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# Communication Sciences & Disorders

*“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”  
2 Corinthians 9:8*

What an amazing year of blessings we have received during 2017! Thanks to the generosity of our donors and alumni we have been given the opportunity to continue to provide excellent undergraduate education, to grow our Master’s program, and to embark on the planning and development of a Ph.D. program.

## New Faculty and Staff in CSD

Diane Loeb, Ph.D., CCC-SLP joined the CSD faculty on July 1, 2017 as the new Department Chair. Dr. Loeb earned her doctorate at Purdue University and specializes in language development and language disorders. Her most recent research has been in the area of neurodevelopmental outcomes of children born preterm. She has been a professor in speech-language pathology at the University of Kansas and the University of Nebraska Kearney for the past 27 years.

Melony Cannon, M.S., CCC-SLP is now a full-time clinical faculty member in the CSD Department. Mrs. Cannon specializes in feeding and swallowing.

Janet Sanker, M.A., CCC-SLP joined CSD as a full-time clinical faculty member this Fall. Her area of specialty is autism spectrum disorders.

Shannon Kolls has joined CSD as our new clinic manager.

## New Appointments

Dr. Michaela Ritter was appointed to the position of Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies in the Robbins College of Health and Human Sciences in September, 2017. She will continue to teach and conduct research in CSD.

Mrs. Deborah Rainer, CSD Clinical Coordinator, is now serving as Chairperson of the University Standing Issues Committee for Texas Speech, Language, and Hearing Association.

## Blessings Abound

The Baylor NSSLHA Fall Conference is just around the corner on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Mayborn Museum Complex. Dr. Roseberry-McKibbin will be presenting “*Assessment and Intervention for ELL Students with Language Impairments: Practical Strategies and Materials.*”



### Helping After Hurricane Harvey:

Baylor NSSLHA collaborated with Marymount College to donate \$350 worth of toys to the Family First Speech Therapy, a clinic in downtown Houston.



### New Christian School for the Deaf

Dr. Lewis Lummer serves as the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the newly formed Christian Academy for the Deaf in Waco. The inaugural class began this Fall. It is the first Christian school for deaf children in the area.

Mission Trip: CSD Faculty Mrs. Janice Stewart and Mrs. Melony Cannon will accompany CSD majors and graduate students on a two-week, discipline-specific, mission trip to Kenya in early May. God-willing, they will take a minimum of 10 students to assist teachers and their students. Students will integrate their Christian faith and knowledge of speech-language pathology into Christian service for children and adults with special needs.

### Research News

Baylor University is working toward Tier 1 and Research 1 status. CSD is positioned to make increasingly greater contributions to speech-language pathology and audiology research. Look for the launching of our new research laboratory websites in the near future!

Dr. Jungjun (Peter) Park was awarded Baylor's prestigious *Centennial Professor Award* in 2017. He will use the award to construct a bilingual database of language samples to help speech-language pathologists and graduate educators.

Dr. Paul Blanchet traveled to England last month to present two research posters at the *11<sup>th</sup> Oxford Dysfluency Conference*. His work focuses on the effects of self-disclosure on students' perceptions of persons who stutter.

Dr. Diane Loeb co-presented a research poster on parental concerns and risks associated with preterm birth at the *Nebraska Speech, Language, and Hearing Conference* in Lincoln this September.

Dr. Paul Fillmore has co-authored a research article that was published in *NeuroRegulation* entitled, "*Coherence: The Measurement and Application of Brain Connectivity.*"

### Clinic News

We continue to expand our multi-faceted clinical opportunities as we grow. We are initiating support groups for individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury, as well as for individuals who stutter. We have new clinical resources for voice, feeding, and AAC assessment and intervention. Our Language and Literacy lab continues to serve many community youth. This summer, Camp Success, our reading outreach had 84 students attend!

### Students

We are blessed with academically talented and compassionate students. We currently have 300 undergraduate students and 68 graduate students. By 2022 we estimate that we will have close to 100 graduate students! This challenges our ability to fund our incoming students at optimal levels. If you feel called to help with our CSD scholarship fund please donate at <https://www.baylor.edu/csd/give> or contact Tyler Cornwell at 254.709.5347.

*"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you."* Luke 6:38