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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Communication Sciences and Disorders

August 2004 – May 2010

Doctor of Audiology

University of South Alabama
Mobile, AL

Bachelor of Arts, Communicative Disorders

August 2000 – May 2002

University of Central Florida
Orlando, FL

May 2002

CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)

Certification Number 12107641

Expiration: 12/31/2017

Alabama Board of Examiners for Speech Pathology and Audiology (ABESPA)

License Number: 1046a

Expiration: 12/31/2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor / Audiology Clinic Coordinator / Audiologist

08/2015 – Present

University of South Alabama

Mobile, AL

- Clinical instruction and supervision of Doctor of Audiology students
- Provide audiologic services to pediatric and adult populations
- Management of on and off campus clinical practicum
- Maintenance of student records
- Maintenance of preceptor records
- Classroom and online instruction regarding clinical procedures (AUD 670, AUD 676)
- Co-teach undergraduate course SHS 480
- Aided in development and implementation of electronic medical records

Audiologist

05/2010 – 08/2015

Department of Veterans Affairs

Pensacola, FL

- Diagnostic audiometry, including high frequency audiometry
- Immittance testing, including reflex threshold and reflex decay
- Distortion product otoacoustic emissions
- Compensation and pension examinations
- Cochlear implant evaluations
- Central auditory processing evaluations

- Balance evaluations, including vestibulonystagmography (VNG), rotary chair, posturagraphy, & vestibular evoked myogenic potential (VEMP)
- Canalith repositioning
- Auditory brainstem response (ABR) testing
- Hearing aid selection/fitting/repair
- Verification and validation of hearing aid performance (real ear measurement, visual speech mapping)
- Selection and fitting of assistive listening devices
- Aural rehabilitation counseling for patients and family/caregivers
- Coding and reporting of hearing disorders (VISTA and CPRS)
- Supervision of Audiology Intern
- Development and implementation of group hearing aid fitting / aural rehabilitation program
- Progressive tinnitus management treatment
- Member of OEF/OIF Polytrauma team

Fee Basis Audiologist

10/2009 – 05/2010

Department of Veterans Affairs
Pensacola, FL

- Diagnostic audiometry, including high frequency audiometry
- Immittance testing, including reflex threshold and reflex decay
- Distortion product otoacoustic emissions
- Cochlear implant evaluations
- Balance evaluations, including VNG, rotary chair, and posturagraphy,
- Hearing aid selection/fitting/repair
- Verification and validation of hearing aid performance (real ear measurement, visual speech mapping)
- Selection and fitting of assistive listening devices
- Aural rehabilitation counseling for patients and family/caregivers
- Coding and reporting of hearing disorders (VISTA and CPRS)

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Audiology Intern

07/2008 – 09/2009

Department of Veterans Affairs
Mobile, AL

- Diagnostic audiometry
- Immittance testing, including reflex threshold and reflex decay
- Distortion product otoacoustic emissions
- Balance evaluations, including VNG, rotary chair, posturagraphy, and VEMP
- Canalith repositioning therapy
- Auditory brainstem response testing
- Hearing aid selection/fitting/repair
- Verification and validation of hearing aid performance (real ear measurement, visual speech mapping)
- Selection and fitting of assistive listening devices
- Aural rehabilitation counseling for patients and family/caregivers
- Coding and reporting of hearing disorders (VISTA and CPRS)

Audiology Trainee

10/2006 – 09/2007

Department of Veterans Affairs
Mobile, AL

- Diagnostic audiometry
- Immittance testing, including reflex threshold and reflex decay
- Distortion product otoacoustic emissions
- Videonystagmography (VNG)
- Auditory brainstem response testing
- Hearing aid selection/fitting/repair
- Verification and validation of hearing aid performance (real ear measurement, visual speech mapping)

- Selection and fitting of assistive listening devices
- Aural rehabilitation counseling for patients and family/caregivers
- Coding and reporting of hearing disorders (VISTA and CPRS)

Speech Therapist

08/2002 – 05/2004

Orange County Public Schools
 William Frangus Elementary School
 Orlando, FL

- Diagnostic language and articulation assessment
- Development of Individualized Education Plans (IEP)
- Language and articulation therapy
- Planned and implemented classroom instructed focusing on IEP goals, benchmarks, and pre-kindergarten skills

RESEARCH AND PRESENTATIONS

Nichols, A.C. (2014). Sensory Impairments following Polytrauma/TBI: Audiologic Implications. Guest speaker at teleconference for physicians and clinicians of the Gulf Coast Healthcare System Polytrauma team.

Nichols, A.C. & Gordon-Hickey, S. (2012). The relationship of locus of control, self-control, and acceptable noise level for young listeners with normal hearing. *International Journal of Audiology*, 51, 353-359.

Nichols, A.C. & Gordon-Hickey, S. (2010). Relationships among locus of control, self-control, and acceptable noise levels. Technical session for the annual American Speech-Language Hearing Association Convention. Philadelphia, PA.

Nichols, A.C. & Gordon-Hickey, S. (2011). Relationships among locus of control, self-control, and acceptable noise levels. Poster presentation for the annual Joint Defense Veterans Audiology Conference. San Diego, CA.

Nichols, A.C. & Carpenter, M.D. (2007). N400 in females with high and low acceptable noise levels. Poster presentation for the annual American Speech-Language Hearing Association Convention. Boston, MA.

Adams, E., Cole, L., **Nichols, A.C.** (2021). Mal de débarquement Syndrome and Chiari Malformation: A Case Study. Technical clinical session for the annual American Speech-Language Hearing Association Convention. Washington D.C.

INSTRUCTION

AUD 680: Clinical Practicum I	Fall 2015 – Summer 2018
AUD 682: Clinical Practicum II	Fall 2018 – present
AUD 684: Externship	Fall 2015 – present
SHS 480: Issues in Clinical Practicum	Fall 2015 – present
BMD 201: Seminars in Biomedical Sciences - Guest lecturer on topic of Speech Pathology and Audiology	Fall 2018, Fall 2020, Fall 2021
Tinnitus and Hyperacusis: Treatment and management (graduate course)	Spring 2008
Guest Lecturer on topic of Tinnitus in Audiology II (undergraduate course)	April 2008

STUDENT RESEARCH DIRECTION

Committee Member – Undergraduate Thesis

Money, L. (2020, Completed). *Determining the Relationship between Secondhand Smoke Exposure, Noise Exposure, and Frequency of Reported Tinnitus in College Students and Adolescents*. Master’s thesis. University of South Alabama.

Committee Member – Doctoral Plan of Study

Money, Laurel Spring 2021 – present

Committee Member – Doctoral Thesis

Greene, A. (2021, In Progress). *Factors Affecting use of Vestibular and/or Balance Screening Measures Among Audiologists and Physical Therapists in Patients Reporting Dizziness*. Doctoral thesis. University of South Alabama.

Committee Member – Doctoral Plan of Study

Greene, Alex Fall 2021 – present

SERVICEUniversity-level Service

Faculty Advisor, Student-Run Free Clinic	Spring 2017 – Summer 2020
JAG Wellness Day	September 2016
USA Day	October 2016
	October 2018

College-level Service

Clinical Education Committee	Spring 2016 – present
Biomedical Department Chair Search Committee	Fall 2017 – Fall 2018

Departmental Service

Audiology Clinic Coordinator	Fall 2015 – present
USA Speech and Hearing Center Clinic Committee	Fall 2015 – present
VA Affiliation Partnership Council (APC)	Fall 2015 – present
Professional Behavior Policy Committee	Fall 2015 – Summer 2016
Audiology Academic Committee	Fall 2015 – present
Capital Expenditure Committee	Fall 2015 – present
Search Committee Chair, Non-tenure track Audiologist	Spring 2016
Academic Standards Committee	Fall 2016 – present
Department Promotion Committee	Fall 2016 – present
Tenure track Audiologist Search Committee Member	Summer 2020 – Spring 2021

HONORS AND AWARDS

Outstanding Doctor of Philosophy Student	May 2010
ASHA Student Research Travel Award recipient	November 2007

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDEDProfessional Development

Alabama Academy of Audiology (ALAA) annual convention	
October 2019	
Alabama Academy of Audiology (ALAA) annual convention	
October 2017	
Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CAPCSD) annual convention	
April 2017	
CAPCSD: Clinic Director Symposium	
April 2017	
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association: Leadership Development Program	April
2016 – March 2017	
CAPCSD convention	
April 2016	
Mayo Clinic Conference	
February 2016	
February 2017	
American Speech-Language Hearing Association annual convention	

November 2007

Teaching Enhancement

Sakai 101
December 2015
Faculty Development Day
January 2016