

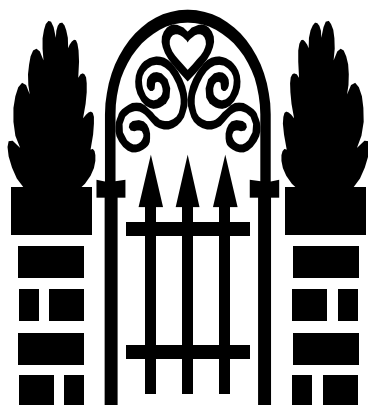
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Thoughts from the Department Chair



We are all thankful that the department continues to prosper. The undergraduate speech-language pathology and education of the deaf and hard of hearing programs are growing and we have a new graduate cohort of 17.

This summer the depart-

mental Computer Lab received a wonderful update with new furnishings and new computers. Also the department received donated funds to continue the Silent Lunch program and to fund our first two graduate assistantships in the graduate program.

An exciting related development for the graduate program has been participation in the assessment phase of the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Early Reading First Grant. The graduate students and clinical faculty provided language and literacy assessments for approximately 225 preschool children. This provided excellent research and clinical experience, as well as graduate student stipends.

Our "old" and new faculty continue to provide excellent teaching and supervision. Several are making good progress

in doctoral programs. I read recently that **teachers are "person builders"** and I believe we are all in the business of trying to build highly qualified speech-language pathologists and educators of the deaf and hard of hearing.

Have a special 2004-2005. We are proud of our alumni! Let us know how you are and come and visit!

Dr. Mary Beth Armstrong

Good News for May 2004 Graduates

All 14 receiving a graduate degree in Speech Pathology and all 10 receiving an undergraduate degree in Deaf & Hard of Hearing are employed.

Congratulations to you all.

Loretta G. Brown Fall Symposium

The Seventh Annual Loretta G. Brown Fall Symposium is scheduled for October 22, 2004. It will be held at the University of Montevallo in Comer Hall. The featured speaker this year will be Lynn Williams, Ph.D., Associate Professor of

Communication Disorders at East Tennessee State University. For those unable to attend ASHA this year the symposium will allow a chance to hear one of this year's speakers. She is a well known presenter in the area of phonological disorders. The CEU credit will be

approximately 6.5 hours. Registration includes lunch. Further information regarding the symposium and registration can be found on the department website. If you need more information please call the department at 665-6720.

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Faculty News

Dr. Armstrong recently co-authored an article "Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Preschool Children" published in Seminars in Speech and Language.

Dr. Johnson is currently editing a manuscript to be submitted for publication. She is also presenting 2 mini-seminars at the 2005 Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama meeting. She continues her committee work with ASHA on the Council for Clinical Certification (CFCC), and has just been re-elected to the Legislative Council for another three year term. To contact Dr. Johnson for issues related to Legislative Council, please see the SHAA web site, or contact her at madgey@charter.net.

Linda Murdock was a presenter at the national meeting of the Council of Exceptional Children last

spring. She also coauthored a research study with Dr. Holley Cost of the University of Montevallo College of Education. The study investigated peer social communication in autism. She is currently working toward a doctoral degree at the University of Alabama.

Dan Phillips earned an Educational Specialist degree from the University of Montevallo in August 2004 and is attending graduate school at Samford University in the College of Education. He is working toward a doctorate in Educational Leadership. Mr. Phillips will be presenting a poster session on Voice Problems and Teachers at the 2004 ASHA convention in Philadelphia in November along with Montevallo alumni Ashley Aswell and Jessica Thompson.

Danielle Waldrep has been accepted to the doctoral program at the University of Alabama in Birmingham with an emphasis on early intervention.

SILENT LUNCH

Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing majors and Deaf Studies minors participate in 12 American Sign Language immersion sessions each semester. We are grateful for the gifts to the department that have made Silent Lunch possible for the past three years. Instructors are selected from the Deaf community. The instructors for 2004-2005 are Georgia Evans, Jerry Hamilton, Andy Anderson, and Heather Anderson. For a closer look at Silent Lunch, go to www.silentlight.com and click on "Deaf Immersion...What an Experience!"

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