

## *Celebrating 76 years 1935 – 2011*



### *From the Department Head*

Dear Alumni & Friends of SLHS,

The Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences welcomes Dr. Keith R. Kluender as the new head of the Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences. Kluender joined the faculty in the Department of Psychology at University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1988. Prior to coming to Purdue, he held concurrent positions as professor of psychology and affiliate professor of communication disorders at UW Madison. He earned a Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology at The University of Texas at Austin in 1988. In 1981, he earned an M.S. degree in Experimental Psychology from Northeastern University, Boston. And in 1979 he earned a B.S. degree from Carroll College where he majored in psychology and minored in biology, chemistry and philosophy.

Kluender is an international leader in research on hearing with an emphasis on perception of complex sounds including speech and clinical applications of this work. His research takes an interdisciplinary approach that includes computer science, electrical engineering, neuroscience, and psychology. He was named Fellow status by both the American Psychological Society (2008) and the Acoustical Society of America (2010) and in 1997, he received the Troland Award from the National Academy of Sciences in recognition of his early career contributions.

“I could not be more enthusiastic about joining the faculty of Purdue’s Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences. I was long aware of the outstanding academic and clinical reputations of the department. During my interviews, I learned that the SLHS faculty are wonderful people who are making great strides to improve the lives of children and adults while training the next generation of outstanding clinicians and researchers. I am sincerely grateful for this opportunity to support their efforts

This is a very exciting time for the Department. On the positive side, we very much look forward to moving from cramped, aging quarters to sharing a new building. Less positively, Purdue is experiencing the same budget challenges as most public universities, and there is little or no fat to cut. I look forward to creatively meeting these challenges in ways that permit the Department to maintain excellence and to develop ways to fulfill emerging needs in a rapidly growing health field. High quality research and clinical training in autism rank highly in this respect.

In addition to these immediate challenges, I look forward to promoting SHLS nationally and internationally. SHLS is a true gem in Indiana and the nation. Whether in the laboratory, clinic or classroom, we are doing great things for children and adults with speech, language, and hearing disorders and I cannot wait to take on the role of enthusiastically spreading the word!

Being a part of developing the new College of Health and Human Sciences presents an especially exciting opportunity. The field of speech, language, and hearing is by its very nature highly interdisciplinary. The new college provides an environment that will nurture natural connections in ways that will make all of us better at what we do. I hope to contribute to growing this new culture of cooperation and synergy.”

## UPCOMING SLHS EVENTS

The **2011 ASHA Convention** will be held at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, California, November 17–19, 2011. Purdue's Open House at ASHA is on November 18, 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. following the award ceremony.

The annual Crossroads Conference on Communicative Disorders will be October 24-25. For registration information, see

[https://www.eventreg.purdue.edu/ec2k/CourseListing.asp?master\\_id=887&course\\_area=1353&course\\_number=200&course\\_subtitle=00](https://www.eventreg.purdue.edu/ec2k/CourseListing.asp?master_id=887&course_area=1353&course_number=200&course_subtitle=00)

### *Clinic News*

#### *Speech-Language Clinic*

Purdue's Speech-Language Pathology Clinic now serves the following adult off-campus sites as well as our in-house clinic. Off-campus sites include Indiana University Health Arnett Hospital and Outpatient Clinic, Accent Modification clients with links to other PU departments, BrainBuilders Men's and Women's Groups, Rosewalk Village Skilled Nursing Facility of Lafayette and Adult Pragmatic Group.

The number of clients and consultations for 2010-2011 academic year was 2,770. We have 25 first year SLP students for Fall 2011.

The Clinic received a \$23,255.00 funding grant from CLA for Instructional equipment. The funds were used to purchase SLP clinical education programs, a Portable Fiber Optic Endoscopic System for FEES, five laptop computers for Clinic Training, and a Screening Audiometer for Preschool Language Program. Also, a donation of \$1,000 from the Indiana Lions Club McKinney Outreach Program was used to purchase a DVD recorder, an HD Cam recorder and a camera Tripod for the PLP, B-3 Pragmatic Groups. A Boardmaker V.6 software was also purchased for the clinic.

#### *Audiology Clinic*

- Saradha Anathakrishnan, third year AuD student, was awarded the 2010 ISHA Outstanding Student Clinician for Audiology from Purdue.
- Madison Schumann, second year AuD student, was awarded the 2010 Outstanding Student Clinician through the Indiana Lions McKinney Outreach Program
- Anne Sommer, Lata Krishnan, and Jennifer Simpson participated in the 4-H Career Day, talking with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders about Audiology.
- Shannon Van Hyfte and Hala Elsisy participated in Experience Purdue, introducing high school seniors to Audiology as a career.
- Anne Sommer and Hala Elsisy participated in the Caregiver's Fair, educating the community regarding audiology services.
- The audiology clinic was awarded a grant in the amount of \$11, 000 to purchase a new Verifit system. This system analyzes the hearing aid in the patient's ear and assists the audiologist in programming the hearing aid to the individual patient's hearing loss.

## *SLHS Outstanding Senior 2011*



Malinda Troyer is our SLHS Outstanding Senior for 2011. We are very excited that she has accepted our offer to stay at Purdue in the Speech-Language Pathology Graduate Program where she will receive a Chappelle fellowship. When Malinda started as an undergrad freshman, her major was Biology, but a life-changing event making it necessary to have speech therapy made up her mind to become a speech therapist. After the experience, she signed up for our introductory course, SLHS 115 and she said she was 'hooked'.

Malinda comes from Middlebury in northern Indiana, not far from South Bend. Her mother is a nurse and her father is an accountant. She has two brothers, one of whom graduated from Purdue in Physics and one who is taking his Masters at Ball State University in Sports Management. While an undergraduate, she worked in the HSSE Library and in our Speech Physiology lab for Professor Jessica Huber. Future plans for Ms. Troyer is work in a medical setting with adults.

Congrats to Malinda and we will be seeing her around the department for the next few years!

## *SLHS Outstanding Teaching Awards 2011*

At the May faculty meeting, Outstanding Teaching Awards were presented to:

Outstanding Clinical Faculty in Audiology, Jennifer Simpson

Outstanding Graduate Instructor in SLP, Jessica Huber

Outstanding Undergraduate Instructor, Chris Weber-Fox

Outstanding Clinical Faculty in SLP, Anu Subramanian

Outstanding TA, Allison Huber

Outstanding Graduate Instructor in Audiology, Jennifer Simpson

## *SLHS Scholarship Awards for the 2011-2012*

### **Steer Graduate Scholarship**

Jenna Olson

Kimberly LeClair

### **Wilson Graduate Scholarship**

Laura German

Andrea Einterz

### **Erler Graduate Scholarship**

Varsha Hariram

### **SLHS Alumni & Friends Scholarship**

Saradha Ananthakrishnan

### **Swansen Graduate Scholarship**

Suling Lim

### **Ringel Research Award**

Meredith Saletta

### **Ostroy Undergraduate Scholarship**

Alyce Yu

## *Donor Recognition (September 2010 – July 2011)*

Yes, we have our economic challenges, but we are still a top 10, nationally ranked communicative sciences and disorders program because of gifts like yours. Donations allow us to continue to provide our students with hands-on experience with the best clinics, research laboratories and equipment. When students leave our program, they continue to be highly sought as clinicians, researchers, and educators who benefit communities across the nation. Thank you, donors. You make it all possible!

Listed below are those who contributed and made many things possible for our students and department. We use Purdue University records for this list so if you have been omitted, please accept our apologies.

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## *6th Annual Robert L. Ringel Student Research Symposium*

This symposium is held each year to celebrate the research of our SLHS students and is named in honor and recognition of Dr. Ringel's passion for mentoring students in their exploration and development of skills necessary to pursue research in their careers. The students, their presentation titles and their faculty supporters are listed below: This year's event was on April 29. A reception was held after the symposium

Barry Freeman, Ph.D., Senior Director of Audiology, Starkey Corporation made a presentation of 2 Starkey Scholarship Awards to Au.D. students Yonit Shames and Katie Connell.

### Research Presentations by AuD students:

Katie Masterson *Factors Influencing Differences Between Fast and Slow Wide Dynamic Range Compression (WDRC) for Speech Recognition in Noise* Major Professor: Joshua M. Alexander, Ph.D., Committee Member: Michael Heinz, Ph.D.

Katie Connell *Spatial Release from Masking and Cognitive Capacity* Major Professor: Alexander Francis, Ph.D., Committee Member: Hala Elsisy, Ph.D.

Kelly Rich *The Effectiveness of Listening and Auditory Communication Enhancement (LACE) Training* Major Professor: Alexander Francis, Ph.D., Committee Member: Hala Elsisy, Ph.D.

Jessica Warnshuis *Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program* Major Professor: Robert E. Novak, Ph.D., Committee Member: Lata Krishnan, Ph.D.

Yonit A. Shames *Novel Frequency Lowering Techniques for Precipitous Hearing Loss* Major Professor: Joshua M. Alexander, Ph.D. Committee Member: Alexander Francis, Ph.D.

## *The Department*

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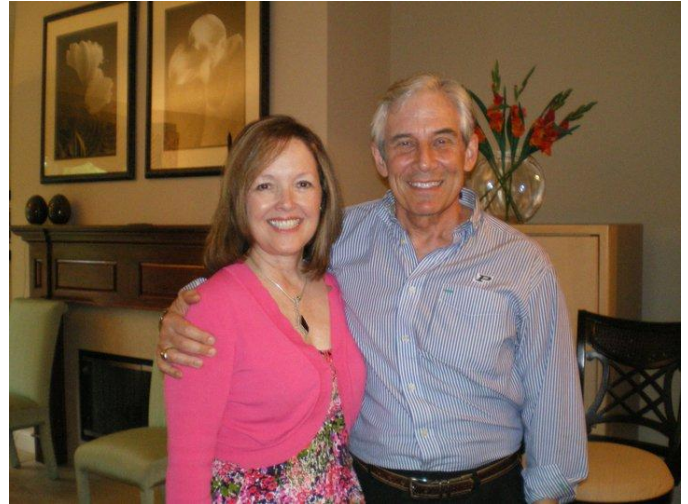
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*Here is an artist's rendition of our future SLHS home!*

## *Random Pictures*



Alum Dave Cravotta's daughter Joslyn  
—Future Super SLP



Bob & Julie Novak at their farewell party.



At the 2010 ASHA Open House, Bob Novak,  
Sandy & Marc Fey



Lisa Weil & Beth Levandoski at the ASHA Open House.



The whole SLHS gang at Sue Grant's retirement party. She retired in December after 15 + years in our department as Lead Account Clerk and we truly miss her—not a dry eye in the place!