

<p style="text-align: center;">Year-End Report 2005-2006 School of Communicative Disorders</p>

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 2.8.

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).

Program Highlights

- 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 have been meeting for over two years developing a collaborative joint Au.D. degree program between both campuses. On March 11, 2005, the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System approved this program. As both campuses make this transition, into the AuD program, there are many "house keeping" details that need to be resolved as we formally transition into this collaborative AuD. program. With the approval from the Board of Regents along with both campuses a Candidacy Application has been submitted to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. This joint AuD. program is unique within the UW-system because it is the first such collaborative clinical doctorate program.
- The Higher Learning Commission, who is the national accrediting board for UWSP, on May 11, 2006 approved to extend UWSP's accreditation to include the Doctor of Audiology (AuD.) in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin-Madison. This is the first clinical doctorate to be given at UWSP or any of the other comprehensive universities within the UW System.
- UWSP Student Speech-Language-Hearing Student Association along with the Wisconsin Speech-Language and Audiology Association (WSHA) sponsored a WSHA-P Student Weekend Conference.

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 Area Public Schools.
- Provides hearing diagnostics for the Early Intervention program.
- Provides speech-language services to Hospice of Portage County on an as needed basis.
- Provide hearing screening for the Migrant Farm Workers Program

Student Centered Excellence

- Graduate student in Speech-Language Pathology take the national PRAXIS exam and 95% of our students passed the exam. The national pass rate for SLP is 75%.
- The School of Communicative Disorders held their annual Student Awards Banquet on April 23, 2006 and awarded over \$13,000 in student scholarships.
- The Wisconsin-Speech-Language and Audiology Foundation gives ten state-wide Scholarships and three of our graduate students won the following (WSHA) Scholarships:
 - Jessica Habeck- Nancy McKinley Scholarship for \$1000.
 - Mary Romsos- Jack Kile Scholarship for \$1000.
 - Sarah Skahan- Risa Mari Otto Scholarship- \$2000.
- The UWSP National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSSLHA) Chapter wrote and was awarded a matching Community Service Grant for \$1000 for the Wood County Birth-to-three program to assist in the purchase of assistive technology equipment for this program.

Student Research

- We had five graduate students who assisted faculty members in a number of research projects. These students co-presented with the faculty members at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention in San Diego, CA.

Diversity

- Charlie Osborne received a \$2000 summer stipend from the Curriculum Infusion subcommittee of the Equity and Affirmative Action Committee to incorporate activities on cultural diversity into an existing course. Charlie will be adapting his COMD 723 Fluency Disorders to address cultural diversity.
- The Department has discussed how to increase interest in Communicative Disorders within the Hmong Community. As a result of this discussion, Gary Cumley met with Mia Vang from the Education Department and discussed this issue with her. She suggested that the faculty and students within the major make a presentation to the Hmong Student Organization on campus. Her thought was that students are not aware of this major. A presentation will be scheduled this fall with this group.

- Collaborate with the ESL Department and provide foreign accent reduction services on campus.
- We offer a course on diversity for both the graduate SLP and AuD. students.

International and Study Abroad

- David Henry is in the process of developing a study abroad course titled: The International Business of Hearing Aids. The target would be AuD. students from around the country. The class would be 2-3 weeks and students would visit different hearing aid manufacturers in Denmark, Switzerland, and Germany.

Faculty Highlights

Donna Christensen, M.A.- Coordinator of Undergraduate Programs

Presentations

- WSHA-P Student Weekend conference, Interested in Medical SLP?? - October 2005
- Professional member/Community Spokeperson- The North Central Wisconsin Laryngectomy Club.

Gary D. Cumley, Ph.D.- Associate Dean/ Chair

- On the Planning Committee for the Wisconsin Assistive Technology Convention and will be held on March 22-24, 2007 at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point.
- Earned a 3rd ASHA Award for Continuing Education (ACE) from the American Speech-Language Hearing Association.
- Traveled to Pittsburgh, PA to serve on the Advisory Council of DynaVox Technologies.

Publications

- Dowden, P., Alarcon, N, Vollan, T., G. D. Cumley, Kuehn, C .M. & Amtmann, D., (2006). Survey of SLP caseloads in Washington state schools: Implications and strategies for action. *Language, Speech, and Hearing Services in Schools, 37, 104-117.*
- Cumley, G. D., & Stuart S. (2005, September). Perspectives on Augmentative and Alternative Communication. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Division 12.

Presentations

- Cumley, G. D. (2005, November). Establishment of an AAC Equipment Lending Library in Rural Wisconsin. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, San Diego, CA.

Mary Day, M.S.

- UWSP Woman and Science
- UWSP College Days for Kids
- UWSP Phi Kappa Phi President

Cynthia Forster, M.S.- Director of Clinical Services

Presentations

- Casey, P, Erdman, K., & Forster, C. (2006 April,). Supervising the Above and Below Average Students in School and Medical Setting. Wisconsin Speech Language and Audiology Association, Green Bay, WI.

Other Activities

- Book review, "Professional Issues" by Trici Schraeder.

Tami Gumz, M.S.

- Currently enrolled in the Central Michigan University Clinical Doctorate in Audiology Program
- Advisor of Sign Language Club of UWSP

Becky Henning, Ph.D.

Publications

- Henning, B. (2005). Compression-dependent differences in hearing aid gain between speech and non-speech input signals. Ear and Hearing.
- Henning, B. (2006, May). Changing perceptions- A framework for growth. <http://www.uwsp.edu/education/facets/views/index.html>.

Presentations

- Henning, B. (2006, April). The Effects of Compression Parameters On the "Speech Banana". American Academy of Audiology Convention, Minneapolis, MN.
- Henning, B. (2006, April) The Effects of Compression Parameters On the "Speech Banana". Wisconsin Speech-Language and Audiology Association Convention, Green Bay, WI.
- Henning, B., & Henry, D. (2006, April) Use of a Probe Microphone system In the Efficient Fitting and Verification of Hearing Aids. Wisconsin Speech-Language and Audiology Association Convention, Green Bay, WI.

Other

- Received a summer FACETS stipend.

David Henry, Ph.D.

Presentations

- Henning, B., & Henry, D. (2006, April) Use of a Probe Microphone system In the Efficient Fitting and Verification of Hearing Aids. Wisconsin Speech-Language and Audiology Association Convention, Green Bay, WI.
- Henry, D. F. (2006, April). Interference in Hearing Aids By Ultrasonic Motion Sensors. American Academy of Audiology Convention, Minneapolis, MN

Julia King, Ph.D.- New Coordinator of Graduate Programs

Publications

- King, J. (2006). Complex Communication Needs and AAC. In L.M. Justice (Ed.), *Communication sciences and disorders: An introduction*.

Presentations

- King, J. (2005, November). Communication topics and Partners at the End of Life. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, San Diego, CA.
- King, J. (April, 2006) Speech-Language Pathology Courses Via Distance Education Technology. Wisconsin Speech-Language and Audiology Association Convention, Green Bay, WI
- King, J. (April, 2006) Communication Topics and Partners at the End-of-Life. Wisconsin Speech-Language and Audiology Association Convention, Green Bay, WI.

Grants

- Received Mini-Tech Grant Spring 2006 for the Sentence intelligibility Test to be put on the network Menu.
- UPDC Grant- entitled March, 2006 "Language and communication changes associated with Primary Progressive Aphasia: A pilot study".

Leslie Plonsker, Ph.D.

Presentations

- Plonsker, L., & Osborne, C. (November, 2005) Experienced and Inexperienced Listener's Perceptions of Fluency in Nonstuttered Speech. Presentation at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, San Diego, CA
- Plonsker, L. (April, 2006) Teaching Today's Students: Challenges and Opportunities Wisconsin Speech-Language and Audiology Association Convention, Green Bay, WI.
- Plonsker, L., & Osborne, C. (April, 2005) Experienced and Inexperienced Listener's Perceptions of Fluency in Nonstuttered Speech. Wisconsin Speech-Language and Audiology Association Convention, Green Bay, WI.

Charlie Osborne, M.A.

Presentations

- Plonsker, L., & Osborne, C. (November, 2005) Experienced and Inexperienced Listener's Perceptions of Fluency in Nonstuttered Speech. Presentation at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, San Diego, CA.
- Osborne, C. (November, 2005) Longitudinal Data Regarding Stuttering Management Effectiveness Using Parent Report. Presentation at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, San Diego, CA.

- Osborne, C. (April, 2005). Working With Preschoolers Who Stutter and Their Families: Direct Management. . Wisconsin Speech-Language and Audiology Association Convention, Green Bay, WI
- Plonsker, L., & Osborne, C. (April, 2005) Experienced and Inexperienced Listener's Perceptions of Fluency in Nonstuttered Speech. Wisconsin Speech-Language and Audiology Association Convention, Green Bay, WI.

Other

- Received a summer FACETS stipend.

Maria Stadler, Ph.D.

Publications

- Stadler, M. (2006). Supporting the narrative development of young children. *Early Childhood Education Journal*, Online January 4, 2006 issue.

Presentations

- Stadler, M. (October, 2005) enhancing the Communication-Cognitive-Literacy Connection Through Storytelling. Presentation at the Wisconsin Early Childhood Education & Care State Conference, Middleton, WI.
- Stadler, M. (November, 2005) Using Books to Teach Phonological Awareness to preschool Children. Presentation at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, San Diego, CA.
- Stadler, M. (April, 2005) Using Books to Teach Phonological Awareness to preschool Children. Wisconsin Speech-Language and Audiology Association Convention, Green Bay, WI.
- Stadler, M. (April, 2005) Hot topics in Birth to 3. Wisconsin Speech-Language and Audiology Association Convention, Green Bay, WI

Maggie Watson, PhD.

Presentations

- Watson, M. (November, 2005). Speech Language Pathologist's Phonological Assessment Practices: a National Survey. Presentation at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, San Diego, CA.
- Watson, M. (November, 2005) Survey of Universities' Teaching: Oral Motor Exercises & other Procedures. Presentation at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, San Diego, CA.

