

Communication is Central: A Professional Learning Event Series

Presents:

Audiologists and AuD Students with Hearing Loss

Tuesday, April 1, 2025 ~ 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. EST • FREE Event • Held Virtually

Course Description:

This presentation focuses on the challenges faced by audiologists/AuD students who are d/Deaf or hard of hearing (DHH). Panelists will discuss various accommodations and ways to support DHH audiologists/AuD students.



Presenters:

Stacey Lim, Au.D., Ph.D., CCC-A is an Associate Professor of Audiology at Central Michigan University. Her areas of interest are cochlear implants, aural rehabilitation, and pediatric audiology. Dr. Lim was also born with bilateral, profound sensorineural hearing loss.

Relevant Financial Disclosures - Receives a salary from Central Michigan University.

Relevant Nonfinancial Disclosures - Member of the Association of Audiologists with Hearing Loss (AAHL).



Samuel R. Atcherson, Au.D., Ph.D., CCC-A, FNAP is a Professor of Audiology and Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. His areas of interest are audiologic rehabilitation, electrophysiology, and health literacy. Dr. Atcherson is a bilateral cochlear implant user and is co-founder of the Association of Audiologists with Hearing Loss (AAHL).

Relevant Financial Disclosures - Receives a salary from University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, and royalties from his 2015 publication *Hearing Assistive and Access Technology* (Plural Publishing).

Relevant Nonfinancial Disclosures - Co-founder of the Association of Audiologists with Hearing Loss (AAHL).



Jasmine Simmons, AuD., CCC-A is an audiologist at the Jacksonville Speech and Hearing Clinic and a dedicated advocate for individuals with hearing loss and vision impairment. Born profoundly deaf and diagnosed with Usher Syndrome, she now uses her personal journey to inspire others. Dr. Simmons is also the author of the children's book *Extraordinary Jordyn and Her Bionic Ears* and frequently speaks on inclusion and accessibility in educational and professional settings.

Relevant Financial Disclosures - Author of *Extraordinary Jordyn and Her Bionic Ears*.

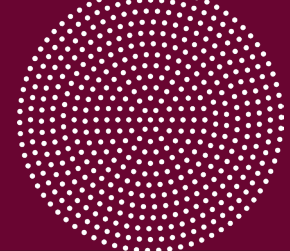
Relevant Nonfinancial Disclosures - Member of the Usher Syndrome community.



Amber Tilley Sevilla Au.D., CCC-A, FAAA earned her B.S. in Speech Language Pathology with a minor in Health Administration from Eastern Michigan University in 2019 and her Au.D. from Central Michigan University in 2023. Amber currently works at Bieri Hearing Specialists in mid-Michigan. Having worn hearing aids since the age of eight, she utilizes that experience to provide empathetic and passionate care to her patients. Amber advocates for audiology at the legislative level in Michigan.

Relevant Financial Disclosures - Receives a salary from Bieri Hearing Specialists.

Relevant Nonfinancial Disclosures - Member of the American Academy of Audiology, American Speech and Hearing Association, Starkey's Listen Carefully Ambassador Program and Michigan Legislative Audiology Network.



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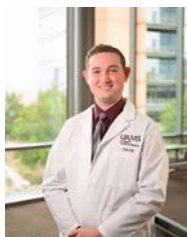
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Gabriela Ocasio, B.A. is a 3rd-year student in audioogy at the University of Puerto Rico. Gabriela has bilateral moderately-severe to profound sensorineural hearing loss, diagnosed at age 4, she uses hearing aids. Gabriela will complete her 4th-year externship at Weill Cornell Medical College in NYC. Gabriela is passionate about accessibility, diversity, and working across all audiological specialties.

Relevant Financial Disclosures - None.

Relevant Nonfinancial Disclosures - None.



Cole Clift, B.A. is a doctorate student in audiology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Cole earned his bachelor's degree in communication science and disorders with a minor in special education from the University of Central Arkansas. As someone with hearing loss, Cole brings a personal perspective to the field of audiology and is passionate about helping others with hearing challenges.

Relevant Financial Disclosures - None.

Relevant Nonfinancial Disclosures - None.

Agenda:

- 1:30-1:35 p.m. Introductions
- 1:35-1:45 p.m. Overview of Audiologist with hearing loss/challenges
- 1:45-1:50 p.m. Overview of ADA/Legal accommodations
- 1:50-2:00 p.m. Accommodations and resources
- 2:00-2:55 p.m. Panel Discussion/questions
- 2:55pm - 3:00 p.m. Summary, Q&A

Learning Outcomes:

1. Describe the challenges that face audiologists/AuD students with hearing loss.
2. Recommend various types of accommodations that can be made for audiologists/AuD students who are d/Deaf and hard of hearing.
3. Explain benefits to having an audiologist/AuD student support and peer-group.

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