Welcome to all of our new 2021 admits who started coursework this summer and fall!

Congratulations to our UofSC COMD 2021 Graduates! They all graduated on time, even in the midst of a pandemic.

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, within the Arnold School of Public Health at UofSC is looking for a full-time clinical faculty member. To read more or apply visit: https://uscjobs.sc.edu/postings/104676/

We are also looking for 2 tenure-track research faculty members. To read more or apply visit: https://uscjobs.sc.edu/postings/105828/

Top Articles:

- Hindsight 2020: The therapist
- An interview with Staff Senate representatives Dwaun Sellers and Andrenette Hudley
- August graduate to work with pediatric populations as speech-language pathologist
- Canadian completes master’s degree in speech-language pathology through distance education
- August grad to work at specialized feeding and speech clinic in Midlands

Announcements:
Fridriksson named interim vice president for research

Sigfus Kristinsson racks up two more awards on path to becoming aphasia expert

Staff Spotlight: Teresa Boyett, Graduate Admissions Coordinator for the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Faculty establish fellowship to recruit, support underrepresented students studying speech-language pathology

Student Spotlight: I am Public Health: Anja Derry

* Recent Grants and Publications from March – September 2021

Current UofSC_COMD Faculty members are **bolded**

Former and Current Mentees are **underlined**

Congratulations to master’s student, Emily Fisher, on her recent ASHA SPARC Award!

Beth McCall, AUD was recently awarded the SCAA Bright Beginnings Award. This award recognizes SC audiologists who provide excellent clinical care, volunteer their time, participate in advocacy, and stand out from the crowd. It praises their tenacity and motivation to grow, develop, and lead in the field. Way to go, Beth! Your UofSC family is so proud of you!

In August, Julius Fridriksson joined Dakota Sharp for a podcast episode of On The Ear to discuss his work on COVID-19 recovery and the brain. To listen, search Episode 24: The Impact of COVID-19 on the Brain, Cognition, and Language

Dr. Krystal Werfel relocated to Boys Town National Research Hospital over the summer. We were sad to see her leave UofSC_COMD, but we are excited for the opportunities awaiting her.
Recently Awarded Grants and Awards*:

Ellie Cooper (doctoral student), ASHA Distinguished Early Career Professional Certificate, September, 2021

Carolyn Davis (2021 graduate), Outstanding M.S. – Residential Student of the Year Award, 2021

Lisa Fitton (COMD faculty), Principal Investigator, with J. Marc Goodrich as Multiple PD/PI and Gina Crosby-Quinatoa (COMD faculty) as Co-Investigator, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development, Language difference or difficulty learning? Assessing early language skills to identify risk for reading difficulty among young Spanish-English dual language learners, August 2021 - July 2023: $420,059.

Erin Forward (COMD alumnus), ASHA Distinguished Early Career Professional Certificate, September, 2021

Rebecca Harper (2021 graduate), Outstanding M.S. – Distance Education Student of the Year Award, 2021

Lynsey Keator (doctoral student), Discover USC Poster Awards – 3-minute thesis category, April 2021

Jessica Klusek (COMD faculty), Co-Principal Investigator with Fiona Hollis and David Mott, UofSC Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders Center of Excellence, Role of Amygdala in Emotional and Social Behavioral Deficits in Fragile X Syndrome, June 2021 – May 2021: $40,000.

Jessica Klusek (COMD faculty), Co-Principal Investigator with Sara Surasua and Luigi Boccuto, Health Sciences Center at PrismaHealth, Pilot Study to Classify and Quantify Language Delay and Genetic Contributions in Phelan-McDermid Syndrome, April 2021- March 2022: $20,000.

Sigfus Kristinsson (doctoral student), Outstanding International Graduate Student Award by President Caslen, April 2021, OBI - Icelandic Disability Alliance Fellowship, May – June 2021: $4,000 American-Scandinavian Foundation Fellowship, May – June 2021: $6,000

Jennifer Leger (COMD alumnus), ASHA Distinguished Early Career Professional Certificate, September, 2021

Stacey Sangtian (doctoral student), Discover USC Poster Awards – Impairment of Speech Auditory Feedback Error Detection and Motor Correction in Post-Stroke Aphasia, April 2021

Dakota Sharp (COMD faculty), 2021 SCSHA VP of Audiology, May 2021

Danielle Varnedoe (COMD faculty), 2021 SCSHA Special Recognition Award, May 2021

Julie Weber (COMD alumnus), Teacher of the Year – Newington Elementary School in Dorchester County School District 2, March 2021
Recent Publications*:


