“Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

2018 has been a time of continued growth and research and clinical initiatives in CSD. Thank you to all who have helped us continue to serve others with the love of Christ.

New Faculty in CSD

Samantha Dvorak, SLP.D., CCC-SLP joined CSD as a Clinical Assistant Professor. Dr. Dvorak specializes in supervision and early intervention.

Jeremy Hathway, M.S., CCC-SLP joined CSD as a Clinical Assistant Professor. Mr. Hathway specializes in voice production and disorders as well as neurogenic disorders.

Brittany Perrine, Ph.D. joined the CSD faculty in July 1, 2018 as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Perrine earned her doctorate at Bowling Green University and specializes in voice disorders and traumatic brain injury.

Yang-soo Yoon, Ph.D. joined the CSD faculty in as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Yoon earned his doctorate at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He was an Assistant Professor at Texas Tech University for the past four years. He specializes in optimizing binaural hearing, developing an auditory cortex implant, and treatment for noise-induced tinnitus.

Promotions

Dr. Paul Blanchet was awarded tenure in Spring 2018.

Dr. Carrie Drew was promoted to Senior Lecturer in Spring 2018.

Larry Umberger was promoted to Technology Coordinator for the Deaf Education Program and ASL program in CSD. He will be initiating online ASL offerings in the Spring 2019.

Baylor NSSHLA Happenings

The Baylor NSSLHA Fall Conference, Advancements in Early Assessment and Intervention, was held on October 26 and 27 with an offering of 11.5 CEUs at the Mayborn Museum Complex. Eight talks from speakers from across the country were given.
NSSHLA sponsored a social event to encourage and support undergraduate CSD students. NSSHLA fund-raisers include T-shirt sales and buttons with an IPA “Sic’ em Bears.”

NSSHLA sponsored the Fall Carnival for clinic clients and their families. Face painting, cookie decorating, fishing, and a book walk were just a few of the fun activities!

Student News

Kaylee King, was named as Homecoming Queen for Baylor in November 2018. Kaylee is now attending CSD MS program as a graduate student.

Mary Hayley Clement, is a 2018 Honoree of the Oticon Focus on People Awards for her accomplishments as a role model to others.

Brianna Johnson is awarded TSHA’s Gardner Gately Scholarship.

Faculty Honors

Janice Stewart, Senior Lecturer, was presented with the Excellence in New Student Experience Award, in recognition of her outstanding contributions to new student experiences at Baylor. Mrs. Stewart teaches the new student experience section in the CSD Introduction to Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology course for undergraduates.

Nadine Welch, Clinical Assistant Professor, was recently honored as a Distinguished Educator by Midway ISD. Prior to joining the CSD faculty at Baylor, in August of 2016, Nadine spent 9 years as the Augmentative Communication and Assistive Technology Specialist for Midway’s nine campuses. This spring, Midway Education Foundation held its inaugural Torch Bearer Banquet. In addition to honoring all high school Special Olympic Athletes, each senior was allowed to choose one educator who had made an impact on their educational experience.

Midway High School Senior, Diego Gonzalez and his mother Vivian Herrero chose Nadine as their honored educator. Nadine met Diego as a
fourth grader and worked alongside many team members to develop an effective communication system for this student with Autism, who had very limited verbal speech. Although Nadine misses the Midway students and faculty, she has loved her time at Baylor, where she continues to specialize in augmentative communication and assistive technology, and especially loves the role these play in the areas of language and literacy.

Research News

CSD is dedicated to growing our research emphasis with a focus on translational research as Baylor University moves toward Tier 1 and Research 1 status.

Dr. Jungjun (Peter) Park was awarded an internal URC grant titled, “Effects of Bilingualism and Aging on Cerebral Oxygenation During Executive Functions and Working Memory Performance: A Functional Near-Infrared Spectroscopy Study.”


Dr. Diane Loeb published, “Preterm neurodevelopmental outcomes following orosensory entrainment intervention” in Journal of Neonatal Nursing, DOI: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jnn.2017.11.001

Dr. Paul Fillmore received funding for two internal grants: Baylor Young Investigator Development Program Grant, “Evaluating the efficacy of EEG neurofeedback for treating speech & language deficits in chronic aphasia” and a Baylor Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Achievement Grant, “Evaluating efficacy of EEG neurofeedback for treating cognitive-linguistic disorders in traumatic brain injury.”

Dr. Brittany Perrine and Dr. Yang-soo Yoon were selected as Baylor’s Rising Stars program. This program provides intensive mentorship for successful procurement of external grant funding.

At ASHA 2018, CSD will have 16 research presentations authored by: Dr. Blanchet, Mrs. Cannon, Dr. Fillmore, Dr. Loeb, Dr. Murphy, Dr. Park, Dr. Perrine, Mrs. Rainer, Mr. Rehfeld, Dr. Ritter, Mrs. Sherman and Mrs. Stewart.

Student presenters include: Christina Boyett, Delaney Cartwright, Katelyn Lucas, Meggan Noggle, Shelby Reed, and Jennifer Sifers.

Guest Presenter Noah Buchholz, ASL speaker and lecturer from Princeton University provided an interpretation of Mark 7:31-37 entitled, “Is Jesus healing the Deaf man oppressive in light of Deaf culture?”

International Service Learning Trip

CSD Faculty Mrs. Janice Stewart and Mrs. Melony Cannon led 12 CSD undergraduate and graduate students on a two-week international service trip to Nairobi, Kenya in May 2018. The outcomes of this life-changing trip will be presented in Boston at ASHA in November, 2018.
Mrs. Cannon and Mrs. Janet Sanker will be leading a new group of students to Nairobi in May 2019.

Dr. Lewis Lummer and Dr. Becky Sue Parton will lead students on a mission trip to Ecuador to serve Deaf Families. They will partner with Families with Heart from May 25-June 2, 2019.

Clinic News

The Waco Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation has provided $1.6 million dollar endowment for Camp Success. This generous gift will allow us to continue to offer Camp Success for the children in Waco. Camp Success began in 2003 based on the research of Dr. Michaela Ritter. It is a 4-week program that is provided to children with reading and language disorders at no cost to the participants. This past June, Camp Success graduated an all new high of 96 students!

Thanks to an alumni family donation, we have initiated a Concussion Management Clinic that will begin seeing clients in the Spring 2019. In preparation, students and faculty were provided with a one-day presentation by Dr. Katy O'Brien with the University of Georgia on assessment and intervention with individuals who have suffered concussions.

CSD hosted its first annual Clinical Educator Appreciation dinner for SLPs in Texas who supervise our students during their Internship. Thank you to our wonderful SLPs!

Thanks to a generous donation from friends of the CSD Department, we are now able to provide scholarships to those in need of speech, language, and hearing services, who could not otherwise afford these services.

Our Growing Program

We are blessed with academically talented, dedicated, and caring students. We currently have 300 undergraduate students and 87 graduate students. Below are our 3rd semester cohorts celebrating passing their comprehensive exam.

By 2021 we estimate that we will have close to 100 graduate students! We are also planning a CSD Ph.D. program to begin in the next few years.

We have initiated UG-Grad Mixers to help graduate and undergraduate students connect, gain advice, and provide leadership.

If you feel called to help with our CSD student scholarship fund please donate at https://www.baylor.edu/csd/give or contact Tyler Cornwell at 254.709.5347.

“Those who bless others will be abundantly blessed themselves; those who help others are helped.” Proverbs 11:25