

2001-2002

**School of Communicative Disorders
College of Professional Studies**

Program

The undergraduate and graduate programs in the School of Communicative Disorders are included in the select mission of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (UWSP). The purpose of the undergraduate education is to provide students a liberal education while developing an academic base for future study in communicative disorders. Graduate study includes a comprehensive academic and clinical training program preparing students for professions in audiology and speech-language pathology. Pre-professional training allows graduate students experience working with individuals with speech, language, hearing, swallowing disorders, along with experience in developing alternative communication systems for individuals. This comprehensive training provides students the background and clinical experience to work successfully in a public schools or medical settings.

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Audiology

As of 2007 the entry-level degree for an audiologist will be a clinical doctorate degree (AuD.). For the upcoming academic year the School of Communicative Disorders has not accepted students into our audiology masters program. UWSP and the University of Wisconsin-Madison are currently developing a collaborate AuD. degree program between both campuses. Once completed, the plan must be approved by both campuses, the University of Wisconsin System, and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. It is projected that the first AuD. class could be admitted as early as the Fall of 2004.

Student Centered Excellence

- Graduates from our Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology graduate programs continue to score above the national average on the PRAXIS exam. One hundred percent of our 2002 graduates passed the national exam. In previous years, the national passing rate was approximately 80%.
- Our graduates continue to have a 100% success rate in employment both in audiology and speech-language pathology.
- The School of Communicative Disorders awarded over \$13,000. in student scholarships to both undergraduate and graduate students.
- The Albertson Medallion is the highest academic award given to undergraduates and was awarded to Carrie Boeldt and Jamie Lyn Watson. Both of these students were in our undergraduate program.
- The following students were inducted into Phi Kappa Phi. This national honor society

recognizes and encourages superior scholarship: Undergraduate students - Jessica Habeck, and Kara Fischer; Graduate students - Bethany Antoon, Danelle Bostwick (James), and Shanna Haack.

- Leah Hank, a graduate student in audiology, received the outstanding Graduate Student in Audiology from the Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Association.

Student Accomplishments

- Two graduate students, Magda Dimitrijevic and Keely Pease presented at the 2001 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association convention in New Orleans. The title of their poster was titled "*Best practices in working with preschoolers who stutter*". This poster session developed out of an undergraduate research project they were involved in at the University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire.
- Denise Bastian, Karen Floriano, and Heidi Hackel co-presented with Gary Cumley at the 2002 Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Association convention in Milwaukee, WI. The title of their presentation was "*Degenerative Diseases: Augmentative and Alternative Options*".
- Gliszinski, K. & Borchardt, T. co-presented with Cynthia Forster at the 2001 Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Association Convention. The title of the presentations was "*Interpersonal skills in supervision*", Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Association, Milwaukee, WI, (April, 2001).
- Glaser, D. a former student co-presented with Leslie Plonsker and Rod Gabel at the 2002 Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Association convention in Milwaukee, WI. The title of the presentation was "*Listener Perception of Broadcasters Voices*".

Technology-Enhanced Learning

- Classrooms in our department have the most current technology available for instruction.
- Within our department students have access to over 16 computers for report writing, accessing the Internet, and accessing library resources.
- Students have access to "State of the Art" laboratory technology in the areas of augmentative and alternative communication, voice and speech science, audiological testing including pure tone, vestibular, balance testing, along with hearing aid fitting and analysis.

Partnerships

- Provides inpatient and outpatient speech-language and swallowing services for St. Michael's hospital. This site provides students with an outstanding learning experience.
- Provides speech-language and hearing services for preschoolers and children from the Stevens Point Areas Public Schools.
- Provides hearing diagnostics for the Early Intervention program.

- Provides speech-language services to Hospice of Portage County on an as needed basis.

Accomplishments

Alumni

Shawn McBride, who graduated in 1973, received the UWSP Outstanding Alumni Award. Shawn worked many years as a public schools speech pathologist and school principal and currently is the CEO of Chief Paul's Magic Seasoning Corporation in New Orleans, LA.

Faculty

Nina Cass, M.S.

- Co-chair of the 2002 Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Association.
- Chair of the Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Association Scholarship committee.
- Co-chair of the Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Association Fall Conference.
- Received the Kohl Fellowship Award (2001).

Donna Christensen, M.A.

- Supervises students at Adult Day Care Center- Portage County Department of Aging.
- Attended a pediatric feeding and swallowing course (September, 2001; October, 2001).
- Attended 16th Annual State conference on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders" Stevens Point, WI (May 2002)
- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Award for Continuing Education (October 2001).

Gary Cumley, Ph.D.

- Currently appointed as the **Associate Dean and Chair** of the School of Communicative Disorders
- Board of Directors- Region 6 of the United States Society of Augmentative and Alternative Communication.
- Editorial Committee for the SID 12 newsletter of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.
- Convention Speakers Committee of Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Association.
- Vice President of Governmental Affairs of Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Association.
- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Award for Continuing Education (May 2001).
- Intra-College Technology Grant (2001) for \$1672. co-authored with Maggie Watson
- Intra-College Technology Grant (2002) for \$645.

- Granted a \$1200 “Breaking Down Barriers to Assistive Technology for computer software, (July, 2002).
- **Publications**
 - Cumley, G. D. Medicare coverage of AAC devices, The Communication Connection, (Winter,2002).
 - Cumley, G.D., Ball, L., & Skinder-Meridth, Developmental Apraxia of Speech (DAS). Augmentative Communication News, (December, 2001).
 - Cumley, G.D., Children with apraxia and the use of augmentative and alternative communication, Apraxia-Kids Website, (September, 2001).
- **Presentations**
 - Cumley G.D., *AAC in the classroom: Formula for success*. Wisconsin Conference of Augmentative and Alternative Communication and Assistive Technology, Eau Claire, WI, (October, 2001).
 - Cumley, G.D., & Plonsker, L. *AAC and oral motor stimulation: Effects on vocalization and language development*. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, New Orleans, LA, (November 2001).
 - Cumley, G.D., “*Communication “Pay-off” AAC use with children suspected of having DAS*. International Society of Augmentative and Alternative Communication, Odense, Denmark, (August 2002).
 - Cumley, G. D., Bastian, D., Floriano, K, & Hackel, H. *Degenerative Diseases: Augmentative and Alternative Options*, Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Association, Milwaukee, WI, (February, 2002).
 - Cumley, G. D., *The dilemma of when to recommend AAC voice-output technology*, Statewide Rehabilitation and Transition Training Conference, Kohler, WI, (April 2002).

Mary Day M.S.

- Attended a pediatric feeding and swallowing course (September, 2001; October, 2001).
- Presented at Career Days at Whittenberg Middle School and Burnamwood Elementary School.
- Woman in Science
- College Days for Kids
- Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Association convention Chair of student volunteers.
- Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Association University Liaison Committee.
- Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Association Convention Speakers committee.
- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Award for Continuing Education (

Cynthia Forster, M.S.

- **Director of Clinical Services**
- **Presentations**

- Forster, C., *Collaboration with supervision*. State Speech-Language Supervisors and School Program Support Teachers, Wausau, WI, (October, 2001)
- Forster, C., Gliszinski, K. & Borchardt, T. *Interpersonal skills in supervision*, Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Association, Madison, WI, (April, 2001).

Becky Franz, M.S.

- On the 2002 Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Association Speakers Committee.
- Involved in the United Migrant Opportunity Services (Head Start) hearing screening program.

Tami Gumz, M.S.

- Invited by the International Special Olympics Committee to perform hearing screenings of the athletes in Dublin, Ireland for the Irish National Special Games (June 2002).
- College Days for Kids
- Co-author Maggie Watson UPDC grant for \$2300 for *National Survey On the Impact of Newborn Hearing Screening On SLP*.
- Hearing screenings for the Wisconsin Special Olympics
- UPDC grant for \$1364 to attend 2001 Hearing Aid Hands-on workshop, Nashville, TN (November, 2001).
- Presentation on hearing loss to Wood County Child Care and Lion's Club, (November, 2001).
- Presentation on Hearing Loss to Portage County Child Care Association (November, 2001).

David Henry, Ph.D.

- UMOS Advisory Boards
- State of Wisconsin Advisory Council of Speech Pathology and Audiology
- State coordinator of the Healthy Hearing Program for Special Olympics.
- **Presentation**
 - Henry, D. *Musician-non-musician differences on dichotic musical chords test*, American Academy of Audiologist, San Diego, (Spring 2001)
 - Henry, D. *Frequency Transposing Hearing aids*, Portland VA Hospital, Portland, OR. (Fall 2001).

Leslie Plonsker, Ph.D.

- **Coordinator of Academic Programs**
- **Awarded Tenure and promoted to Associate Professor**
- Editor of the Clinical Connection for Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Association.
- **Presentations**

- Cumley, G.D., & Plonsker, L. *AAC and oral motor stimulation: Effects on vocalization and language development*. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, New Orleans, LA, (November 2001).
- Plonsker, L., Glaser, D., & Gabel, R. *Listener Perception of Broadcasters Voices*. Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Association, Milwaukee, WI (April, 2002)

Charlie Osborne, M.A.

- College Days for Kids
- UPDC granted for \$1008 to attend Update On Evaluation and Treatment of Swallowing Disorders Interpretation of Radiology.
- **Presentations**
 - Osborne, C. *Dysphagia in long-term care*. Wisconsin Dietary Manger's Association, spring Convention, Stevens Point.

Maggie Watson, PhD.

- Promoted to Associate Professor rank
- Advisor of the NSSLHA UWSP chapter
- Co-author Tami Gumz UPDC grant for \$2300 for National Survey On the Impact of Newborn Hearing Screening On SLP.
- **Publications**
 - Watson, M , & Gabel, R. *Phonological Awareness and the Role of the SLP*, (2002).
 - Watson, M., & S.N. Murthy, Phonological Analysis Practice. Thinking Publications, Eau Claire, WI.
- **Presentations**
 - Watson, M. *Teaching Phonological Analysis In a Multimedia Format*. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, New Orleans, LA (November 2001).

Jackie Zuelke-Karch, M.S.

- **Publication**
 - Zuelke-Karch, J. What's up in Wisconsin-schools, Communication Connection, (Winter, 2002).