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GOLDEN RAMS FOREVER!!!

WELCOME TO /si ɛs di/

At this point, we are in what some would call the “down time” of the academic year – that period between the end of 1st and 2nd Summer Sessions and the start of Fall Semester. However, around CSD at WCU, we do not have “down time,” even as the rest of the campus is much quieter than usual. Dr. Kim is in the midst of her duties as our Assessment Coordinator, as well as the co-instructor for an online class. Dr. Swasey Washington is in the midst of her duties as our Bilingual Emphasis Coordinator as this dimension of our department continues to unfold. Dr. Grillo, as our B.A. Coordinator, and Dr. Koenig, as our M.A. Coordinator, continue to direct their attention to diverse aspects of our curricula, as well as to the varied issues that our students face. And, Dr. Means continues to collaborate with the administrators of the clinical sites who welcome our M.A. students for their external practicum experiences. Ms. Smith and Ms. Winters, our secretaries, maintain the operations of our department and clinic offices as they make a very difficult task look brilliantly easy. So . . . no surprise: no “down time” for CSD at WCU! Have a lovely summer!

Please Send News Items To . . .

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Thank You!



The M.A. Program
Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders
is accredited in Speech-Language Pathology by the
Council on Academic Accreditation
of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
(Current Accreditation Effective 2007-2015)

NSSLHA

CSD Students . . .

Do You Know?

Do you know about NSSLHA?
If you do – wonderful!
If you do not,

then here is some information to allow you to discover the wonderful benefits of involvement with NSSLHA at both the national and local (WCU) levels.

NSSLHA
National Student Speech-Language-Hearing
Association
(Student Branch of American
Speech-Language-Hearing Association)

What benefits does NSSLHA membership provide?

See:

<http://www.asha.org/Members/NSSLHA/Member-Benefits/>

What values does NSSLHA promote?

See:

<http://www.asha.org/Members/NSSLHA/Pre-Professional-Guidelines/>

How does one become a member of NSSLHA at the national level?

See:

<http://www.asha.org/Members/NSSLHA/default/>

How does one become a member of NSSLHA at the local (WCU) level?

If you are a CSD student at WCU,
then you are already a member!

But . . .

if you want to be a member in more than name only, you can earn “active member” status and honors by your involvement in local NSSLHA activities in the 2013-2014 Academic Year.

NSSLHA EVENTS
ARE ANNOUNCED IN CSD CLASSES . . .

AND YOU – YES, YOU – ARE INVITED
TO EACH AND EVERY EVENT!

HOPE TO SEE YOU
ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN NSSLHA IN 2013-2014

For More Information, Contact:
WCU NSSLHA PRESIDENT OR ADVISOR
Melanie Riland or Dr. Patricia Swasey Washington

CSD Students . . .

You know that, for your B.A. in CSD, you must complete a Language/Culture Requirement. But . . .

Do You Know?

Do you know about ASL at WCU?
American Sign Language
is one of the approved languages
from which you may choose
to meet the Language/Culture Requirement!

OPTION #1:

Complete 4 semesters of American Sign Language in the appropriate CSD or KIN class. The CSD Department is happy to have the opportunity to collaborate with the Kinesiology Department to offer these classes.

SPP/KIN 110 & SPP/KIN 111
SPP/KIN 210 & SPP/KIN 211

OPTION #2:

Complete the first 2 semesters of American Sign Language and 3 approved Culture Cluster classes.

SPP/KIN 110 & SPP/KIN 111
COM 295 & KIN 254 & KIN 357

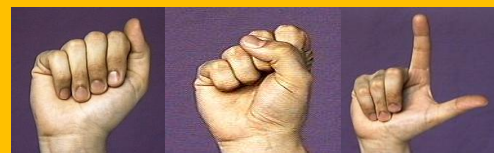
OPTION #3

Complete the first 3 semesters of American Sign Language and 2 of the 3 approved Culture Cluster classes (and keep in mind that the Culture Cluster classes cannot all have the same prefix).

SPP/KIN 110 & SPP/KIN 111 & SPP/KIN 210
and 2 additional Culture Cluster classes.

PLEASE NOTE:

If you have a background in American Sign Language, you may consider an appointment with Dr. Kat Ellis of the Kinesiology Department, for a SLPI (Sign Language Proficiency Interview). This assessment is an accepted valid way to determine your proficiency in ASL. In this interview process, Dr. Ellis collects videotaped samples of you as you communicates with ASL. Dr. Ellis then determines at which of eight skill levels you demonstrate ASL competency. This determination affects the recommendation for the ASL class in which you should enroll.



ASL at WCU

July 2013 . . .

Bilingual Therapies Symposium – Costa Rica

CSD faculty member, Dr. Patricia Swasey Washington,
reports on her attendance at the 2013 Bilingual Therapies Symposium:

“My trip to San Jose, Costa Rica, was a wonderful success. My visit involved two aims. One was attendance at the Bilingual Therapies Symposium, and the second was to initiate contacts for student practica and opportunities for students to improve their skills in Spanish. The Bilingual Therapies Symposium provided me with valuable information that will help to shape the Bilingual Emphasis course sequence in CSD. Items discussed included current and relevant research and the best manner in which to integrate this research with practice in CSD. Personnel at the Universidad de Costa Rica and the Universidad Santa Paula were very welcoming and have agreed to collaborate with the CSD Department.”

Flag of Costa Rica



Symposium Presenters



Location of Costa Rica



Dr. Swasey Washington with
Johanna Paradis



Dr. Swasey Washington with the
Rector, Universidad Santa Paula



Dr. Swasey Washington with
Henriette Langdon



Dr. Swasey Washington at the
Universidad de Costa Rica



Dr. Swasey Washington at the
Universidad de Costa Rica



A Taste of Costa Rica Culture at the
Tiquicia Restaurant



*Summer Session 2013
CSD at WCU
Temporary Instructors*

This summer, the mission of the CSD Department has been advanced and enriched by the presence of several multi-talented temporary instructors. Sincere thanks to these individuals who served as instructors for SPP 551, Clinical Practicum, and shared their vast clinical experience and expertise with our M.A. students in SLP evaluation, SLP treatment, AUD evaluation, and AUD treatment practica.

Mr. Samuel Esposito
Ms. Carolyn Macrina
Dr. Irene Merenda
Ms. Colleen Reynolds
Ms. Shelly Slott
Ms. Dianne Spragale
Ms. Kathie Uschold
Ms. Mary Wolfe



*Summer Session 2013
External Clinical Practicum
Sites and Speech-Language Pathologists*

This summer, our advanced M.A. students completed SPP 552, Clinical Practicum, at off-campus medically-oriented facilities, with a focus on clinical service delivery for adults. The CSD Department is pleased to recognize the clinical sites at which our students received exceptional mentorship from talented Speech-Language Pathologists, who unselfishly offered their clinical experience and expertise to the process of clinical education over a nine-week period. Dr. Jennifer Means, Clinic Director, coordinated the establishment of these clinical placements. Dr. Judith Curtin, Dr. Elizabeth Grillo, Dr. Cheryl Gunter, Dr. Mareile Koenig, and Dr. Patricia Swasey Washington represented WCU as site visitors who observed the students in their clinical service delivery and conferred with the site SLPs about clinical education. CSD at WCU sincerely appreciates the opportunities that these sites provided for our M.A. students!

Thank You to Our Preceptors!

Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital
(Main Line Health)
Ms. Luanne Finore
Ms. Julie Schlesinger
Ms. Lacey Ziman

Chester County Hospital
Ms. Beth Pickard

Christiana Care Health System
Ms. Lauren Kestel
Ms. Nora Walstrum

Crozer-Chester Hospital
(Crozer-Keystone Health System)
Ms. Chris Findlay
Ms. Rosalind Mayo
Ms. Meredith Ward
Ms. Jan Westerhouse

Genesis Rehabilitation Services
Ms. Brittany Brooks
(at Dunwoody Village Retirement Center)
Ms. Allison Cole
(at St. Mary's Manor)
Ms. Jill Grogg

Jennersville Hospital
Ms. Diane Hudak

Lankenau Hospital
Ms. Linda Heller

Magee Rehabilitation Hospital
(Jefferson Health System)
Ms. Allison Lazin

Moss Rehabilitation Hospital
(Einstein Healthcare Network)
Ms. Jody Goldsborough
Ms. Kaitlyn Scanipico

Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital
Ms. Shelly McManus

Reading Health South Rehabilitation Hospital
Ms. Kirsten Brown

South Jersey Hospital
Mr. Donald Moore

St. Luke's Acute Rehabilitation Center
Ms. Jen Bowers

St. Luke's Hospital
Ms. Amy Kares

St. Mary's Medical Center
Ms. Lisa Gallagher

Taylor Hospital
(Crozer-Keystone Health System)
Ms. Shelly Slott

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
Ms. Nadine Amsterdam

The University of Pennsylvania
Institute for Rehabilitation Medicine
Ms. Lisa Rocks

*Welcome,
New M.A. Students*

Monday, the 26th of August, will be a special day for CSD at WCU as our new M.A. students arrive on campus to start their graduate studies in Speech-Language Pathology. Sincere welcome and best wishes to our new M.A. students, whose names and undergraduate institutions are listed below.

Anders Alfelt
Allison Bailey
Kristina Barder
Christine Cady
Danielle Cappellett
Erika Cloud
Arielle Cragin
Gina DePetro
Rebecca Finkenaur
Jennifer Gilliland
Amanda Grace
Bernadette Grandieri
Victoria Heftka
Mary Janiec
Sara Kalbfleisch
Lyndsey Kanter
Sara Krieger
Megan Maurer
Abby McCann
Mary McGrath
Samantha Mitchell
Whitney Robinson
Sara Schoener
Amanda Wagaman
Molly Walsh
Kathleen Weir
Taiwo Whetstone
Soraya Zarreii

Temple U.
West Chester U.
West Chester U.
Shippensburg U.
West Chester U.
West Chester U.
West Chester U.
Drexel U.
Boston C.
Millersville U.
Villanova U.
West Chester U.
U. Pittsburg
Shippensburg U.
LaSalle U.
Pennsylvania State U.
West Chester U.
West Chester U.
Pennsylvania State U.
Catholic U.
Pennsylvania State U.
West Chester U.
Pennsylvania State U.
West Chester U.
West Chester U.
West Chester U.
West Chester U.
Sarah Lawrence C.
West Chester U.

*Graduate School Information
From Volunteer Contacts*

An Invitation . . . To Share Your Wisdom

In response to our June 2013 CSD newsletter, we received a wonderful idea from Alyssa Nemeth, a 2013 CSD B.A. recipient who will continue her studies at Loyola University (MD) in Fall Semester 2013. In our July 2013 CSD newsletter, we featured her idea – that potential graduate school applicants would consider very helpful any assistance that graduates of schools could provide – and receive an enthusiastic “yes” from several individuals who indicated that potential graduate school applicants could contact them with questions. These individuals are listed below . . . and we invite you – if you have not already done so – to add your name to theirs!

Arizona State U.	Dr. Sojung Kim skim@wcupa.edu
Columbia U.	Dr. Elizabeth Grillo egrillo@wcupa.edu
LaSalle U.	Ms. Maria Melenchick MariaMelenchick@gmail.com
Loyola U.	Ms. Alyssa Nemeth aanemeth@loyola.edu
Ohio U.	Dr. Sojung Kim skim@wcupa.edu
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Southern Illinois U.	Dr. Mareile Koenig mareilekoenig@gmail.com
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U. Pittsburg	Dr. Elizabeth Grillo egrillo@wcupa.edu
U. Tennessee-Knoxville	Dr. Cheryl Gunter cgunter@wcupa.edu
U. Texas-Austin	Dr. Cheryl Gunter cgunter@wcupa.edu
William Patterson U.	Dr. Patricia Swasey Washington pswasey@wcupa.edu

*Support
CSD at WCU
on Social Media*



WE ARE WELL ON OUR WAY TO OUR
FACEBOOK “LIKE” GOAL TOTAL . . .
SO, IF YOU HAVE NOT “LIKED” US,
PLEASE “LIKE” US SOON!
<http://www.facebook.com/CsdWcu>

Alma Mater

West Chester, hail, all hail, noble and strong.
To thee with loyal hearts we raise our song,
Swelling to heaven high, our praises ring,
West Chester, hail, all hail, of thee we sing.
Majesty as a crown rest on thy brow;
Pride, honor, glory, love before thee bow;
Ne'er can thy spirit die, thy walls decay,
West Chester, hail, all hail, for thee we pray.
West Chester, hail, all hail, guide of our youth,
Lead thou thy children on to light and truth,
Thee, when we hence depart, others shall praise,
West Chester, hail, all hail, through endless days.
West Chester, hail, all hail, through endless days.

*News From The
E&D Family*

**CONGRATULATIONS . . .
TO JARED WASHINGTON**

Jared Washington, the son of Dr. Patricia Swasey Washington, graduated from West Chester East High School as a National Honor Society member . . . and, this Fall Semester, he will be a WCU Golden Ram! Best wishes, Jared, for continued success!



**CHECK OUT THE
SUMMER 2013 "PSHA KEYSTATER"**
Edited By Dr. Cheryl Gunter,
PSHA Vice-President for Publications/Editor



**CONGRATULATIONS . . .
TO ANNALISE CURTIN**

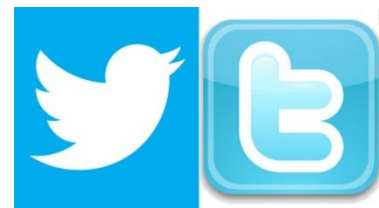
Annalise Curtin, the daughter of Dr. Judith Curtin, released a CD entitled "Battle Against Me" that showcases her versatile musical talent. Best wishes, Annalise, for continued success!



BEST WISHES . . .

Ms. Patricia Vaselli, CSD alumna and temporary instructor, shared her news: *I wanted to share the news that I am joining the team at EBS Children's Institute! I'm excited about this opportunity. I'll be providing direct services as well as supervision/mentoring CFs and working on some bilingual supervision and consultation!* Best wishes, Patricia, for much success and satisfaction in your new position. We know that you will make a tremendous difference in the lives of those whom you serve!

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