

# NEWSLETTER

*Gallaudet University*

*Department of Hearing, Speech, and Language Sciences*

## Message from the Department Chair

*Dr. Karen Garrido-Nag*

Hello HSLS Student, Faculty, and Staff,

We are a few weeks to the end of the Spring 2021 semester. It may seem like the list of things to do is very long but we can all work together to get it done. As Nelson Mandela said, "It always seems impossible until it's done."

A little more persistence, and a little more effort and we all would be congratulating each other for a semester filled with learning and ready for what lies ahead of us.

To the Audiology cohort 2021 and 3y2021 and SLP cohort 2021 congratulations on your upcoming graduation and best wishes for your next adventure!

Let's also hope that we can go back to pre-pandemic F2F instruction in the Fall and that we can all see each other in person.

Thank you for being wonderful students, staff, and faculty!

## Upcoming Events

### Research Day

April 30th, 11am-1pm  
Gather.town

### HSLS Awards Ceremony

May 5th, 12:15pm-2pm  
Zoom

### Commencement

May 14th

## Research Day

An afternoon dedicated to celebrate the research achievement's of the program's graduate students and faculty.

If you are interested in *sharing your research* at the event, please complete the following form:

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If you are interested in *attending* the event, please complete the following form:

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# Welcome to the GUHSC!

## Dr. Benjamin Harden, Au.D., CCC-A

### *Clinical Director*

Dr. Harden proudly returns to his alma mater newly appointed as the Director of the Gallaudet University Hearing and Speech Clinic. He is grateful to join such high caliber faculty, staff and clinical educators in the quest to provide the best state-of-the-science services to patients and multifarious academic and clinical experience to students.

He offers international clinical and business experience having established an audiology consulting practice in Singapore and as a former Head of Audiology for a multinational hearing health company spanning Southeast Asia.

Dr. Harden is a Nebraska native and is currently pursuing an MBA degree. He and his wife easily surpass their 10,000 steps per day chasing their wildly energetic 2-year-old son.



## Ms. Lesley-Ann Bovell, M.Ed., CCC-SLP

### *SLP Clinical Educator*

Ms. Bovell has been a Speech-Language Pathologist for a little over 10 years and is currently pursuing a Doctor of Education degree in Organizational Leadership with an emphasis in Special Education.

Her areas of expertise are in language and literacy, fluency, cognitive-communicative impairments, and augmentative communication. One of the many aspects that she loves about being in the field of Speech Pathology is the ability to have multiple interests. Ms. Bovell's interests are in supervision, assessments specific to assessing children from various cultures, language and literacy, AAC, special education, cognition, and dysphagia diagnostics.

Since 2016, Ms. Bovell has been in higher education as an Adjunct Professor of Speech Language Pathology, Assistant Professor of Education, and now a Clinical Educator in HSLS at Gallaudet University.



# ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## Nada Faquih, Ph.D, SLP

### *Class of 2010*

Dr. Faquih is currently the chair of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology department at King Abdulaziz University (KAU) in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The department is expected to launch its undergraduate program next year (2021/2022). She has also been involved in curriculum development and reviews of national SLP and Audiology programs for the last few years.

## Elizabeth Hoehl, Au.D.

### *Class of 2003*

Dr. Hoehl is the proud and sole owner of the Vienna Hearing Center as of 11/01/2020. She has worked in this private practice since her 4th year with every intention of purchasing the practice one day. This has been a very long time in the making with a lot of research and dedication going into the entire process. Dr. Hoehl is very excited to pursue this venture into private practice and looks forward to providing patient-centered hearing healthcare with excellence in quality, service, and compassion.

# Audiology Program

AuD clinical educators, AuD students, and GUHSC admin staff continue on-campus clinicals through a pandemic as we all struggle with impacts to our mental/physical health.

It has required shared patience, support, flexibility, and encouragement. We appreciate the strength people bring everyday!

We continue to offer on-campus clinical training for our audiology students. The amount of time on-campus has been increased to allow for more-hands on learning experience. In addition, the summer clinical schedule will also be adjusted provide additional on-campus clinical experiences.



In February, Dr. Marcinkus provided two workshops on CV/resume development and cover-letter writing for SAA.

The AuD program will begin the process to hire a new clinical educator.



In the photographs, students Maggie Gehm, Sara Mergenthal, Marissa Reuter, Kat Seville, and Jen Weber had the opportunity to practice their clinical skills on each other.



# Speech-Language Pathology Program

In February, we welcomed a new clinical educator to the department. Ms. Bovell comes with a rich background and we look forward to her contribution to our program.

The 2021 ASHA Convention will take place in Washington DC! Multiple faculty members and students are submitting proposals for presentation at the convention. Since ASHA is taking place in DC, Gallaudet's SLP program has already been planning on how to become involved. The Maguire Welcome Center has agreed to provide tours to ASHA attendees on Wednesday November 17th. We look forward to a strong ASHA presence!



First year students, Amanda Goldman, Carolynn McElroy, Melissa Richardson, and Alex Williams completed an in-person evaluation with clinical educator, Maggie Perez.

In February, the second-years met with Melanie Hudson, ASHA Fellow to discuss CF mentorship.

A panel of recent SLP graduates provided both cohorts the opportunity to hear from them on what they wished they had known at this point in their graduate program.



Although Maggie Perez has been providing services in the clinic since last fall, this spring, we were happy to welcome a small group of our first-year students into the on campus clinic as well. All students have two/three clients via virtual care. In addition, first year students have had the opportunity to complete 2 virtual evaluations with a group of students completing an in-person evaluation.

NSSLHA raised \$540.50 for Deaf Planet Soul from a pizza night fundraiser with Mozzarella; a deaf-owned pizzeria. The next fundraiser is a 5k in April. Also, NSSLHA will apply for chapter honors this year, the first time in about a decade. Chapter honors are given to local chapters that demonstrate multiple advocacy activities and fundraising events.



A panel of recent SLP graduates with first and second year students.