Dear Alumni and Friends of SPHS,

With this issue of Observations we are continuing the tradition of an annual newsletter for SPHS. Today, of course, there are many more ways to stay in touch conveniently than when Observations was first produced many years ago. For those so inclined, for example, you can simply “like” us on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/IUSpeechandHearing). Whatever means you use to stay in touch, we sincerely hope that you will continue to do so. You are a key part of any success the department has been able to achieve over the years. We’re proud to count you among our alumni and friends.

Sincerely,

Larry E. Humes, Ph.D.
Distinguished Professor and Chair

Welcome New SPHS Faculty

With the advent of the new school year, several new academic and clinical faculty joined our ranks. Steven Lulich, Ph.D., began his appointment as Assistant Professor in August. Steven’s research interests are in measuring and modeling speech acoustics. Sheena Jessee, Au.D., joined the department as a Clinical Assistant Professor in audiology. Most recently, Sheena had been employed as an audiologist at the VA in Augusta, Georgia. Erin (Colone) Peabody, M.A., an SPHS alumna (double alumna, actually!) returned to IU this year as a Clinical Assistant Professor in speech-language pathology. Most recently, Erin was working in the local school system (MCCSC), with special interest and expertise in children with severe speech and language problems, including children with autism. In addition to these new faculty, three new visiting faculty positions were filled at the

Upcoming Events

November 15
IU Open House at ASHA

Chicago, Illinois
Hotel: Palmer House
Room: Monroe
Time: 8:30-10:30 p.m.
Appetizers and beverages provided.

May 9
Graduate Ceremonies

- Morning Externship Reports
- Graduate Luncheon
- Afternoon Graduate Commencement

May 10
Undergraduate Ceremonies

- Morning Brunch
- Afternoon Commencement

Congratulations, Liz!

Clinical Professor Emerita Dr. Elizabeth McCrea begins serving as ASHA President in 2014! With SPHS connections both as an alumna and a long-time faculty member, we couldn’t be prouder!
beginning of this school year. Megan Mahowald, Ph.D., converted from a regular to a visiting position this year and Susanna Vargas, M.A., a current Ph.D. student returning from Chicago to Bloomington this year, will both be serving as Visiting Clinical Assistant Professors in speech-language pathology. Megan has special expertise in school-age language and Susanna in bilingual speech-language development and disorders. Finally, Rob Loveless is a Visiting Lecturer in ASL for the fall semester while Mike Jackson is on medical leave. Rob served in this capacity last summer too.

SPHS Faculty Votes to Pursue Stronger Ties to Indy
At its first meeting of the school year, the SPHS unanimously endorsed the guidance offered in a report produced by an expert panel of external reviewers who visited the department in June. Chaired by Kim Wilcox, currently the Chancellor of the University of California Riverside, the panel recommended that the department move forward assertively to establish more and better opportunities for clinical service delivery, clinical education, and clinical research through partnerships with various entities in Indianapolis. Panel experts in audiology (Fred Bess from Vanderbilt University) and speech-language pathology (Lee Ann Golper from Vanderbilt University and an IU alumna) also provided detailed recommendations to improve our already highly regarded M.A. and Au.D. programs. The M.A. and Au.D. programs, last ranked by US News in 2012, are ranked #11 and #17, respectively.

First steps in this direction have been made for the M.A. program in speech-language pathology this school year. Emily Ansty, M.A., an IU SPHS alumna and, at the time, a part-time member of the department’s clinical faculty, agreed to a full-time appointment as Clinical Assistant Professor. Emily, who lives in Indianapolis, is supervising our graduate student clinicians in the Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) and at Kipp School in Indianapolis. When Emily is at Kipp School, Susanna Vargas is supervising students working with bilingual children in the IPS. The department will explore expansion of such Indianapolis-based clinical experiences next year. Thusfar, these experiences have proven to be remarkable for our graduate students in terms of the breadth and diversity of clinical training, while also resulting in the delivery of top-quality clinical services to IPS students.

In another Indianapolis-directed initiative, the Department of Otolaryngology (OTO) at the IU School of Medicine has generously made research space available for two of our faculty in speech-language pathology. SPHS and OTO are also working together to fill a vacancy for an academic faculty position in audiology this year.

A Special Note of Thanks
How does one thank someone who generously donated to our department through an estate gift, especially when there are no family members surviving the donor? This occurred twice this summer. The department received $250,000 from the estate of Anita Aldrich and nearly three times that amount from the estate of Max Eggman. In both cases, the connection was through the receipt of clinical services that clearly had a profound impact on each of their lives. For the Aldrich gift, half of the money was directed to support graduate students and half to support the provision of services to those unable to pay. The Eggman gift, on the other hand, can be used to generally support clinical-service and clinical-education activities in SPHS. For a program which prepares graduates for professions attracting those who desire to “do good” more than to “do well”, these are very substantial gifts. Perhaps the best way to say “thank you” is to make sure the department puts these funds to good use—which we intend to do!
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