Notes from Chair, Jonathan Dalby, Ph.D.

The 2013-2014 academic year has brought a number of noteworthy changes to the department. We welcome two new associate faculty members who joined us in spring 2014. Jennifer Graber, Au.D., is teaching CSD 460, Introduction to Assessment Audiology in both spring and fall semesters as well as the two aural rehabilitation courses, 550 (adults) in the spring and 551 (children) in the fall. Jennifer earned her bachelor’s degree from our program in 2005. Her doctorate is from Ball State. She currently works at ENT Associates in Angola and Fort Wayne. Mariesa Rang, also graduated from our program, in 2010, then earned her MA in speech-language pathology from Western Michigan. She is teaching a section of our introductory class, CSD 115. The on-line version of CSD 115 developed by associate faculty member Joy Musser, Ph.D., CCC-SLP went live in the fall of 2013 and has proved to be very popular with students. The course has been enrolled at capacity each semester that it has been offered. We are also happy to note that the healthcare settings course, CSD 430, which Anita Tom, MA, CCC-SLP began teaching in spring 2013 has also proved to be very popular with our students. They value having the benefit of her extensive experience in hospital-based practice.

As a capstone to her first year as Assistant Professor in the department, Pam Reese conducted an innovative literacy training clinic during second summer session this year. The clinic provided an important training opportunity for our students and also an important service to our community. Mariesa Rang and Sharon (Egly) Mankey also developed an innovative service-oriented program called AAC World this year. These two programs are described in detail below.

It is also my pleasure to note that this academic year has seen significant achievement in both student and faculty research. The department was well represented at two university-wide symposia with presentations by senior Teresa Barcenas, and juniors Sadie King-Hoffman and Lindsey Rife. These projects are described in more detail below. Dr. Reese presented Graduate Student Discourse about Literacy Strategies at ASHA last fall and has two presentations accepted for the upcoming 2014 meeting. She is sole author of Mutuality as a Supervision Tool for Struggling CSD Graduate Students. Her study examines what is your emergency? Perceptions of Classroom Connections in Working with Children with Autism. Mariesa Rang and Sharon Mankey will also be represented at that meeting with a presentation titled 911, What is Your Emergency? Perceptions of the Community & Emergency Response Members to AAC. Their study examines data collected at last fall’s AAC World.

Free Fall Events:

AAC Poss-Abilites Theatre Camp and AAC World

See articles inside for more information; dates and times listed below.

AAC Poss-Abilites Theatre Camp
October 10-12, 2014
The public is welcome to the theatre production in Neff 101 on Sunday 5 p.m.

AAC World
October 25, 2014 visit anytime between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Walb Classic Ballroom

The 2013-2014 Graduates

Fifteen CSD students graduated with BS degrees in communication sciences and disorders this academic year. The graduates are Jaymee Allen, Teresa Barcenas, Mallory Buffenbarger, Savannah Clevenger, Natalie Crossland, Molly Hinderman, Amber Kaur, Katlyn Knuth, Erika Lutz, Kaeliegh Porter, Katherine Schaffer, Cecilia Schneider, Amy Shively, Stephanie Tippmann, Ellen Shushek and Sarah Torkeo. Mallory Buffenbarger graduated with distinction and Savannah Clevenger graduated with highest distinction. Teresa Barcenas received the Honors Certificate with her degree. Congratulations and Best Wishes to all of you as you begin the next phase of your lives.

Five of this year’s graduates will be pursuing master’s degrees in speech-language pathology in the fall. Teresa Barcenas will be attending Portland State University where she has been awarded an assistantship. Mallory Buffenbarger will pursue her degree online at Nova Southeastern University. Erica Lutz will be at IU Bloomington and both Molly Hinderman and Sarah Torkeo will be at the University of Louisville. Good luck to all of you on this next stage of your academic careers.

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IPFW Poss-Abilities AAC Theatre Camp

For the 5th year in a row, with support from the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs young people who use augmentative-alternative communication devices came to the IPFW campus to participate in the Poss-Abilities AAC Theatre Camp over Fall Break weekend. The camp, an extension of the CSD 405 Computer Applications in Speech-Language Pathology class, is offered only in the fall semester. CSD students have the option of taking the one credit "camp class" to provide them with hands-on experience of working with young people and their AAC devices. Last year’s play “Watch Your Tongue, Cicely Beasley” by Lane Frederickson and illustrator Jon Davis, was a delightful story of a girl who (at first) said whatever she wanted without considering others’ feelings. The consequences of the behavior eventually left her literally ‘tongue tied’ and taught her the valuable lesson of the costs of producing the event. Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry signed a proclamation designating the day of the event as AAC World Day. While open to participation by the public at large, special invitations were presented to emergency service providers (firefighters, police officers, and EMS personnel) as well as to educators and health care workers. Participants were asked to complete exit surveys evaluating their awareness/learning outcomes from the event. Results of these surveys will be presented at the national ASHA convention in November. The response from current and former CSD students to the request for volunteers to assist in the production of this event was tremendous. CSD alums Julia Hein Lambright, Allison Hurley Sebastian, Jenna Gerig Rode, Justin Cole, Helen Roth Lavergnette, Elizabeth Leamard, and Regency Sharma all helped with the event as did CSD students Kayla Dammeyer, Elizabeth Flores, Lindsay Rife, Teresa Barcenas, Mallory Buffenbarger, Erica Lutz, Han (Nguyen) Veron, Madison Goodwin, Shelby Vaughn, Natalie Winslow, Anna Fisher, Hillary Moore, Breann Fallen and Haley Seibert. Thanks to all who contributed to the success of the event.

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First Annual AAC World Workshop

Pursuing an idea developed by the Holland-Bloomfield’s Rehabilitation Hospital in Toronto, Canada, Mariesa Rang and Sharon Mankey produced a workshop designed to familiarize Fort Wayne citizens with the communication difficulties faced by users of AAC devices. Similar to the long-running CSD-sponsored Defaf, Defaf World event at IPFW, the workshop encouraged participants to perform some of the key activities of daily living while using AAC systems to carry out the tasks. Rang’s proposal to fund the event submitted to the AWS foundation of Fort Wayne resulted in an award of $5,000 which allowed for the purchase of several new AAC devices in addition to paying for the costs of producing the event. Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry signed a proclamation designating the day of the event as AAC World Day. While open to participation by the public at large, special invitations were presented to emergency service providers (firefighters, police officers, and EMS personnel) as well as to educators and health care workers. Participants were asked to complete exit surveys evaluating their awareness/learning outcomes from the event. Results of these surveys will be presented at the national ASHA convention in November. The response from current and former CSD students to the request for volunteers to assist in the production of this event was tremendous. CSD alums Julia Hein Lambright, Allison Hurley Sebastian, Jenna Gerig Rode, Justin Cole, Helen Roth Lavergnette, Elizabeth Leamard, and Regency Sharma all helped with the event as did CSD students Kayla Dammeyer, Elizabeth Flores, Lindsay Rife, Teresa Barcenas, Mallory Buffenbarger, Erica Lutz, Han (Nguyen) Veron, Madison Goodwin, Shelby Vaughn, Natalie Winslow, Anna Fisher, Hillary Moore, Breann Fallen and Haley Seibert. Thanks to all who contributed to the success of the event.

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From the IPFW Communication Disorders Clinic

A total of twelve students participated in clinic in the spring semester. Eight of these students earned gerontology certificates, five through their participation in a pilot program called “Guided Autobiography” described below. Other clients included individuals from preschool through adulthood. Congratulations to Cecilia Schnelker, Erica Lutz, Mallory Buffenbarger, Molly Selheimer, Natalie Crossland, Sarah Torkeo, and Katlyn Knuth for jobs well done!

Assistant Professor Pam Reese, appointed to the CSD faculty for the 2013-14 academic year, has introduced an exciting new program to the curriculum. The first annual IPFW Summer Language and Literacy Camp provided CSD students the opportunity to learn about and practice research-based literacy training techniques. This training, which has been established by an ASHA position statement as being within the scope of practice of speech-language pathology, was the subject of Reese’s Louisiana Lafayette Ph.D. dissertation. Four CSD student clinicians and five early elementary children from Fort Wayne area schools participated in the camp. The student clinicians enrolled in a three-credit-hour language and literacy seminar in which meaningful-based strategies such as taking a ‘picture walk’ before reading (looking at the pictures and predicting what might happen), skipping an unknown word and reading to the end of sentences to infer the meaning of the word from context, and pausing in the middle of a text to think aloud about what has just happened or to make predictions about what might happen next. Reading and writing practice sessions also centered around crafts projects which required the children to read and pay attention to directions and then to write comments about and descriptions of their projects. The capstone experience for the children was a Writer’s Workshop where they were coached in writing stories about their own experiences or about movies which they had enjoyed. Student clinicians practiced these techniques in training sessions with the children two hours per day, four days per week for five weeks. The final week of the session was devoted to assessing the effectiveness of their newly-learned clinical skills. The outcomes were all very positive and show summer’s camp is already in the planning stage. Student participants were seniors Holly Carter, Taylor Goodpaster, Kathryn Mossburg, and Ellen Shuhker.

Guided Autobiography Communication Training

Five students working toward their Certificates in Gerontology treated clients using a pilot training protocol entitled Guided Autobiography. The students developed techniques for assisting their geriatric clients to reach communication training goals through recollection of events prior to, during, and following their strokes or traumatic brain injuries. Students developed themes for each week and presented them as questions to the clients as a framework for organizing narratives about the memories and feelings they had about these life-changing events. At the end of this semester of describing the past, the clients were encouraged to create statements about what they were looking forward to; the goals they wished to achieve in the future. Congratulations to Kayla Dammeyer, Teresa Barcenas, Molly Hindeman, Kat Schaffer, and Stephanie Tippmann for completing their certificates through these innovative training methods.

Reese Establishes Summer Language and Literacy Camp

If you are interested in volunteering to help at either of these events please contact the CSD office at 260 481-6410 or blosser@ipfw.edu.
CSD Scholarship and Awards 2014

Ten outstanding CSD students were recognized with awards for their achievements at the 2014 College of Arts and Sciences Honors Banquet on April 24.

Graduating senior Mallory Buffenbarger was named Outstanding CSD Major for 2014. This award acknowledges high standards of academic performance combined with leadership and service. We are happy to be able to say that, as always, the competition for this award among our graduating seniors was keen. Mallory received a cash award from the Syracuse, Indiana Theta Sigma Chapter of Psi Iota Xi.

Lindsey Rife and Cherie Robuck are co-recipients of the Anne M. Balentine scholarship for this year. This generous scholarship is funded by the Conrad Balentine family of Bluffton, IN in honor of their daughter and sister, Anne, who was deaf, blind and physically challenged. Both recipients have outstanding academic records and both are interested in professional careers that will aid people with multiple disabilities. Lindsey’s future plans include earning a clinical doctorate in audiology while Cherie plans to pursue certification in speech-language pathology.

This year we were fortunate to be able to share the generous Downtown Sertoma William Doctor/Charles M. Henry, Jr. Scholarship among three co-recipients. Elizabeth Huber, Sadie King-Hoffmann and Kathryn Mossburg were all awarded tuition reduction in recognition of their continuous records of notable academic achievement.

William Doctor was a founding member of this Fort Wayne service club and Charles M. Henry, Jr. was a long-time officer and donor.

Taylor Goodpaster and Deborah Wise shared the third annual ASAP scholarship. ASAP (After Sorority, All Philanthropic) was a chapter of Psi Iota Xi until they broke away from national affiliation two years ago. Taylor is an Honors Program student.

Kelsey (Hudson) Suciu is the recipient of this inaugural year of the Lucille J. Hess Endowed Scholarship in Communication Sciences and Disorders. The award provides tuition reduction for a junior or senior CSD major with an outstanding record of academic achievement. Professor Emente Hess was a member of our faculty for over 40 years and chaired the department from 2001 to 2011. We are pleased to have this generous new source of financial assistance for our top students.

All of these fine students have their names engraved on the appropriate plaques that hang in the CSD office in Neff Hall. In addition we note that graduating senior Teresa Barcenas received this year’s Gerontology Program Award for Excellence.

Speech and Hearing Club

Under the leadership of President Meredith Holt, the Speech and Hearing Club was busy this past year with members participating in Freshman Fest in August through April’s activity of collecting materials to be sent to an SLP serving children in Haiti. Members hosted several guest speakers, the traditional Make-it Take-it workshop, and Sensible Santa in December. Students also assisted with the IPFW Health Fair by handing out information concerning care of the voice and by performing hearing screenings. With the profits from various fund-raising activities, club members were able to make cash donations to Turnstone and toward funding the AAC camp to be held this fall. Congratulations to newly elected officers for 2014-2015: president Breamn Feiten, vice president Stephanie Swope, secretary Madison Goodwin, treasurer Lindsey Rife, historian Han (Nguyen) Vergon, and publicists Chelsea Weiss, and Haley Seibert.

Visit the Facebook page at: http://www.facebook.com/groups/113645557713/

American Sign Language Club

Newly elected officers of the club are president Han Vergon, vice president Lindsey Rife, secretary Madison Goodwin, treasurer Bailey Cahill, historian Ken Njenga, and publicist Kayla Dammeyer.

Check out the Facebook page at: http://www.facebook.com/groups/108536469204678/

ASL Sign Choir

This year’s sign choir membership fluctuated from a core of seven members who performed at the ISHA convention in Indianapolis and at Deaf World to fourteen who performed at commencement ceremonies in the spring.

The magnificent seven are Bailey Cahill, Kayla Dammeyer, Alex Grate, Ken Njenga, Lindsey Rife, Stephanie Tippmann, and Han Vergon.

The choir is open to students from any IPFW program.

Free Speech and Hearing Screens Available to the Public

Are you aware that the IPFW Communication Sciences and Disorders Clinic offers free speech and hearing screenings to the public three times a year?

- In September, Tuesday—Thursday the week after Labor Day
- In January, Tuesday—Thursday the week after Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- During the IPFW Health and Wellness fair which usually occurs in March

Hours can vary each semester so please call ahead for specific information.

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Alumni News

Tanya (Gamble) August – 2011
Tanya graduated from BGSU in May 2013 and is working full time for Garrett-Keyser-Butler Community Schools. She recently completed her CCC-SLP. Tanya is also looking for PRN in the Fort Wayne area in a medically related area. She and her husband Matt celebrated two years of marriage in December.

Emily Bell – 2011
Emily is working at Fort Wayne Community Schools with preschool children. She is completing her CFY currently.

Dawn Casselman – 2002
Dawn graduated from Central Michigan University with her Master’s degree in 2004. She is currently working at the Calhoun Intermediate School District with preschool to 4th grade. She is serving on committees for guidelines, workload, and IEP computer system. Dawn’s primary area of interest is literacy.

Heather (Englert) Cochran – 2010
Heather is in her second year at NOVA University for her Master’s degree. She is working at the Children’s Autism Center as the volunteer coordinator. Heather and her husband expected their second child in June.

Jennifer Csenar – 2008
Jennifer is living in Indianapolis and married Chris Csenar in April 2013. They bought their first home last year.

Chelsea Dougall – 2012
Chelsea earned her Master’s Degree in Social Work from LPUP in May 2014. She and her boyfriend will be returning to the area in August. Her plans are to work at a local hospital.

Destiny (Torres) Erhardt – 2013
Destiny is currently attending Ball State’s on-line Master of Arts program. She hopes to become a board certified behavior analyst. Destiny has earned honor roll and Dean’s list. She was married last year. Destiny and her husband welcomed a baby girl named Kaia Belle last year. She also has a son that is 16.

Ann Ericson – 1997
Ann earned her Master’s degree in 1999 from Ball State. She is currently working at Amedisys Home Health Care.

Melissa Helm – 2012
Melissa is a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) at Hopebridge Pediatric Specialists. In the fall of 2013, she was accepted to the University of Cincinnati for a master’s degree in Speech-Language Pathology online. She spends spare time with family, friends, or boyfriend (Gale) and their dog (Charlie).

Stephanie Hoppes-Linder - 2009
Stephanie is working as a SLP for American Senior Communities. She earned her CCCs in October 2013, and she is a SIG 13 member. Stephanie started and directs a Dementia Support Group once a month for families in the community and at facility. In January 2014, she earned employee of the month. She is interested in earning her Ph.D. and becoming a part time supervisor and/or professor in the near future. Stephanie and Mike celebrated their one year wedding anniversary in August. Oswald is doing well and has a new fur brother named Sherlock, both are rescue dogs.

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Carley works for Adam’s Health Network in Decatur with the extended care and long term care facilities. She and her husband Tim are celebrating seven years of marriage. They have two children, Moses 3, and Annabelle, 1.

Jodi Ann Intellicato-Walent – 2011
Jodi has worked at Turnstone as a speech assistant for two years. She is currently attending NOVA Southeastern University’s on-line program to earn her Master’s degree in speech language pathology. Jodi and Dave celebrated 11 years together by marrying in a small ceremony in September 2013. Their son Foster Jordan was born in August.

Rita Jakubowicz – 2013
Rita is currently attending Western Michigan University working on her Master’s in Speech-Language Pathology.

Susan Keller – 2009
Susan is mommy to Hadley Marie born July 2013.

Kayleigh (Robinson) Krouse – 2012
Kayleigh is working as a speech assistant at Hopebridge. She is currently attending the University of Cincinnati for her Master’s degree in Speech-Language Pathology.

Julia (Hein) Lambright – 2011
Julia graduated from Bowling Green State University in 2013. She is working at Possibilities Northeast and Parkview Pediatric Rehab. She continues to develop her skills and education to specialize in infant-toddler feeding disorders. She earned her CCC-SLP in May 2014. She married Ryan Lambright in October 2013. They are settling in Goshen, Indiana.

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Helen (Rob) Laverghetta – 2010
Helen is currently working at Woodview Assisted Living as a certified nursing assistant. She also works at Hand-in-Hand as a developmental specialist through First Steps. Helen is submitting her application to NOVA for her Master’s in speech therapy. She is married to Andrew and they recently moved to Auburn.

Chanda Lichtsinn – 1996
Chanda works full time at Turnstone as the Pediatric Therapy Manager. Projects this year include collaboration with Occupational and Speech therapy staff on the creation of a sensory feeding program and summer speech camp. May 2013 marked the end of twelve years of teaching at IFPW. Although she will miss teaching at IFPW, Chanda will keep very busy at work, with her husband of 34 years, Bill, and grandchildren Kerrigan (8) and Brayden (6). Looking forward to a long relaxing vacation on Sanibel this year for a milestone birthday!

Kara (McCroy) Lowenstein – 2007
Kara is working at Indiana Physical Therapy as the SLP for their inpatient rehab team. She and her husband, Mason, welcomed a baby girl in August, 2013, Perri Jo Lowenstein.

Sharon (Egly) Mankey – 1990
Sharon works for IFPW. Her oral facial mechanisms DVD was published by Insight Media in 2014. She divorced in December 2013 and bought a home that has potential. She has a new grandson, Tirean Lee, who was born February 2014.

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