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Dear Friends and Alumni,

The excitement is virtually palpable in the [Department of Communications Sciences and Disorders](#) (CSD), as we and the [Gebbie Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic](#) are settling into our new home. At the beginning of July, CSD and the Gebbie Clinic moved from the Hoople Building on South Crouse Avenue to 621 Skytop Rd. on SU's South Campus. Our new place encompasses more than 14,000 square feet and marks the first time in CSD's 65-year history that offices, classrooms, and labs are under one roof.

The move has been years in the making and exemplifies The College of Arts and Sciences' commitment to interdisciplinary teaching, research, service, and enterprise. The Gebbie Clinic, which serves more than 3,900 clients, houses more than 20 rooms, including a large family observation area; therapy and testing rooms; counseling space; state-of-the-art audiometric suites; and two hearing-aid fitting rooms, one of which is a "living room" that simulates various listening conditions. Many of these rooms also contain new equipment for hearing and balance assessment.

The Gebbie Clinic is more accessible than ever. The single-story space provides free and safe parking that is immediately adjacent to the clinic entrance, a client drop-off zone, and free

Wi-Fi throughout the building.

Our new home also contains a secure computerized system, allowing for closed-circuit TV observation of clinical sessions by family members and Gebbie supervisors. The system enables student clinicians to review their sessions with clients in a confidential computer-cluster environment that may also be used for teaching purposes. Students further benefit from a spacious workroom, several "smart" classrooms, an audiology practice lab, and a lounge, with a galley kitchen and tables--all the things needed for long hours of studying, preparing materials for clients, and honing their clinical skills.

We hope you will have a chance to visit us soon. Also, please [stay connected](#) with us through phone and email. This fall, we will send you information about an open house and official grand opening, scheduled for Spring 2014. If you have any questions, please contact us at 315-443-4485.

I invite you to join me in making an [all-important gift](#) to the Gebbie Clinic, honoring the many ways we impact our clients. As my colleagues like to say, "Give until it feels good."

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Linda Milosky, Ph.D., CCC-SLP
Chair and Associate Professor, CSD

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Faculty Updates

CSD welcomes new faculty members

[Victoria Tumanova](#), a specialist in childhood stuttering, has joined CSD as an assistant professor. She comes to SU from Vanderbilt University, where she recently completed a post-doctoral fellowship with Edward Conture. (See below.) Much of Tumanova's work revolves around fluency disorders, particularly the interaction among motor, cognitive, and linguistic factors in childhood stuttering. She earned a Ph.D. at The University of Iowa, under professor Patricia Zebrowski G'81, G'87.

Former SU professor to retire from Vanderbilt



[Edward Gage Conture](#) (left) is retiring as professor of hearing and speech sciences at Vanderbilt. An international leader in developmental stuttering, Conture began his career at SU, where he held a variety of leadership positions from 1971 to 1997, including professor and chair of CSD, and was named the Margaret O. Slocum Professor of Education. Conture has published several landmark books; has authored more than 125 scholarly articles, chapters, and monographs; and has received numerous honors from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, the Kleffner Clinical Career Award from the American Speech and Hearing Foundation, and the Malcolm Fraser Award from the Stuttering Foundation of America. He also has been honored by the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association. Many of Conture's Ph.D. students have gone on to illustrious careers in fluency disorders. SU's new Children's Group Therapy Room is being named in his honor.

SU, SUNY Upstate team up for 22q Deletion Syndrome

Faculty members of CSD and the Gebbie Clinic have joined forces with colleagues at SUNY Upstate Medical University to better serve children with [22q Deletion Syndrome](#) (22q DS). Formerly known as Velo Cardio Facial Syndrome, 22q DS is a disorder that occurs when genetic material on chromosome 22 is missing. The disorder may trigger any number of medical issues, including heart defects, palate abnormalities or gastrointestinal problems, immune deficiencies, speech and language problems, and delayed growth. SU's involvement affords in-depth evaluations for language and social problems that may accompany 22q DS, while SUNY Upstate experts focus on palatal speech production and medical issues.

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Student Updates

Scholarships available for field-based master's project

Applicants to CSD's graduate program in speech-language pathology (SPL) have the opportunity to participate in Project Meaningful Differences, a personnel preparation initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs. The project focuses on poverty and children's development, and is designed to enhance the language and behavioral skills that SPLs need for working with children from low-income backgrounds. Students accepted into the program will receive a scholarship, stipend, and monies for conference-related travel expenses. Click [here](#) for

more information.

Students claim top awards

Renee Cloutier, a candidate of the Doctor of Audiology program, won the James Jerger Award for Excellence in Student Research at AudiologyNOW!, the American Academy of Audiology's annual meeting that took place in April in Anaheim, Calif. Each year, the cash award goes to four students invited to display their research posters at the conference.

Jona Cano, a senior majoring in CSD and neuroscience, has been named one of SU's 2013-14 Remembrance Scholars. The Bronx, N.Y., resident was among those selected to pay tribute to the 35 SU students killed in the 1988 terrorist bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. Cano will receive a \$5,000 scholarship, and will help plan Remembrance Week, an annual fall event that honors the victims of the bombing.

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Alumni Updates

[Marianne Gustafson G'74](#) has been named associate dean for curriculum and special projects at the Rochester Institute of Technology's National Institute for the Deaf, where she also is professor of communication studies and services.

[James Mahshie G'80](#), professor and chair of speech and hearing sciences at The George Washington University, has been awarded a grant from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) to support his study of the speech and voice production of children with cochlear implants. He also is co-director and co-principal investigator of a five-year NIDRR grant, examining the perception and production of speech with these children. NIDRR is a component of the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

Keturah Perkins-Trembley '00 has been appointed to the New York State Board for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. She is featured in a [video](#) on the board's website that addresses state licensure and ASHA certification.

Molly Sillich (Smith Jones) G'90 and **Shannon Bender (Beavis) '99** are drawing on their backgrounds to make a difference in students' lives. Sillich is a speech pathologist in Nashua, N.H., where she works with high school students with learning disabilities, autism, and multiple handicaps, and advises her school district on augmentative and alternative communication strategies. Some of her instructional materials are available for sale at [TeachersPayTeachers](#), an open marketplace for educators. ... Bender is a speech-language pathologist in the early intervention programs in Rockland and Westchester counties in New York State. Bender has also published some of her educational materials, which are designed for school-age children, through [LinguiSystems](#).

[Pamela Souza G'92, G'96](#) (right), associate professor of CSD at Northwestern University, was a 2012 ASHA Fellow. The fellowship is one of the highest honors ASHA bestows, and is awarded to people who make outstanding contributions to the discipline of communication sciences and disorders.



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