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## WELCOME TO /si ɛs di/

Welcome to /si ɛs di/, which (for those of you who have not completed the “Introduction to Phonetics” class) is “CSD” in the International Phonetic Alphabet. This new e-newsletter of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at West Chester University in West Chester, Pennsylvania is one way that we will share our news about our B.A. Program, Pre-Graduate Certificate Program, M.A. Program, Bilingual Emphasis, Interdisciplinary Program involvement, Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic, NSSLHA Chapter, faculty research and scholarship, and other aspects of our Department with students, alumnae, and colleagues, as well as friends of our Department. We hope that you enjoy our news and that you will contribute your own news for us to share!

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*April 2013 . . .*

## A Farewell Tribute to Michael S. Weiss, Ph.D.

On April 10, 2013, over 75 personal and professional friends gathered in the Autograph Library in Philips Memorial Building on the campus of West Chester University to honor Michael S. Weiss, Ph.D. Dr. Weiss, Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, will retire on May 31, 2013, after 35 years as a faculty member here at WCU. Special thanks to the students of the WCU Chapter of the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSSLHA), whose generous financial contribution supported the lovely buffet that the guests enjoyed from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Special thanks, also, to a special WCU celebrity, Rammy, whose Golden Rams spirit infused our celebration and brought a smile to each guest's face!

### Some Highlights from the Program . . .

Faculty members Dr. Sojung Kim and Dr. Patricia Swasey Washington served as the guest book hostess and card basket hostess, respectively, while Dr. Jennifer Means served as the buffet hostess. Faculty member Dr. Mareile Koenig prepared an entertaining slide presentation of Dr. Weiss across the years (with additional slides depicting how he and Lucy will be spending their retirement traveling over the world).

Faculty member and Chairperson-Elect Dr. Cheryl Gunter, with the assistance of Rammy, honored Lucy Weiss with WCU purple and gold flowers and wine for the private toasts of the family after the event. Dr. Gunter also announced that, as of 2014, the Department will present the annual Michael S. Weiss Undergraduate Student Research Award (to consist of a certificate and a reference book) to one or more B.A. students for their achievements in student research.

On behalf of the faculty, Dr. Mareile Koenig presented a lovely tribute to Dr. Weiss, in which she recalled his famous humor, as well as his faithful devotion to his students. Then, on behalf of the family, Ms. Alyssa Weiss presented a lovely tribute to her father, in which she recalled his influence on her as he instilled a lifelong love of learning in her heart. In addition to Lucy Weiss (Mike's wife) and Alyssa Weiss (Mike's daughter), special guests included Stephen Wacker (Alyssa's husband), Sydney and Zachary Wacker (Alyssa and Stephen's daughter and son), Rachel Weiss (Mike's daughter-in-law), and Jacob Weiss (Rachel and Jonathan's son). Everyone appreciated this opportunity to greet these very special people.

A special part of the program was the lovely musical tribute from Dr. Elizabeth Grillo (faculty member and vocalist) and Ms. Erica Henthaler (B.A. student and pianist), who serenaded Dr. Weiss and the assembled guests with "Blessing" (Katie Moran Bart).



Lucy Weiss, Rachel Weiss, Alyssa Weiss, Stephen Wacker, Jacob Weiss, Sydney Wacker, Zachary Wacker



Dr. Patricia Swasey Washington, Dr. Sojung Kim, Dr. Michael Weiss, Dr. Elizabeth Grillo, Dr. Jennifer Means, Dr. Cheryl Gunter, Dr. Mareile Koenig, Rammy

### TO HONOR THE RETIREMENT OF DR. MICHAEL WEISS . . .

Please consider a donation in his honor to the WCU Foundation, P. O. Box 541, West Chester, PA 19381, designated for the "Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders Graduate Research Scholarship." Thank you for your consideration!



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## CSD at WCU and the 2013 PSHA Convention

From April 3 to 6, 2013, faculty members Dr. Cheryl Gunter and Dr. Patricia Swasey Washington, accompanied by over 20 WCU students, participated in the Annual Convention of the Pennsylvania Speech-Language-Hearing Association (PSHA). Each of the students was a first-time Convention participant who experienced the Short Courses, Poster Sessions, Exhibit Hall, PSHA Town Hall Meeting and Business Session, PSHA Luncheon and Awards Ceremony, and a variety of student-oriented social events with enthusiasm! The Harrisburg Hilton was the venue.

Dr. Gunter, with co-author Mr. Joseph B. LeJeune, presented a Poster Session entitled, "Critical Thinking in Undergraduate Students in Speech-Language Pathology." Dr. Swasey Washington, with co-author Dr. Aquiles Iglesias and a team of student co-authors presented a Poster Session entitled, "English Noun Phrase Elaboration in Spanish-English Bilingual Children." Ms. Sara Krieger and Ms. Arielle Cragin, WCU students, represented the student co-authors as they explained the research to interested participants.

As PSHA Vice-President for Publications/Editor, Dr. Gunter participated in a variety of PSHA Executive Board endeavors at the Convention. She also represented CSD at WCU as one of five administrators from Pennsylvania academic programs in Speech-Language Pathology who presented information about their programs before the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language-Hearing (Licensure Board), then responded to questions from the Board about future directions in their programs, with a specific focus on the preparation of students in the areas of instrumentation and telepractice. At the PSHA Town Hall and Business Session, Dr. Gunter was nominated without opposition for another term for the PSHA Executive Board, on which she has served since 2006.



Dr. Patricia Swasey Washington,  
Ms. Arielle Cragin, Ms. Sara Krieger



*April 2013 . . .*

## CSD at WCU and the 2013 NSSLHA Conference

On April 12, 2013, over 75 students and professionals from varied clinical practice sites participated in the annual NSSLHA Conference, sponsored by the WCU Chapter of the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Chapter. The Sykes Union Ballroom on the WCU campus was the venue for this exceptional event.

Ms. Carolyn Macrina, a Speech-Language Pathologist who also serves as a temporary instructor in CSD at WCU as a supervisor for students in clinical practicum, was the presenter for the Conference. Her topic, "Don't Worry, Be Appy," focused upon the diverse assortment of iPad applications that SLPs can use in the course of their provision of evaluation and intervention services for patients with a wide variety of communication disorders. Ms. Macrina provided detailed information about how to locate apps and secure funds for their purchase, as well as about the abundance of no-cost apps available for download. She also provided information about how to evaluate apps for their clinical appropriateness and usefulness, as well as about specific clinical purposes various apps can serve. Her very well-received presentation stimulated much enthusiasm among the participants, who departed very excited about the potential of apps!

Over the lunch period, a number of representatives from clinical practice companies exhibited information about their professional practice opportunities for Clinical Fellows, as well as for credentialed practitioners. Over this period, as well, Dr. Mareile Koenig, CSD M.A. Coordinator, led the Alumnae Town Hall Meeting, in which alumnae provided their insights into the best directions for professional preparation and continued professional development. From the start to the end of this all-day NSSLHA Conference, participants shared ideas, explored the world of iPads and apps, demonstrated camaraderie, and departed with new clinical resources. Thank you, NSSLHA Advisor Dr. Patricia Swasey Washington, and your team of students!



**Ms. Carolyn Macrina**  
2013 NSSLHA Conference Presenter



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## CSD at WCU and the 2013 NSSLHA Banquet

On April 30, 2013, over 60 students and faculty members gathered in the Sykes Union Ballroom on the WCU campus for the annual NSSLHA Banquet.

The guests enjoyed a delicious buffet of mixed green salad, sourdough rolls with butter, stuffed shells with marinara sauce, grilled chicken with capers, and a special dessert – a decorated cake with the inscription, “Thank You, Dr. Weiss,” in honor of Dr. Michael Weiss upon his retirement from the faculty.

In addition to the collegial spirit that infused the room, the program highlights included these:

Dr. Patricia Swasey Washington, WCU NSSLHA Advisor, announced the winner of the Vincent Suppan Scholarship, Ms. Judy Lubas. The \$1000 scholarship, funded by former faculty member (1964-1982) Mr. Vincent Suppan, is presented to a student for academic excellence and a commitment to participate in professional activity, particularly NSSLHA. Congratulations, Judy!

The 2012-2013 NSSLHA Officers presented certificates to students who earned NSSLHA “Active Member” status by virtue of their participation in a substantial number of NSSLHA endeavors in the current academic year. Dr. Swasey Washington then presented certificates of appreciation to the 2012-2013 NSSLHA Officers, whose service was exemplary. These officers then announced the 2013-2014 NSSLHA Officers and wished them well as they continue the pattern of excellence established in the current year.

The evening concluded with an entertaining video presentation of the NSSLHA year in review. This video was an excellent complement to the NSSLHA scrapbook, which guests passed from table to table during the meal. Everyone confirmed that NSSLHA in 2012-2013 had accomplished much in terms of professional and charitable endeavors and was a source of considerable pride for CSD at WCU!



**Dr. Michael Weiss  
Dr. Patricia Swasey Washington**





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**Our University . . .**  
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**Our State Professional Association, PSHA . . .**  
<http://www.psha.org>

**Our National Professional Association, ASHA . . .**  
<http://www.asha.org>  
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*Our NSSLHA Chapter  
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**2012-2013**

**Leah Coan, President  
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Arielle Cragin, Treasurer**

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*Visit our site soon to “follow” us!*

## *Students . . . .*

Do your parents often ask about what happens in CSD at WCU? Would your parents enjoy reading our news and viewing our pictures? Do your parents often wish they could feel more like a part of the CSD family? If the answer to any of these questions is “YES,” then please have your parents subscribe to /si es di/ for themselves! Have your parents send their names and their e-mail address(es), along with your name (so that we will know whose parents they are), to Dr. Gunter at [cgunter@wcupa.edu](mailto:cgunter@wcupa.edu). Have other family members or friends who want to receive our e-newsletter? We are happy to include them on our subscriber list, as well! Just have these family members and friends send us their names, e-mail addresses, and a note about their connection to you.

## *Not Only Students . . . .*

We want to hear from you! Please send your news and your photos to us for possible inclusion in /si es di/. We would love to hear personal news – births, marriages, travels, hobbies, interests – as well as professional news – graduations, credentials, awards, promotions, research. Please send items very soon to Dr. Gunter at [cgunter@wcupa.edu](mailto:cgunter@wcupa.edu).

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