New Department Chair, Stacy Betz

The 2015-16 academic year has been an unusual one because of several events. Dr. Jonathan Dalby had a serious medical situation and needed to be on medical leave for almost all of the academic year. Fortunately he is recovering, but the progress was slow and frustrating for him and for all of the CSD faculty, staff and students; he was greatly missed. Dr. Lucy Hess, former CSD department chair, was asked to assist with departmental administrative obligations and served as acting chair for the year. Dr. Dalby had originally intended to return to the classroom and retire at the end of June 2016. With the change due to his health, a national search for a new department chair was necessitated this spring. The search was successful as Dr. Stacy Betz was hired. Everyone is looking forward to welcoming Dr. Betz to CSD/IPFW July 1.

Dr. Betz is coming to IPFW from Western Illinois University in Malcomb, Illinois where she served as associate professor and department chair. Dr. Betz is bringing excellent administrative skills and vision to CSD. Her research is in the area of specific language impairment. Her recent work focuses on developing a protocol for the best (practices for) estimate of diagnosing specific language impairment. She has numerous articles and presentations in the areas of diagnosis and assessment, language disorders, underlying factors associated with specific language impairment and clinical application. In the classroom Dr. Betz has been especially innovative, using technology such as a web-based video recording and paperless documentation for clinical session reports. Her courses include a variety of active learning methods and activities based on applying solid foundation principles and practice. Using a web based SIMU case program, Dr. Betz assists students to evaluate the speech and language of children. She is bringing many new and exciting approaches that will add to the current excellent teaching found in the CSD classrooms at IPFW.

Dr. Dalby

Dr. Dalby decided to retire effective the end of June, 2016. He is considering offering to teach one or two courses for CSD in the future. As he recovers at home he has enjoyed the company of a few family members. He may even have visits from others of his large family in the summer, too. Dr. Dalby enjoys being out in his yard planting flowers and trees as well as watching the many birds that come to his feeders. The CSD faculty celebrated the thirteen years of Dr. Dalby’s contributions to the department and IPFW with a small luncheon. He is greatly missed at the university but especially in CSD.

Implementation of the MA in Speech Language Pathology

The department has been given the go ahead to begin the process of implementing the master’s degree here at IPFW. Hurrah! This process will take at least 3-4 years minimally before students will be invited to apply for the new degree. Much has to happen before this degree can be offered. Primarily, CSD has to apply for accreditation from ASHA (American Speech-Language-Hearing Association); a process that takes at least two years. CSD is fortunate that Dr. Betz has had experience with accreditation and curriculum design. New professors will need to be hired and courses for the curriculum will be designed. So exciting times are ahead. We look for our “alums” to become involved as clinic experiences are planned and implemented. Read the next year’s Applause to see what happens as the implementation progresses.
New Modular Building for CSD!

History repeats itself! We began in a temporary removable office modular (TROM) unit in 1967 and now CSD is back to a "less temporary" module building in January, 2017. The new modular building will be state of the art for classrooms, conference rooms and clinic. There will be two classrooms and two conference rooms, along with faculty offices, reception areas and the clinic. Placement of the new building will be in the parking lot between the Helmke Library, Neff, the Engineering building and the parking garage. Come see the new digs next spring.

Faculty Achievements

Assistant Professor Pam Britton Reese has been busy writing. Her recent publications include a book chapter (see cover above) in Reflecting on Service-Learning in Higher Education: Contemporary Issues and Perspectives. M. Gail Hickey (Ed.). The title of her chapter is CSD Students and Service Learning: A Literacy Experience. In addition, three articles have been published in 1) an ASHA Perspectives on Administration and Supervision, 2) an article about the use of movies to enhance student learning in The Teaching Professor journal and 3) a report on the E.C. Moore Symposium on Excellence in Teaching which was printed in the CELT News. She has also submitted three articles about teaching which are under review in the Sage Encyclopedia of Communications Disorders. J.S. Damico (Ed.) Dr. Reese presented at two conferences: “SLPs and Literacy: You Want me to do What?” at the Indiana Speech and Hearing Association and a paper on Literacy-based Clinical Education in CSD at the E.C. Moore Symposium on Excellence in Teaching. Dr. Reese received an Innovative IPFW Teachers Teaching Teachers Grant from IPFW. Additionally, Dr. Reese offered the second Literacy and Reading 2015 Summer Camp course with 7 children and 5 CSD majors.

Continuing Lecturer Sharon Mankey along with Mariesa Rang, a limited term lecturer for CSD, presented at the AAC Summit Conference in Martinsville, IN. It was entitled Everyone should be ‘heard’: Creating opportunities through public awareness. Mankey and Rang presented AAC World at the Indiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association Conference in the spring of 2016. Mankey also offered the seventh year of the AAC Fall Poss-Abilities Theatre Camp last fall.

Joy Musser, Ph.D. CCC-SLP

Dr. Joy Musser was awarded the 2016 Excellence in Online Teaching Award from the Department of Continuing Studies for her creativity and methodology in teaching design for her courses, CSD 11500 Introduction to Communicative Disorders and CSD 30400 Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism. She is a role model for others who attempt to teach online courses because of the variety of teaching methods and interesting ways to involve the students in their learning. Students who were apprehensive about taking an online course soon found that it was so enjoyable with Dr. Musser that they look forward to more online courses. Students praise Dr. Musser for her availability to them and her depth of knowledge.

Joanne Blosser

The CSD faculty celebrated with Mrs. Blosser at the annual staff appreciation luncheon in April for her five plus years of work in CSD at IPFW. Mrs. Blosser is the glue for the department and she is valued by the students as a resource and confidant. The faculty are delighted and grateful to have Joanne working with them and look forward to another 5, 10, 15+ years more.

2015 - 2016 Graduates

Twenty-one seniors finished their Bachelor of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders degrees this year with seven graduating in the fall semester and fourteen in the spring. Of our students, Allison Laborde and Ellen Shannon, graduated with distinction and Katelyn Simmons graduated with highest distinction. Graduates of the CSD program are Nancy Brown, Jessica Crismore, Melanie Dietrich, Jill Fromader, Caitlin Funnell, Kristen Gilley, Taylor Henning, Tiffany Klepper, Abigail Klima, Allison Laborde, Julie Larranaga, Yaritza Pena, Emma Satterthwaite, Ellen Shannon, Katelyn Simmons, Trisha Smeltzer, Stephanie Swope, Chelsea Weiss, Madelyn Werling, Natalie Winslow and Deborah Wise. Congratulations to these students as they move forward in life and in their careers!

Five of this year’s graduates have been accepted into master’s degree or doctoral program in the fall. Allison Laborde will attend Grand Valley State
University in Michigan and Katelyn Simmons will attend St. Mary’s College in Indiana for speech language pathology, Natalie Winslow will attend IU for her AuD degree. Taylor Henning and Ellen Shannnon will pursue graduate work in Education Counseling at IPFW. Nancy Brown, Julie Larranaga, Madelyn Werling and Debbie Wise are applying to online graduate programs later in the summer. Several of our other graduates intend to further their education in the near future.

CSD Scholarships

The generosity of our scholarship donors, the Balentine Foundation, the Downtown Sertoma Club, ASAP (After Sorority, All Philanthropic), and the Hess Endowment have made it possible for us to award significant tuition assistance to five of our students for next year. The department was alerted in late spring that Linda Ruffolo also endowed a scholarship for CSD so another student could receive support. Linda, who had degrees with communication disorders; after the birth of two children, one of whom has helped her to hone her skills as an advocate for people with communication disabilities due to his severe hearing loss. Julie is applying to graduate school to transform her goals, having attended the 3rd annual AAC World event.

Also recognized at the Honor’s Banquet was this year’s Outstanding CSD Major, Julie Larranaga. Julie is a non-traditional student who persisted with her education as she transitioned into marriage and the birth of two children, one of whom has helped her to hone her skills as an advocate for people with communication disabilities due to his severe hearing loss. Julie is applying to graduate school to continue achieving her goals.

Second Annual AAC World Workshop

On Thursday, March 24th, CSD students led the 3rd annual AAC World event under the direction of Mariesa Rang and Sharon Mankey. This event was for the Fort Wayne community; the goal for this event was to raise awareness and provide hands-on experiences with various forms of augmentative/alternative communication (AAC). The students were assisted by SLPs in the Fort Wayne community, including Amanda Gossett, Connie McCafferty, Nicole Wingate, Natalie LaFever, IPFW CSD alums Justin Cole, Cindy Gerard, Jenna Rode, Chelsea Schmidt, Jade Thwaites, and developmental therapist, Helen Laverghetta. Dr. Pam Reese also volunteered for the event. Student volunteers included: Chelsea Weiss, Nancy Brown, Elise Fisher, Stephanie Swope, Olivia Hahn, Jayna Colanese, Deb Wise, and Trisha Smeltzer. Other volunteers included Adam Corral, Jodi Click, Nan Rang, Casey Sowers, Rick Sowers, Daelin Clark, and Shannon Clark. Approximately 40 people attended the event, including IPFW students, police officers, fire fighters, educational professionals, and family members of individuals who rely on AAC for communication. The third annual AAC World event is being planned for the 2016-2017 academic year.

AAC World at ISHA

Mariesa Rang and Sharon Mankey led “AAC World” at the Indiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention in Indianapolis on Friday, April 15th. SLPs and SLPs-in-training who were attending the convention had the unique opportunity to participate in a 2-hour seminar that was identical to the AAC World events held at IPFW; two seminars were held to allow for more participants. Approximately 35-40 individuals attended each session, during which they had the opportunity to understand non-verbal means of communicating.
visit various “community stations” where they were expected to perform a specific task while relying on a variety of modes of AAC. IPFW students helped to run each station; these volunteers included Hannah Rasmussen, Trisha Smeltzer, Katie Simmons, Abigail Klima, Elise Fisher, and Deb Wise. Other volunteers included Dr. Lucy Hess, Dr. Pam Reese, Nan Rang, Connie McCafferty, Beth Ahmad, Teresa Swift, Amanda Rasmussen, Joanne Rasmussen, and Kim Blum. This was the first time that an interactive and hands-on session was held during the ISHA convention, and many of the comments received from participants were complimentary and supportive of the experience.

### Speech and Hearing Club

The 2015-2016 Officers for the SHC club were President Stephanie Swope, Vice President Madison Goodwin, Treasurer Elise Fisher; Secretary Katelyn Simmons, Publicist Chelsea Weiss, Historian Yaritza Pena. Make-it, Take-it committee chairs were Nancy Brown and Stephanie Swope. The officers led the club as they planned and participated in annual events such as Sensitive Santa and Sensitive Easter Bunny, Make-It, Take-It, as well as providing volunteers for the CSD department’s AAC World event in March. The officers for the next academic year include: Madison Goodwin, President; Tianna Schuerman, Vice President; Elise Fisher, Treasurer; Monika Kajmakoska, Secretary; Amanda Young, Publicist; Heather Lester, Historian. Make-it, Take-It Co chairs are Madison Goodwin and Amanda Young. Sensitive Santa and Sensitive Easter Bunny events were held at Turnstone’s Plassman Athletic Center. Jan & Mary Simmons, parents of Katie Simmons, were recruited for both events which created a quiet and engaging environment for children with autism to come and have a picture taken for the holidays. Mr. Simmons’ gentle personality persuaded the about 15 children to enjoy the fun at each of the events. Mr. & Mrs. Simmons have volunteered to return for these events in the future.

### ASL Pah Club and Sign Choir

2015-2016 PAH Club officers were President Katelyn Simmons, Vice President Trisha Smeltzer; Treasurer Abigail Klima; Secretary Maddi Goodwin, Publicist Jaclyn Hiner. Katelyn managed the Facebook page as the club’s historian. The club took part in helping the SERTOMA Club during the Johnny Appleseed Festival and participated in Deaf Festival and Deaf, Deaf World. New Officers have not been elected as yet for the 2016-2017 academic year.

In addition, the IPFW Sign Language Choir performed at Deaf Festival; Deaf, Deaf World; and the IPFW Commencement ceremony. Participants included: Katie Simmons, Trisha Smeltzer, Abigail Klima, Madison Goodwin, Caitlyn Aschliman, Chantelle Huebner, Ty’Ressia Day-Mack, and Amanda Young. Seniors Stephanie Swope, Yaritza Pena, Madelyn Werling, Chelsea Weiss, joined the group to sign the National Anthem for commencement at the end of the school year.

### Gerontology Outside Placements

Six seniors completed a semester long outside placement to finish their Certificates in Gerontology. The seniors worked in long term care facilities with the activities department in providing engaging activities. The students learned about laws governing the rights and needs of the residents in the facilities and how to adapt activities in order to keep all residents safe. Skilled nursing facilities that hosted our students include North Ridge Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Kingston Care Center, Golden Years Homestead, and The Town House. Students in the program were: Jessica Crismore, Julie Larranaga, Yaritza Pena, Abigail Klima, Taylor Henning, and Madelyn Werling.

### Gerontology Certificates

Ten seniors completed gerontology certificates this past academic year. Seven worked alongside activity directors at four different skilled nursing facilities. Emma Satterthwaite completed her practicum in the fall semester. Those who completed their practicum experiences in the spring semester were Jessica Crismore, Julie Larranaga, Yaritza Pena, Abigail Klima, Taylor Henning, and Madelyn Werling. Nancy Brown, Stephanie Swope, and Chelsea Weiss. Way to go, Ladies!
Tiffany completed a master’s of Speech/Language Pathology program. She was married in November 2015 (very happily).

Shala Bradley, 2012
Shala is currently attending Nova Southeastern University to complete a master’s degree and is working as an SLP-A in an area school district. She and her husband, Scott have been married for 10 years. Treyson (10) is a fourth grader, Trendin (6) is a kindergartener and are both doing very well. Tanavah (17 mos) is learning new things every day. She is walking and talking like a pro! They are all keeping Shala really busy and are the light of her soul!

Alicia Castro, 2015
Since June Alicia has been a developmental therapist at Hand in Hand, a 1st Steps agency. She works with children from 0-3 but most of them range from 1 ½ - 3 years of age. She relates that an easy way to explain the job is that she gets to play. “We work on their set goals that I give them but we play all throughout the session. I work on their communication but we also work on everyday tasks and build their independence.”

Katherine Choi (Schaffer), 2014
Katherine has been accepted to Manchester University College of Pharmacy.

Natalie Crossland, 2014
Natalie moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan and finished her first year for the doctor of audiology degree at Western Michigan University.

Nancy DeNise, 1979
Nancy retired in 2010 after 30 years in public schools. She is now working part time at Headstart and a parochial school. She also has private students and has become certified to tutor dyslexic students.

Holly Eimiller (Carter), 2014
Holly is employed with Possibilities Northeast of Fort Wayne, IN. Holly works as a developmental therapist specializing in communication for First Steps, Indiana’s early intervention program. She absolutely loves working with all the young children!

She was married in June of 2015 to Joshua Eimiller.

Rita Elliott (Jakubowicz), 2013
Rita is currently working for Courtyard Healthcare in Goshen, IN and finishing up her CF. She married Ryan on October 24, 2015.

Destiny Erhardt (Torres), 2013
Destiny graduated with her master’s degree in Applied Behavior Analysis from Ball State in December 2015. She began working for SCAN as a social worker in the Healthy Families program in June. She loves it! Her daughter turns three this year. Whew! And her son was 18 in March. He is currently working at AWS. She is very proud of him.

Elizabeth Flores, 2015
Elizabeth is currently working for Hopebridge Pediatric Specialists in Fort Wayne as a Registered Behavior Technician. She is also Vice President of Aquaflow Plumbing LLC.

She and her husband just finished building their dream home in the north side of Fort Wayne in February.

Alicia Frick (Bigelow), 2013
Alicia is currently working as an ABA Therapist at Fort Wayne Autism Center. She has one more year left of her master’s program at Ball State University. In May 2017, she will earn her Masters of Arts in Applied Behavior Analysis. She and her husband, James, just purchased their first home in October, 2015.
Mallory Fries (Buffenbarger), 2014

Mallory is in her second year at Nova Southeastern University studying speech-language pathology and is currently working as an SLP-A at Hopebridge Pediatric Specialists. As her graduate program progresses, she is becoming more interested in feeding and swallowing disorders.

This September, she and her husband will be celebrating their second wedding anniversary! They are thinking of starting a family soon! After graduating, she plans to attend school to earn her registered yoga instructor certificate focusing on children.

Melissa Helm, 2012

Melissa is going into her fourth year working for Hopebridge Pediatric Specialists in Kokomo, IN. She is working in an elementary school with students in kindergarten to sixth grade. In late spring, she completed her school placement as well as her medical placement. In August, she will earn her master’s degree from the University of Cincinnati through the distance learning program! She hopes to find a new position within the medical setting after graduation. Her professional interests continue to be within the geriatric populations, although she still enjoys working in pediatrics.

After completing her medical placement, she will be joining her fiancé, Dale, in Champaign, IL where they will have their first home. She and Dale will be married on September 10 of this year followed by a well-deserved honeymoon in Maui, Hawaii.

Molly Hinderman, 2014

Molly just completed her master’s program at the University of Louisville this May. She is returning to Fort Wayne to work at Parkview Hospital! She is looking forward to starting her CF year!

Elizabeth Houser, 2011

Elizabeth is currently working for Pediatrix Medical Group. She has been with the company for 3 ½ years. She is the Newborn Hearing Screen Coordinator and oversees two local hospitals (Dupont and Lutheran).

Meredith Howell (Holt), 2014

Meredith is currently working for Marion Community Schools on emergency license. She is also attending the University of Cincinnati to complete her masters. She and her husband were married last June and just moved into their first home. She reported that they are love decorating and getting settled.

Ashley Hudson (Couch), 2009

Ashley is currently a BCBA at Hopebridge Pediatric Specialists, trained in S.O.S. Feeding therapy. She noted that they have not started a family yet, but are enjoying traveling. Their favorite places so far are Grenada and Curaçao.

Bev Huneck, (transferred to Univ. of Kansas 1995)

Bev has been working at Crooked Creek Elementary School since moving to Indianapolis in August 2003. She was named Teacher of the Year for 2015-2016 at her school of 725 students.

Her daughter, Morgan, is 25 and works as a graphic designer in Chicago.

Sadie King-Hoffmann, 2015

Sadie is currently living in Boston, MA. She is pursuing a dual master’s degree in library science and children’s literature at Simmons College, and working in a library in her spare time.

Kayleigh Krouse (Robinson), 2012

Kayleigh will be graduating from the University of Cincinnati in August 2016 with her masters in CSD. She has worked as a DT-C through First Steps of Indiana since December 2014. She reported that their daughter, Charlotte, will be two years old in October and keeps mom and dad very busy!

Cari Kinsman (McAfoos), 2013

After graduating from IPFW, Cari continued to work in business management as her husband, Matt, finished his bachelor degree at IPFW. He graduated in spring 2016 and she learned she was just accepted into Indiana University’s speech pathology graduate program! She is excited to go back to school for the master’s degree and pursue her dream of being a speech-language pathologist! She stated: Bloomington, here we come!

Danae Leaser (Westgerdes), 2013

Danae graduated from Bowling Green State University in May 2015 with her master’s in speech-language pathology. She is working as an SLP at Van Wert City Schools and is responsible for teaching preschoolers within the district. She also works PRN at Parkview Regional Medical Center as an inpatient (acute care) therapist. She completed a clinical fellowship and now has her Certificate of Clinical Competence from ASHA. She and her husband, Thaison will be celebrating their 2nd wedding anniversary in August. They enjoy doing renovation projects on their 100-year-old home and spoiling their two rescued cats.

Kara Lowenstein, 2007

Kara is officially back to working with the geriatric population at Coventry Meadows Rehab and Nursing. After experimenting with different populations, she discovered where her true passion lies. She and her husband welcomed a new baby girl, Sadie Kay, on December 16, 2015.

Erika Lutz, 2014

Erika graduated with an M.A. in Speech Pathology from Indiana University in May 2016. She is very interested in augmentative-alternative communication, pediatrics, and working cognition with individuals who have had brain injuries, strokes, etc. Erika is currently searching for a CFY position (would prefer medical setting, but loves the schools as well).

Sharon Mankey, 1990

Sharon and Mariesa Rang presented AAC World at ISHA, April 2016. She kept busy with clinic and philharmonic
Erin Morrill, 2005
Branch ISD.

Kathryn Mossburg, 2015
Kathryn is attending grad school at IU Bloomington to obtain a Master’s of Speech-Language Pathology.

Michelle Neal (Hughes), 1998
Michelle received her MA from Ball State in 2000 and has worked at Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester, IN for 10 years. She and her husband Dale have been married for six years. They have two children, three step-children, two grandchildren, seven-step grandchildren.

Ken Njenga, 2014
Ken is currently a first year doctor of audiology student at Ball State University. His plan is to graduate in May 2019 with an AuD. He promises to keep us updated. He wants to pursue career opportunities in the New York area.

Kaeleigh Porter, 2014
Kaeleigh is currently pursuing a dual master’s degree from the University of Saint Francis. When completed, she will have an MBA and an MHA (healthcare administration). She still hopes to complete a master’s in speech pathology after her current master’s program. In May 2016, she celebrated her second year anniversary with First Steps! She is getting married this fall on September 24 and will be Kaeleigh Aguirre. She and her fiancé have discussed relocating but are waiting to see what happens in the next year!

Whitney Rahn (Christener), 2009
Whitney graduated from Western Kentucky in 2011 and currently works for the Elkhart County Special Education Cooperative in the Middlebury Community Schools. She works in two of their K-3 elementary schools as well as the District’s Life Skills and multi-categorical classes. The area of professional interest is in AAC. She and her husband, Jason recently built a new home in their hometown of Shipshewana where they live with their three children: Brigham, age 5; Preslee, age 2 ½; and Sullivan, who is a newborn.

Jenna Rode (Gerig), 2011
Jenna has started two new PRN jobs at Ashton Creek and Kingston Health. She recently received certification in Music and Memory Program through her job at Renaissance Village Nursing Home. She is enjoying time with her husband, Derek, and (very active and ornery) son, Weston.

Karla Sheley (Tracy), 2004
Karla completed her Master’s in Speech-Language Pathology in 2007. Currently she has a private practice (Sheley Therapy Services), but is transitioning to future full-time employment at MindCAP Services. She shares office space and works as the part-time SLP on staff. She was married October 15, 2014.

Stephanie Tippmann (Shamo) 2014
Stephanie is currently a stay at home mom. While she has not gotten her master’s degree yet, she volunteers at Gigi’s Playhouse and helps children with Down syndrome work on their handwriting skills. She says it is a lot of fun! She and her husband had a baby girl in May! Their little boy, Nicholas, will be two in August. They recently moved to Harlan, IN and are enjoying living in the country.

Deborah Wise, 2015
Debbie currently works as a manager for Barnes & Noble. After nine years, she will leave this summer to concentrate on her client list with Possibilities NE, Fort Wayne (First Steps). She started with P-NE in February immediately after obtaining a B.S. in CSD in December 2015. She also works part-time as a substitute teacher for Fort Wayne Community schools. In addition, she is in the process of applying for grad school.

Jodie Zehner, 2015
Jodie is currently in the distance learning program through the University of Cincinnati. She is working for Hand in Hand Comprehensive Therapy as a developmental therapist specializing in communication (DT-C).

Camille Zimmerman, 2012
Camille is currently in her second year of working for the public school system in Brooklyn, New York where she has a manageable caseload of bilingual (Spanish) students from kindergarten to 2nd grade. So far she loves her kiddos and her job. She noted that she is very lucky to be learning and working in such a diverse place! She continues to enjoy living in Brooklyn, New York and traveling during the many school holidays (in NY she gets a week for winter break, midwinter break, and spring break). Often her travels bring her back to Indiana, but sometimes she’s lucky enough to go somewhere new and this year it’s Chile! The pictures she posts on Facebook are fabulous!
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IPFW AAC Poss-Abilities Camp
2015

Sensitive Easter Bunny event volunteers 2016