Top Articles:

Speech-language pathology student wins national award, pursues career in auditory verbal therapy

I Am Public Health: Natalie Hirons

Study aims to understand effects of COVID-19 on the brain, cognition and language processing

COMD Chair Jean Neils-Strunjas elected Fellow of American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Master of Speech Pathology graduate pursues career working with children to help them thrive

Announcements:

The UofSC_COMD Ph.D. Student and Postdoc Proseminar is designed to promote community and interactions between COMD doctoral students, postdoctoral researchers, and faculty members that extend beyond the mentor/mentee lab experience. This Fall’s topics include(d):

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Jean Neils-Strunjas brings interprofessional focus to new role as COMD chair

Breakthrough Star: Krystal Werfel
Public health researcher connects the dots between hearing impairment, language development

Public health graduate to continue Arnold School education studying speech language pathology

Kenn Apel wins Honors of the Association award from South Carolina Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Communication sciences and disorders doctoral student leads development of top 10 paper

Clinical faculty member Dr. Dakota Sharp recent started an audiology-focused podcast worth ASHA CEUs with SpeechTherapyPD.com titled “On the Ear”. Catch his latest episode with fellow UofSC_COMD faculty member Dr. Krystal Werfel wherever you listen to podcasts.

UofSC_COMD welcomed a new department chair, Dr. Jean Neils-Stunjas in July. Dr. Neils-Stunjas studies development of cognition and communication across the age span, including diseases of aging that result in dementia. She explores methods to slow the progression of dementia through interventions provided by interprofessional teams.

UofSC_COMD congratulated Dr. Kenn Apel, on his retirement in June. Dr. Apel joined the department as Professor and Chair in 2012 and was recently named as a Distinguished Professor.

* Recent Grants and Publications that follow are from March - September

Faculty members are bolded
Mentees are underlined
Recently Awarded Grants and Awards*:

Anna Ehrhorn (doctoral student), SSSR Taylor and Francis Travel Award, 2020: $500.

Julius Fridriksson, Principal Investigator, National Institute on Deafness and other Communication Disorders, Center for the Study of Aphasia Recover (C-STAR), renewed 2021 - 2026: $12,500,000.

Jessica Klusek, Principal Investigator, National Institute on Aging, The FMRI Premutation Genotype and Age-Related Cognitive-Linguistic Decline, Administrative Supplement to R21DC017804, April 2020 – March 2021: $244,237.

Peyton Nielsen (undergraduate student), Krystal Werfel (faculty mentor), University of South Carolina Honors College Exploration Grant, Language and Literacy Development of Children with Hearing Loss: The Importance of Language Sample Analysis, 2020: $1500.


Recent Publications*:


