

*Highlights for the **MSHA Annual Conference** ~ Facing the Future – Together!  
March 23-25, 2017 Detroit Marriott Hotel, Troy, Michigan*

**Thursday, March 23, 2017**

▲ **Natalie Douglas, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Central Michigan University** will present two Short Courses, morning and afternoon: *Context-Based Approaches to Person-Centered Aphasia Therapy*.

▲ **Stacey Lim, Au.D., Ph.D., CCC-A, Central Michigan University**, will present an afternoon Short Course: *Providing Support to Adolescents with Hearing Loss*.

▲ *Continuing the Conversation: Issues in Clinical Education* an afternoon Short Course with speakers **Katie Strong, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, CMU**; **Theresa Jones, M.S., CCC-SLP, CMU**; **Kristin Hicks, M.A., CCC-SLP, MSU**; **Jill Bates, M.S., CCC-SLP, Calvin College**; **Kathy Hillenbrand, M.A., CCC-SLP, WMU**; **Karen O'Leary, M.A., CCC-SLP, WSU**.

▲ **Maureen Staskowski, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Macomb ISD**, will present an afternoon class: *Look Who's Talking? Macomb's AAC Core Vocabulary Classroom Team Initiative*.

▲ **Jane White, M.A., Executive Director and Founder of the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force**, a non-profit organization, **Michigan State University**, will present a 2-hour evening class entitled: *Human Trafficking: A Michigan Reality*. This class satisfies the SLP License requirement for a class in Human Trafficking.

▲ **Welcome Reception 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.** Tasty munchies and a cash bar. Everyone welcome! Also the **MSHF Silent Auction** and **50/50 MSHA Raffle** through Friday evening.

**Friday, March 24, 2017**

▲ **Beth A. D. Nolan, Ph.D., Positive Approach LLC, North Carolina**, will present two Short Courses: *Assessment and Treatment Strategies in Adults with Dementia*.

▲ **Howard Shane, M.D., MGH Institute of Health Professions, Charlestown, Massachusetts**, will present two Short Courses: *Visual Immersion System™ (VIS): Communication Enhancement for Autism Spectrum Disorders*.

▲ **J. Scott Yaruss, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, ASHA Fellow, Michigan State University**, will present a morning Short Course: *Practical Strategies for Treating Preschool Children Who Stutter*.

▲ **Janet Deppe, M.S., CCC-SLP, Director, State Advocacy, Govt. Relations and Public Policy, ASHA**, will present a morning Panel Discussion for future and new SLP and AUD graduates embarking on their first job: *Embarking on Your New Career – Understanding Resources, Licensure, and Issues Impacting the Professions*.

▲ **Noah Smith, B.A., Capitol Services, Inc., Legislative Advocate for MSHA** will present the *Keynote Address* at the MSHA Awards Luncheon. MSHA *Honors of the Association* will be presented to **Richard M. Merson, Ph.D., CCC-SLP**, followed by presentation of MSHA & MSHF Scholarship Awards.

▲ **Morning and Afternoon Student Round Table classes for Undergraduate and Graduate Students** to help with employment and licensure questions; graduate school and CFY issues; and an opportunity to talk to professionals in a variety of work settings.

▲ **All-Day MSHF Silent Auction; Exhibitors' Cocktail Party and Raffle; MSHA 50/50 Raffle**.

▲ **Praxis Trivia Quiz Bowl! Back by popular demand: Teams representing students from our Michigan Universities** will compete for bragging rights – and a trophy! Faculty & Friends urged to cheer on their teams.

**Saturday, March 25, 2017**

▲ **Nina A. Reardon-Reeves, M.S., CCC-SLP, Stuttering Therapy Resources, Inc., McKinney, Texas**, will present 2 Short Courses, morning and afternoon: *School Age Stuttering Therapy: Practical Ideas for Success*. **Nina will also present at the Public School Forum Luncheon**.

▲ **Leora R. Cherney, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, ASHA Fellow, Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago**, will present 2 Short Courses: morning: *Aphasia Treatment: Addressing the Impairment Level*; and afternoon: *Aphasia Treatment: Addressing the Activity/Participation Level*.

▲ **Amanda Hopkins, M.S., CCC-SLP, LSLC Cert. AVT, Listening and Language Connections, LLC**, will present a morning class: *Assessment for Children with Hearing Loss and How to Interpret the Results*.

▲ **Michael Rolnick, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Wm. Beaumont Hospital**, will present: *Building Programs in Speech-Language Pathology – Marketing and Other Stuff* at the **Medical SLP Forum Luncheon**.

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**This Conference Program is still a work in progress!**

**Other topics to be addressed in our Program include:**

*Practical Strategies for Dealing with Anxiety in the Classroom and Therapy Room; Teaching Alternatives to Tracheoesophageal Speech with a Focus on Esophageal Speech and Other Options; Velopharyngeal Insufficiency Treatment; The Normal Swallow; Life Participation Approach to Aphasia; Core Vocabulary in the Classroom; Laryngectomy Patient Q & A; The Five Systems of Dysphagia; Functional Treatment Strategies for TBI Rehab; Assessment and Treatment of Cleft Speech Errors; and much more!*

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