Conference Highlights
Reving the Communication Engine in the Motor City:
Bridging Research & Clinical Practice

MSHA Annual Conference: March 19-21, 2020
MotorCity Hotel & Conference Center, Detroit

Thursday, March 19:
Breakfast sponsored by Michigan Medicine, Department of Speech-Language Pathology & Speech Neurophysiology Lab, Department of Psychiatry.

▲ Kathryn Hillenbrand, M.A., CCC-SLP, Western Michigan University will present: Foundations of Competence in Clinical Education. This class will satisfy the new 2020 ASHA requirement on supervision.


▲ J. Scott Yaruss, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, ASHA Fellow, Michigan State University, will present an afternoon Short Course: Early Childhood Stuttering Therapy: A Practical Approach.

▲ J. Bruce Hillenberg, Ph.D., APBB, President of the Midwest Pain Society, formerly of Beaumont Health, will present: Facing Chronic Pain as a Warrior in the evening which will satisfy the requirement for Michigan Licensure; and a Short Course Friday.

▲ Katie Strong, Ph.D., CCC-SLP and Natalie Douglas, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Central Michigan University, will present: Keeping the Engine Running: Supporting Communication in Individuals with Chronic Language and Cognitive Challenges.

▲ Natalie Wombacher, M.S., CCC-SLP, Kate McConville, M.A., CCC-SLP, and Margaret Tiner, M.S., CCC-SLP, Michigan Medicine, will present a morning Short Course: Nasendoscopy for the Medical SLP: One Scope Multiple Applications.

▲ Jaime Michise, M.S., CCC-SLP, University of North Texas, and Scott Palisik, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, University of Akron, will present Mindfulness 101: Experiencing Your Mind and the Neurology Behind It.

Welcome Reception sponsored by Wayne State University Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Friday, March 20:
Breakfast sponsored by Henry Ford Health System, Division of Speech-Language Sciences & Disorders, Department of Neurology.

▲ Carol Flexer, Ph.D., CCC-A, LSLS Cert, AVT, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, The University of Akron, will present 2 Short Courses: Managing Unilateral, Mild, Moderate, & Fluctuating Hearing Losses in Children and Hearing Loss, Executive Functions, and Theory of Mind: Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists Collaborate.

▲ Nancy Telian, M.S., CCC-SLP, Author, Lively Letters, Co-director, Reading with TLC, will present 2 Short Courses: Lively Letters Full Training and Certification for Development of Phonemic Awareness, Speech Production, and Phonics.

▲ J. Bruce Hillenberg, Ph.D., APBB, President of the Midwest Pain Society, will present a Short Course: Healthcare Provider Stress and Burnout and Suicide Risk Assessment and Treatment.

▲ Kathy Maitland, B.A., Executive Director of the Michigan Abolitionist Project, will present: Education and Awareness of Human Trafficking in Our Communities. This class will satisfy the Michigan Licensure (LARA) requirement for a class on ending human trafficking.

▲ Alice Silbergleit, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Henry Ford Health System; Elizabeth Esqueda, MM, and Natalie O’Connor, B.A., both of Motor City UpBeats, will present: Enhancing Voice Therapy: Benefits of a Therapeutic Choir and the Development of the Motor City UpBeats.

▲ Georgieva Dobrinka, Ph.D., South-West University, N. Rilski, Bulgaria, will present: Speech and Language Pathology Across the Globe.

▲ Morning and Afternoon Student Round Table Classes for Undergraduate and Graduate Students (sponsored by Northern Michigan University, Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences Program and Western Michigan University, Dept. Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences).

▲ Honors and Awards Luncheon with Keynote Address by Carol Flexer, Ph.D., CCC-A, Acoustic Accessibility; presentation of MSHA Honors and Distinguished Service Awards; and presentation of MSHF Student Scholarships.

▲ Katie Atkinson, M.A., CCC-SLP/BC-ANCDS; Katie Squires, Ph.D., CCC-SLP; and Laurie Bahlike, M.A., CCC-SLP, Central Michigan University, will present a Panel Discussion: What is a Board-Certified Specialist and Why Should I Want to Be One?

▲ All-Day MSHF Silent Auction; Exhibitors’ Cocktail Party and Raffles; and Praxis Trivia Quizbowl followed by Open House sponsored by Michigan State University, Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders.

Saturday, March 21:

▲ Jonathan L. Preston, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Syracuse University, will present 2 Short Courses: Childhood Apraxia of Speech in Preschool and School-Age Children Parts 1 & 2.

▲ Bonnie Martin Harris, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, BCS-S, ASHA Fellow, Northwestern University, will present 2 Short Courses: Current and Future Directions in Swallowing Assessment and Treatment: Standardized Protocols and Cross-System Approaches Parts 1 & 2.

▲ Sharon Mankey, M.A.T, CCC-SLP and Mariesa Rang, M.A., CCC-SLP, Purdue University, will present: Communication: Encouraging Liberty and Justice for All. This class will instruct SLPs how to train first-responders to communicate with people who are nonverbal.

▲ Alice Silbergleit, Ph.D., CCC-SLP; Jessica E. Shill, M.D.; and Laura Garcia-Rodriguez, M.D., Henry Ford Health System will present: Interdisciplinary Collaboration of the Transgender Client: Bridging Voice Therapy with Medical and Surgical Care.

▲ Jaynee Handelsman, Ph.D., CCC-A, ASHA Fellow, EHDI Program Coordinator, Michigan Medicine, will present a class on Ethics.

▲ Shannon L. Savino, RN, BSN, will present: Practicing Mindfulness and Meditation in the Healthcare Setting, at the Medical SLP Luncheon.

Other topics in the Program include: Feeding and Swallowing in the Neonate; Myasthenia Gravis and Dysphagia; Respiratory Retraining for Voice and Swallowing; Entering Medical Speech-Language Pathology: What the Novice Clinician Needs to Know; MBSS or FEES; Teaching Conversational Skills; Aphasia Roundtables; Preschool ASD Treatment; Graduate Students and Telepractice Pedagogy; Psychosocial Impact of Stuttering; Qualifying Students with TBI; Determining Client Candidacy for Telepractice; Executive Function Skills Following Brain Injury; and more!

See you in Detroit!

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