

2018 LSHA Convention Presenter's Biographies

Cathy Alexander, MA CCC-SLP has worked in public school settings and private clinics for the past 20 years. Cathy is the author of WH Question Blast Off and Core Curriculum Articulation S, L, and R. Cathy has a strong interest in teaching vocabulary to children and adolescents. Cathy is a presenter for SpeechPathology.com and is an ASHA presenter. Cathy has previously presented several sessions across the nation on vocabulary development.

Heather Anderson, M.A., CCC-SLP, earned a B.A. from Centenary College of Louisiana and M.A. in Speech Language Pathology from Louisiana Tech University, and is a doctoral candidate in the Ed.D. program at Louisiana Tech University. She is Assistant Professor of Clinical Communication Disorders in the SpeechLanguage Pathology Program in the School of Allied Health Professions at Louisiana State University Health- Shreveport.

Ramesh Arby Bettagere, PhD, CCC-SLP/A is a certified and licensed professional in both the areas of speech-language pathology and audiology. He has extensive teaching and clinical experience in various settings. He was a former associate professor at Southeastern Louisiana University and University of Southern Mississippi.

Johanna Boulton

Sara Causin, MCD received her undergraduate degree in Communication Disorders from Louisiana State University and a Master's degree in Audiology from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in 2001. She began working with cochlear implants while on staff at Memorial Medical Center in New Orleans where she worked in conjunction with the LSU Cochlear Implant team. Sara is currently a Clinical Territory Manager with Cochlear Americas, providing clinical and surgical support for cochlear implant centers in the Gulf Coast Territory

Shelley Chesney, M.S., CCC-SLP, LSLS Cert AVT is the owner of Chesney Center Therapies and has been working with individuals with hearing loss and their families for over 25 years, using sign language, cued speech and now focuses primarily on Auditory-Verbal therapy. She is currently the only Certified AVT in Louisiana.

Hillary Cooper MA, CCC-SLP graduated from University of Houston in 2011 and has worked in outpatient, long term care, acute care, and home health. Hillary decided that she wanted to change the status quo of dysphagia assessment in Louisiana, so she started North Louisiana Swallow Solutions, providing mobile FEES to North Louisiana.

Eilene Crowe, is the Director for State Association Relations at ASHA. She provides assistance and support on legislative, regulatory, and administrative issues to the Western region of state speech-language-hearing associations. Eileen received her BA in political science and her master's degree in public administration from Louisiana State University.

Kellie C Ellis, Ph.D., CCC/SLP is an Associate Professor and Communication Disorders Program Coordinator at Eastern Kentucky University. Her research interests include language and literacy development and disorders. Dr. Ellis is a former Chair of ASHA's Governmental Relations Public Policy Board, Chair of the Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, and President of the Kentucky Speech-Language-Hearing Association. She currently serves as KSHAs Governmental Relations Chair and a member of Kentucky's Read to Achieve Advisory Council.

Judith (Jodie) Fornadley, M.S., CCC-SLP is a voice-focused speech-language pathologist who works at the Ochsner Voice Center, an interdisciplinary clinic model where patients are evaluated by a laryngologist and SLP to address all aspects of healthy voice use. She has her BS from Penn State University and her MS from Vanderbilt University.

Sarah Gromko is in her last semester as a Master of Science candidate at Southeastern Louisiana University. She is previously worked in the music industry for 20 years. She has presented her research at 2017's ASHA Connect and as a flash presentation at the 2017 ASHA Conference in Los Angeles

Stephen Harris, M.A. CCC-A, L-AUD/SLP has worked as an audiologist for 36 years in the public school and private practice sectors. He currently serves as the Board Chair for LBESPA. Steve has served on several ASHA committees and recently was served on AHSA's Audiology Advisory Council.

Sandra Hayes, SLP.D., MCD, CCC-SLP, is an Associate Professor of Clinical Communication Disorders in the Speech-Language Pathology Program in the School of Allied Health Professions at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport. She is a licensed and certified speech-language pathologist and a past president of LSHA. Dr. Hayes and Boomer Hayes are a certified animal assisted therapy team.

Nicole Hines, M.S., CCC-SLP works as an SLP Endoscopist providing FEES to patients in SNFs throughout northern Georgia. Previously she has presented at both the Georgia and New York Speech and Hearing Association Conventions. She is a recipient of the ASHA ACE award and is currently applying for board certification in swallowing. Ms. Hines is also a member of ASHA SIG-13 and Dysphagia Research Society.

Nicole Holmes,

Marie Catherine Ireland M.Ed. CCC-SLP, BCS-CL is the Virginia Department of Education's specialist for Speech Language Pathology. She is the State Education Agencies Communication Disabilities Council's secretary, the vice president of SLP Practice of ASHA, and was awarded the Editor's Award for a 2013 publication on evidence based practice.

David Irwin, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, ASHA Fellow is Professor of Speech-Language Pathology, Director for the SPLP program and Director of the Autism Center at the University of Louisiana-Monroe. Dr. Irwin has been a past president of LSHA and is the founder of the Autism Center at ULM. He has experience with individuals with ASD and their families.

Shane Kimble, M.C.D, CCC-SLP is currently a Speech-Language Pathologist at Shriner's Hospital-Houston where he treats pediatric acquired brain injuries and pediatric dysphagia. He completed his master's degree in 2014 from LSUHSC-Shreveport where he has since taken a special interest in pediatric instrumental examinations of swallowing and pediatric acquired brain injuries.

Micah Klumpp PhD, CCC-A specializes in assessment, rehabilitation and research of the auditory and vestibular systems across the lifespan.

Hong "Liz" Nguyen, MA, CCC-SLP is a proud graduate of the University of Central Florida. She currently owns the only mobile swallow study service in South Louisiana, providing FEES to the greater New Orleans region.

Mary Osborne

Emily Rampmaier, MCD, CCC-SLP is the Director of Clinical Education for Reliant Rehabilitation and a Positive Approach to Care Independent Certified Trainer. She serves on the executive board of the Louisiana Speech Language Hearing Association. Her career concentration has included geriatrics, long term care, clinical education development and advocacy for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries' access to therapy.

Julie Smith

Donna Thomas, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, is an Assistant Professor in the Communication Sciences and Disorders Program at Southeastern Louisiana University. She conducts research in the area of speech sound disorders, language disorders, and reading impairments. She has over 29 years of experience in the areas of augmentative communication, language, and literacy.

Sarah Warren, MA is the Director, Health Care Policy, Medicare at ASHA. In this role she supports ASHA's membership through responding to member inquiries, anticipating Medicare payment policy trends, and commenting on Medicare's proposed policies. She has worked on rehabilitation health care payment policy for more than 10 years. Prior to joining ASHA, Ms. Warren represented inpatient rehabilitation facilities at the American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association (AMRPA) and physical therapists at the American Physical Therapy Association.

Daphne Washington, M.A., CCC-SLP, Professional in Residence in the Department of Communication Disorders at Louisiana Tech University, serves as instructor, clinical supervisor, and augmentative communication program manager. She has served on the Board of Directors for LSHA and received Fellow of the Association. She currently serves as the secretary and member on LBESPA.