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The Iowa Conference on Communicative Disorders provides continuing education activities in speech language pathology that are acceptable to the State of Iowa and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Areas of emphasis include adults and pediatrics.

The Iowa Conference on Communicative Disorders is a student-run conference for professionals. The conference is in its 32nd year.

The conference co-chairs are Erica Collins, B.A., Kayleigh Simon, B.A., and Katie Tomash, B.A., and advising the conference is Ms. Suzanne Dripps, M.A., CCC-SLP.



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SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 11

8:00 am - 10:00 am	CHILD - ROOM E <i>Empowering Kids: Best Practices in Diagnosing and Treating Childhood Apraxia of Speech</i> <i>Dr. Stacie Hatfield</i>	ADULT - ROOM F <i>Development or Maintenance of Dysphagia in Older Adults: Are There Different Factors Involved?</i> <i>Dr. Aarthi Madhavan</i>
10:00 am - 10:15 am	BREAK	
10:15 am - 12:15 pm	CHILD - ROOM F <i>Fostering Inclusion through AAC and AT</i> <i>Kristen Ponce</i>	AUDIOLOGY - ROOM E <i>Tinnitus and Hyperacusis Activities Treatment</i> <i>Dr. Ann Perreau</i>
12:15 pm - 1:15 pm	LUNCH - ROOM D <i>Dementia: Beyond the Basics</i> <i>Dr. Elaine Eshbaugh</i>	
1:15 pm - 5:15 pm	CHILD - ROOM E <i>Auditory Comprehension and Verbal Encoding in Autism: Insights from Neuroscience for Language Intervention with AAC</i> <i>Dr. Diane Williams</i>	ADULT - ROOM F <i>The Role of the SLP in Head and Neck Cancer Care</i> <i>Erin Logan-Yildirim and Brian Peterson</i>

Friday, April 12

8:00 am - 12:00 pm	CHILD - ROOM E <i>Providing SLP Services in Pediatric Acute Care and Medical Settings</i> <i>Danielle Hitzel</i>	ADULT - ROOM F <i>The Various Impairments Related to Neurological Conditions Seen in an Outpatient Clinic</i> <i>Chandler Yokley and Kristen Conway</i>
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	LUNCH - ROOM D <i>Graduate Student Poster Presentations</i>	
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	CHILD - ROOM E <i>Treatment of Stuttering in Preschool and School-Age Children</i> <i>Dr. Victoria (Vika) Tumanova</i>	ADULT - ROOM F <i>Ethical Decision-Making in CSD</i> <i>Jennifer Brodell, Meaghan Foody, & Krista Davidson</i>
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	BREAK	
3:15 pm - 5:15 pm	CHILD - ROOM E <i>Speech and Literacy: Putting Connections into Practice</i> <i>Dr. Blair Voigt</i>	ADULT - ROOM F <i>The SLP's Role in Gender Affirming Care</i> <i>Louise Pinkerton</i>

MEET THE SPEAKERS

Jennifer Brodell, M.A., CCC-SLP

Having graduated from the University of Iowa for undergraduate and graduate studies, **Jennifer Brodell** holds a master's degree from her alma mater. Currently employed as a clinical assistant professor at the University of Iowa and the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, her primary role involves offering clinical education to master's level speech-language pathology (SLP) students. Additionally, she actively participates in interdisciplinary autism diagnostic clinics at UIHC. Her expertise lies in autism, pediatric speech and language, interprofessional education & practice, and clinical supervision. She specializes in serving diverse populations, focusing on pediatrics and young adults with autism, developmental disorders, as well as general speech and language disorders. Originally from the Quad City area in Iowa and having previously lived in Des Moines, she proudly embraces her affiliation with the University of Iowa and identifies herself as a devoted Hawkeye.

Kristen Conway, M.A. CCC-SLP, CBIS

Kristen Conway is an experienced speech-language pathologist (SLP) specializing in outpatient neurology at On With Life in Coralville, Iowa. She earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Northern Iowa, focusing on a Master of Arts degree in Speech-Language Pathology. Kristen's expertise spans various work settings, including clinics, universities, and hospitals, primarily centered on cognitive communication, swallowing, voice, and speech disorders. She is dedicated to serving individuals of all ages, particularly those affected by traumatic brain injuries (TBI), strokes, neurodegenerative disorders, post-concussion issues, and post-COVID symptoms. Kristen is passionate about aphasia, language disorders, and swallowing difficulties, and actively engages in providing continued education, especially related to post-concussion rehabilitation. Beyond her professional commitments, Kristen cherishes spending time with her dog, Birdie, and a large supporting family, enjoys attending sports events, playing outdoor games, traveling, and immersing herself in thriller books or educational opportunities during her leisure time.

Krista Davidson, M.S., CCC-SLP

Krista Davidson completed her undergraduate studies at Bradley University and pursued her Master of Science degree at Purdue University. With over eleven years of experience in the school setting within a special education cooperative in southern Illinois, followed by six years as clinical faculty at the University of Iowa, she has established herself in the field of SLP. Her primary focus lies in augmentative and alternative communication (AAC), serving diverse populations across the lifespan. Currently a clinical associate professor at the University of Iowa in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Krista specializes in educating and supervising graduate students in the assessment and treatment of individuals requiring AAC. She actively participates in various professional organizations such as ASHA's Special Interest Division 11 for Administration and Supervision, SIG 12 for AAC, and the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC). Krista's passion for AAC extends beyond academia; she frequently presents on AAC-related topics at local, state, national, and international forums. On a personal note, Krista's journey into SLP was inspired by their fascination with AAC technology, problem-solving, and challenging norms. Additionally, being part of an SLP family—her mother sharing the same profession—further fueled her passion. Currently residing in Tiffin, IA, she enjoys family life with her husband, two sons, and a newly adopted dog.

Elaine Eshbaugh, Ph.D.

Dr. Elaine Eshbaugh is a highly educated professional with both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from UNI and Iowa State, respectively. She holds expertise in both a master's and doctorate, specializing in the field of Gerontology. Eshbaugh's work spans various settings including clinics, universities, and hospitals, and notably, she is associated with a dementia simulation house within a university setting. Although not an SLP (speech-language pathologist), Eshbaugh actively engages with students, caregivers, and community members. Her teaching portfolio includes courses like Psychology of Aging, Families Dealing with Alzheimer's and Related Dementias, and Family Relationships, showcasing her dedication to educating and supporting diverse populations within the sphere of gerontology.

Meaghan Foody, M.S., CCC-SLP

Meaghan Foody pursued her undergraduate studies at Purdue University before obtaining a Master's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology with a focus on Listening and Spoken Language from Utah State University. Her career spans various settings, including clinical, academic, and hospital environments. Presently, she serves as a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Iowa, holding a secondary role at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics within the Otolaryngology department. Specializing in aural rehabilitation, she centers on serving individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing throughout their lives. Originally from Chicago, Illinois, her passion for speech-language pathology emerged during her undergraduate years, particularly while working with the Deaf/Hard of Hearing community. Meaghan deeply values communication as the cornerstone of human connection and relishes the opportunity to mentor aspiring speech-language pathologists while teaching at the University of Iowa.

Stacie Hatfield, Ed.D., CCC-SLP

Dr. Stacie Hatfield obtained her undergraduate degree from Illinois State University and pursued her graduate studies at Western Illinois University. She completed her master's and doctorate and Nova Southeastern University. Currently employed at a university, she specializes in education, focusing on speech-language pathology education, particularly the clinical training of SLP students. With 24 years of experience as an SLP, she spent a decade working in public schools in Illinois and Michigan, concentrating on preschool-aged children at risk or with special needs, while her preferred clinical area is childhood apraxia of speech. Her doctorate, achieved in 2016, is in education, with an emphasis on SLP education—specifically, clinical education of SLP students. Presently, she is researching the firsthand experiences of CSD (Communication Sciences and Disorders) students with disabilities during their clinical practicums. Throughout her career, her clinical focus has primarily been on young children, ranging from toddlers to early elementary ages, dealing with speech sound disorders and language disorders.

Danielle Hitzel, M.S., CCC-SLP

Danielle Hitzel has over 25 years of experience as an SLP, and has honed expertise in infant and pediatric feeding and swallowing. She obtained a Bachelor of Science and Education in Communication Disorders from West Chester University and a Master of Science in Speech Pathology from Pennsylvania State University. Working at Steadfast Children's Hospital, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Danielle specializes in pediatric care, focusing on developmental infant and pediatric feeding, NICU care, swallowing complexities, cleft lip and palate, behavioral feeding issues, pediatric trach/vent, and traumatic brain injuries.

Erin Logan-Yildirim, M.S., CCC-SLP

Erin Logan-Yildirim obtained her undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and pursued her graduate studies at Emerson College in Boston, earning a Master of Science degree in Speech-Language Pathology. Erin currently serves as an acute care speech-language pathologist at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics since 2016, focusing on both inpatient and outpatient populations. Her expertise lies in dysphagia assessment and management, particularly within the head and neck cancer (HNC) population. Erin finds fulfillment in working with individuals at various stages of treatment, offering specialized support for swallowing, speech, language, and cognitive deficits in adult patients.

Aarthi Madhavan, Ph.D., CCC-SLP

Dr. Aarthi Madhavan completed her Bachelor's Degree in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology at Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute in Chennai, India, followed by a master's at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. She pursued her PhD at the University of Florida. Presently, she serves as an Assistant Professor at Penn State University in University Park, PA, focusing her work primarily on clinical dysphagia research, emphasizing novel assessment and screening techniques. Her research targets older adults, individuals with ALS, and those with Down Syndrome. Outside of academia, she resides in central Pennsylvania with her husband, two children, and a dog, relishing family time amidst the scenic mountains. Her leisure interests include reading and indulging in British detective shows.

Ann Perreau, Ph.D., CCC-A

Dr. Ann E. Perreau is an Associate Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders and the Audiology Clinic Coordinator at Augustana, spearheading the HEAR-T (Hearing + Tinnitus) Lab. Driven by an insatiable curiosity for learning since childhood, she recalls setting her own homework in fifth grade and seeking knowledge through voracious reading habits. Her academic journey took an unexpected turn from a pre-med major to discovering her passion in communication sciences and disorders, where she found a confluence of diverse disciplines exploring language, psychology, and sound perception. This led her to specialize in hearing science and audiology, a path that began during her tenure at the Wendell Johnson Speech and Hearing Center. Through her audiology practice, she discovered her dedication to enhancing understanding of hearing loss and refining treatments. Despite her detour into audiology, she found herself drawn back to academia, combining her scholarly fervor and teaching talents to make a significant impact in her role at Augustana University.

Brian Peterson, M.S., CCC-SLP

Brian Peterson holds a Master of Science degree and is a certified speech-language pathologist working as an Outpatient Hospital Clinician at UIHC while serving as an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Iowa. Currently pursuing a clinical doctorate at the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions (MGH IHP), his expertise centers on Head and Neck Cancer, specializing in Voice and Upper Airway disorders, predominantly working with adult populations. His diverse background includes a stint as a musical theater actor post-graduation from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Having lived in New York City and toured nationally, he now resides in Iowa City with his family, where his passion for singing persists through creating playful tunes for his two children.

Louise Pinkerton, M.M., M.A., CCC-SLP

Louise Pinkerton's academic journey commenced at Indiana University School of Music for her undergraduate studies, followed by the University of Iowa for her graduate education, where she achieved both a Master's of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology and a Master's of Music in Vocal Performance. Presently serving as clinical faculty at the University of Iowa, Louise possesses extensive experience in various health care environments, including outpatient, acute, and rehab hospitals. Her specialized expertise encompasses voice and upper airway disorders, professional voice techniques, gender-affirming voice therapy, and clinical education. Louise primarily focuses on adults in her practice but extends her services to children as well. Her passion for specializing in voice emerged from a background in singing and teaching, leading her to a teaching role at University of Iowa in 2021. Outside of her professional endeavors, Louise takes pleasure in crocheting and cherishes the companionship of her indulged canine companion.

Kristen Ponce, M.S., CCC-SLP

Kristen Ponce attended Benedictine College for her undergraduate studies and pursued her Master of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Rockhurst University. Currently, she works as a pediatric SLP and specializes in augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) in a public school setting, catering to students from kindergarten to 5th grade. Her primary role involves serving as an AAC specialist for a Kansas City, Missouri school district. During summers, she works as a contract therapist for various private practices in the area. Additionally, she actively contributes to a local nonprofit organization's board of directors, focused on providing communication devices to families in need. Her dedication to enhancing communication for children and families reflects in her multifaceted involvement in both educational and community-oriented settings.

Victoria Tumanova, Ph.D., CCC-SLP

Dr. Victoria Tumanova is an accomplished professional in the field of speech and hearing science, holding a diverse education background and extensive experience. She completed her undergraduate studies at Saint Petersburg State University in Russia, followed by dual master's degrees—one in linguistics from the same university and another in speech-language pathology from the University of Northern Iowa. Dr. Tumanova further pursued her academic journey by obtaining a Ph.D. in Speech and Hearing Science from the University of Iowa. Currently serving as an associate professor at Syracuse University in New York, she teaches undergraduate and graduate students majoring in communication sciences and disorders. Her research primarily focuses on stuttering, speech motor control, psychophysiology, and the development of speech, language, and cognitive skills in preschool-aged children. In her clinical practice, she works predominantly with preschool-age and elementary school-age children who stutter, as well as their parents. Born and raised in Saint Petersburg, Russia, she resided in Iowa for eight years, enjoying hobbies such as crocheting, bead crocheting, swimming in lakes during summers, and cross-country skiing in winters. Dr. Tumanova has a passion for Mediterranean cuisine and all forms of cooked potatoes, cherishes travel and sightseeing, and holds a deep love for the music of the Beatles, listening to their tunes during her commute. During her time at UNI, she cherished attending performances at the Gallagher Bluebird Performing Arts Center, particularly those featuring classical music.

Blair Voigt, SLPD., CCC-SLP

Dr. Blair Voigt is an accomplished SLP whose academic journey spans from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota for undergraduate studies to achieving a Master's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Pittsburgh and a Doctorate in Speech-Language Pathology from Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions in Provo, Utah. With expertise in pediatric speech and language disorders in educational settings, Dr. Voigt focuses on aiding children aged 3-21, addressing speech sound disorders, expressive and receptive language issues, complex communicators/AAC, and fluency challenges. Particularly passionate about working with younger students with speech sound disorders and offering narrative language guidance to elementary-aged children, Dr. Voigt prioritizes fostering interprofessional relationships in school environments. Residing in Delano, Minnesota, alongside a diverse background having lived in Alaska, Pennsylvania, and Iowa, Dr. Voigt enjoys leisurely activities such as reading, taking walks, playing games with family, and crafting crossword puzzles during free time.

Diane Williams, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, BCS-CL

Dr. Diane Williams is an esteemed SLP and Board-Certified Specialist in Child Language and Language Disorders. She pursued her undergraduate education at Auburn University in Auburn, AL, followed by a master of arts degree at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, and ultimately earned her Ph.D. from Bowling Green State University. Dr. Williams holds a doctorate and is recognized for her expertise through ASHA CCC-SLP and Board Certification. Her career spans various settings, currently serving as a Professor and Department Head of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Pennsylvania State University. Her extensive research, supported by funding from the National Institutes of Health, delves into behavioral and neuroimaging aspects of autism and other neurodevelopmental differences, focusing on language, cognition, and memory processes. Dr. Williams has a deep connection with individuals across the lifespan who experience developmental language disorders, notably autism. Her clinical practice is informed by her research findings, which she shares in her presentations, emphasizing the relevance of her work in the field of autism. With an extensive publication record including peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, and a book on neurodevelopmental language disorders, Dr. Williams brings a wealth of scholarly and clinical experience, drawing from prior clinical practice across diverse clinical, educational, and health care environments.

Chandler Yokley, MA, CCC-SLP, CBIS

Chandler Yokley is an esteemed and dedicated SLP whose passion lies in the realm of neurorehabilitation. She knew she wanted to be an SLP since she was 16 and always knew that she wanted to serve adult populations. Chandler earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Northern Iowa. While at UNI and taking Dr. Todd Bohnenkamp's classes, she never would have imagined that she would be treating head and neck cancer. She is now taking the lead to start the head and neck cancer program at On With Life Neuro Rehabilitation in Ankeny, where she has worked since 2018. At On With Life, she has served mainly adults and a few younger individuals with neurological conditions, including diagnoses such as stroke, Primary Progressive Aphasia, TBI, Glioblastoma, head and neck cancer, Parkinson's disease, ALS, delayed recovery concussion, and post-COVID. She finds passion in providing care and education to her persons served and the community. In addition to her work, she is an ASHA member, certified Brain Injury Specialist, and is a LSVT-LOUD certified clinician. When she isn't at work, you will find her decorating cakes, spending time with her husband, Trevor, and two sweet daughters, Millie and Lennon, finding new projects to do, or shopping at Target.

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CONFERENCE FEES

PROFESSIONAL

Thursday	\$190
Friday	\$190
Both Days	\$280
Audiology Session	\$50

Professionals' lunch is included.

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STUDENT

One Day without Lunch	\$20
Thursday with Lunch	\$35
Friday with Lunch	\$25
Two Days without Lunch	\$35
Two Days with Lunch	\$50

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Thursday with Lunch	\$25
Friday with Lunch	\$15
Two Days with Lunch	\$40

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