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Three funds have been set up to honor three colleagues who contributed importantly to our program: Professors Moe Bergman, Arthur Bronstein and Martin Gitterman.


Moe and Hannah Bergman Scholarship for Conference Travel: The Moe and Hannah Bergman Award makes funds available to students who travel to present research papers at conferences.

Martin Gitterman Excellence in Teaching Award: The Martin Gitterman Teaching Award gives awards for Excellence in Teaching. It provides an award for one or more students each year who have demonstrated excellence in teaching.

These awards are given to a number of students each year. To contribute to one or either fund, please send a check payable to The Graduate Center Foundation. Checks for The Moe and Hannah Bergman Award should include account number 212731 in the comments area; checks for the Ph.D. Program in Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences, The Martin Gitterman Teaching Award (which should include “for the Gitterman Teaching Award” in the comment area of the check) and the Arthur J. Bronstein and Elsa Bronstein Fellowship for Excellence in Dissertation Writing in Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences should all have account number 213933 written in the comment area of your check. Please send your check to Ms. Loretta Walker, Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences, CUNY Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10016.
Academic Achievements

Dissertation Defenses

Dana Battaglia successfully defended her dissertation “Word association and semantic priming in individuals with autism spectrum disorders” on March 1, 2012. Prof. Richard Schwartz chaired the committee. Dr. Battaglia was awarded her degree on September 30, 2012.

Karen Garrido-Nag successfully defended her dissertation on “The effects of attention on the mismatch response of infants” on October 3, 2012. Prof. Valerie Shafer was the chair of her committee.

Sethu Karthikeyan successfully defended her dissertation “Men’s evaluations of women’s speech in a simulated dating context” on May 23, 2012. Prof. John Locke chaired the committee. Dr. Karthikeyan was awarded her degree September 30, 2012.


Dissertation Proposals

The dissertation proposal for Shukrallah Abdelrazeq entitled, “Efferent-mediated changes in the components of distortion product otoacoustic emissions: A potential tool to investigate auditory processing disorder” was approved on 9/7/2012. Prof. Glenis Long is the chair of the committee.

Rebekah Buccheri’s approved dissertation proposal, “Effects of clear speech vs. slow instruction on vowels and intelligibility of individuals with Parkinson’s disease” was submitted on May 7, 2012. Prof. Douglas Whalen is the chair of her dissertation committee.

“Dual task effects on adults with and without fluency disorders” was the title of the dissertation proposal for Naomi Eichorn which was approved on September 10, 2012. Prof. Klara Marton is the chair of her committee.

Second-level Projects and Second Examinations

Sarita Austin completed her Second Level Research Project (Brown Bag) on September 6, 2012. The topic of her research was “A narrative-based intervention for pragmatics in school-age children with autism spectrum disorders. Sarita passed her Second Exam on September 13, 2012 and was advanced to candidacy on September 14, 2012. Prof. Valerie Shafer chaired both projects.

Lisa Goldin passed her Second Examination on August 15, 2012. She was advanced to candidacy on August 21, 2012. Prof. Brett Martin was the chair of her 2nd Exam committee and remains as her dissertation committee chair.
Susan Gray presented her Second Level Research Project (Brown Bag) on October 2, 2012. The title of her presentation was “Exploring the potential of morphological instruction in adult literacy”. Prof. John Locke mentored the project.

Maryam Naghibolhosseini presented her Second Level Research Project (Brown Bag) entitled, “Estimating reverse middle ear transfer function using distortion product otoacoustic emissions (DPOAEs) on May 15, 2012. Maryam passed her Second Examination on September 14, 2012 and was advanced to candidacy on that same date. The chair of her committee was Prof. Glenis Long.

Youngmi Park passed her Second Examination on May 11, 2012 and was advanced to candidacy on August 29, 2012. Prof. Loraine Obler was the chair of her committee and continues on as the chair of her dissertation committee.

Wen-Jie Wang passed her Second Examination on August 8, 2012. Prof. Brett Martin chaired her committee.

First Examinations

The following students passed their First Examinations:

Eric Jackson (July 10, 212)
Topic: “Measuring speech stability in people who stutter using the spatiotemporal index (STI)
Advisor: Prof. Douglas Whalen

Zarabeth Waldman (September 12, 2012)
Topic: “Syntactic processing of wh-questions in children with cochlear implants”
Advisor: Prof. Richard Schwartz

Faculty

Mira Goral has been appointed to Deputy Executive Officer in the Ph.D. Program in Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences effective September 2012.

Glenis Long did a number of consultant visits: (1) May 7-11 with Beth Preive in the department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Syracuse University; (2) May 23-30 with Linda Hood in the Hearing and Speech Sciences department at Vanderbilt University, and (3) with Gavin Coad (Ph.D. student) and Peter Thome (faculty) at the Audiology Section at Auckland University Medical School, New Zealand.

Celebrating a “Long” Career: Explorations of Auditory Physiology and Psychoacoustics: A celebration of the retirement of Glenis Long, covering topics from her wide-ranging career, including otoacoustic emission (OAE) measurements and behavioral measurements in humans and animals, to be held at the ICA 2013, joint meeting of the 21st International Congress on Acoustics, the 165th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, and the 52nd Meeting of the Canadian Acoustical Association, in Montréal, Quebec, Canada, 2-7 June 2013. The celebration is being organized by Jungmee Lee and Elizabeth A. Strickland.

Loraine Obler taught an intensive course on Bilingual Brains at Hadassah Academic College, Jerusalem, where she heads the Steering Committee of the MA program in Bilingual Speech-Language Pathology.
Publications


Publications (in press or submitted)


Silliman, Elaine R. Integrating oral language and written language disorders:


Levy, Erika S. and Crowley, Catherine J. (2012). Beliefs regarding the impact of accent within speech-language pathology practice areas. Published online in Communication Disorders Quarterly. Article can be found at http://cdq.sagepub.com/content/early/2012/05/21/525740112446851.

Publications (Books)


Publications (Chapters)


Goldfarb, Robert and M.J. Santo Pietro (2012). The use of sets in SLP diagnosis and


Presentations

Sarita Austin gave a presentation on “A narrative-based intervention for pragmatics in school-aged children with ASD” in July 2012 at ASHA Schools in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

This month Arthur Boothroyd gives a lecture on “Hearing loss and language development” in Milan, Italy at a course organized through the University of Padua.

“Changes in proactive interference across the lifespan: A cross-sectional study” was the title of the poster presented by Luca Campanelli and Klara Marton at the Sixth European Working Memory Symposium (EWOM-6) in Fribourg, Switzerland this past September.

Training Students to Serve Individuals in Multilingual-Multicultural Environments” was the title of the presentation given by José G. Centeno and R.T. Anderson at the Global Summit on Higher Education in Communication Sciences and Disorders, Annual Convention of the Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders. The convention was held in Newport Beach, CA, April 18-21, 2012.

Cynthia Conley gave a 2-hour presentation on “Receptive communication needs assessment for hearing enhancement technology” at the Maryland Academic of Audiology Convention in Timonium, MD on September 27, 2012.

At the July 2012 meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Reading (Montréal, Québec, Canada) Peggy S. Conner & Loraine K. Obler gave a presentation on “A Spoken Word-Learning Deficit without Dyslexia: A Case Study”.

Klara Marton, Jessica Scheuer, T. Egri, Naomi Eichorn and Luca Campanelli presented a poster on “Interference control in children with SLI: A cross-linguistic study” at the 2012 Development of Executive Functions Workshop in Utrecht, Netherlands.

Loraine K. Obler gave a talk on September 11, 2012 at the New York Neuropsychology Group Bilingual Task Force on “Exceptionally Good and Exceptionally Poor Second Language Learners”.

Avanthi Paplikar, JungMoon Hyun, D. Cahana-Amitay, M. Albert, & Loraine K. Obler will present a paper on “Noun retrieval vs. verb retrieval in the discourse of older adults” at the Mental Lexicon meeting in Montreal, Canada.

At this month’s meeting of the Academy of Aphasia (San Francisco, CA) Avanthi Paplikar & Loraine K. Obler will present a paper on “Language mixing in multilingual aphasia helps functional communication”. 
“Lexical retrieval abilities in discourse in healthy older adults” was the title of the poster presentation by Avanthi Paplikar, JungMoon Hyun, & Loraine K. Obler this year at New York University.

Christine Rota-Donahue gave two lectures this past spring: (1) As an invited speaker at the April 2012 NJSHA Convention for the audiology program, “Pediatric auditory processing disorder: Processing of small frequency changes” and (2) at Yeshivat Noam – “Atypical auditory skills in school-aged children” which was a lecture to a group of 55 elementary school teachers.

“Acoustic cues used by blind travelers” was the title of a paper presented at the May 2012 meeting of the Acoustical Society Association in Hong Kong by Helen J. Simon, D. Gilden, J. Brabyn, A. Lotze and Harry Levitt.

A paper entitled, “A word or two on auditory plasticity” by Helen J. Simon at the Winter Conference on Neural Plasticity in St. Kitts, West Indies, February 2012.

Puisan Wong presented a paper on “Factors affecting inter-rater reliability in the judgment of monosyllabic Mandarin lexical tones” at the October 2012 of the East Asian Psycholinguistics Colloquium in Columbus, OH.

At the Acoustics 2012 Hong Kong Conference and Exhibition that took place May 13-18, 2012 a paper in the session on Speech Perception and Early Language Development: Cross-Linguistic Studies of English, Cantonese, and Mandarin was presented by Yan H. Yu, Valerie L. Shafer, Elyse Sussman, and Douglas Whalen on “Comparing language experience and task demands in Mandarin tone processing: Neurophysiological evidence”.

Presenters at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Annual Convention
Atlanta, GA
November 2012

TECHNICAL SESSION
Catherine Constable
Continuous vs. Segmented Speech Production in Teaching Early Decoding Skill

OTHER PRESENTATIONS
Dana Battaglia, Robert Goldfarb and M. Finik
Time-altered word association responses in autism

Valerie L. Shafer, Yan Helen Yu, Jennifer Gerometta, Carol Tessel and Nancy Vidal
Neural indices of phonetics in bilingual children (seminar)

POSTER PRESENTATION
Margaret Shakabai
Assisted Reproductive Technology and the Incidence of Autism Spectrum Disorders

Presenters at The Sixth Conference on Mismatch Negativity (MMN) and its Clinical and Science Application
May 2012
New York, New York

Margaret Shakabai
Neural correlates of discrimination of speech syllable sequences in preschool children (poster)

Yan H. Yu, Valerie L. Shafer, Elyse Sussman and Douglas H. Whalen
The role of interstimulus interval and language experience on mismatch brain responses to Mandarin tone changes (poster)

**Presenters at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Jean Piaget Society**
**Toronto, Canada (2012)**

*Naomi Eichorn*
*Patterns of inhibition control in preschool children with and without fluency disorders*

*Klara Marton, Luca Campanelli and Naomi Eichorn*
*Avoidance of interference in children with and without specific language impairment (SLI)*

*Klara Marton, Luca Campanelli, Jessica Scheuer and Jungmee Yoon*
*Inhibition control in children with and without specific language impairment (SLI)*

*Jessica Scheuer and Jungmee Yoon*
*Analysis of performance patterns on executive functions tasks: Evidence of different profiles in cognitive development*

**Awards**

*Laura Koenig* received a Fulbright for the spring 2013 semester to visit the University of Macedonia and work with *Areti Okalidou* on assessing speech characteristics in Greek-learning children with cochlear implants. *Laura* also mentioned that she and *Areti* started working together in one of *Kathy Harris’* classes back in 1994 or so and despite the long lapses of time, and 5 time zones, and changing jobs, she and *Areti* are still collaborating.

*Nathan Maxfield* received the “2012 Speech Pathologist of the Year” award from the National Stuttering Association, which hosted its 2012 meeting in St. Petersburg, FL.

*Suzanne Thompson* was awarded the 2012 New York State Speech-Language-Hearing Association’s Doctoral Scholarship Award for her research on distortion product otoacoustic emissions and the middle ear. The award was presented after Professor Thompson gave a lecture on her current research at the organization’s annual convention in Saratoga, NY. (Source: *Iona University Speech Communication Studies Department* website).

**Grants and Fellowships**

*Avanthi Paplikar* was awarded the Doctoral Student Research Grant (Competition #7) for the period 2012-2013.

*Nathan Maxfield’s* NIH-NIDCD R03 grant project is in its third year.

*Karece Lopez’s* proposal, *Semantics and Pragmatics in Autism Spectrum Disorders* was funded by the NIDCD under Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards for Individual Predoctoral Fellowships to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research. The fellowship provides tuition and stipend for two years of research.

**Other News**

*Dana Battaglia* and her husband, James are very to announce the birth of their first child, Joseph Anthony Battaglia. Joseph Anthony was born at 7:45 p.m. on June 20, 2012 coming in nicely at 6 pounds, 8 ounces. *Dana Battaglia* also tells us that she was appointed to a tenure
track position at Adelphi University as Assistant Professor.

Molloy College has a new assistant professor in the department of Speech-Language-Pathology: Rebekah Buccheri.

Cynthia Compton is pleased to report that her husband, Jeff has a new job at Boening Corporation. She also reports that her niece Lara Karpinski graduated with an SLP degree from James Madison University. Lara graduated with high honors, due to her GPA and that she did a NIH-sponsored honors thesis in the area of dysphagia. She soon hopes to go to Syracuse for graduate studies.

Robert Goldfarb has good news to share! His daughter, Elizabeth Goldfarb has accepted a marriage proposal and is engaged to Prof. Matthew D. Simon (biochemistry, Yale). Liz has also begun the Ph.D. Program in Cognition at NYU.

Miwako Hisagi was a visiting scholar in our program who spent the period September 1, 2011-August 31, 2012. Miwako worked out of the laboratory of Prof. Valerie Shafer during that period. Miwako shares her new work information with us: she is currently employed at Harvard University (Cambridge, MA) as a researcher in linguistics. In addition to that she is also employed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Cambridge, MA) as a research scientist in the areas of linguistics and philosophy.

Kikuyo Ito has returned to Japan to take a position at the Kagawa National College of Technology. She can be reached via email at kikuyoito@hotmail.com or via Skype: kikuyo.ito.

Sethu Karthikeyan is pleased to report the in January 2013 she will begin employment in the Communication Sciences and Disorders department at Pace University (NYC). Sethu will join Pace as a tenure track assistant professor.

Glenis Long was one of the attendees at the 16th International Symposium of Hearing at Cambridge University, England (held July 23-27, 2012).

Susan Longtin is on sabbatical leave from Brooklyn College with a focus on several writing projects.

Michelle MacRoy-Higgins and her husband Michael Higgins are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Rose. Charlotte Rose was born on June 26, 2012.

In the August 25, 2012 edition of Palm Beach Daily News an article on Mindy W. Martin (formerly Sirlin) appears. In the article by Jane Fetterly entitled, “Audiologist makes house calls: opens office in Palm Beach” she talks about how the First Choice Audiology of South Florida, Inc. of which Mindy is the owner, recently opened. In the course of her role as an audiologist Mindy “fits hearing aids for clients in their homes, offices of other facilities.” Mindy says “she will set up your telephone and television sound to stream directly to your hearing aids via Bluetooth technology.”

Nathan Maxfield was awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of South Florida.

Paige Olivia is the newest member of Nathan Maxfield’s family. Paige Olivia is their second
daughter who joins their first daughter, Kate Elizabeth, who recently turned two.

**Avanthi Niranjan** has changed her name to **Avanthi Paplikar**.

**Alexandre Nikolaev** is a post-doc from Joensuu, Finland, working in **Lorraine Obler’s** Neurolinguistics Laboratory on his research in language in Alzheimer’s disease this semester. **Jet Vonk**, a visitor from the University of Groningen a year ago has returned there to complete her MA, but she will be visiting us this fall en route to the Academy of Aphasia where she will present the work she conducted here. **Areti Okalidou** spent a few months visiting and conducting research at the Graduate Center this year, working with Prof. Richard Schwartz’s lab. It was wonderful seeing **Areti** and the program looks forward to seeing her again, soon.

**Christine Rota-Donahue** received tenure as a Lecturer of the CCE (Certificate of Continuing Employment) from Lehman College, effective September 2012.

**Christine Rota-Donahue** is very proud of her children. Her son Julian (15 years old) received full scholarships to dance at Boston Ballet and Pacific Northwest Ballet this summer. Julian entered the professional ballet program at American Ballet Theater in September and continues high school in the 10th grade. Her daughter, Alice (19 years old) spent the summer in Dakar, Senegal and working for wwoof (World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms). Alice returning to SUNY Geneseo for her junior year this Fall.

**Margaret Shakabai** is an assistant professor of communication sciences and disorders at Marymount Manhattan College.

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**Professional Service**

**Ronald Bloom** is now Acting Dean of Hofstra University’s new School of Health Sciences and Human Services. **Ron** says: “I am now very immersed in growing the new School, setting up governance structures and putting the administration in place; very challenging and a good place for me to be right now.” ([http://www.hofstra.edu/Academics/Colleges/healthscienceshumanservices/index.html](http://www.hofstra.edu/Academics/Colleges/healthscienceshumanservices/index.html))

**Emily Tobey** has been named Vice Provost for Faculty Development, Office of the Vice President and Provost and Associate Vice President for Diversity, Office of Diversity and Community Engagement at the University of Texas at Dallas. She continues her roles as Professor and Nelle C. Johnston Chair at the Callier Advanced Hearing Research Center.

**Luís Riquelme** informs us that he was recently appointed as Vice-Chair of the Specialty Board for Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders. **Luís** is also Chair, PAC Board, ASHA for 2012. These are volunteer positions to which he is involved.

**Sarita Austin** is the Founder and Artistic Director of PureFlow Theatreworks, an interactive children’s theatre company. She has been invited to speak about PureFlow’s innovative approach and combining the arts and sciences at St. John’s University and Iona College this fall. PureFlow recently celebrated its second anniversary and has been invited to partner with several schools in and around New York City.

**Interviews**

**Susan Longtin** was interviewed about autism spectrum disorders in June 2012. The segment aired on Channel 75’s program titled “Science and U” on September 25, 2012.
In Memorium

On June 5, 2012 Lynda Felder, a graduate of our program died. A memorial service was held for her in New York City on June 24, 2012. Her funeral and burial services were held on July 6th in Philadelphia, PA. Lynda was 63 years old.