As is the case each year, we wonder how the time could slip away so quickly! This week we will watch 54 seniors in Speech and Hearing Science graduate and start their new journeys in graduate schools throughout the country. In addition, 24 MA-SLP and 8 AuD and four PhD students will all march to pomp and circumstance after completing their own rigorous graduate work here. Congrats to all of them as they continue to make us proud! As they leave, we are welcoming some new faces to the department in the next few weeks.

My role as Chair has been made much easier by the addition of a new Departmental Administrator, Julie Jones, in January. John Williams (the “new” Dorothy Albright) is approaching the six-month marker and is still smiling! Kristi Hendrickson (PhD, University of San Diego State / UCSD) will begin her Clinical Fellowship this summer in our clinic. Lisa (Senatore) Kopf (PhD, Michigan State University) will begin a Post-Doctoral Fellowship with us in August. Lisa was an MA student here from 2006-2008. She will join her husband in Iowa City, as he works on a NASA grant thorough the Department of Physics. In addition, we are fortunate to have Kelly Schmidt Clay returning to our department as a Lecturer! Her husband will be the new Dean of the College of Education, and Kelly (PhD, Iowa 2003) will take on some teaching duties in the department. Welcome to all three! And as we prepare for the new, we wish Melissa Duff the very best as she moves on. She and her family will be re-locating to Nashville, TN, where Melissa has accepted a faculty position with Vanderbilt University. It is also bittersweet to say farewell to Paul Abbas as he retires this spring; I hope you’ll read his interview on page 4 of this newsletter.

As I say each year, this place never really rests. The student energy feeds the faculty energy and vice versa. And if you want to see some of that in action, join us for our October 14, BIG event, and that energy will be obvious. Margaret Rogers (MA 84; PhD 1992) will receive our Distinguished Alum award for 2016. The students will put on an amazing fundraising event of silent and live auction activities and student awards – from alum and other UI Foundation sources – will be plentiful. Come help us celebrate the excellence!

-Ruth Bentler

SAVE THE DATE: October 14, 2016: Margaret Rogers, PhD, Distinguished Alumnus presentation / NSSLHA dinner & benefit auction
alumni updates

Donna Russell Fox (MA 1949). “I love getting the newsletters and seeing old friends like Hugh Morris. Even at 87 it is nice to know many of the skills learned at Iowa are still valuable. I received my MA in ’49 and my two PhDs at Missouri. U of Iowa will always be first in my heart. I still work as a consultant in Radiology 2-3 days a month and still get job offers several times a week, but I can’t let that interfere with my favorite sport - dog training and showing. My toy poodle is ranked 2 in Front and Finish in obedience by the number of scores (he is 4 yrs old) and much faster in Agility than I am, but going for the Masters in Jumpers and Standard.”

Robert Keith (PhD 1967) was named the 2015 Distinguished Alumnus at the Fall NSSLHA auction and fundraiser. He and wife, Kathy, proudly display their Hawkeye spirit.

Hats off to CSD’s newest PhDs

CSD is proud to hood nine new PhDs in the past year or so. Names, semesters of graduation, dissertation titles, primary mentors, and current/future career plans follow:


Julia Hollister (PhD Summer 2015), “Effortful Control and Adaptive Functioning in School-Age Children Who Stutter.” Patricia Zebrowski, mentor. Assistant Professor and Fluency Clinic Supervisor, Loma Linda University.


Shan-ju Lin (PhD Spring 2015), “Effects of Individual Differences & Task Demand on Co-speech Gesture.” Amanda Van Horne, mentor. Assistant Professor, National Taiwan University.

Faculty & Staff Achievements

Ruth Bentler was awarded the 2016 Jerger Career Award for research in Audiology. This honor was made by the American Academy of Audiology, citing her scholarly insight, creativity, and seminal contributions in the field of amplification.

Ruth Bentler also garnered a Regents Award for Faculty Excellence. The award, announced in April, is given for accomplishments in teaching, scholarship, professional commitment, service, and contributions to the academic community.

Inyong Choi and Elizabeth Walker were awarded Old Gold Fellowships. These monetary awards provide recipients with funding for summer work to carry out research activities, creative work, or instructional development.

Karla McGregor received honorable mention for the 2016 Outstanding Postdoc Mentor Award from the University of Iowa Postdoc Association, noting her “intellectual leadership and guidance and a supportive environment that fosters independent thinking.”

Michael Karnell was honored by Western Michigan University’s College of Health and Human Services as an Outstanding Alumnus. Karnell earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from WMU before enrolling in the doctoral program at Iowa.

Alison Lemke was awarded a grant from the Pilot Club of Iowa City to support Clinic clients who may not have or have exhausted insurance coverage for treatment of communication disorders due to a neurologic condition.

Jerry Moon was presented the 2016 Distinguished Service Award from the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association at the organization’s annual meeting. The award was given for exceptional service and contributions.

Bruce Tomblin is part of a research team awarded a $3 million, 5-year NIH grant to study the biological basis of language impairment. The project will be the first ever to perform whole-genome sequencing to examine language impairment, eventually enabling clinicians to identify children at risk earlier than is currently possible.

Rich Tyler was awarded an Honorary Professorship at University of Parma for his contributions to the evaluation, development and success of cochlear implants worldwide. It was awarded by Società di Medicina e Scienze Naturali dell’Università di Parma.

Elizabeth Walker was awarded an Obermann Center for Advanced Studies Interdisciplinary Research Grant for her project, “The influence of age at implantation on sequential learning processes in children with cochlear implants.”

Mary Jo Yotty was named a recipient of the 2016 Mary Louise Kelly Staff Excellence Award by the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. The award is the College’s most prestigious recognition of staff members.

Jerry Moon (left) is shown with Richard Kirschner, MD, ACPA President, and his Distinguished Service Award.

Ruth Bentler is congratulated by Gus Mueller, co-nominator (along with Robyn Cox), for the Jerger Award.
CSD congratulates Paul Abbas on his retirement

Paul Abbas will retire this spring after 42 years of research, teaching and service to the Department, including six years as chair. Join us for his retirement celebration in Iowa City June 12. Festivities take place at the Ashton House from 2-6 p.m. See the CSD website for details.

When you were a young undergraduate, did you ever imagine you'd be living and working in Iowa?
Absolutely not. Growing up in Massachusetts, we did not think about going much further than New York. I also had little or no knowledge of audiology, even as graduate student. So when I heard about the job in Iowa, I had to look it up on a map and find out what speech pathology and audiology was.

What was your first day like in the Department?
I don't really remember coming in for my first day but I do remember the warm welcome that Janet and I felt from students and colleagues alike coming to Iowa. That included help with finding housing, unloading our U-Haul, getting us oriented to Iowa City and even another couple (graduate students who we didn’t know at the time) allowing us to share a house for a few weeks that we overlapped.

Were there challenges you didn't anticipate?
Teaching in general was (still is!) challenging. My first class was the anatomy course for undergraduates. As a biomedical engineering student I never had taken such a class. Ken Moll, who was chair at the time, gave me a box of slides that he had used for the course and I was off to teach, basically keeping one class ahead. Also new to me was that the class was all women – I had been in all-male classes throughout elementary, high school and college.

Tell us about one of your proudest achievements.
Easy question -- my proudest achievements are the students that I have mentored over the years – at least I hope I have had some effect on their successes. I have been very fortunate to have worked with excellent students and colleagues. That makes the job more enjoyable and also makes one look good.

People often believe that college professors work in in ivory towers. Will you tell us an incident that proves it isn’t always a glamour job?
I learned early on that despite shortage of funds, you can still get along okay by doing things yourself. Arnold Small and I once rented a giant truck to pick up a surplus computer (they were big in those days) to use for spare parts from a company in a narrow alley in downtown Dubuque – somehow he conned me into driving. Another time I inherited an old sound booth for the lab and several of us got reprimanded for bypassing university rules and surreptitiously installing a tile floor over a weekend. I even did a little drywall repair in the building when I was chair -- probably broke a rule there also.

Does it seem real yet that retirement is within your sightline?
Retirement is getting more real each day. Lots of “lasts;” last faculty meeting, last class, last test to correct – it seems pretty permanent.

What are your plans for retirement?
The list is long – hopefully I get to half of it. Janet keeps reminding of the traveling we can do now. We will certainly spend more time at the lake, fish, and learn a few new musical instruments. I’m still perfecting my baking and brewing techniques (and eating and drinking the results, of course). I will try to keep my hand in some research if we can continue with a grant or two. But most important is spending more time playing with my very special grandkids.

Now, one last request: when you retire, do you promise to leave all your knowledge behind with us?
I think I have told you all I know already, but there are plenty of new, really smart people around who know a lot more, so don’t worry.
Jennifer Winberg, an undergraduate in Speech and Hearing Sciences, was one of just two students to win the Dean’s Achievement Award for the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. The award is presented to outstanding graduating seniors served by the UI Center for Diversity and Enrichment.

Jennifer Winberg (Class of 2016), from Hoffman Estates, Illinois, will graduate with Highest Distinction, earning a BA in Speech and Hearing Science and Spanish. Winberg mentors college-age students with disabilities in the University of Iowa REACH program, forms friendships in the Best Buddies club, and regularly interacts with children in the pediatric oncology unit at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. She also volunteers with Friends with Aphasia, has served as an Oniowa! Leader, and has worked with organizing Dance Marathon. Winberg is active with the National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association on group service projects, has achieved rankings on the Dean’s and President’s lists, and has been awarded the UI National Scholars Award and the UI Old Gold Scholarship.

Jill Aunan was awarded a Dewey Stuit Scholarship and an ICRU Travel award, presented at the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention conference.

Maura Curran was given a travel award to attend the Symposium on Research in Child Language Disorders (SRCLD). She was also awarded a Graduate College Summer Fellowship.

Hope Gerlach and Natalie Covington were awarded 2015 ASHA Graduate Student Scholarships.

Jessica Hall received a travel award for the Symposium on Research in Child Language Disorders (SRCLD) meeting. She was also honored with a Graduate College Fellowship Incentive Program award and a Graduate College Summer Fellowship.

Naomi Hertsberg was selected to receive a Graduate College Post-Comprehensive Research Award.

Larissa Jordan was given Graduate & Professional Student Government (GPSG) and Graduate Student Senate travel awards.

David Kessler won an ICRU travel award, presented at American Auditory Society; he was the first student to have an article in the Iowa “Did you know” feature.

Kelsey Klein won a travel award to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) meeting in Denver, where she was honored with a Meritorious Poster Submission. She also received a T-35 Summer Research Traineeship in Audiology at Boys Town National Research Hospital in 2015.

Alexandra Redfern was awarded a Ferentz scholarship for her 3-minute research talk through Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates.

Bogi Takacs won 1st Place, Creative Works, at the Jakobsen Conference. She was also honored for the Iterative Nature of the Magical Discovery Process / Shovelware.
student posters, presentations, and publications

Posters


McSorley, S., Wu, Y. H., & Stangl, E. Using a more ecologically valid test to measure hearing aid outcomes. Poster presented at the Spring Undergraduate Research Festival, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, April, 2016.


Saletta, M., & Winberg, J. (June, 2016). Leveled books for adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Poster presented at the annual Symposium on Research in Child Language Disorders, Madison, WI.


Wallace, A., Greif, K., & Gonzalez, M. Developing social skills for young adults in a college certificate program. Poster presented at 2015 Iowa Speech and Hearing Association Convention, West Des Moines, IA, October 2015.

Presentations and Articles

Dattilo, K., Moon, J., Karnell, M., & Goodman, S. The Effects of Articulation Errors on Perceived Nasality in Speakers with Repaired Cleft Lip and/or Palate. Presented at annual meeting of American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association, Atlanta, GA, April, 2016.


Warndahl, K., Moon, J., Karnell, M., and Dailey, S. Parent and Child Perceptions of Disordered Speech Associated With Cleft Lip and/or Palate. Presented at annual meeting of American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association, Atlanta, GA, April, 2016.
student scholarships

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Scholarships: Emily Eilers and Kelsey Klein

Iowa Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation Scholarships: Katherine Kline and Alyssa Yancey


Kristen Lodge Miller Award: Nicole Martin and Lauren Suhl

Laurel Stanzel Awards: Weston Adkins and Laurel Donaldson

Ogdahl Graduate Awards: Megan Gonzalez, Justin White, and Margaret Yuk

Outstanding Undergraduate Awards: Lisa Gordon, David Kessler, Skylar McSorley, Brigitte Waldier, and Jennifer Winberg

PhD Service Award: Bryan Brown

PhD New Investigator Award: Bruna Mussoi

PhD Publication Award: Eun Kyung Jeon

Salmon Scholarship Awards: Amy Behrens, Kelsey Marks, and Katherine Queiser

Stephen and Joanna Reno Scholarship: Sarah Klemuk

J. Bruce Tomblin Award: Jessica Hall

The University of Iowa Chapter of NSLLSHA was awarded with Gold Honors for 2016. Congratulations to our hard-working and caring students!

The UI National Student Speech Language Hearing Association chapter was awarded a Community-Service Grant from the national organization. In their application, funding was requested for the Combined Efforts Theater, a group that brings together individuals with and without communication disorders to participate in acting, singing, and dancing groups. The men’s choir, which consists of individuals with autism, gave a concert to the CSD faculty, students and staff last spring. The UI NSLLSHA chapter will match funds to enable the Combined Efforts Theater to purchase equipment to increase members’ levels of participation. Here, NSLLSA Vice President Shannon Ho is interviewed by a local television crew about the grant.

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