Contribute to the Speech-Language Hearing Sciences Doctoral Student Fellowship Fund!

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.

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). All checks should be sent to the Development Office, CUNY Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10016.

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.
Academic Achievements

Dissertation Defenses
The following individuals have successfully defended their dissertations:

Dr. Suzanne Thompson
“Impact of negative middle ear pressure on distortion product otoacoustic emissions”
Defense Date: January 19, 2013
Chair: Prof. Glenis Long

Dr. Anthea Vivona
“Frequency occurring word forms and patterns in infant-directed speech produced by mothers with and without symptoms of depression”
Defense Date: January 23, 2013
Chair: Prof. Valerie Shafer

Dr. Nicole Sislian
“Effects of mismatch stimulation rates on speech perception in bilateral cochlear implants users”
Defense Date: April 16, 2013
Chair: Prof. Glenis Long

Dr. Rebekah Buccheri
“Effects of speaking mode (clear, habitual, slow) speech on vowels and intelligibility of individuals with Parkinson’s disease”
Defense Date: April 19, 2013
Chair: Prof. Douglas Whalen

Carol Tessel successfully defended her dissertation “Neurophysiological indices of the effect of cognates on vowel perception in late Spanish-English bilinguals”. Prof. Valerie Shafer chaired her dissertation committee.

Dissertation Proposals

Simon Henin’s dissertation proposal entitled, “Evaluating the role of efferent inhibition on cochlear responses: Simultaneous psychophysical and otoacoustic emission measures” was approved by his committee on March 28, 2013. Prof. Glenis Long is the chair of his dissertation committee.

“Prosodic boundary effects on syntactic disambiguation in children with cochlear implants” was the title of Talita Fortunato’s dissertation proposal which was approved on March 21, 2012. Prof. Richard Schwartz is the chair of her dissertation committee.

The dissertation proposal of Susan Gray entitled, “Adult literacy and citizenship: Empowering GED students with morphological instruction and civics” was approved by her committee on April 29, 2013. Prof. John Locke is the chair of her dissertation committee.

Second-Level Research projects and Second Examinations
Wen-jie Wang passed her Second Examination on August 8, 2012. Prof. Brett Martin chaired the committee.

Lisa Goldin passed her Second Examination on August 15, 2012 and was advanced to candidacy (Level 3) on August 24, 2012. Susan Gray passed her Second Examination on December 18, 2012 and was advanced to candidacy (Level 3) on December 21, 2012.

Avanthi Papilar gave her Brown Bag presentation entitled, “Functional communication and language mixing in bilingual/trilingual individuals with Broca’s aphasia” on December 4, 2012. On January 23, 2013 Avanthi passed her Second Examination. Prof. Loraine Obler was the advisor for her Brown Bag and she continues on as her dissertation committee chair.

Eric Jackson passed his Second Examination on May 28, 2013. Prof. Douglas Whalen chaired the committee.

On May 29, 2013 Vikas Grover presented his 2nd Level Research Project entitled, “Perception of place of articulation contrasts and aspiration contrasts by native Hindi and American English listeners: Does early experience with Hindi help in developing an automatic phonetic processing?” Prof. Valerie Shafer chaired the project.

First Examinations

Joshua Hajicek passed his first examination for the project, “Validation of stimulus frequency otoacoustic emissions evoked by continuously swept frequency stimulus in conjunction with least squares fits analysis” on February 12, 2013. The project advisor was Prof. Glenis Long.

Katherine Dawson passed her first examination on April 3, 2013. The title of her project was “A comparison of methods for the analysis of tongue shape complexity using ultrasound data.” Prof. Douglas Whalen was the project advisor.

“The cognitive bases of visual perspective taking in autism spectrum disorders” was the title of Erin Reilly’s first exam project which was passed on April 16, 2013. Prof. Richard Schwartz was the project advisor.

Zarabeth Waldman passed her first examination on August 7, 2012. The title of her project was “Syntactic processing of wh-questions in children with cochlear implants.” Prof. Richard Schwartz was her project advisor.

“Lexical retrieval in multilinguals: An effect of accumulated interference or dual tasks?” was the title of the first examination by Eve Higby which she passed on December 5, 2012. Prof. Loraine Obler was the project advisor.
Faculty

Robert Goldfarb worked as a Fulbright Senior Specialist in Linguistics at Universidad Pedagogica Nacional in Bogota, Columbia. He taught two courses to their graduate students and gave a keynote speech at the university.

Glenis R. Long, a central faculty member in our program will retire at the end of the spring 2013 semester. The program is so fortunate in that Glenis has agreed to teach one of the program’s required courses next semester. Glenis will continue doing research and work as a consultant. We wish Glenis well as she moves toward another phase in her life.

Shlomo Silman was reappointed as Presidential Professor for another three years at Brooklyn College. This position is in recognition of the esteem and product that Shlomo has brought to Brooklyn College.

The following individuals have been appointed to the doctoral faculty in the Ph.D. Program in Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences: Elizabeth Galletta (Hunter College) and Robert D. Melara (City College).

Publications


Books (in press)

Eisenberg, Sarita. Grammar intervention: Content and procedures for facilitating children’s language. Topics in Language Disorders. Doi: 10.1097/TLD.0b013e31828ef28e.


MacRoy-Higgins, Michelle, Schwartz, Richard G., Shafer, Valerie L., Marton,
Klara (in press). The influence of phonotactic probability on word recognition in toddlers. *Child Language Teaching and Therapy*


Tropper, Baila, Hestvik, A., Shafer, Valerie L., & Schwartz, Richard G. ERPs reveal atypical processing of subject vs. object *wh*-questions in children with specific language impairment. *International Journal of Language and Communication Disorders.*


Publications (books)


Publications (submitted)

Assessment of neglect dyslexia with functional materials.

Presentations

Carol Alpern gave a presentation in Kona, Hawaii in January 2013 at the Conference on autism, Intellectual Disability, and Development Disabilities. The title of her presentation was “Educating college students with autism spectrum disorders.”

LeeJung An, Brett A. Martin, & Glenis R. Long’s presented a poster on “Auditory evoked responses to a frequency glide following a static pure tone” at the ICA 2013 (Montreal).

Elizabeth E. Galletta contributed at the following conferences:

(May 2012) – Poster presented at Hunter College School of Health Sciences Research Symposium (with M. Ahern)
“A cognitive model for translational treatment of hypohonia”

(October 2012) – Poster presented at the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, VanCouver, British Columbia (with B. Levy, A. Gentile, G. March, H. Kreha, & A.M. Barrett
“Medication self-administration after stroke”

(December 2012) – Ph.D. Program in Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences at the CUNY Graduate Center

“Integrating research and intervention: Counting what counts”

(April 2013) – Short course at the New York State Speech-Language-Hearing Association (with M. Ahern)
“Using the Lee Silverman Voice Treatment (LSVT) for more than just loudness”

(May 2013) – Poster presented at the Clinical Aphasiology Conference in Tucson, AZ (with Luca Campanelli, Kristen Maul, & A.M. Barrett
“Assessing neglect dyslexia using functional reading materials”

Susan Gray will present a paper on
“Exploring the potential of morphological instruction in adult literacy” at the Society of the Scientific Study of Reading conference to be presented in Hong Kong this July. Susan also presented a poster of the same title for legislatures in Albany at the celebration of STEM graduate research from SUNY and CUNY on February 26, 2013.

Suzanne Thompson will present a poster title, “Total and component distortion product otoacoustic emission analysis in persons with induced negative middle ear pressure” at the 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 Montreal this June, 2013. The poster is part of a session to honor the “Long” career of her advisor, Prof. Glenis Long.
At the 9th International Symposium on Bilingualism Klara Marton, Luca Campanelli, Naomi Eichorn, Jessica Scheuer, & Veronika Stepanoff will present a paper on “Proactive interference in monolingual and bilingual school-age children.” The symposium will take place in June 2013 in Singapore.

Loraine K. Obler gave the following invited lectures:

1. “What does it mean to lose a first language?” – Tel Aviv University, December 2012
2. “Pathologizing mixing in bilingual aphasia” – WFN RGACD, Hyderabad, December 2012
3. “Can one lose a first language?” – Rackham Centennial Lecture, University of Michigan, October 2012

Sandra Levey has two presentations coming up this year:

2. “Oh where oh where have my sensory cells gone: where oh where can they be?” Invited presentation at the Sigmi xi Colloquium, Lehman College, CUNY on May 8, 2013 (with B.J. Fligor).

Brett A. Martin, Valerie L. Shafer, M. Wroblewski, & LeeJung An gave a presentation at the 164th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America meeting on “Functional significance of the acoustic change complex, mismatch negativity, and P3a for vowel processing in native-English listeners and late learners of English” on October 23, 2012. The meeting was held in Kansas City, MO.

At the University of São Paulo (Department of Physiotherapy, Communication Science and Disorders, Occupational Therapy, Faculty of Medicine) Richard Schwartz gave two presentations on “Language outcomes following cochlear implantation: A review and some new approaches’ and “Language outcomes measurement in children” in 2012.

Also in 2012, Richard Schwartz gave a presentation to the (1) International Clinical Linguistics and Phonetics Association (Cork, Ireland) on “Language processing in children with cochlear implants: Lexical access” and (2) “Lexical access in children with cochlear implants” at Hong Kong University.

Shlomo Silman & Michele B. Emmer did a presentation on “Nonsurgical and nonpharmaceutical treatment of otitis media with effusion in the development world” at the Yale University Global Health & Innovations Conference that took place April 13-14, 2013.

Luis F. Riquelme gave several presentations during March 2013:
(1) “Effects of deep brain stimulation on swallow physiology in patients with Parkinson disease” – an invited grand rounds presentation to the Department of Neurosciences, New York Methodist Hospital, Brooklyn, NY.

(2) “VFSS: I did it my way” – invited presentation at the annual meeting of the Dysphagia Research Society, Seattle, WA.

(3) “Effects of deep brain stimulation on swallow physiology in patients with Parkinson disease” (with M. Salgado, C. Lazarus, Robert Goldfarb, M. Zonenshayn, Joyce F. West) – poster presentation at annual meeting of the Dysphagia Research Society, Seattle, WA.

Tan, C.-T., Guo, B., Martin, Brett A., & Svirsky, Mario gave a presentation on “Behavioral and physiological measure for pitch matching between electrical and acoustical stimulation in cochlear implant patients” can be found in the Proceedings of the Acoustics 2012 Hong Kong Conference (Hong Kong, May) and POMA.

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

Susan Alimonti & Barbara Schmidt
“Healthy management of perceived student stress” (poster presentation)

Elizabeth E. Galletta
“Strategies for Fluency Treatment”

(NYSSLHA Crash Course)

Youngmi Park, I.A. Sekerina, Luca Campanelli, N. Yong, & Loraine K. Obler
“Written sentence comprehension in aging: Executive functions and context effects”

Luis F. Riquelme, S. Langmore, F. Boczko
“Decision-making surrounding the use of tube feeding”

Luis F. Riquelme, S. Brady, C. Steele
“Thickened liquids: yes, no, maybe so”

H. Prolos, Luis F. Riquelme, E. Ganzfried
“Global perspectives in managing aphasia: Cultural diversity in practice”

D. Girbau, G. Garcia, L. Marti, & Richard G. Schwartz
“Gray-white matter volume differences in SLI: An MRI study” (poster presentation)

Kristen Victorino and Richard G. Schwartz
“Selective Attention and Language Processing in Children with SLI” (poster presentation)
The poster received a “Meritorious Poster Submission” distinction.

Academy of Aphasia
San Francisco, CA
October 2012

J. Vonk, R. Jonkers, Susan DeSanti, & Loraine K. Obler
“Object and action processing in Alzheimer’s Disease: The embodied view of cognition”
Awards and Honors

Luís Riquelme was inducted into the Healer’s Hall of Fame at New York Methodist Hospital in March 2013. This award was based on patient input and donations to the hospital in his name.

Fellowships

Susan Gray received the 2013 IRA Jeanne S. Chall Research Fellowship for her project “Adult Literacy and Citizenship.” This award, which includes a monetary prize of $6,000, was recognized at the IRA (International Reading Association) Annual Convention in San Antonio on April 20, 2013.

Naomi Eichorn is the recipient of a Graduate Center Dissertation Fellowship in the amount of $22,000 for the 2013-2014 academic year for her dissertation “Dual task effects on speech production in fluent and stuttering adults.”

Grants

Karece Lopez received a grant for her project “Pragmatics and semantics in autism spectrum disorders” from NIDCD. The grant runs through September 1, 2012-May 31, 2014. Prof. Richard Schwartz was the sponsor.

Klara Marton received a PSC-CUNY award to study “Resistance to interference in children with SLI”

Kristen Maul received a small grant for a project that she is doing with Mira Goral and Ofer Tchernichovski for the project “Developing computer enhanced measurements for treatment in aphasia” from the Mabel H. Flory Charitable Trust. The grant is for $4,000.

Maryam Naghibolhosseini received the Provost’s Digital Innovation Grant this year. The grant is for $1,000.

Richard G. Schwartz is a consultant on a grant of S. Levi on “Perception of talker cues and linguistic processing in SLI” (NIDCD 1R03DC009851-01A1 – 12/10-11/13). Richard is also the principal investigator on a NIDCD grant which runs through June 2015 in the amount of $1,660,000 for the project “Language processing in children with cochlear implants.”

Kristen Victorino was awarded a summer 2013 research grant through the Center for Research at William Paterson University. Her research will examine control of visual and auditory attention during lexical
processing task in school-aged children with SLI.

**Other Awards**
The following students received awards of $150.00 from the Moe and Hannah Bergman Scholarship for Conference Travel covering the period 5/2013-5/2014: Lee Jung An, Luca Campenelli, Avanthi Paplikar, Jessica Scheuer, Wen-jie Wang, & Jungmee Yoon.

There were three recipients of the Martin Gitterman Award for Excellence in Teaching: JungMoon Hyun, Maryam Naghibolhosseini, & Jungmee Yoon for the spring 2013 semester. Each recipient received a $150.00 award.

The 2nd recipient of the Professor Arthur J. Bronstein and Elsa Bronstein Fellowship for Excellence in Dissertation Writing is LeeJung An. The fellowship award is for $1,500.00.

Lee Jung An received a Doctoral Student Research Grant (DSRG) in competition round #8 for the period 2013-2014.

Sarita Austin is pleased to inform us that she received the Dean K. Harrison Award from the Office of Educational and Diversity Programs at the Graduate Center. The award, in the amount of $1500.00 covers the fall 2013-spring 2014 academic year.

**Other News**

Nassima Abdelli-Beruh will be a tenured professor at L.I.U.-C.W. Post effective the Fall 2013 semester.

Carol Alpern has good news to share! Her son Jesse recently got engaged. The lovely woman’s name is Erika Velazquez.

Linda Carozza is pleased to inform our readers that she was awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at St. John’s University.

Luís Riquelme was promoted to associate professor at New York Medical College in Valhalla, NY.

Talita Fortunato is thrilled to pass on the news of the birth of her son Luca. Luca was born on January 25, 2013. He weighed 7 pounds and 6 ounces at birth.

Elizabeth Galletta completed her postdoctoral fellowship in Stroke Rehabilitation Research at the Kessler Foundation Research Center/University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-New Jersey Medical School (UMDNJ-NJMS) (2009-2011). Additionally, Elizabeth Galletta informs us that she has been appointed to the following institutions as an assistant professor: Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, UMDNJ-NJMS (2010-present) and the MS Communication Sciences Program at Hunter College (2011-present).
Kristen Maul is pleased to announce that she became mother last November. Her little girl’s name is Lily Sophia, and mom says that she is a very sweet and chubby, happy baby!

Margaret Meth has retired from William Paterson University effective February 2013.

It is with sadness that Helen Salus Braun informs us that her beloved father, George Jiří Salus passed on May 11, 2013.

Kristen Victorino was appointed as an assistant professor in the Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences at William Paterson University. Her appointment went into effect September 2012.

I (Loretta Walker) am pleased to announce that effective July 1, 2013 I will retire from the Graduate Center after 34 years of service. I have spent the last 28 years working in the Ph.D. Program in Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences and am looking forward to spending time with my family and grandson, as well as pursuing my hobbies of reading and paper crafting.

Yan H. Yu was selected to participate in the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association’s (ASHA) 2013 Lessons for Success program. The program took place on April 22-24, 2013 at the National Office of ASHA in Rockville, MD.

Professional Services

Sarita Eisenberg was appointed as Associate Editor for Language, Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Research, for the period January 2013-December 2015.

Laurie Hanin was elected to the NYSSLHA Board of Directors.

Carol Tessel has accepted a position as an assistant professor in the department of communication sciences and disorders at Florida Atlantic University.

Suzanne Thompson was elected to the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association’s (NYSSLHA) Executive Council. In July 2013 she will start a 3-year term as Consultant for Educational Programming and represent NYSSLHA and ASHA’s Scientific and Professional Education Board. Suzanne also was asked by the American Academy of Audiology to sit on a task force to develop Clinical Practice Guidelines for Otoacoustic Emissions. Suzanne has also accepted a position as an assistant professor at St. John’s University starting in the fall 2013 semester.

Interviews

Robert Goldfarb was interviewed during his stay in South America. Click the link below and follow the crawl at the top of the page. http://www.pedagogica.edu.co.
Loraine K. Obler was interviewed for another TV show (hyperpolyglots): Channel One/CBS News:
http://www.channelone.com/video/learning-languages/#ooid=ZrZDQ1ODoEmBz8mkDAp4l_yDtvT6IsOc.