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Autumn 2007

T UI hosts CAPCSD Summer Institute

The Council on Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders held the first ever Summer Institute at The University of Iowa from June 18-July 13, 2007. Thirty doctoral students and one post-doc from 22 programs participated.

Attendees earned up to four graduate credits in a consolidated four-week period, selecting from the following courses:

- ▶ Anatomy, Physiology, Biomechanics & Acoustics of Voice, *taught by Jerry Moon, Fari Alipour and Ingo Titze, UI*
- ▶ Cochlear Implants: Neurophysiology and Speech Perception, *taught by Paul Abbas and Chris Turner, UI*
- ▶ Molecular Genetics and Human Speech, Hearing and Language Disorders, *taught by Jeff Murray, Jonathan Bjork, Brian Schutte, Richard Smith and Bruce Tomblin, UI*
- ▶ Connectionist Models in Explanations of Language Processing and Production, *taught by Jean K. Gordon, UI, and Gary Dell, the University of Illinois.*

In addition to the academic benefits of providing an intensive academic experience within a single location, the Institute was created to also increase collaboration among peers, an opportunity not often available to students in small academic programs. *(continued on page 2)*



A snapshot during a break in the Genetics course

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Ed Conture named Distinguished Alum



Edward G. Conture, Ph.D., Professor and Director, Graduate Studies, Hearing and Speech Sciences, Vanderbilt University, was named the 2007 Distinguished Alumnus.

Dr. Conture received the award in Iowa City in February 2007, where he presented the talk, *Developmental (childhood) stuttering: One size (explanation) may not fit all.*

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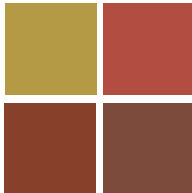
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CAPCSD Summer Institute (continued)

One participant said that the Institute provided "an excellent opportunity to meet future colleagues and current leaders in the field, allowing us to network, collaborate, and integrate varied research interests and backgrounds."

In addition to daytime courses, the Institute featured evening events on hearing- and speech-related topics, presented by faculty from UI and other academic institutions, as well as experts from the National Institutes of Health and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Richard Hurtig directed the 2007 Summer Institute at Iowa. The 2008 CAPCSD Summer Institute will be held at The Ohio State University.

Penny Hall retires

Following 39 years of service, Penny Hall retired from The University of Iowa faculty in June 2007. Her interests focused on the many aspects of the clinical process, and included didactic teaching, clinical supervisory responsibilities for graduate students, summer intensive therapy programs, and two years as Clinic Director. She co-authored the recently published second edition of the Hall, Jordan & Robin text *Developmental Apraxia of Speech: Theory and Clinical Practice*.

Enjoy your well-earned retirement, Penny!



Message from the chair

First, thanks to everyone involved in the 50th anniversary celebration last May. It was great to see old friends, and the hard work of many resulted in a great time for everyone. I particularly want to thank those who traveled to get here; we appreciate the effort. Let's do it again sometime! As part of the event, we produced a booklet with old photos and other information. We have a few remaining; for a copy, Email me (paul-abbas@uiowa.edu).

This fall we welcomed a new class of students. Our undergraduate program numbers are higher than any year in recent memory. Our new AuD and MA Speech Pathology classes are also at our maximum capacity. Most importantly, we are very pleased with the quality and progress of our students through the program.

We're looking forward to some long awaited renovations in some public spaces of the building later this fall. It will include new carpeting and furniture in the clinic waiting area – many of the pieces you might recognize as original to the building (at least as long as I have been here).

I want to add my congratulations to graduates, students, faculty and former faculty that have received awards in the past year (see page 4). You all reflect well on the department, and it is these types of recognition that help us to recruit excellent new students to our program.

Finally, I want to thank those who have contributed to the Iowa Foundation recently. We have seen a significant increase in number of donations within the past year. Such support for the department is very gratifying but also these donations are particularly useful in funding of students and rewarding students for excellent work in our program, such as the scholarships announced on page 4 of this newsletter.

- Paul Abbas



a nice little moment from the reunion...more on page 7

personnel

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Abbas, Paul, *Department Chair*
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Hurtig, Richard
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Louko, Linda
McGregor, Karla
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Moon, Jerald
Niebuhr, Diane
Owen, Amanda
Reiss, Lina
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awards, awards, awards

At the 2007 ASHA convention in Boston, we proudly noted many students and alumni receiving awards, including:

Hua Ou, UI doctoral student, was one of 40 students selected for the 2007 Class of the Minority Student Leadership Program, a leadership development tool for racial/ethnic minority students in communication sciences and disorders.

HONORS of the Association (2007) were awarded to **Edward G. Conture** (PhD 72) and **Carol Westby** (MA 68, PhD 71). ASHA Fellows were **Karen Iler Kirk** (PhD 90), **Anne Smith** (PhD 89), **James Thelin** (MA 73, PhD 80), and **Amy Weiss** (former faculty, 1987-2004). **Julie Stierwalt** (PhD 97) earned the Editors Award for Contemporary Issues in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Wu-Hsiang Wu was selected for the Kenneth T. Key Graduate Fellowship, an award given for the top Taiwan-born graduate scholar at The University of Iowa.

Ingo Titze, UI Foundation Distinguished Professor, was awarded the Silver Medal in Speech Communication from the Acoustical Society of America at their November 2007 meeting in New Orleans.

student publications in 2007

Reiss, L.A.J., Turner, C.W., Erenberg, S. R., and Gantz, B. (2007). Changes in pitch with a cochlear implant over time, J. Assoc. Res. Otol. Jun;8(2):241-57.

Peng, S. P., Tomblin, B., Turner, C.W. (2007). Production and Perception of Speech Intonation in Pediatric Cochlear Implant Recipients and Individuals with Normal Hearing", Ear and Hearing (in press).

Reiss, L.A., Gantz, B.J. and Turner, C.W. (2007). Cochlear Implant Speech Processor Frequency Allocations May Influence Pitch Perception, Otolology and Neurology (in press).

Turner, C.W., Gantz, L.R. and **Reiss, L.A.J.** (2007). Integration of acoustic and electric hearing, Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Developments, (in press).

Turner, C.W., **Reiss, L.R.** and Gantz, B. (2007). Combining acoustic and electric hearing, Hearing Research, (in press).

Shin, M, Wang, S., Bentler, R., **He, S.** (2007). New feedback detection method for performance evaluation of hearing aids. Journal of Sound and Vibration, 302:350-360.

Wu, Y-H., Bentler, R.A. (2007). Using a signal cancellation technique to assess adaptive directivity of hearing aids. Journal of the Acoustical Society of America, 122(1):496-511.

Walker, Elizabeth A. & Bass-Ringdahl, S.M. (in press). Babbling complexity and its relationship to speech and language outcomes in children with cochlear implants. Journal of Otology and Neurotology.

Guo, L., Tomblin, J. B., & **Samelson, V.** (in press). Speech disruptions in the narratives of English-speaking children with specific language impairment. Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Research.

help us maintain our tradition of excellence

UI Foundation funds and awards established over the years attract excellent students and help them achieve their goals. The following awards were announced in Fall 2007.

Iowa Speech-Language-Hearing Association Scholarships **Erin King, Ben Kirby** and **James Lewis**

ASHA Foundation Graduate Student Scholarship / Sertoma International Communicative Disorders Scholarship **Erin King**

Laurel Stanzel Award for Outstanding Graduate Student in Audiology **Melissa Teahen**

Shirley and Thomas Salmon Award **Shawn Merritt**

Leland and Esther Ogdahl Award **Jennifer Buckley**

Kristin Lodge-Miller Award for Outstanding SLP Graduate Student **Alison Lentz**

Bette Williams Scholarship in Clinical Fluency **Julianna Hoffman**

Bette R. Priestestersbach Award **Lindsay Hart**

Alumni Updates

From the 1950's

Parley W. Newman (PhD 1954). Retired, "I'm alive and well."

Shirley Nichols Sparks (BA 1955). Associate Professor Emerita, Western Michigan University (Michael Karnell was my student) and Adjunct Associate Professor, Santa Clara University (retired, 2002), ASHA Fellow (1991). "I am still doing home visits for early intervention 0-3 and have enjoyed my long career as an SLP. My book, *Home-Based Services: Early intervention in Natural Environments* will soon be in press by Brookes. Married, 3 children, 5 grandchildren. Enjoying California sunshine and tennis."

From the 1960's

Hughlett Morris (BA 1952; MA 1957; PhD 1960). "I am writing fiction: two books published and a third to the publisher recently."

Roma Lee Johnson (BA 1964; MA 1966). Current job: Private consultant. "I am semi-retiring on May 1, 2007, and will become a 'snowbird,' spending part of the year in Iowa and part of the year in Hawaii."

From the 1970's

Sandra Hobson (MA Audiology, 1975; AuD, Arizona State University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences, 2001). "I'm celebrating my 15th anniversary in private practice — a new larger office at the same great location, offering services dealing with LIVING with a hearing loss and deafness."

Joan (Bodensteiner) Lentz (MA Speech-Language Pathology, 1976). Current job: SLP for AEA 267. "Husband Bob is a civil engineer; son Bryan, 24, civil engineer; daughter Alison, 23, first year grad student in speech-language pathology at the great U of Iowa; daughter Emily, 18, college-bound, probably NOT for civil engineering or speech pathology!"

Kay (Busse) Meyer (BA 1976). Current job: SLP contracting to schools in Lake County, IL. "Yes, advisors, you were right. Going to Northwestern for the M.A. was a culture shock, but my Iowa values and preparation allowed me to survive. UI grads can go anywhere in the world! After my CFY as a NU employee under Jeri Logemann, I moved to the Chicago suburbs, had two children (one engineer who went to Iowa State, and one MSW) and have worked continuously in private practice and schools. [For the celebration event] I am ready to sing (alto) or fill in as a member of a skit, if anyone needs talent. I just refuse to wear my 1970s pantsuit. Those were good days."

From the 1980's

Natalie Gutow McManus (MA Speech Pathology, 1983). Current jobs: Adjunct Professor at George Mason University, Theatre Department (Designated Linklater Voice Teacher), teaching voice and speech; Forensics (public speaking, not CSI stuff) Coach at Northwest High School in Montgomery Co., MD; Owner / president, Puck's Pals, LLC, teaching Shakespeare workshops to middle school students; Freelance speech-language pathologist and voice teacher (when time permits). "After 15 years as a speech-language pathologist, I have branched off into the world of theatre voice (speaking voice). I have acted in a number of community theatre productions and two years ago I had a major role in an independent film, 'Past Perfect.' I live in Potomac, MD, with my husband of 22 years, Richard, and my three children, one of whom attends Penn State University (and lives in my old dorm!). Would love to hear from fellow 1983 graduate friends!" Natvoice@aol.com.

(more updates on page 7)

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faculty profile

J. Bruce Tomblin joined the faculty at the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology at The University of Iowa in 1972. In 1999 he was named the D. C. Spriestersbach Distinguished Professorship in Liberal Arts and Sciences. Many of our readers know Bruce from his years of classroom teaching in the area of developmental speech and language disorders. Bruce is also well-known for several federally-funded research grants concerned with the causes, course and outcomes of developmental language disorders in children with Specific Language Impairment and hearing loss. Much of the research on the course and outcomes of language impairment has centered on the academic and social outcomes of language impairment. These data were obtained from a large-scale longitudinal study of children who were epidemiologically sampled and who have now completed their secondary school education. In a similar fashion, Bruce has been tracking the speech, language, academic and social outcomes of children who have received cochlear implants. The research on causes of language disorder has been focused on developing an understanding of the genetic bases of language impairment and the manner in which genetic factors contribute to learning and cognitive mechanisms serving language development. Molecular genetics is currently at the forefront of Bruce's research with a five-year grant from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), support from the Center for Inherited Disease Research (CIDR) for a genome-wide linkage scan and support from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust for a genome-wide association study. In addition to his many successes in teaching and research, Bruce is currently directing a record number of outstanding doctoral and post-doctoral students in the area of child language development and traveling to such places as Montreal, Portugal, United Kingdom, and Belgium for invited presentations.



FRIENDS Day networks local families and clinicians

On October 20, 2007, the Department of Speech Pathology & Audiology and the FRIENDS Organization co-sponsored a "FRIENDS Day" in the Wendell Johnson Speech & Hearing Center (WJSHC).



FRIENDS is a national organization that was created to provide a network of support for children and teenagers who stutter, their families and the professionals who work with them.

"FRIENDS Day" was a chance for local children and teenagers who stutter, their families, and speech-language pathologists to get together for group sessions, continuing education and fun! The day was planned by Tricia Zebrowski, Associate Professor, and Lee Caggiano, the founder of FRIENDS. "It was a great experience for all of us" said Tricia Zebrowski. "We plan to make FRIENDS day a yearly fall event."

more happy memories of the 50th anniversary celebration...



Alumni Updates

Rita F. Pray (MA Speech Pathology 1983). Current job: SLP for Heartland Area Education Agency 11.

Michelle Quinn (MA, Speech Pathology 1983). Current Position: Clinical Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison. "Currently teaches four academic courses in the Dept. of Communicative Disorders, supervises clinics in aural habilitation and aural rehabilitation. Loves teaching both undergraduate and graduate students! Provides summer institute via our Dept. of Public Instruction with MaryEllen Nevins on Promoting Spoken Language Development to Educators. Recipient of the UW-Madison L&S Midcareer Academic Staff Award for Achievement of Service, April, 2007. Has been taking summers off recently to do volunteer work, visit family and revisit her penchant for creative writing."

From the 1990's

Karen Iler Kirk (PhD 1991, Hearing Science). Current job: Professor, Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences at Purdue University. "I was just awarded an NIH-NIDCD R01, 'Multimodal tests of spoken word recognition for adults and children' (2007-2012; \$3.4 million, PI)."

Elana (Feinstein) Shinkle (MA 1991). "I've found an SLP position I really enjoy, at the Woodward Resource Center. If anyone would like to know more about what we do at our facility, please Email (eshinkl@dhs.state.ia.us)."

Marcie Kurth Miller (MA, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology 1994). "I am still married to my high school sweetheart and we have two children ages 8 and 10. I am working part time in a K-5 building for a local school district, following eight years of working in healthcare. I also continue to do some 0-2 early intervention for the state of Illinois. I look forward to hearing from some Iowa friends at marciemiller@consolidated.net.

From 2000 and later

Megan (Comerford) Adler (BS, Speech and Hearing Science, May 2000; AuD, Pennsylvania College of Optometry, 2006). Current job: Audiologist at Midwest Ear Nose and Throat Consultants, Ltd. in Winfield and Naperville, IL.

Susan Stentz (BA, May 2002). "I cannot thank my wonderful professors enough, as I felt completely prepared going into my master's studies. I graduated with my master's degree in audiology from the University of Illinois in 2004. Currently I am working as a pediatric audiologist at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, IL. I am also working toward my AuD through the University of Florida distance learning program."

Erin McGarry (MA, December 2004). Speech-language pathologist at Gottlieb Memorial Hospital. "I'm enjoying my job as an outpatient peds / adult SLP in Melrose Park, IL. I see Kate O'Sullivan (MA, SLP, 2004) often as she works as an acute SLP at Loyola Medical Center in Maywood. We are both training for the Chicago Marathon."

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