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GOLDEN RAMS FOREVER!!!

WELCOME TO /si ɛs di/

Welcome to our new issue of our monthly e-newsletter! We are happy to share our CSD news with you . . . and we hope that you, in turn, will share your news with us. "Happy New Year" to each and every one of you. We at CSD at WCU celebrated the start of the new year in a number of ways: with travel, in times with family members and friends, with observances of the holidays, in times of reflection on 2013 and contemplation of 2014, in formulation of resolutions, and in thankfulness for the opportunity to be part of CSD at WCU! We hope that one of your resolutions is to celebrate and support us in any way that you can. In the meantime, we hope that 2014 is a year in which many of your dreams come true!

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Thank You!



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*Happy New Year
From C&D at WCU*



Perhaps you have a New Year's Resolution.
Perhaps your resolution is to . . .
Honor the history of CSD at WCU.
Celebrate a special occasion.
Show a student you are behind her or him.
Thank a wonderful teacher or advisor.
Invest in the future of CSD at WCU.
Show your Golden Rams Pride!

Well, no matter what your resolution, you can keep that resolution with a donation – in your own name or in honor of a student, faculty member, staff member, or another person – to one of our CSD at WCU scholarships. A description of our three scholarship awards follows . . .

*New Year's Resolutions
For C&D at WCU
(at least some of them!)*

Resolution #1

CSD at WCU will expand our presence on social media with continued posts on Facebook and Twitter and creation of at least two more new social media sites.

Resolution #2

CSD at WCU faculty members will continue to provide the best possible classroom and clinical instruction for our B.A., Certificate, and M.A. Students.

Resolution #3

CSD at WCU faculty members will increase our scholarly productivity with even more presentations, publications, and internal and external grants.

Resolution #4

CSD at WCU student clinicians, with the support of their faculty supervisors, will provide the highest possible quality of clinical services to patients and their families.

Resolution #5

CSD at WCU staff members will continue to maintain the spirit of warmth and welcome in our Department as they continue to perform their support duties as effectively as ever.

Resolution #6

CSD at WCU will support our sister Health Sciences Departments and will continue to collaborate with them toward our mutual vision.

Resolution #7

CSD at WCU will continue our involvement in PSHA, NSSLHA, ASHA, and other associations, as well as our contributions to the broader community.

Resolution #8

CSD at WCU will show our Golden Rams Pride in all that we do!

Suppan Scholarship . . .

This scholarship is awarded to a student in the CSD at WCU B.A. program. This scholarship honors Professor Vincent Suppan, a WCU faculty member who served our Department for many years. The recipient of this scholarship is a B.A. student who demonstrates scholastic excellence, as well as active membership in the WCU Chapter of NSSLHA, as demonstrated in his or her NSSLHA leadership and/or exceptional participation in NSSLHA events.

. . . Elizabeth Tyson Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a student in the CSD at WCU Pre-Graduate Certificate program. This scholarship honors Professor Elizabeth Tyson, a WCU faculty member who, though from another Department, founded the "Speech Clinic" that would ultimately evolve into CSD at WCU. The recipient of this scholarship is a Certificate student who demonstrates scholastic excellence, as demonstrated in both an academic record and a science-based essay.

Communicative Disorders Graduate Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a student in the CSD at WCU M.A. program. This scholarship provides support for a research proposal prepared by a 1st year M.A. student enrolled in SPP 501 based upon the written paper and the oral presentation of the proposal. The recipient of this scholarship must complete the research, then present his or her paper at a professional conference and/or publish his or her manuscript in an academic journal.

To contribute to these scholarships,
please visit the WCU Foundation web site, where you
can easily donate online.
<http://www.wcufoundation.org>



**CONGRATULATIONS,
WCU NSSLHA CHAPTER,
FOR YOUR NATIONAL AWARD!**

CSD at WCU extends a sincere “CONGRATULATIONS” to our NSSLHA Chapter. The Chapter submitted a t-shirt design for a national NSSLHA t-shirt competition, the “Charge Up Your Chapter” competition. The t-shirt, as did the other shirts in the competition, featured the 2013 ASHA Convention theme. Judy Lubas and Victoria Wermert, B.A. students and active NSSLHA members, contributed their artistic talents to the designs for this t-shirt, as well as for a chapter t-shirt for local members to wear to show their WCU NSSLHA pride. After the submission to the “Charge Up Your Chapter” competition, the Chapter members waited for the results from the judges . . . then learned that their design received 1st Runner-Up honors in the national competition! The front and back of the competition t-shirt, as well as the front and back of the chapter t-shirt are pictured below.



**NSSLHA T-Shirt for
National NSSLHA “Charge Up Your Chapter”
T-Shirt Design Contest**



**NSSLHA T-Shirt for
WCU Chapter of NSSLHA Members
to Show their NSSLHA Pride**

November, 2013

**Annual Convention
American Speech-Language-Hearing
Association (ASHA)
Chicago, Illinois**

In November, CSD at WCU faculty members flocked to the “Windy City” for the Annual Convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), our national professional association. As always, faculty members enjoyed the variety of experiences the Convention provided: presentation of their own research and scholarly activity, participation in educational and professional sessions (Short Courses, Technical Sessions, Poster Sessions, Seminars), visits to the Exhibit Hall to learn about the newest products, attendance at ASHA Special Interest Group (SIG) annual face-to-face discussions, impromptu discussions of issues with colleagues in the “right place at the right time,” and encounters with former students in which the faculty members celebrate the personal and professional accomplishments of the students whom they were honored to know at WCU. Below are the presentations of the CSD at WCU faculty members at the Convention. Copies of handouts are available upon request from the faculty members. Please do not hesitate to ask us about our work . . . we love to discuss our research and scholarly projects with you!

**2013 ASHA Convention Presentations
WCU Faculty Members**

Bilingual Fairy Tales in Speech-Language Therapy
Dr. Swasey Washington

*Relation Among English Noun Phrase
Elaboration Types and Other Syntactic Measures in
Spanish-English Bilingual Children*
Dr. Swasey Washington (with co-author)

*Analysis of Written Expository Text Produced by
Undergraduate SLP Students: A Second Look*
Drs. Koenig, Kim, Grillo, and Gunter

*Voice Disorders Prevention Program for
Physical Education Student Teachers*
Dr. Grillo

*Aligning Goals with the
Common Core State Standards (CCSS):
An Instructional Module for Faculty*
Dr. Means (with co-author)

*Sports Respiration, Exercise-Induced Asthma, and
VCD in College Athletes: The Survey Says . . .*
Ms. Gregore (with co-authors)





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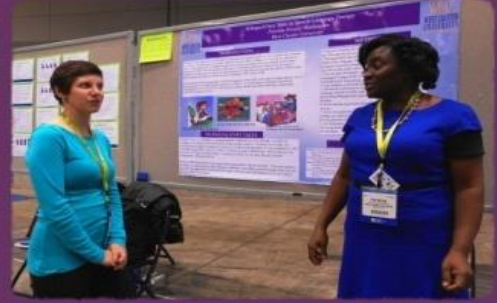
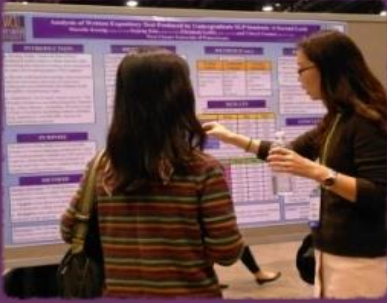
November 14-16
**American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
2013 ASHA Convention**
McCormick Place West

November 18-21
FABTECH
McCormick Place

November 22-24
**IASB-IASA-IASBO
Joint Annual Conference**
Hyatt Regency Chicago

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Analysis of Written Expository Text Produced by Undergraduate NLP Students: A Second Look

Maricle Kennedy, ¹Sejung Kim, ²Elizabeth Griffin, ³and Cheryl Gault, ⁴West Chester University of Pennsylvania

INTRODUCTION

Research concerning the writing process of second language (L2) students has shown that L2 students often produce less organized and less coherent text than their native language (L1) counterparts. This study aimed to explore the writing process of L2 students in a second language classroom.

METHOD (Cont.)

The students were asked to write a 1000-word paper addressing a clinical topic. The specific instructions given to the students were as follows:

- **Topic:** Choose one of the four topics.
- **Structure:** The paper must be written in expository style and APA style. The first page of each paper was written.

METHOD (Cont.)

Writing Strategy	Frequency	Percentage
Microstructure	148 (71)	26%
Macrostructure	148 (71)	26%
Organization	148 (71)	26%
APA	148 (71)	26%

RESULTS (Cont.)

Expository Structure	Mean	SD	Min	Max
Topic	11.7	1.1	10	12
Organization	11.7	1.1	10	12
Microstructure	11.7	1.1	10	12
APA	11.7	1.1	10	12

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CONCLUSION

The results of this study indicate that L2 students often produce less organized and less coherent text than their L1 counterparts. This study aimed to explore the writing process of L2 students in a second language classroom.



December, 2013

CSD at WCU Celebrates the 1st Annual “Elizabeth Tyson Day”

As noted in the November 2013 issue of /si ɛs di/, the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at West Chester University has established December 1 as the day to honor Professor S. Elizabeth Tyson, who founded the “Speech Clinic” on our campus in the autumn of 1923 – 90 years ago! This year, on December 6, CSD at WCU welcomed approximately 65 guests to 201 Carter Drive for an Open House. Our guests included former CSD at WCU staff and faculty members, current and former students, parents/spouses/children of students, representatives from other WCU departments, and friends of CSD at WCU. From 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., our guests enjoyed a buffet of appetizers and desserts, then toured our Clinic. “Miss Tyson,” as many who knew her affectionately called her, would be justifiably proud of the present state of the Clinic. Dr. Jennifer Means, Clinic Director, and M.A. students created exhibits in the clinic rooms that illustrated how the rooms could typically appear in the course of delivery of various evaluation and intervention services. As part of the tour, our guests also explored various anatomical models on display and viewed a slide show that paid tribute to “Miss Tyson” and the history of CSD at WCU. For those of you who were able to attend – thank you for your part in our celebration! For those of you who were not able to attend – please know that we plan to honor “Miss Tyson” every year in early December as we count forward to our 100th Anniversary in 2023. So, as the new year moves forward, stay alert for news about our next celebration!

“Thank You”

To Our Colleagues
From These Sister Institutions
In Pennsylvania
Who Sent “Congratulations”
And “Best Wishes”
For Our Celebration

California University
Duquesne University
Edinboro University
Indiana University
Marywood University
Misericordia University



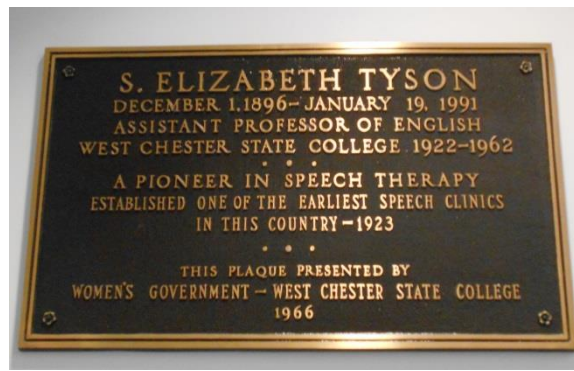
Our “Speech Clinic” Founder
Professor S. Elizabeth Tyson

Educational Exhibit

In addition to our Open House,
CSD at WCU prepared the
entrance exhibit for the
Health Sciences Center.

Our exhibit featured several
“oldies but goodies”
clinical books and materials,
as well as the timeline for the
history of CSD at WCU.

Our exhibit is featured in the
pictures below.

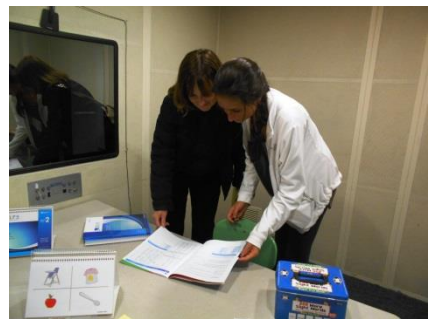
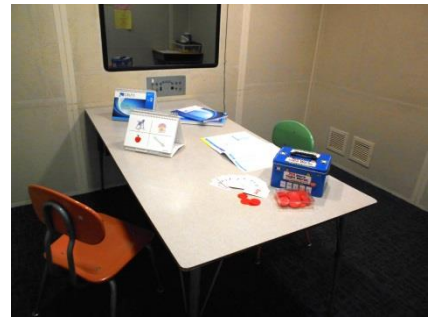
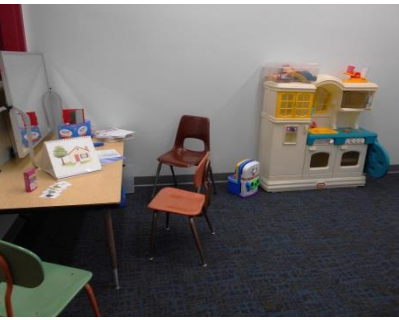
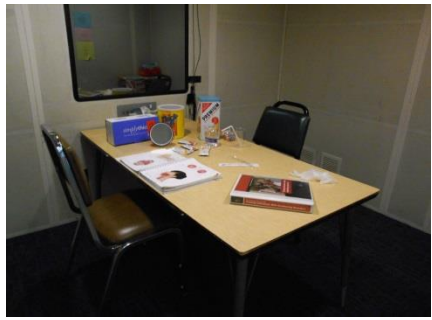


The Bronze Tribute To “Miss Tyson,”
Now Located In Our CSD At WCU Lobby



ELIZABETH TYSON DAY PHOTOS

Row 1: The Reception Table showcased our WCU Tree. The Buffet Table welcomed our guests. Our classroom featured anatomical models. Row 2: A Clinic Room illustrated a Dysphagia Evaluation. The Clinic Playroom illustrated a Preschool-Age Language Evaluation. A Clinic Room illustrated a School-Age Language Evaluation. Row 3: A Clinic Room illustrated a Voice Evaluation. The Clinic Reading Room illustrated an Adult Aphasia Evaluation. A Clinic Room illustrated an Articulation and Phonology Evaluation. Row 4: A B.A. student and her mother explored the clinical materials. The Clinic Lobby featured a play area. B.A. and M.A. students discuss what occurs in clinical practicum. Row 5: Former Clinic Director Ms. Stuart with Dr. Means. Pre-Graduate Certificate students enjoy the slide show tribute to our CSD at WCU history. A M.A. student and a Pre-Graduate Certificate student with their offspring – members of the CSD at WCU Class of 2034!



December, 2013

**CSD at WCU
Holiday Ornament Contest**

Congratulations to the Winners!



**Winner – WCU Ornament Division
Laura Mertz
(CSD at WCU M.A. Student)
(Pictured Below With Her Blue Ribbon)**

**Honorable Mention
Alicia Pittman & Alyce Rasmussen**

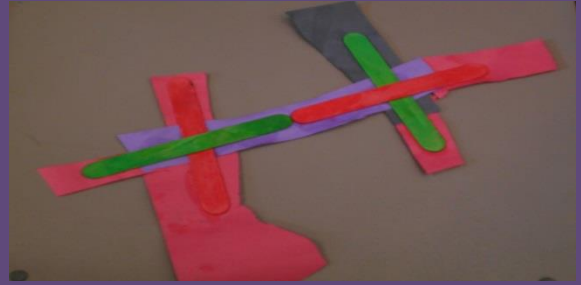


**Winner – SLP/AUD Ornament Division
Nora Copes
(Friend of CSD at WCU)**

**Honorable Mention
Allison Bailey & Ralph Magliano**

**Special Mention
for “Modern Artist of the Future”**

**Little Miss Olivia Grillo
(See Ornament Below)**



Thank You!

**... to the members and advisors of the
WCU Student Dietetic Association (SDA),
who provided a lovely buffet for the annual
“Hallway Holiday Party”
for the faculty and staff members
of the College of Health Sciences in December.**



**Ms. Marge Curran and Ms. Debra Murray,
members of the staff of the Dean’s Office of the
College of Health Sciences, posed for /si es di/ at the
annual Hallway Holiday Party.**

December, 2013

**CSD at WCU Says “Thanks”
To Our Fall Semester
Temporary Faculty Members**



**Our Temporary and Part-Time Faculty Members
Enjoy Dinner at a Local Restaurant**

Back Row:

Patricia Vaselli, Dianne Spragale, Judith Curtin

Front Row:

**Carolyn Macrina, Mary Wolfe,
Michele Carr, Irene Merenda**

Each semester, CSD at WCU is very happy to welcome talented temporary faculty members to provide academic and clinical instruction for our CSD students in the B.A., M.A., and Pre-Graduate Certificate Programs. At the end of the semester, these temporary faculty members joined the permanent faculty in a “brainstorm discussion,” in which mutual sharing of concerns and potential solutions for these concerns was very productive. Afterwards, faculty members enjoyed dinner and camaraderie at a local restaurant. Sincere thanks to Dr. Judith Curtin, permanent part-time faculty member, for her continued service to CSD at WCU, as well as to these temporary faculty members for Fall Semester 2013:



**Dr. Mindy Brudereck
Ms. Michele Carr
Ms. Kathleen Casey
Ms. Dale Gregore
Ms. Kimberly Krause
Ms. Carolyn Macrina
Dr. Irene Merenda
Mr. Jeremy Morton
Ms. Colleen Reynolds
Ms. Dianne Spragale
Ms. Kathie Uschold
Ms. Patricia Vaselli
Ms. Mary Wolfe**

December, 2013

**CSD at WCU Says “Congratulations”
To Our Fall Semester
B.A. And M.A. Graduates**

B.A. Graduates

Bachelor of Arts

Tara Jones
Melissa Simpson
Katerini Stefanides

Bachelor of Arts

Cum Laude

Kate Dreisbach
Amy Meyer
Candace Miller

Bachelor of Arts

Magna Cum Laude

Karly Kriger
Marthalou Murphy

Bachelor of Arts

Summa Cum Laude

Haley Livingston



M.A. Graduates

Master of Arts

**(Degrees Awarded August, 2013,
With Ceremony Held In December, 2013)**

Olivia Andrews
Elizabeth Clarke
Jodi Disario
Carolina Jackovitz Ferreira
Alyssa Fetterman
Francine Gulino
Kerry Harney
Caitlin Hayes
Lauren Jacobs
Janelle Kaiser
Erica Laudermilch
Kristen Layton
Tiffany Miller
Kristen Montello
Bridget Mulrooney
Elisa Pallante
Courtney Rich
Amanda Samsell
Margaret Schollenberger
Marci Wexler Summers
Caitlin Maris Tracey
Victoria Trainor
Stephanie Walker
Marissa Wineburg



New in 2014 . . . /si ɛs di/ Advice Column

In our February, 2014, issue of /si ɛs di/, CSD at WCU will introduce a new column: *CSD at WCU Advice to Students*. The inspiration for this column was the faculty discussion (mentioned previously in the column on temporary faculty). The faculty members identified topics that may be of interest to students, with the idea that information about these topics would enhance the professional development of students. Students, if you have questions, please do not hesitate to share those. In the meantime, the topic of the advice column in February is . . .

Professional Titles and Names
(or, "What Should I Call The Faculty Members?")

More to come . . .

Focus on CSD Faculty

In the past two months, /si ɛs di/ introduced the "Focus on CSD Faculty" series. Our featured faculty member for this issue is Dr. Cheryl Gunter. Dr. Gunter, who is the Department Chairperson, answered a series of questions for /si ɛs di/. We hope that you enjoy this opportunity to know Dr. Gunter better than before!

QUESTION:

What is your name?

ANSWER:

Cheryl D. Gunter, Ph.D. CCC-SLP

QUESTION:

What is your position in CSD at WCU?

ANSWER:

Professor and Chairperson

QUESTION:

What is your education?

ANSWER:

*B.A. The University of Tennessee-Knoxville
M.A. The University of Memphis
Clinical Fellowship
The University of Tennessee-Memphis
Ph.D. The University of Texas-Austin*

QUESTION:

When did you become WCU faculty?

ANSWER:

Fall, 1999

QUESTION:

What are your hobbies?

ANSWER:

*Crocheting, Macrame, Quilting,
Making Candies and Cookies and Entering Them in
Regional and State Fairs, Reading Murder Mysteries*

QUESTION:

What are your favorite current t.v. shows?

ANSWER:

*The Big Bang Theory
Top Chef, Project Runway, Jeopardy*

QUESTION:

What are your favorite movies?

ANSWER:

*Chariots of Fire, Tender Mercies, Breaking Away
Harvey, Oliver!, Tootsie
Local Hero, Midnight Express,
Cinema Paradiso
The Producers, The Elephant Man, The Dresser*

QUESTION:

What are some facts that students/co-workers would not suspect about you?

ANSWER:

*--My middle name is Darcel . . .
and I have yet to meet another Darcel.
--I have visited all 50 state capitals.
--As a result of participation in 4-H Poultry, I can
evaluate laying potential of hens by physical
examination (I will spare the readers the details),
as well as candle eggs to determine their quality and
award USDA grades to chicken parts.
--My husband and I met in Sunday School when we
were both graduate students in Austin, Texas.
We learned that we were born just 10 miles apart,
but we did not meet until two states later!
--I wear the wedding rings of my parents,
both of whom died when I was in my teens.
--I can count in Maltese.*

QUESTION:

What book have you read most recently?

ANSWER:

*"The Hole in Our Gospel"
by Richard Stearns, President of World Vision*

QUESTION:

What is a quote that means a lot to you?

ANSWER:

*From the Good Book . . .
The Gospel of Matthew 25:31-46
The Gospel of Mark 31-37
The Acts of the Apostles 28:1-10
(because I lived in Malta)
The Entire Letter of James*

QUESTION:

What is your current scholarly/research project?

ANSWER:

*Three of my colleagues in CSD at WCU and I are
involved in a "Scholarship of Teaching" project that
explores instructional methods for enhancing critical
thinking, applying evidence, and professional
writing in CSD students, both undergraduate and
graduate. In addition to this, a colleague (who was a
graduate school classmate and is now a SLP
practitioner) and I are involved in a project that
involves the creation of scales for the measurement of
critical thinking in student clinicians, clinical
supervisors, and clinical administrators, as well as
the creation of instructional modules to advance the
level of critical thinking that SLPs demonstrate.*