Ph.D. Program in Speech–Language–Hearing Sciences
Newsletter

Fall 2016

Happy Holidays to all Students, Faculty, & Alumni

Best wishes for 2017!
UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Date!

Annual Student Research Day:
Friday, March 24, 2017, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
The Graduate Center
Room C201 – C205, Concourse Level

If you have events, job postings, workshops, conferences, etc. that you would like our students, faculty and alumni to know about, you are welcome to send those announcements to the Assistant Program Officer, Patricia Goodson, pgoodson@gc.cuny.edu

Please join us in congratulating the following students who have successfully presented their Dissertation Defenses!

**Dr. Eric Jackson** defended on June 30, 2015
“Variability, Stability, and Flexibility in the Speech Kinematics and Acoustics of Adults Who Do and Do Not Stutter”
Chair: Dr. Douglas Whalen

**Dr. Youngmi Park** defended on August 3, 2015
“Roles of Shifting Attention, Alternating Attention and Inhibition on Temporary Syntactic Ambiguity Resolution and use of Context in Younger and Older Adults”
Chair: Dr. Loraine Obler

**Dr. Karece Lopez** defended on August 10, 2015
“Pragmatics and Semantics in Autism Spectrum Disorder”
Chair: Dr. Richard Schwartz

**Dr. Zarabeth Deluca** (formerly Waldman) defended on August 18, 2015
“WH-question Processing in Children with Cochlear Implants”
Chair: Dr. Richard Schwartz

**Dr. Talita Fortunato-Tavares** defended on August 25, 2015
“Prosodic Boundary Effects on Syntactic Disambiguation in Children with Cochlear Implants, and in Normal Hearing Adults and Children”
Chair: Dr. Richard Schwartz

**Dr. Sarita Austin** defended on August 31, 2015
Chair: Dr. Valerie Shafer

**Dr. Nancy Vidal-Finnerty** defended on November 20, 2015
“Neurophysiological Correlates of English Vowels /i/ and /E/ in Monolingual Bilingual 4 and 5 year old children”
Chair: Dr. Valerie Shafer

**Dr. JungMoon Hyun** defended on February 26, 2016
“The Relationship Between Language Performance and Regional Gray Matter Volumes: A Longitudinal Study in Cognitively Healthy Elderly”
Chair: Loraine Obler
Dr. Miho Sasaki defended on March 7, 2016
“Relative Clause Sentence Comprehension by Japanese-speaking Children with Specific Language Impairment and Children with Typical Language Development”
Chair: Dr. Richard Schwartz

Dr. Avanthi Paplikar defended on April 11, 2016
“Language-mixing in Discourse in Bilingual Individuals with Non-fluent Aphasia”
Chair: Dr. Loraine Obler

Dr. Sameer Ashaie defended on April 18, 2016
“Modulating the Semantic System: The Role of Bilateral Anterior Lobes in Confrontation Naming – A Combined tDCS and Eye-tracking Study”
Chair: Dr. Loraine Obler

Eve Higby (center) after celebrating after successfully defending in June 2016.

Dr. Eve Higby defended on June 14, 2016
“Native Language Adaptation to Novel Verb Argument Structures by Spanish-English Bilinguals: An Electrophysiological Investigation”
Chair: Dr. Loraine Obler

Dr. Laura Sylvia defended on August 4, 2016
“Lexical Access in Children with Specific Language Impairment and with and without Deficits in Auditory Processing”
Chair: Dr. Richard Schwartz

Dr. Vikas Grover defended on August 26, 2016
“Perception and Production of /v/ and /w/ in Hindi Speakers”
Chair: Dr. Valerie Shafer
Dr. Marissa Barrera defended on November 15, 2016
“The Effect of a Single Bout of Physical Exertion on Expressive Language and Word Finding in Individuals with Multiple Sclerosis”
Chair: Dr. Herbert Karpatkin

Dr. Gitterman, Dr. Goral, Dr. Marton and Dr. Obler toasting to Jungmee Yoon (center with tiara) becoming Dr. Jungmee Yoon!

Dr. Jungmee Yoon defended on December 14, 2016
“Contextual Differences in the Effect of Interference During Language Switching Among Korean-English Bilingual Speaker”
Co-Chairs: Dr. Loraine Obler and Dr. Klara Marton

Dr. Catherine Castelluccio de Diesbach defended on December 15, 2016
“Capturing the Attention of Caregivers: Variability in Infant Vocalizations”
Chair: Dr. John Locke

Second Level Research Projects and Second Examinations

Erin Reilly presented her second level research project on January 28, 2016, “Visual Perspective taking in Pre-adolescent Children.”
Dr. Richard Schwartz chaired the project.

Joshua Hajicek presented his second level research project on January 15, 2016, “Optimization of Stimulus Frequency Otoacoustic Emission Measurements.” Dr. Glenis Long chaired the project.
Joshua also passed his second exam on January 20, 2016.
Vilena Livinsky presented her second level research project on February 16, 2016, “Laryngeal Adjustment in Voiceless Obstruent Production: The Case of Glottal Abduction.”
Dr. Douglas Whalen chaired the project. Vilena also passed her second exam on February 4, 2016.

Micalle Carl presented her second level research project on May 16, 2016, “Vowel Production in Down Syndrome – An Ultrasound Study.”
Dr. Douglas Whalen chaired the project. Micalle also passed her second exam on January 28, 2016.

Aviva Lerman passed her second exam on August 29, 2016.

Susan Alimonti passed her second exam on September 7, 2016.

Jungna Kim passed her second exam on September 13, 2016.

Iris Strangmann presented her second level research project on September 16, 2016, “Linguistic Experience Affects Pronoun Interpretation.”
Dr. Loraine Obler chaired the project.

Jessica Scheuer presented her second level research project on September 12, 2016, “Interference Control in Children with Specific Language Impairment.”
Dr. Klara Marton chaired the project.

Georgia Drakopoulou Kalantzi passed her second exam on November 11, 2016.

Richard Lissemore passed his second exam on December 15, 2016.

Jet Vonk passed her second exam on February 13, 2015.

Ai Mizoguchi presented her second level research project on March 18, 2015, “Articulatory Gestures of Moraic Nasal /N/ in Japanese: An Ultrasound Study.”
Dr. Douglas Whalen chaired the project.

First Examinations

The following students passed first examination:

Advisor – Dr. Brett Martin

Advisor – Dr. Valerie Shafer


Marta Korytkowska – April 10, 2016. “Bilingual language Modality effect on Bilingual Advantage.”
Advisor – Dr. Loraine Obler

Advisor – Dr. Richard Schwartz

Advisor – Dr. Klara Marton

Advisor – Dr. Douglas Whalen

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**PUBLICATIONS**


International Congress of Phonetic Sciences (paper number 126, pp. 1-5). Glasgow: University of Glasgow.


In Press


PRESENTATIONS

Reethee Antony presenting her poster at the ASHA Convention 2016 in Philadelphia, PA


Bahr, R. H. & Silliman, E. R. (2016, November). Unraveling the complexities of academic writing in LLD: Spelling and


Constable, C. (2015, July) presented a 3 day ASHA certified workshop on Literacy in NYC.


Poster presented at the 7th Mismatch Negativity Conference, Leipzig, Germany.


**Higby, E.** (2016, September). *Bilingualism and its Consequences for the Native Language.* Presented at the University of California Riverside Postdoctoral Symposium, Riverside, CA.


**Lissemore, R.** (2015, June). *First Formant Tracking In Lower Modal Voice In Female Rock Singers.* Presented a workshop at the annual symposium of The Voice Foundation in Philadelphia, PA.


Types, and Target Functions. Keynote lecture at Bilingual assessment of child lexical knowledge in Central Europe meeting and workshop, Bratislava, Slovakia.


Neumann-Werth, Y. (2015, May) Face to Face with Aphasia. Invited speaker at the Margaret Teitz Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Symposium, Jamaica, NY.


for Discourse Improvements. Presented at the Graduate School and University Center Student Research Poster Day, New York City, NY.


### AWARDS AND HONORS

**Dr. Klara Marton** received the following grants:


- International Visegrad Fund, for "Bilingual Assessment of Child Lexical Knowledge: New Method for Polish, Czech, Slovak and Hungarian." Ewa Haman, University of Warsaw, principal investigator; K. Marton, CO-PI, 2015

**Shari Berkowitz** has been awarded a Langston fellowship, along with two other faculty members at Mercy College. The fellowship, from Langston University, focuses on increasing research infrastructure at Hispanic-serving institutions, tribal college and HBCUs. Shari has also received a teaching and learning micro-grant from Mercy College to develop a project fostering interprofessional education.

Luca Campanelli received the National Science Foundation (NSF) Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Award (Linguistics Program) and The Graduate Center Dissertation Fellowship Competition 2015-16 Award Year.

### Other News

**Dr. Diana Almodvar** was appointed Assistant Professor at Lehman College.
Dr. Fredericka Bell-Berti retired 2 years ago, and was awarded Emeritus status at St. John's University in December 2016, where she taught for 34 years (Sept. 1, 1980 to August 31, 2014). Congrats!

Georgia Drakopoulou Kalantzi was selected to serve on ASHA's International Issues Board (IIB) for a two-year term (January 2016- December 2017).

Dr. Robert Goldfarb has TEDx talk, "An Aphasiologist Has a Stroke" available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLhXxC9xYk[youtube.com]

Dr. Judith Ianotta is now Dr. Judith Iannotta-Milham. She started a private practice in 2015 called Excelsior Speech Therapy in Midtown, Manhattan and she is also the Clinic Director and Assistant Professor at Mercy College in the Communication Disorders Department.

Dr. Sandra Levey was appointed Chair, Multilingual and Multilingual Affairs Committee of the International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics, in August 2016 http://www.ialp.info/


Richard Lissemore served as co-chair for the first annual VoceVista Workshop/Conference, June 2015, which was held at Montclair State University in New Jersey.

In November 2106, Dr. John Locke received Honors in Communication Sciences and Disorders from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Dr. Susan Longtin was elected chairperson of the Department of Speech Communication Arts and Sciences at Brooklyn College. Her forthcoming book *Yoga for Speech-Language Development* is in press with Jessica Kingsley Publishers.

Dr. Nancy S. McGarr has been appointed Chair of the Communication Sciences and Disorders department at Molloy College. Faculty in the department is an alumni society of CUNY: Dr. Barbara Schmidt, Dr. Hia Datta, Dr. Rebekah Buccheri and Dr. Michael Higgins.

Talita Fortunato-Tavares was appointed as an Assistant Professor at the Department of Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences at Lehman College in Fall 2016.
Contribute to the Speech-Language Hearing Sciences Doctoral Student Fellowship

Thank you to all who have contributed and who continually contribute donation to the Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences Doctoral Student Fellowships. The fellowships and the discretionary funds allow the program to help students every year.

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.

The recipients for 2016 are:

The Professor Arthur J. Bronstein and Elsa Bronstein Fellowship for Excellence in Dissertation Writing

Luca Campanelli

Moe and Hannah Bergman Scholarship for Conference Travel

Katsiaryna Abarodnik
Reethee Antony
Luca Campanelli

Martin Gitterman Excellence in Teaching Award

Reethee Antony
Alahna Cogburn
Jet Vonk

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. All checks should include account number 212731. Please indicate this number as well as the name of the award in which you want your contribution placed (e.g., Bergman, Bronstein, Gitterman,).

In addition to the above accounts the program also has a discretionary fund. The account number for this fund is 213933 which the program is free to use at their discretion.
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