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Announcements:

Welcome to our new students admitted in 2023! In both the residential and distance education modalities, students started their graduate coursework over the summer and in the fall of 2023.

Congratulations to our USC_COMD class of 2023! 63 students graduated in August between our residential and distance education modalities for the Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology program.

The Montgomery Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinic at USC_COMD is hiring a clinical audiologist and clinical instructor (SLP).
Faculty Highlight: Jessica Klusek

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Three future speech-language pathologists win outstanding student awards

Staff Spotlight: Traci Williams

Congratulations to the Montgomery Speech, Language & Hearing Clinic at USC for being voted The State’s Best! The clinic was voted a Gold Winner for Audiologist/Hearing Center and a Silver Winner for Speech Therapy.

Welcome new faculty members Dr. Heather Bonilha, Dr. Laura Droege, Laura Heidenreich, Dr. Elizabeth Will and staff members Jessica Purrington and Lara McEachern.

It is with great sadness that USC_COMD said goodbye to Audiologist and faculty member, Dr. Beth McCall, and Associate Professor, Dr. Roozbeh Behroozmand. Dr. Beth McCall will be moving to Richmond, Virginia and Dr. Roozbeh Behroozmand will be going to the University of Texas. We miss you both!

Dr. Gina Crosby-Quinatoa has successfully defended her thesis and earned her Ph.D. Congratulations!
Understanding the mechanics of speech

Alumni Highlight: Delara Abedini, MS, CCC-SLP

Alumni Highlight: Alex Marion, MSP, CCC-SLP

Alumni Highlight: Sarah McCulloh Emory, MSP, CCC-SLP

* Recent Grants and Publications from April 2023 - October 2023

Faculty members are bolded

Mentees are underlined

The Montgomery Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinic has received a SPEAK OUT! Program Development Grant from the Parkinson's Voice Project to provide free SPEAK OUT! training to faculty and students. SPEAK OUT! is a motor-based approach to help those with Parkinson's maintain and improve their speech abilities while also helping to decrease related swallowing complications. Over the course of this year, we are hoping to get as many students trained in SPEAK OUT! as possible!

USC_COMD sent its Master’s Leadership Committee Members, to CAPCSD conference in April with 3 presentations.

Congratulations to Juliana Miller, Crystal Murphree-Holden, and Joanna Scoggins on being promoted to Clinical Assistant Professor!
Recently Awarded Grants and Awards*:


**Lisa Fitton**, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD / NIH), *Administrative Supplement for Language difference or difficulty learning? Assessing early language skills to identify risk for reading difficulty among young Spanish-English dual language learners*, June 2023 - May 2024: $82,106.

**Julius Fridriksson**, Community Project Funding / Congressionally Directed Spending Construction (Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias in South Carolina) / HRSA / HHS, *7 Tesla MRI*, 2023: $7,750,000

**Abigail Hogan**, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) / NIH, *R01 for Emergence, Stability and Predictors of Anxiety in Fragile X Syndrome*, August 2023 – May 2024: $3.5 M.

**Sandra Irvin** (graduate student), USC Office of the VP for Research Students Preparing for Academic Research Careers Award, 2023: $1000.


**Jean Neils-Strunjas**, SC CREATE 2024 contract, August 2023 – August 2024: $309,996

**Angela N. McLeod** (faculty and clinic director), Parkinson’s Voice Project, *SPEAK OUT! Program Development Grant*, 2023: up to $72,000.

**Laura Riggleman** (graduate student), USC Office of the VP for Research Students Preparing for Academic Research Careers Award, 2023: $1000.
Recent Publications*


