

## 2024 SCSHA Annual Convention Presenter Bios & Disclosures

### Session 1 Presenters

#### **Kala Dunn, MSIS**

Kala Dunn is the Research and Instruction Librarian at Columbia College in Columbia, SC. Her interests include Universal Design for Learning, teaching information literacy skills, scholarly research, and accessibility of library resources

#### **Erin Armstrong**

Erin Armstrong is an undergraduate student majoring in Speech-Language Pathology at Columbia College in Columbia, SC. She is interested in working in pediatric Speech-Language Pathology in the future.

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### Session 2 Presenters

#### **Dr. Kelli A. Uitenham, CScD, CCC-SLP**

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### Session 3 Presenters

#### **Jacqueline Jones-Brown, EdD. CCC-SLP**

Dr. Jacqueline Jones-Brown, EdD., CCC-SLP currently serves as Assistant Professor and Clinical Educator, in the Department of Speech pathology and Audiology and South Carolina State University. Research interests include Morphology, Linguistic Diversity (American Sign Language) and Gender Affirming Voice and Communication services.

### **Dr. June Graham Bethea**

Dr. June Graham Bethea earned a Doctorate in Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of North Carolina Greensborough. Her research interests include, child language and literacy, advocacy and ethics. She is currently the Acting Chair for the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology at South Carolina State University.

### **Shirlain J. Darby**

Mrs. Darby is a graduate of South Carolina State University with a master's degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology. She has of 35 years of experience in the public-school setting and as a clinical educator. She is currently serving in the capacity of Clinical Director of the Harold Powell Speech-Language and Hearing Clinic on the campus of South Carolina state University. Her areas of research interest include specialty clinics related to language, literacy and team based clinical supervision. Mrs. Darby is a graduate of South Carolina State University with a master's degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology. She has of 35 years of experience in the public-school setting and as a clinical educator. She is currently serving in the capacity of Clinical Director of the Harold Powell Speech-Language and Hearing Clinic on the campus of South Carolina state University. Her areas of research interest include specialty clinics related to language, literacy and team based clinical supervision.

### **Richlyn Williams**

Richlyn Williams is a recent graduate of South Carolina State University with a bachelor's degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology at South Carolina State University. Research interests include adolescent language and literacy, fluency disorders and American Sign Language,

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## **Session 4 Presenters**

### **Emily Parks, Graduate Student**

Emily Parks is a 2nd-year graduate student at the University of South Carolina and is a candidate for the MS degree in Speech-Language Pathology. Emily is from Jacksonville, Florida, and completed her undergraduate degree at Butler University in Communication Sciences and Disorders, with a concentration in social sciences.

### **Angela N McLeod, Ph.D., CCC-SLP**

Angela N McLeod is the Director of the Montgomery Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinic and a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of SC. She has participated in various aspects of academic instruction and clinical education in higher education for many years. Her SLP clinical background involves clients and patients across the lifespan in educational and healthcare settings. Clinical and research interests include clinical education, speech sound disorders, literacy, language development

and disorders, speech sound disorders, orofacial myofunctional disorders, and cultural and linguistic variation. She is a Qualified Orofacial Myologist.

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Angela N McLeod is a salaried employee of the University of SC.

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## Session 5 Presenters

**Rebekah Wada, PhD, CCC-SLP**

Rebekah Wada (PhD, CCC-SLP) is an Assistant Professor of Speech-Language Pathology at Francis Marion University in Florence, South Carolina. Her research focuses on developing interventions for school-age children with language disorders. She also specializes in implementation science, focusing on effective implementation of evidence-based practices within the field of speech-language pathology.

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## Session 6 Presenters

**Frances Burns, Ph.D., CCC-SLP**

Dr. Burns is Department Chair at Francis Marion University. She earned her master's and doctoral degrees in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and the University of Massachusetts Amherst with an Early Intervention, child language acquisition/disorders, African American English, and psycholinguists focus.

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Dr. Burns was a doctoral research assistant at the University of Massachusetts Amherst where a test to distinguish language difference from language disorder in young African American English speakers was developed.

## Session 7 Presenters

**Angie Neal, M.S. CCC-SLP**

Angie Neal is the SLP Contact and Program Analyst for Academics at the South Carolina State Department of Education, Office of Special Education Services. She stays busy as LETRS Facilitator, a

board member with the State Education Agency Communication Disability Council, and as a member of the ASHA School Issues Advisory Board.

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## **Session 10 Presenters**

### **Debra Suiter, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-S**

Debra Suiter is Director of the Voice and Swallow Clinic and Professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of Kentucky. She is a Board-Certified Specialist in Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders and a Fellow of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

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Salary-University of Kentucky; Royalties-Medbridge, Thieme Medical Publishers, Springer International Publishing; Honorarium-SCSHA

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## **Session 11 Presenters**

### **Catherine H. Stromberg, MCD, CCC-SLP**

Catherine is a Clinical Instructor at UofSC, where she serves as the co-chair of neurogenic specialty group and the ASHA CE Administrator. She served as the VP of Clinical and Professional Affairs with SCSHA and has 16 years of experience in the Acute, Rehabilitation, Skilled Nursing, Schools, and Outpatient Settings.

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## **Session 12 Presenters**

### **Cavin Fertil**

A nine-time ASHA ACE Award winner, Mr. Fertil is on ASHA's Special Interest Group Committee for Cultural and Linguistic Diversity and the Culturally Relevant Teaching Collective committee. Past presentations include SCHA, ASHA, and other state conferences, and owns the Speech-Language Communication Studio.

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## **Session 13 Presenters**

### **AnnMarie C. Knight, PhD, CCC-SLP**

AnnMarie Knight, PhD, CCC-SLP is currently Associate Professor and Chair of the undergraduate Speech-Language Pathology program at Columbia College, which is primarily an SLPA training program. Dr. Knight is passionate about training the next generation of CSD professionals and sharing the positive impact of SLPs and SLPAs on the lives of individuals with communication disorders.

### **Christina Yeager Pelatti, Ph.D., CCC-SLP**

Christina Yeager Pelatti, Ph.D., CCC-SLP joined the faculty at the Medical University of South Carolina as an associate professor and director of the Division of Speech-Language Pathology in August, 2022. Prior to that, she was an associate professor and Chair of the Department of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology at Towson University, which is located just north of Baltimore, Maryland. As a trained clinical speech-language pathologist, Dr. Pelatti teaches and conducts research in the areas of oral and written language in children, and she is particularly interested in examining factors that impact children with developmental (e.g., Down syndrome) and acquired (e.g., traumatic brain injury) disorders. She has extensive experience supervising and mentoring students in clinical and in research experiences. Dr. Pelatti is an active, engaged leader at the division, college, university, and professional levels, including state (Ohio, Maryland, South Carolina) and national associations.

### **Sarah Emory, MSP, CCC-SLP**

Sarah Emory, MSP, CCC-SLP is a proud graduate of the University of South Carolina. She founded McCulloh Therapeutic Solutions (MTSKids), a pediatric therapy company serving the Upstate of South Carolina in 2006. MTSKids partnered with Cicero Therapies, a family of practices, in 2022. Sarah now serves as Director of Recruiting for Cicero Therapies and represents 7 states, 20 clinics and over 600 clinicians. Additionally, Sarah serves on the South Carolina Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and on the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact Committee. Sarah lives in Spartanburg, SC with her husband and three children. Sarah Emory, MSP, CCC-SLP is a proud graduate of the University of South Carolina. She founded McCulloh Therapeutic Solutions (MTSKids), a pediatric therapy company serving the Upstate of South Carolina in 2006. MTSKids partnered with Cicero Therapies, a family of practices, in 2022. Sarah now serves as Director of Recruiting for Cicero Therapies and represents 7 states, 20 clinics and over 600 clinicians. Additionally, Sarah serves on the South Carolina Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and on the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact Committee. Sarah lives in Spartanburg, SC with her husband and three children.

### **Laura W. Deal, MCD, CCC-SLP**

Laura W. Deal, MCD, CCC-SLP is currently a Speech Program Specialist employed by Aiken County Public Schools. In this role, she provides support to speech therapists and other related service providers throughout the district. Prior to serving in her current role Laura served as a speech language

pathologist providing therapy for pre-K to K12 students. Laura earned her graduate degree from the University of South Carolina as a student in the first cohort to attend USC's distance education program for students with no background in speech pathology. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of South Carolina – Aiken in Math/Computer Science and after her son's car accident resulting in a Traumatic Brain Injury, changed careers to provide that same impact on others that a SLP did on her family.

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AnnMarie Knight- Non-financial: current SCSHA Convention Chair and President Elect, current SIG 10 Associate Coordinator, current member of the Council for Clinical Certification in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. Christina Pelatti- Non-Financial

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### **Carol Koch, EdD, CCC-SLP, ASHA Fellow, BCS-CL**

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## Session 16 Presenters

### **Gina Crosby-Quinatoa, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, LSLSCertAVT**

Gina Crosby-Quinatoa, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, LSLSCertAVT is a bilingual speech-language pathologist and clinical associate professor at the University of South Carolina. She serves on the USC Cochlear Implant Team and co-coordinates the AVT/CI Specialization. Her clinical expertise and research interests include culturally responsive clinical practice, and literacy development in minoritized populations.

### **Nadia Sabeh Ayon**

Nadia is an international graduate student in the Speech and Language Pathology Program at the University of South Carolina. Nadia fluently speaks Arabic, French, and English, and she is currently learning Spanish. She is especially interested in cultural diversity and is dedicated to the provision of culturally responsive care to her future patients.

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## Session 17 Presenters

### **Sarah Newman-Norlund, MS**

Sarah Newman-Norlund is the director of the Aging Brain Cohort at USC with a background in cognitive psychology, neuroscience, and communicative research. Educated at Mary Washington College (BA,



2000) followed by graduate work at Dartmouth College (MS, 2003), her current research aims to understand changes in brain health, cognition, and language across the adult lifespan.

**Sarah Wilson, M.A.**

Sarah Wilson, M.A. is a Ph.D. candidate in Linguistics at USC. She received her B.A. in Linguistics from the University of Tennessee (2018), and her M.A. in Linguistics from USC (2022). Her research focuses on lexical and syntactic alignment during interactive discourse and the interface of language, cognition, and memory. She works on the Aging Brain Cohort facilitating assessment and discourse analysis.

**Allison Mehler, B.S.Ed**

Allison Mehler, B.S.Ed is a M.S. SLP Student at the University of South Carolina and received her bachelor's degree from University of Georgia. She works in the USC Aphasia Lab as a Graduate Assistant and her clinical interests focus on working with individuals with neurogenic disorders, implementing functional communication across treatment. Allison Mehler, B.S.Ed is a M.S. SLP Student at the University of South Carolina and received her bachelor's degree from University of Georgia. She works in the USC Aphasia Lab as a Graduate Assistant and her clinical interests focus on working with individuals with neurogenic disorders, implementing functional communication across treatment.

**Samaneh Nemati, M.S.**

Samaneh Nemati, M.S. is a PhD candidate at USC with a multidisciplinary background encompassing biomedical engineering, neuroimaging, and communication sciences and disorders research. Her academic journey began with a Bachelor's and Master's degree in biomedical engineering. Her current research interests center around applying advanced neuroimaging techniques to unravel the complexities of human brain disorders and contributing to groundbreaking therapeutic approaches with a particular focus on post-stroke aphasia and aging.

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**Session 18 Presenters**

**Sharon M. Walters, MA CCC-SLP, PhD**

Sharon Walters received her Master's in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and her Doctorate in Special Education from Clemson University. Her thirty years of experience as an SLP includes providing services as an assistive technology specialist and as a K-12 inclusion facilitator for students on the autism spectrum.

**Hannah Genzink, M.A., CCC-SLP**

Hannah Genzink received her Master's in Speech-Language Pathology from Calvin University in Grand Rapids, MI. She currently works in a Title 1 school in Walhalla, South Carolina providing speech language therapy services for students PreK-2nd grade.

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## **Session 20 Presenters**

### **Sara Sayers, M.S., CCC-SLP**

Sara Sayers is the Associate Clinical Director of the Aphasia Lab at the University of South Carolina. She specializes in adult neurogenic communication disorders with both clinical and research experience. Her current research interests include investigating the relationship between language impairment and response to treatment in patients with chronic aphasia to better predict aphasia treatment outcomes as well as the efficacy of aphasia therapy administered via telerehabilitation to aphasia therapy administered in clinic.

### **Allison Croxton, M.S.P., CCC-SLP**

Allison Croxton is a research associate for the Center for the Study for Aphasia Recovery (C-STAR). She graduated with a B.A. in English from Wofford College in 1998, and a Master of Speech Pathology (M.S.P.) from the University of South Carolina in 2000. She is an ASHA-certified speech-language pathologist whose current focus is investigating the relationship between language impairment and response to treatment with patients with chronic aphasia, to better predict aphasia treatment outcomes.

### **Lauren Hammond, M.S., CCC-SLP**

Lauren Hammond is a Speech-Language Pathologist and Doctoral Student in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at UofSC. She is a research assistant in the Aphasia Lab and a

member of the Center for the Study of Aphasia Recovery. She is specifically interested in studying the formal measurement of functional communication of persons with post-stroke aphasia with the idea of improving life participation, quality of life, and informing individualistic recovery in this population. Lauren Hammond is a Speech-Language Pathologist and Doctoral Student in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at UofSC. She is a research assistant in the Aphasia Lab and a member of the Center for the Study of Aphasia Recovery. She is specifically interested in studying the formal measurement of functional communication of persons with post-stroke aphasia with the idea of improving life participation, quality of life, and informing individualistic recovery in this population.

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## Session 22 Presenters

### **Tim Boyd, MPH**

Tim Boyd has served as ASHA's Director of State Health Care and Education Affairs since 2019 as part of his 17-year government affairs and advocacy career. Before joining ASHA, Tim worked on state policy for the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) and federal and state policy for the AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF). Tim earned his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California Santa Barbara and a Master of Public Health (MPH) from George Washington University.

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## Session 23 Presenters

**Lori-Ann Ferraro, Ph.D., CCC-SLP**

Dr. Lori-Ann Ferraro's clinical background began in the schools and transitioned to a hospital outpatient rehabilitation center at the University of Florida (UF) as a clinical lecturer. In 2014 she became the Director of Clinical Education at UF and in 2021, she joined the Medical University of South Carolina's faculty.

**Christina Pelatti, Ph.D., CCC-SLP**

Dr. Pelatti joined the Medical University of South Carolina faculty as an associate professor and director of the Division of Speech-Language Pathology in August 2022. She was previously an associate professor and Chair at Towson University. She has extensive experience mentoring students in clinical and research experiences.

**Elizabeth "Lindsey" Davis, B.S.Ed.**

Lindsey Davis began her career in education with a focus on intervention and literacy. She continued in gifted education, advocating for service to reflect the needs of her community. Currently, she is expanding her range of service to individuals across the lifespan with a degree in Speech-Language Pathology from MUSC. Lindsey Davis began her career in education with a focus on intervention and literacy. She continued in gifted education, advocating for service to reflect the needs of her community. Currently, she is expanding her range of service to individuals across the lifespan with a degree in Speech-Language Pathology from MUSC.

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Dr. Lori-Ann Ferraro and Dr. Christina Pelatti receive a salary from MUSC for their faculty and administrative roles and the university will cover the expenses of this conference.

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## Session 24 Presenters

**Jill Eversmann, MS, CCC-SLP**

Jill Eversmann, MS, CCC-SLP is a lecturer in the Columbia College Speech-Language Pathology program. Ms. Eversmann has over 35 years of experience as an SLP, primarily working in schools and early intervention settings. She loves teaching future SLPs and SLPAs and sharing her love of the field with others. She is a national presenter with Motivations, Inc.

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## **Session 25 Presenters**

### **Joanna Scoggins, M.Ed., CCC-SLP**

Joanna Scoggins is the Assistant Director of External Clinical Practicum at the University of South Carolina. She worked for 10 years as a school SLP and AAC specialist and 3 years in the disabilities sector. Joanna joined the team at UofSC as a research project coordinator before joining clinical faculty.

### **Michelle Jordan, MSP, CCC-SLP**

Michelle Jordan is the Lead Speech-Language Pathologist for Richland School District Two in Columbia, SC. She served as a school-based SLP for 11 years prior to her current position, where she supports an amazing team of nearly 45 SLPs by providing resources and guidance, and overseeing staffing.

### **Suzanne Adlof, Ph.D.**

Suzanne Adlof is an Associate Professor in Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of South Carolina and the director of the SCROLL Lab. Her research focuses on the identification and treatment of language and reading disorders in school-aged children. Suzanne Adlof is an Associate Professor in Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of South Carolina and the director of the SCROLL Lab. Her research focuses on the identification and treatment of language and reading disorders in school-aged children.

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## **Session 26 Presenters**

### **Ashlye V. Wilkerson, Ph.D.**

Dr. Ashlye V. Wilkerson is a dynamic speaker, leadership expert, and motivator. She is a community leader and advocate who fully embodies the spirit of excellence.

At the age of 29, Dr. Ashlye was appointed by the South Carolina General Assembly to the Board of Trustees for Winthrop University. During her term of service spanning over a decade, she is the youngest and only woman of color.

Dr. Ashlye motivates, inspires, and empowers audience to unlock their full potential and achieve at high levels. Her key topics include service excellence, personal and professional performance, success and motivated mindset, and leadership development. She speaks at conferences, churches, team building

sessions, staff retreats, nonprofit board meetings, corporate trainings, churches, organizations, universities, and schools.

Dr. Ashlye earned a bachelor in psychology with a double minor in early childhood education and entrepreneurship from Winthrop University. She earned a master of art in teaching from Hampton University and a Ph.D. in teaching and learning from the University of South Carolina. She also attained two professional certifications in servant leadership and executive leadership from Cornell University.

Dr. Ashlye is the wife of L. Kobie Wilkerson, III and mother of Alana (9) and Aria (6). She is the daughter of Anthony (deceased) and Fannie Geddis and Johnny Rumph. Ashlye is also passionately engaged in the legacy work of honoring her dad, Tony, who fought a two-year battle with stage four colon cancer. Her touching story of the encounter between her dad and a state trooper, Officer Doty, who prayed with him went viral and garnered over 7 million views on her LinkedIn platform. She was featured on CNN, FOX News, and in news articles and segments across the country as an example of inspiration, compassion, and humanity.

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Jacqueline Jones-Brown, EdD., CCC-SLP currently serves in the capacity of Assistant Professor and Clinical Educator at South Carolina State University. With more than 35 years of experience in the field of Speech Pathology, Dr. Brown has worked in both clinical and leadership capacities. She proudly served as President of SCSHA 2015-2016. During her tenure as president, she initiated the inception of SCHSA G.E.M to encourage self-care and to support the Sharonda Coleman Scholarship Fund.

### **Shirlain Darby, M.A., CCC-SLP**

Mrs. Darby is a graduate of South Carolina State University and is currently the Clinic Director for the Harold Powell Speech-Language and Hearing Clinic at South Carolina State University. She is passionate about the mental health and well-being of students, professors, clinical educators, and staff. She has made a commitment to support and lead initiatives involving mental health and physical well-being of others.

### **June Graham Bethea, PhD., CCC-SLP**

Dr. June Graham Bethea is currently the Acting Chair of the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology at South Carolina State University. She received a doctorate in Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of North Carolina at Greensborough. Her research interests include child language and literacy, advocacy for faculty and student well-being. Dr. June Graham Bethea is currently the Acting Chair of the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology at South Carolina State University. She received a doctorate in Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of North Carolina at Greensborough. Her research interests include child language and literacy, advocacy for faculty and student well-being.

### **Felicia Lawrence MA, CCC-SLP, Ed.S**

Felicia Lawrence is a graduate of South Carolina State University (B.A, M.A, Ed.S). She is currently an Instructor in the Speech Pathology & Audiology department at South Carolina State University. She is also the owner and operator of Lawrence Speech Services, LLC, providing contract services to schools, nursing homes, hospitals and home health. Felicia is a member of the American Speech Hearing Association, South Carolina Speech Hearing Association, South Carolina School Administrators Association and the Counsel of Administrators in Special Education Association.

Giving back to the community is extremely important to Mrs. Lawrence. She is continuously involved in community organizations such as Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., The Links, Inc., and The American Red Cross

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## **Session 28 Presenters**

### **Tim Boyd, MPH**

Tim Boyd has served as ASHA's Director of State Health Care and Education Affairs since 2019 as part of his 17-year government affairs and advocacy career. Before joining ASHA, Tim worked on state policy for the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) and federal and state policy for the AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF). Tim earned his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California Santa Barbara and a Master of Public Health (MPH) from George Washington University.

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## **Session 29 Presenters**

### **Debra Suiter, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-S, ASHA-Fellow**

Debra Suiter is Director of the Voice and Swallow Clinic and Professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of Kentucky. She is a Board Certified Specialist in Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders and a Fellow of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

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## Session 30 Presenters

### **Lori-Ann Ferraro, Ph.D., CCC-SLP**

Dr. Lori-Ann Ferraro's clinical background began in the schools and transitioned to a hospital outpatient rehabilitation center at the University of Florida (UF) as a clinical lecturer. In 2014 she became the Director of Clinical Education at UF and in 2021, she joined the Medical University of South Carolina's faculty.

### **Kate Dunlavey, B.S.**

Kate Dunlavey is a Speech Language Pathology graduate student at the Medical University of South Carolina. She graduated with a degree in Psychology from Clemson University in December 2020, then went to work as an Early Intervention Specialist for a year before beginning to study at MUSC.

### **Rachell Harglerode, B.A.**

Rachell Harglerode obtained her bachelor's degree in speech-language pathology at Columbia College in Columbia, SC, and is currently a student at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) in Charleston, SC. Her main interests in the field include head and neck cancer, early childhood language, and dysphagia-related interventions. Rachell Harglerode obtained her bachelor's degree in speech-language pathology at Columbia College in Columbia, SC, and is currently a student at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) in Charleston, SC. Her main interests in the field include head and neck cancer, early childhood language, and dysphagia-related interventions.

### **Katelyn Terrell, B.A.**

Katelyn Terrell attended Columbia College and obtained her bachelor's degree in speech-language pathology. She is currently a student in the SLP program at the Medical University of South Carolina, and has special interests in cultural and linguistic diversity, dysphagia, and counseling.

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Dr. Lori-Ann Ferraro receives a salary from the Medical University of South Carolina for her faculty role and the expenses associated with this conference are paid for by the university as a part of this role.

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## Session 31 Presenters

### **Gabrielle "Gabi" Hilliard, MSP, CCC-SLP**

Gabi Hilliard graduated from the University of South Carolina and has been a practicing school-based SLP since 1996. She has worked in the public schools for the past 27+ years. She is currently the Lead SLP in



Anderson School District Five in Anderson, SC and serves a full caseload in addition to Lead SLP duties. She has experience in supervising practicum students, Clinical Fellows, and SLPAs. Financial Disclosures: Currently work for Anderson School District Five as a full-time employee. No Non-financial disclosures.

**Deborah Phillips, MS, CCC-SLP**

Deborah Phillips graduated from Western Carolina University in 2016. She has experience working in private practice with an SLPA and has worked in South Carolina public schools for 5 years. She is currently working in Anderson School District 5 as a supervising therapist and Child Find evaluator. Financial Disclosures: Currently contracted by Anderson School District 5 as a part time therapist. No Non-financial disclosures.

**Hannah Arnold, B.A. SLPA**

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**Eandra Goldsmith, B.A. SLPA**

Eandra Goldsmith graduated from Columbia College with her second bachelor's degree in 2022. She has worked in the public school system since August 2022. She is currently employed as an SLPA with Anderson School District Five in Anderson, SC. She is also working to obtain her masters degree in Speech-Language Pathology at the University of South Carolina. Currently work for Anderson School District Five as a full-time employee. No Non-financial disclosures.

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**Session 32 Presenters**

**Wanda Crotwell**

Wanda Connelly Crotwell is a government relations professional with more than 30 years of experience in the fields of government, communications, and public relations. Her areas of expertise include legislative relations, lobbying, inter-governmental relations, strategic communication planning and implementation, regulatory development and consultation, environmental and health facilities permitting facilitation, speech writing, management, business communications, public speaking, and a first-hand understanding of state government. She also possesses a keen understanding of the legislative process and the skills necessary to navigate that process for multiple issues at once. She is

well-known in the legislative arena for her ability to take complex issues and communicate those issues in understandable terms to achieve desired results.

**Kelly Caldwell, MA, MS, CCC-SLP**

Kelly Caldwell is a Speech-Language Pathologist at a Voice Clinic in Anderson, SC. She earned her Master of Arts in Teaching- Music Education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Master of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders degree from East Carolina University. Clinical interests include functional dysphagia, dysphonia, and upper airway disorders. Outside of the clinic, Kelly is a mentor for the Med SLP Collective. She is currently serving SCSHA as the Vice President of Government Affairs.

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Ms. Crotwell receives a salary from SCSHA and multiple other organizations within South Carolina for her work as a lobbyist.

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Kelly is a volunteer board member for SCSHA.

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Dr. Elizabeth Ijalba conducts research in dyslexia, autism, and parent-coaching. She co-edited-authored Language, Culture, and Education: Challenges of Diversity in the United States, Cambridge University Press. She received the 2023 Rehabilitation International Centennial Award for Significant Contributions in advancing the rights and inclusion of people with disabilities worldwide.

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## **Session 35 Presenters**

### **Amy Lerman, MA, CCC-SLP**

Amy Lerman is a certified SLP, obtaining her undergraduate degree from UT Austin and Masters degree from GW in DC. Amy has primarily worked in pediatric school based settings providing group therapy. In her role of outreach, she presents at conferences, conventions, and schools. Amy's passion is to help early learners grow and connect.

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## **Session 36 Presenters**

**Tim Mackesey, CCC-SLP, BCS-F**

Tim has devoted the last 30 years to helping pws. He is an ASHA Board Certified Specialist in Fluency Disorders. He taught the graduate level stuttering course at Georgia State University. He owns a private practice in Atlanta.

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### **Carrie Hinnant, M.A., CCC-SLP, CAS**

Carrie Hinnant is an SLP and the Executive Director of Carolina Therapeutics, PLLC, an interdisciplinary practice with 6 office locations across the Carolinas. She is a proud graduate of South Carolina State University. Carrie's dedication extends to serving on various SCSHA committees and expanding professional development opportunities to others.

### **Matt Nowicki, Billing Specialist**

Matt Nowicki is the founding partner and Chief Executive of Your Therapy Billing, LLC, a billing services company that specializes in working with private therapy practices. Matt and the specialist teams at Your Therapy Billing have more than 10 years of working with all aspects of insurance and reimbursement programs across the country including Medicaid and MCOs, Medicare and other government payers, all commercial insurers, Workers Comp and more. Their work focuses on making sure private practices get paid for the important work they do and can focus on growing their businesses.

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## **Session 40 Presenters**

### **Theresa Hopkins-Rossabi**

Theresa Hopkins-Rossabi is an Assistant Professor in the SLP Master's Program at MUSC. She has over 35 years of clinical experience primarily with an acute care adult population but has also worked in schools and rehab hospitals. She completed her PhD at Northwestern University focused on respiratory-swallow coordination.

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## **Session 41 Presenters**

### **Stephen Kneece**

Stephen Kneece, MA, CCC-SLP is a Lecturer and Clinical Supervisor in the Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) program at Columbia College, an Adjunct Instructor at the University of South Carolina, and the Founder/CEO of Speech and Language Songs. Mr. Kneece has 10 years of experience as a pediatric Speech-Language Pathologist in South Carolina. He teaches a variety of courses, including Phonetics, Language Development, Language Disorders, Augmentative and Alternative Communication, and Clinical Observations.

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### **M. Malissa Burnette, Attorney**

M. Malissa Burnette is the founding attorney of Burnette Shutt & McDaniel law firm in Columbia. She has practiced law for 47 years in the state and federal courts. A Certified Specialist in Employment and Labor Law since 1993, Ms. Burnette is co-author and editor of all five editions of Labor and Employment Law for South Carolina Lawyers, published by the South Carolina Bar.

### **Juliana Miller, MS, CCC-SLP**

Juliana Miller is the Director of External Clinical Practicum and a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of South Carolina. She teaches a professional issues class for residential and distance learning students. A clinician with over 25 years of experience, she's served children and adults with communication and swallowing disorders in a variety of educational and medical settings.

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## Session 45 Presenters

### **Theresa Hopkins-Rossabi**

Theresa Hopkins-Rossabi is an Assistant Professor in the SLP Master's Program at MUSC. She has over 35 years of clinical experience primarily with an acute care adult population but has also worked in schools and rehab hospitals. She completed her PhD at Northwestern University focused on respiratory-swallow coordination.

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Dr. Hopkins-Rossabi is employed by the MUSC and has no other financial or non-financial disclosures.

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## Session 46 Presenters

### **Alexis Lawton, SLP-CF**

Alexis Lawton, MS, CF-SLP (she/her/hers), recently earned her master's degree in speech-language pathology from the University of South Carolina and is a clinical fellow at Black Street Early Childhood Center in her hometown of Walterboro, South Carolina.

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## Session 47 Presenters

### **Tori West Oluseyi, Veteran Mental Health First Aid Instructor**

Tori West Oluseyi is a veteran Mental Health First Aid Instructor and CEO of Talent Impact Strategies, LLC, an outreach, education, and training firm based in the metropolitan area of South Carolina. Oluseyi is highly sought after for her practical, commonsense approach to public health outreach strategy and engaging training style. She has an unwavering commitment to ensuring positive change that leads to beneficial outcomes in mental well-being for all.

Oluseyi is a prominent public health educator who has offered on-air commentary for several media outlets including WIS-TV, WLTX, and WACH-FOX, and South Carolina Public Broadcast Radio. The depth of her dialogue ranges from planning public health campaigns to implementing more complex legislation and administration policy campaigns.

### **Cindy Richburg Cotton, Ed. D, MBA, MS**

Cindy Richburg Cotton, Ed. D, MBA, MS serves as Executive Director for the Brookland-Lakeview

Empowerment Center in West Columbia, S.C. since April 30, 2018. She has an extensive background in senior management of nonprofit organizations and higher education as an administrator and educator. For over five (5) years, she has served as Adjunct Professor of Business Information and Analytics in the Darla Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina. Prior to joining the Center, Dr. Richburg Cotton served as executive director of continuing education and online degree programs at Claflin University and director of the Management-Institute Advance Program at Morris College. She has over 30 years of experience in management and teaching in higher education including subjects like international business, business analytics, civil law, social theory, and research methods. As an adjunct professor, she worked at several colleges and universities over the years including Florida International University, Benedict College, Piedmont Technical College, Midlands Technical College, and Central Carolina Technical College. She is a graduate of the Darla Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina holding a Master of Business Administration degree with a concentration in International Business. She also holds graduate degrees including the Doctor of Education and the Master of Science degrees from Florida International University. Dr. Richburg Cotton received her undergraduate degree from Florida Atlantic University. A native of Clarendon County, South Carolina, she is a proud 1984 graduate of Scott's Branch High School. Dr. Richburg Cotton's has authored several publications and has been successful in securing grants for many of her community initiatives over the years.

### **Reginald Rearden, Project Coordinator for Mental Health Awareness Training**

Reginald Rearden serves as the Project Coordinator for Mental Health Awareness Training Initiative at Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center. He is also an Adult Mental Health First Aid Instructor. Mr. Rearden has 22 years of Mental Health experience at the South Carolina Department of Mental Health in Columbia, SC (South Carolina). He worked for 17 years in Psychology as a Clinical Counselor where he facilitated group therapy sessions, conducted individual counseling, and implemented Behavioral Modification Programs. He also served on the treatment team to implement treatment modalities to improve the client's well-being. He served as a Patient and Family Educator for 5 years conducting educational classes teaching about Mental Disorders. He served as a Client Advocate (ADHOC position) at the Department of Mental Health as a Patient's Right's Specialist. Mr. Rearden also served as a contractual ADSAP Group Leader at LRDAC facilitating their DUI groups. He serves as an Advisor at Trinity Baptist Church to the following ministries: Health and Wellness Ministry, Grant Writing Ministry and Celebrate Recovery Ministry. Mr. Rearden received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Benedict College in Columbia, SC, a Certification for Drug and Alcohol Abuse from Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC. He has done further studies at the School of Social Work at the University of South Carolina Graduate School, in Columbia, SC.

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Mark Sellers is a Certified Mental Health First Aid Trainer for adults and for adults who work with youth in the Mental Health Awareness Training Initiative Program at the Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center. He is also the Founder of Men's Re-Entry Initiative (MRI) which is a 501 c 3 organization established in July 2014 that addresses the community call to action to educate and support incarcerated men and women in group style settings in Richland, Kershaw and Lee Counties prisons and jails.

MRI is designed to address recidivism by introducing critical thinking, problem solving, and re-direction of behavior to trauma responses. MRI also provides post release services. Due to Covid 19, post releases services are offered virtually.

Mark has been an activist in various populations including HIV health, mental health, substance abuse, and is committed to the empowerment of various communities.

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## **Session 48 Presenters**

### **Crystal A. Murphree-Holden, MA, CCC-SLP**

Crystal A. Murphree-Holden, MA, CCC-SLP, is a Clinical Assistant Professor and Director of Distance Education in Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of South Carolina. She engages in administrative, academic, and clinical education aspects of graduate preparation. Her professional experience includes schools, private practice, rehab facilities, community clinics and university settings. Crystal currently serves as SCSHA's Licensure Liaison and serves on the Legislative Affairs Committee for the South Carolina Speech-Language-Hearing Association (SCSHA). She is a SCSHA Past President and served previous terms as VP on Higher Education and VP for Education and Information. Crystal Murphree-Holden has presented in areas of clinical education and supervision, ethical practices, IPE/IPP and distance education at state and national levels.

### **Catherine H. Stromberg, MCD, CCC-SLP**

Catherine H. Stromberg is a Clinical Instructor at the University of South Carolina, in the Communication

Sciences and Disorders Department. She currently serves as the co-chair for the neurogenic specialty group and is the ASHA CE Administrator for the COMD department. She served as the VP of Clinical and Professional Affairs with the South Carolina Speech Language Hearing Association, during which time she served as the ASHA CE Administrator and Convention Co-Chair. During her time as VP of Clinical and Professional Affairs, she developed the Multi-Cultural Affairs Committee (MAC). She has treated clients for more than 16 years in the Acute, Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation, Skilled Nursing, Long Term Care, Schools, and Outpatient Settings. She was Awarded “Exemplary” status and recognition, by CARF, for aspiration initiative and performance improvement committee, while working at Carolinas’ Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospital. Ms. Stromberg also developed the Multiple Sclerosis Support Group of Florence, the Parkinson's Support Group of Florence, as well as the Amputee Support Group of Florence.

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## **Session 49 Presenters**

### **Bernateen C. Bibb, M.A., CCC-SLP, Ed.D.**

Dr. Bernateen Bibb is an ASHA Certified Speech-Language Pathologist and Lead SLP for Beaufort County School District. She holds National Board Certification in Early Childhood through Adulthood as an Exceptional Needs Specialist. Bernateen’s professional journey draws on using cooperative teaching practices to bring change within the daily workload of SLPs.

### **Lynn Beach, M.A., CCC-SLP**

Lynn Beach, a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist, earned her bachelor’s degree from Winthrop University in Elementary Education. Lynn went on to earn her master’s degree from SC State University in Speech-Language Pathology. She has worked in the school system for twenty-six years, seven as a teacher, and the remaining as a SLP.

### **Elizabeth Simonis, MCD, CCC-SLP**

Elizabeth Simonis, a licensed speech and language pathologist, received her master’s degree in Communication Sciences Disorders from the University of South Carolina. She is currently serving as a school-based SLP at the elementary level and is passionate about the opportunities it affords to serve students in their educational environment. Elizabeth Simonis, a licensed speech and language pathologist, received her master’s degree in Communication Sciences Disorders from the University of South Carolina. She is currently serving as a school-based SLP at the elementary level and is passionate about the opportunities it affords to serve students in their educational environment.

### **Elizabeth Strickland, MSP, CCC-SLP**

Elizabeth “Betsy” Strickland received her master’s degree in Speech Pathology from the University of South Carolina. She works as a speech-pathologist in the Beaufort County school district and is also a certified ESOL teacher. She received the ASHA ACE award for continuing education in May 2023.

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## Session 50 Presenters

### **Sarah Kuhr**

Sarah Kuhr, M.S. CCC-SLP, is an independent contractor who provides direct therapy to students in California while residing in Virginia. The majority of her background includes servicing a specialized program for those with severe cognitive disabilities, autism, receptive and expressive language impairments, the emotionally disturbed, and the behaviorally challenged. As a lead with a teletherapy company, Sarah provided support to other therapists and co-taught a live CEU course in the area of using evidence based virtual supports for neurodiverse clients. She has spent the last 4 years of her career providing services remotely and appreciating the flexibility as a mom of 2 small children.

### **Melissa Jakubowitz**

Melissa Jakubowitz, M.A. CCC-SLP, is the Founder and President of eLiveNow which provides a platform for finding school district contracts for SLPs, telepractice training for clinicians and universities as well as providing services to private clients and schools. She is a Board-Certified Specialist in Child Language with extensive administrative experience running a multi-office private practice and leading the clinical department of a large telepractice company. Melissa is active in both state (California Speech-Language Hearing Association) and national professional associations (American Speech-Language Hearing Association). She has served as the Chair of the Board of SIG Coordinators and as Convention CO-Chair for ASHA. Melissa is a regular speaker at national conferences with numerous presentations on telepractice and childhood language disorders.

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Financial: Sarah's expenses to attend the conference are being paid by her employer, eLiveNow

Financial: Melissa is the CEO and Founder of eLiveNow, a telepractice company

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Sarah has no non-financial disclosures; Non-financial: Melissa is a member of SIG 18 and a former coordinator of the SIG

## Session 51 Presenters

### **Dr. Christine Lewis, ClinScD, CCC-SLP**

Dr. Christine Lewis is a licensed and certified speech-language pathologist that specializes in speech sound disorders. Dr. Lewis is a graduate of the University of South Carolina. She received her Clinical Science Doctorate in Speech Pathology from Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions. She has completed research in the area of speech sound disorders, focusing on the multiple oppositions approach. Dr. Lewis has vast experience working with various disorders in the pediatric and adult



populations. Dr. Lewis currently works as the lead speech-language pathologist for Georgetown County School District. She is also the Co-owner of Omni Therapy Solutions. She is a wife and a mother of two beautiful girls. Dr. Lewis is a graduate of the SCSHA Leadership Development Program. She currently serves on SCSHA's Executive Board as VP of Membership and Outreach.

**Dr. Jessica Berry, PhD, CCC-SLP**

Jessica Berry, Ph.D., CCC-SLP currently serves as the Senior Academic Program Manager at the Commission on Higher Education. She is skilled in dialect awareness, linguistics, language disorders, and language development. She also serves as the President Elect-Elect of the SC Speech and Hearing Association.

**Dr. Chrisonia Williams-Busch, Ed. D, CCC-SLP**

Dr. Chrisonia Williams-Busch currently resides in Summerville, South Carolina, with her husband and three beautiful daughters. Dr. Williams-Busch attended South Carolina State University, where she received her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. She received her Doctor of Education from Walden University in the area of Teacher Leadership with a concentration in collaboration and co-teaching. Dr. Williams-Busch has worked for Dorchester School District Two as an SLP and currently serves as the Special Education Coordinator. She is a practicum supervisor for universities across the state. She is currently an Academic Affiliate with the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of South Carolina. Dr. Williams-Busch is passionate about helping children and making a difference in their lives. Dr. Chrisonia Williams-Busch currently resides in Summerville, South Carolina, with her husband and three beautiful daughters. Dr. Williams-Busch attended South Carolina State University, where she received her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. She received her Doctor of Education from Walden University in the area of Teacher Leadership with a concentration in collaboration and co-teaching. Dr. Williams-Busch has worked for Dorchester School District Two as an SLP and currently serves as the Special Education Coordinator. She is a practicum supervisor for universities across the state. She is currently an Academic Affiliate with the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of South Carolina. Dr. Williams-Busch is passionate about helping children and making a difference in their lives.

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