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PACS Benefits from New Programs and Faculty

As we welcome 25 new and 49 returning students this fall, we're reminded of the many wonderful accomplishments and changes we've seen in PACS since our last issue of Amplifications in 2007. While it would be impossible to include them all here, we'd like to highlight some for you.

New Director of Deaf Education Studies: We are happy



Heather Hayes, Ph.D.

to welcome Heather Hayes, Ph.D., as the new Director of Deaf Education Studies. Heather earned her

Master's in Education of the Deaf at Smith College (Clarke School for the Deaf) and taught speech, language, and literacy skills in an auditory oral school for six years prior to completing her Ph.D. in the Program in Developmental Psychology at Washington University earlier this year. Her research interests are broad and generally related to quantitative assessments of language and literacy development in

deaf children who wear cochlear implants. She also is an experienced and highly-rated teacher at the university level.

New Minor in Speech and Hearing Sciences: The new minor in the College of Arts & Sciences is available starting with the 2009-10 Academic Year. Information is available to undergraduate students and has also been posted to the PACS website, <http://pacs.wustl.edu/> under "Programs".

U.S. News and World Report: The Doctor of Audiology Program at WUSM was ranked number five in the country in the most recent report.

NIDCD Training Grant: PACS is a recipient of a National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) five-year research training program for doctoral students in audiology. The program, the NRSA Short-Term Institutional Research Training Grant (T35), will allow students to receive training over the summer months in research ethics and methodology, and work alongside established investigators in the field. Students receive travel funds and a stipend.

Faculty, Staff and Student Highlights

- Au.D. student Jessica Teymouri along with PACS faculty members Michael Valente, Ph.D. and A.U. Bankaitis, Ph.D. published a paper in *Audiology Today*, July/August 2009. The title of the paper is "Hearing Assistance Technology and Patient Counseling in Audiology."
- William W. Clark, Ph.D., Director of PACS, was recently elected to a three-year term as secretary of the Faculty Senate and Faculty Senate Council at Washington University.
- PACS alumna Dorie Noll (2007) received a reference to her Independent Study in a new book entitled, "Early Childhood Development: A Multicultural Perspective," by Jeffrey Trawick-Smith. Dorie's independent study, "Activities for Social Skills Development in Deaf Children Preparing to Enter the Mainstream," is published in the Washington University's School of Medicine repository for scholarly publications, <http://dspace.wustl.edu/>.
- Melissa Mooney, Au.D. student, has been chosen to be the

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Faculty, Staff and Student Highlights

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- Student Member and serve on the Board of the American Balance Society and will attend the next American Auditory Society (AAS) meeting held in March 2010.
- Five audiology students presented posters at AAA Audiology NOW!/2009 Meeting held in Dallas, Texas on April 1-4, 2009. The student presenters were: Jacquelyn Baudhuin, Rose Bradley, Alison Brockmeyer, Natalie Lenzen, and Amy Umansky.
 - Dr. Michael Valente, PACS Faculty Member and Director of Adult Audiology at WUSM, received the Presidential Award from the American Academy of Audiology for his contributions to the field and the AAA. The award was presented at the recent annual AAA meeting held in Dallas, Texas, April 1-4, 2009.
 - Four PACS Au.D. students, along with PACS faculty, presented T35 Posters at the American Auditory Society (AAS) Meeting held on March 5-7, 2009 in Scottsdale, Arizona. The student presenters were: Noël Dwyer, Katherine Gorton, Lauren Lawler, and Mary Rybak Rice. Amy Umansky, Au.D. student, and Judith Lieu, M.D. also presented a poster titled, "Quality of Life in Children and Adolescents with Hearing Loss."
 - Au.D. student Elizabeth Baum Fernandez presented her capstone research project entitled, "The Protective Effect of Kanamycin Treatment on Noise-Induced Hearing Loss in Young CBA/J Mice," at the AudiologyNOW! 2009 Student Research Forum held on April 3, 2009 in Dallas, TX. She was one of five students selected among numerous student applicants chosen to present at this meeting.
 - Mark Warchol, Ph.D., Katherine Gorton, Au.D. student, and Keiko Hirose, M.D., presented a poster entitled, "Macrophage Response to Ototoxic Injury: A Comparative Study of the Avian and Mammalian Inner Ears," at the Association for Research in Otolaryngology Meeting, February 14-19 2009, in Baltimore, MD. Mary Rybak Rice, Au.D. student, Patricia Gagnon, and Kevin Ohlemiller, Ph.D. also presented a poster entitled, "Divergence of Noise Vulnerability in CBA/J and CBA/CaJ Mice."
 - Kristin Musser, Au.D. student, was awarded a fellowship from the American Academy of Audiology (AAA) Foundation. The purpose of this fellowship is to expose students who are interested in research or wishing to pursue a career in research to a stimulating research environment under the guidance of a mentor. The title of Kristin's study is, "Effect of Hearing Loss on the Speech-Evoked Auditory Brainstem Response in the Presence of Noise."
 - Maureen Valente, Ph.D., Director of Audiology Studies, has published a new textbook titled, "Pure-tone Audiometry and Masking," which debuted at the AudiologyNow! 2009 convention in Dallas, Texas. She also was presented with the first-annual Margo Skinner Award from the Missouri Academy of Audiology (MAA) on Thursday, September 11, 2008. Valente, who was nominated by her professional colleagues, received the Award during the MAA annual convention in St. Louis, Missouri. The Award recognizes Dr. Valente for her "dedication to the field of audiology...demonstration of compassion and integrity, and devotion to improving the communication skills of those with hearing loss." The Award is named for the late Margo Skinner, who served on the PACS faculty for over 30 years and was well-known in the field of audiology for both her pioneering work with cochlear implants and her gentle and compassionate approach with patients, students, and fellow faculty and staff alike.
 - Michael Valente, Ph.D., Professor of Otolaryngology and Director of Adult Audiology, along with 12 current Au.D. students, presented a Learning Module at the AudiologyNow! 2009 meeting in Dallas, Texas. The Module was titled "Classroom to Clinic: Creating a Hearing Aid Counseling Tool" and is based on a class assignment in Dr. Valente's course on hearing aids. Each student created a presentation on a specific area of hearing aid counseling.

Class Notes

1990s

Lisa Potts, 1991 (Ph.D., 2006)

Lisa and her husband Brent welcomed son William Lewis Potts on December 10, 2007.

Rodrick Easterly, 1999

Rodrick served with the military in Iraq in 2005 and is currently serving in Afghanistan.

1990s/2000s

Marie Richter, 1995; Debbie (Kupchik) Brooks, 2003; Maggie (Basile) Matusofsky, 2003; and Insook Lim, 2003

All received their Au.D. degrees from Salus University on May 22, 2009.

2000s

Tina (Prout) Stoodly, 2000

Tina was married in 2008 and is currently working as an Assistant Professor in Audiology at the University of Northern Colorado.

Aimee (Woolard) Baker, 2002

Aimee and Michael Baker were married on May 9, 2008.

Rebecca Underwood, 2003

Rebecca and her husband Nick welcomed son Luke Solomon Underwood on May 1, 2008.

Ellie (Rice) White, 2003

Ellie married Patrick White on March 20, 2009. She is currently working at Central Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis, Missouri.

Christina Borders, 2004

Christy received her Ed.D. in Special Education from the University of Cincinnati on June 12, 2009. Her dissertation was titled, "Direct Observation as a Decision Method

for Evaluation Inclusionary Classroom Participation of Children with Mild Hearing Impairment: A Pilot Study."

Robyn (Patton) Brueggeman, 2004

Robyn married Jeff Brueggeman on June 26, 2004. She is currently employed as an Itinerant Teacher for the Deaf with the Special School District of St. Louis County. She now lives in Columbia, Illinois.

Kacey (Lindgren) Modlin, 2004

Kacey was married on July 19, 2008.

Aimee Marlow, 2006

After Aimee graduated, she moved to Broward County, Florida to work as an itinerant teacher. She recently moved back to St. Louis and gave birth to her son Gabriel Alexander Moreno in April, 2008. Aimee was married to Fernando Moreno in August, 2009 and plans to go to Ecuador to visit family.

Jill (Hardesty) Wyatt, 2006

Jill married Jordan Wyatt on October 20, 2007. Jill is currently employed with St. Louis County Special School District teaching in a 4th and 5th grade deaf and hard of hearing TC classroom.

Megan (Beauduy) Vega, 2007

Megan and her husband Luis Vega were married on May 23, 2009. Megan is now working as a teacher at CREC-Soundbridge in New Haven, Connecticut.

Maria Goldenberg, 2007

Maria and her husband welcomed son Max Jacob Goldenberg on June 25, 2008. Maria is currently living in Indiana.

Kristen (Bretz) Kramer, 2007

Kristen was married in August, 2008.

Sarah (Reynolds) Bridges, 2007

Sarah was married on July 11, 2009. She is currently living in Durham, North Carolina.

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