of otitis media with effusion on communicative functioning.

• **Elana Kagan** (Glenis Long, faculty mentor). Transient evoked otoacoustic emissions in normal-hearing school aged children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.
Capstone Projects Continued

- **Hilda Khakshoor** (Barbara E. Weinstein, faculty mentor). Improvement in hearing aid benefit over time in adults using disease specific self-report measures: A systematic review.

- **Kerry Lynch** (Barbara E. Weinstein, faculty mentor). The role of cognition in aided speech recognition in noise performance in older adult experienced hearing aid users using different compression release time settings: A systematic review.

- **Ruth Reisman** (Glenis Long, faculty mentor). Transient evoked otoacoustic emissions in normal-hearing school aged children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

- **Jaclyn Scagnelli** (Barbara E. Weinstein, faculty mentor). Distortion product otoacoustic emissions in adult cigarette smokers with normal hearing.

- **Cynthia Tong** (John Preece, faculty mentor). Self-Reported Tinnitus Severity: Veterans with and without Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

- **Robin Warwick** (Carol A. Silverman, faculty mentor). Stem cell replacement therapy for the mammalian ear: A systematic literature review.

- **Stephanie Williams-Russo** (Barbara E. Weinstein, faculty mentor). Expectation levels of parents of children with cochlear implants and their relationship to satisfaction.

Student Presentations and Publications

**Presentations**


**Student Publications**

- **Jenna Holke, Lauren Rouse, and Rena Levy** contributed to a textbook written by Dr. Silman and Dr. Emmer.

Faculty Texts


SAA News

- **July 31 – August 5, 2010** – Five AuD students (Claire Jakimetz, Lauren Kaplan, Patricia Mazzullo, Sabrina Mussawar, and Jen Yubiler) attended the Oticon 2010 Summer Camp in Keystone, CO.

- **October 15, 2010** – The CUNY GC SAA chapter sponsored a fund-raiser happy hour at Bar XII and raised $400.

- **October 17, 2010** – The CUNY GC SAA sponsored the CUNY Graduate Center Walk 4 Hearing team walked 3.2 miles in support of hearing loss prevention and education programs. Twenty team members were signed up, including students, parents and faculty; one of the largest teams in the walk! The team raised $2,771.

- **December 7, 2010** – Presentation on “A practical guide to practicing audiology” given by Tiffany Brown of Widex Hearing Aids.

- **February 17, 2011** – Workshop presented by Douglas Beck (Oticon) on cognition and amplification; intraoperative monitoring; auditory neuropathy spectrum disorder and amplification.

- **August 3-5, 2011** – Three AuD students (Elaine Devora, Anna Palterman, Lauren Rouse) attended the Oticon 2011 Summer Camp in Keystone, CO.

- **August 8-11, 2011** – Three AuD students (Meghan Brady, Aaron Krasnick, Frances Weaver) attended the Phonak 2011 Summer Camp in Illinois.

- **October 2, 2011** – CUNY SAA sponsored the CUNY Graduate Center Walk4Hearing team and walked 3.2 miles in support of hearing loss prevention and education programs raising money to be donated to a hearing related cause.

- **November 2, 2011** – CUNY Graduate Center graduate Ruth Reisman, AuD gave a presentation on hearing aids in the adult and pediatric population to the CUNY AuD students.

- **November 30, 2011** – Louise Levy, MS., CCC-A, gave a presentation on Auditory Processing Disorders to the CUNY SAA students.

- **March 10th, 2012** – CUNY SAA members promoted healthy hearing and handed out free ear plugs with quick facts about hearing loss and noise protection at the Allman Brothers Concert at the Beacon Theatre in NYC. The event was a success and many attendees appreciated our enthusiasm!
**Student, Faculty, and Alumni News**

- Our condolences to Dr. Silverman on the loss of her mother.
- Congratulations to Kate Gilmore, Claire Jakimetz, and Jen YUBLIER on their engagements!
- Congratulations to Reena Rosenberg on her engagement!
- Congratulations to Aaron Krasnick on his engagement!
- Congratulations to Rena Leskowitz on the birth of her daughter!

**Around Our Neighborhood**

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**Contributions to the AuD Program**

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### Upcoming Events

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**Important Dates to Remember!**

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Alumni are encouraged to share their activities and any professional developments – including interesting cases! Please share! Thank you.

- Audiology Newsletter Submission Deadlines:
  - Fall Newsletter: August 15, 2012
  - Spring Newsletter: January 15, 2013

Please send your submissions to:

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