Ohio University Division of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Year in Review 2019-2020
CSD doctoral student receives Gary S. Neiman Graduate Student Research Award

Christina Lynn Corso, M.S., CCC-SLP, received The Gary S. Neiman Graduate Student Research Award. The award will be used to fund travel expenses for data collection for her study: “IEP Team Perceptions on Individuals with Multiple Disabilities using Smart Speakers with Voice Control (SSVCs).”

The award is meant to aid in conducting research to a graduate student from accredited programs housed in CHSP.
Study Abroad: Botswana

CHSP physical therapy, audiology, & speech-language pathology graduate students explore rehabilitation services in under-resourced areas in Botswana.

July & August 2019
Advanced American Sign Language (ASL 5) students attended the Annual Fall Festival hosted by the Ohio School for the Deaf Alumni Association on September 8th. The students met people in the Deaf community while using ASL outside of the classroom.

September 2019
1804 Fund connects audiology students to musicians in the School of Music

Faculty from OHIO’s College of Health Sciences and Professions and College of Fine Arts were provided $33,528 to help fund project “Hearing Conservation in Student Musicians” (HCSM). Among this faculty was Dr. Nilesh Washnik, Ph.D., an assistant professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at OHIO.

HCSM is designed to mitigate student musicians’ increased risk for Noise-Induced Hearing Loss while presenting learning opportunities for students in the School of Rehabilitation and Communication Sciences.
Majors Fair
Teresa Tyson-Drummer recognized for 25 years of service

Teresa Tyson-Drummer, administrative specialist in CSD, was recognized for her 25 years of service to the unit during the 27th Annual Classified Staff Service Awards Ceremony. Since starting at Ohio University in 1994, Tyson-Drummer has worked for the Division of CSD throughout her entire OHIO career.

“Teresa is a vital and integral cornerstone of CSD. Much of the success of CSD is owed to Teresa’s tireless commitment and efforts. Through her endless hard work and good humor, the work of faculty, students, and staff is always made easier. Our heart-felt congratulations and gratitude go to you Teresa!” -Dr. Jim Montgomery
Lauren Meyer, fourth-year OHIO audiology student, helped distribute hearing protection and discuss hearing conservation during the Gary Sinise and LT Dan Band AUSA concert on Oct. 15, 2019 in Washington D.C. Lauren Meyer, 1LT and other Army externs joined Col. Amy Blank, Army consultant and staff officer, and the Office of the Surgeon General to hand out more than 300 pairs of earplugs to concert patrons and hotel staff.
Cailin Michael receives $5K scholarship

Cailin Michael, a first-year master's student in speech-language pathology, received a $5,000 National Student Speech Language Hearing scholarship from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation.

This award is highly competitive, as the ASHA Foundation grants only three awards each year nationwide. The award is reserved for truly exceptional students who demonstrate not just outstanding academics and volunteerism, but exceptional leadership abilities. Michael represents CSD and CHSP with distinction.
Ohio University Neuroscience Research Day 2019

Ohio University Neuroscience Research Day offered a look into neuroscience-related research happening at OHIO.

Dr. Nilesh Washnik, assistant professor in CSD, gave a talk about his research on the Effect of Noise Exposure on Normal Hearing Non-Music Major and Music Major Students. Second year MA-SLP students, Allison McIntosh and Hsiao-Ting (Sophie) Su, both presented research posters.

Undergraduate students Sarah Busken and Allyson Goff also participated in the event. Dr. François-Xavier Brajot and Dr. Chorong Oh of the CSD department participated as judges of student presentations.

November 2019
ASHA Convention 2019 – Orlando, FL

November 2019
OHIO CSD welcomes visitors from Taiwan’s Asia University

SLP student Tzu-Ling Wang, audiology student Chen-Chen Tsai, & audiology prof Hui-Shan Chang

January 2020
We are proud of our undergraduates @OHIO_CSD: Emily Weidig has been selected to participate in a state-level student leadership program. Rasmia Shraim has been chosen to serve on OU’s experiential learning student advisory board. Congrats!

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Dr. Washnik speaks at ISHACON 2020

Dr. Washnik was an invited faculty speaker at the 52nd Annual Conference of The India Speech and Hearing Association. ISHACON 2020 was held from February 13-16 at PGIMER, Chandigarh. Dr. Washnik delivered a talk on “Evidence of cochlear synaptopathy in student musician”.

February 2020
American Sign Language 6 students sign the national anthem at OHIO Men’s Basketball game
OHIO programs recognized in Best Graduate School rankings by U.S. News & World Report

Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology: Tie for 45th

Doctor of Clinical Audiology: Tie for 46th

March 2020
John McCarthy
@sayitanywayou

Just looking at my copy of the @ASHAleader to see siblings & children with autism spectrum disorder research by @OHIO_CSD doctoral candidate @BridgetGorni10 featured on the COVER!
S/O to adviser Joann Benigno also quoted!

@CHSPOhio @BobcatsDiscover
I had the privilege of assessing the knowledge retention and recall of students in anatomy courses. We compared students' preferred learning modalities with their VARK scores. #OHIOAnatomyoflearningandmemory
#OUVirtualExpo
@WeidigEmily @BobcatsDiscover @CHSPOhio
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#OUVirtualExpo
I had the opportunity to assess the relationship between American Sign Language knowledge and CSD student's preferred mode(s) of learning through the VARK questionnaire.

#THEneuroanatomyofameicansignlanguage
@bobcatsdiscover @kenzieminner22 @OHIO_CSD @CHSP

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A small snapshot of my dissertation research on a cooperative social skills intervention for children with autism and their siblings. #OUVirtualExpo
@BobcatsDiscover

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**Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Their Siblings as Co-Recipients of a Comic Strip Conversation Intervention: An Exploratory Study**

Bridget M. Wright, M.A.
Advisor: Dr. Joann Benigno

**Who:** Children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and their sibling between the ages of 5-11 years (6 sibling pairs).

**What:** Joint sibling social skills intervention using Comic Strip Conversations (CSCs; Gray, 1994), personalized iPad stories, and a cooperative game.

**Research Question:** What are the perceptions of caregivers and children on a CSC intervention involving siblings as co-recipients?

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**The Intervention**

- 1 training session and 3 intervention sessions.
- Siblings worked with the primary investigator to create CSCs based on a social scenario. Prompts to discuss dialogue, thoughts, and feelings were provided.
- Siblings took on roles of CSC characters to “act out” the story to create personalized iPad story.
- Siblings played a cooperative game.

**Caregivers**

- Average satisfaction 4.67-5.00 ($ being the highest rating).
- **Strengths**
  - Collaboration opportunities
  - Children are confident & comfortable with their sibling
- **Challenges**
  - Sibling without ASD taking control
  - Siblings distracting one another

**Children**

- Children liked the game and intervention activities. Expressed desire for shorter sessions and different types of activities.
- Learned a skill/lesson (e.g., solving a problem) and CSC symbols/conventions.
- Feelings about working with sibling: 7 positive feelings, 3 negative, 2 ambivalent
- 6/12 children would work with their sibling on future projects

**The Interviews**

- Caregivers completed a satisfaction questionnaire.
- Caregivers were interviewed - asked about strengths and challenges of involving siblings in intervention.
- Each child was interviewed regarding likes and dislikes of intervention, what they learned, how they felt about working with their sibling, and if they would want to work with their sibling again.
So excited to be sharing my research during the #OUVirtualExpo Swipe to check out my short video for an overview of this study! @bobcatsdiscover @chspohio @ouCSD

Repeating to @sayitanywayou @BobcatsDiscover and 3 others

Check out my VIRTUAL Expo Pitch Competition submission to hear more about increasing independence through smart home technology with individuals living with significant disabilities.
# OUVirtualExpo

Raise awareness about Pompe disease! My study expands on what we know about speech and language in Pompe disease. I also present new findings on speech acoustic and oromotor function in this population. Check it out!

Neuromuscular Disorders, in press, doi.org/10.1016/j.nmd...
In January, Kyle Rodgers was selected as an Officer Candidate for the Health Services Collegiate Program Medical Service Corps. In April, Kyle swore the Oath of Enlistment to the United States Navy.

Starting in June, Kyle will complete his 4th year externship in Virginia at the Portsmouth Naval Medical Center. Upon completion, Kyle will go to Officer Development School in Newport, Rhode Island for 5 weeks of training. He will then take his first duty station as a commissioned officer and audiologist in the United States Navy. Congratulations, Kyle!

April 2020
Student Organizations: NSSLHA

National Student Speech Language Hearing Association

NSSLHA is a student organization directed towards majors and minors of Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD). The purpose of this organization is to inform its members about CSD related events and important information related to the fields of speech-language pathology and audiology. NSSLHA also provides its members with CSD related community service opportunities in the area along with fun social events and guest speakers to meet new people and to better get to know the CSD faculty.

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Student Organizations: NSSLHA
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Student Organizations: Creative Expressions

Creative Expressions

CE is a faculty supported, student run organization which dedicates time and effort to working with children within Athens Community Schools through Arts and Inclusion. CE focuses on giving Ohio University students hands-on experience through creating and leading innovative lesson plans that promote language and communication skills.

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Student Organizations: Creative Expressions
Student Organizations: American Sign Language Club

American Sign Language Club
The ASL Club wishes to promote a relaxed and conducive environment which enables members to be introduced to or expand on their knowledge of American Sign Language and Deaf culture, all while bridging the gap between the deaf and hearing communities.

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2019 - 2020

Student Organizations: ASL Club
Aging and Gerontological Education Society

AGES promotes the study of aging and provides volunteer opportunities for students to engage in meaningful interactions with elderly adults in the Athens community. AGES volunteers at local nursing homes and Athens Senior Center. Members attend and fundraise for the annual Alzheimer's Walk. They also focus on bringing attention to the Gerontology certificate and the OAGE conference.

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Student Organizations: AGES
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Student Academy of Audiology

SAA is a student branch of AAA which aims to brighten their future as professionals through community engagement, inter-professional education, and leadership building. This chapter serves as a collective voice to advocate the rights, interests, and welfare of students pursuing careers in audiology. SAA engages students in lifelong professional activities that promote and advance the profession of audiology.

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2019 - 2020
Student Organizations: Respite

Respite Volunteer Program

Respite provides special training to student volunteers who visit the homes of adults with disabilities and other challenges. Volunteers provide a break for caregivers by providing personalized care and social interaction in the home.

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