

<b>Year-End Report 2002-2003 School of Communicative Disorders</b>
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### Program Mission Statement

Both 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. High academic standards are required of our undergraduate students, with enrollment in communicative disorders upper division courses contingent on having a within major grade point average of 3.0 and an overall grade point average of 2.75.

*The mission of the graduate program in the School of Communicative Disorders is to provide a foundation of professional preparation for audiologists and for speech-language pathologists to competently serve persons with speech, language, hearing, and/or swallowing disorders in any clinical setting within the scope of their education and their expertise.*

The School of Communicative Disorders has national accreditation until May 2009 from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).

### Speech-Language Pathology

Graduate study at UWSP provides students a comprehensive academic and clinical training program that prepares them for professions in audiology and speech-language pathology. This training allows graduate students experience working with individuals with speech, language, hearing, swallowing disorders, along with experience in developing augmentative and alternative communication systems. This comprehensive training provides students the background and clinical experience to work successfully in the public schools or medical settings.

### Comprehensive Universities Within the UW-System Comparison of COMD Programs

As of January 2003

University	UG Majors	UG Total	Grad Students	Total Students	FTE Faculty/Academic Staff
UW-Eau Claire	120	120	26	146	9.50
UW-River Falls	87	122	32	154	6.25
<b>UW-Stevens Point</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>11.00</b>
UW-Whitewater	90	93	26	119	6.25

Looking at this comparison data, the COMD program at UW-Stevens Point is the largest program within the comprehensive universities of the UW-System. The data was collected by Mike Harris, Ph.D., UW-River Falls.

## **Audiology**

As of 2007 the entry-level degree for an audiologist will be a clinical doctorate degree (Au.D.). UWSP and the University of Wisconsin-Madison having been meeting for over a year developing a collaborative joint Au.D. degree program between both campuses. Currently, the curriculum for this 4-year Clinical Doctorate in Audiology has been developed and will be presented to both institutions in Fall 2003 for approval. There are three levels of approval of the joint-degree Au.D. program, at each institution, by the Board of Regents of 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. What will make this program unique is that it would be the first such clinical doctorate program within the UW-System.

## **Student Centered Excellence**

- Graduates from our Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology graduate programs continue to score above the national median on the PRAXIS exam with the national median being 650 and UWSP median being 680. Of our students taking the PRAXIS exam 95% passed the exam.
- The School of Communicative Disorders held their annual Student Awards Banquet on April 14, 2003 and awarded over \$10,000 for student Scholarships.
- **University Leadership Awards:**  
Chloe Wuesthoff
- **The Chancellor's Leadership Awards:**  
Danielle M. Knutson, Yvonne Waukau
- **Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges:**  
Jill Achenbach, Yvonne Waukau
- **Inducted into Phi Kappa Phi.** This national honor society recognizes and encourages superior scholarship:
  - **Undergraduate students** - Juli Becker, Kelly Brauer, Brigitta Dahnert, Katie Flanigan, Katharina Gombar, Karilyn Hall, Amanda Hallas, Danielle Knutson, Nicole Lee, Jaclyn Menzel, Melanie Wick.
  - **Graduate students** - Catherine O'Hearn, Amanda Rosenkranz, Andrea Schumacher

- **Student Scholarships:**

- **Tyler Joe Scholarship**

- Brigitta Dahnert

- **Phi Kappa Phi Sophomore Scholarship**

- Sara Skahan- The only sophomore at UWSP to receive this scholarship.

- **Wisconsin Speech-Language and Audiology Association-**

- McKinley Scholarship- Linnea Lato

- Jack Kile Audiology Scholarship – Chloe Wuesthoff,

## 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.

## Departmental

- ASHA has recently changed their Standards and Implementation for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology that will go into effect in 2005, and the Standards and Implementation for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology that goes into effect in 2007. With these new Standards the Department has discussed both the graduate curriculum, as well as the graduate clinical program. The focus of the standards is based on the student's level of competency across the knowledges and skills outlined by ASHA. Our Department has and will continue to review the curriculum and determine how to best document a student's level of competency across the different knowledges and skills outlined by ASHA. In addition, the documentation regarding the student's level of competency must clearly document each student's level of learning based on multiple assessments of their knowledges and skills.
- Revised Personnel Policies
- Completed a University internal audit of the department
- Center of Communicative Disorders established procedures for HIPA
- Revised Department Work formula to provide faculty members with established research time.
- Hired two new faculty members, Marie Stadler, Ph.D., child language area of expertise. Rebecca Warner is completing her Ph.D. in audiology from the University of Iowa and will be joining our staffing in January.
- The School of Communicative Disorders passed the program review for the PI 34.

- The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Department of Communicative Disorders closed and because of this the Dean of Letters and Sciences donated over \$46,000 of clinical material and equipment to our Department.
- UWSP Student Chapter of NSSLHA was awarded a regional project grant and was able to bring in speakers for half day to talk about different aspects of Medical Speech Pathology.
- Maggie Watson is serving on the advisory committee for education of young children for the Renaissance Learning Corporation.
- Professional Development Network- the School of Communicative Disorders offered three courses and one independent study serving approximately 61 students.
- David Henry, and two students Sara Schultz and Amy Kowalski travel to Panama to be involved in conducting hearing screenings for the Panama Special Olympics
- Established a new accounting procedure that allows for more accurate tracking of income across both our speech and language and audiological services.
- We have developed a terrorism emergency plan for the Center for Communicative Disorders as requested by one of our client's parent.
- This year we have hired, Julie King, Ph.D., as an adjunct faculty member to teach three of our graduate course using distant learning. We have worked very successfully with CSEA 6 in Oshkosh and have used their distant learning classroom to telecast Dr. King's courses.

## **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.

### **Donna Christensen, M.A.**

- Supervises students at Adult Day Care Center- Portage County Department of Aging.
- Professional member of the Northcentral Wisconsin Laryngectomee Club
- Attended 16<sup>th</sup> Annual State conference on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders", Stevens Point, WI (May 2002)
- **Publication-**
  - Co-authored The Communication Connection- *Medical Perspectives* (2002)

### **Gary Cumley, Ph.D.**

- 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.
- **Presentation-**
  - 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..**

- Presented at Career Days at Whittenberg Middle School and Birnamwood Elementary School. (2002)
- UWSP Woman and Science
- UWSP College Days for Kids
- Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Association convention Chair of student volunteers.
- Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Association Convention Speakers Committee.
- UWSP Phi Kappa Phi Executive Committee

#### **Cynthia Forster, M.S.**

- **Director of Clinical Services**
- **Presentation**
  - Community “Identification of Speech/Language Needs in the Preschool Child- Presented to the Noel Childcare Providers
- **Publication**
  - WSHA Communication Connection- *School of Communicative Disorders: Critical Issues Class component of Curriculum (2002)*
- WSHA Communication Connection Section Editor

#### **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).
- UWSP 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

- Currently enrolled in the Central Michigan University Clinical Doctorate in Audiology Program
- Established and is the advisor of Sign Language Club of UWSP
- Community- Established and is the advisor of the monthly Hearing Support Group

#### **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
- Invited to attend the Healthy Athletes Conference for Special Olympics in Washington, D.C.
- Panama Special Olympics hearing screening

#### **Leslie Plonsker, Ph.D.**

- **Coordinator of Academic Programs**
- Publication-
  - 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.
- **Presentation**
  - Community- Fluency Management for the Preschool and Early School-age Child who Stutters: Using Cognitive-Linguistic Strategies – Stevens Point School District
- **Publication**
  - Co-authored The Communication Connection- *Medical Perspectives* (2002)
  - The Communication Connection- *Didjeridoos, Kangaroos, and SLP's Down Under* (2002)
- Community- Advisor Stuttering Support Group

#### **Maggie Watson, PhD.**

- 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., & Murthy , S.N., Phonological Analysis Practice. Thinking Publications, Eau Claire, WI.
- **Presentations**

- Watson, M. and Gabe, R. *Phonemic Awareness Assessment Practices* American Speech-Language-Hearing Association National Convention (2002)

**Jackie Zuelke-Karch, M.S.**

- **Publication**

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