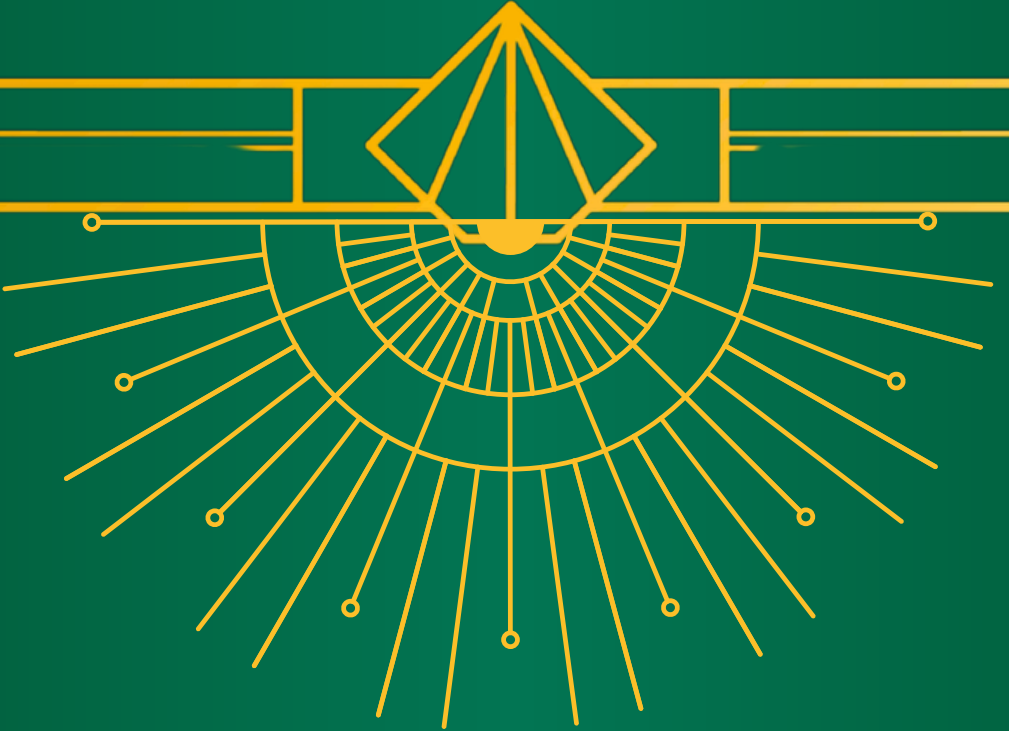




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Pre-conference with Amanda Soper, M.S., CCC-SLP, TVI
Look Again: AAC and Language Through a TSVI-SLP Lens
Heritage Ballroom C/D

8:30am-
11:15am

Part 1

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1:15pm

Lunch

1:15pm-
4:00pm

Part 2





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8:00AM-9:00AM							8:00-9:00 Keynote Session <i>Kevin Simmons, M.S., CCC-SLP</i>			
9:00AM-9:30AM	9:00-11:00 Phonak Through the Lifespan: Current Solutions Across All Ages and Stages Sydney G. Dillard, Au.D., M.P.H., CCC-A and Ansley Nelson, Au.D.	9:00-10:00 Involving ENT in Pediatric Speech Disorders: When, Why, and How Emma Grace Olsen, MS, CCC-SLP and Melissa Scholes, MD	9:00-10:00 When Communication Becomes Personal Amanda Lentz, M.S., CCC-SLP ASHA Content Area 2	9:00-10:00 Building Oral Language Through Stories and Everyday Routines Jessica Balderson PhD CCC-SLP, BCS-CL, IMH-E	9:00-10:00 Accessing the Code: Reading Without Speaking for AAC Users Amanda Soper, M.S., M.Ed., CCC-SLP, BCS-AAC ASHA Content Area 2	9:00-10:00 Prepping for the Praxis Lollie Vaughan-Robinson, PhD, CCC-SLP			9:00-11:00 Are We Teaching the Whole Picture? Social Determinants of Health in SLP Graduate Education Rachel S. Tyrone, PhD, CCC-SLP and Torrey R. Robinson	
9:30AM-10:00AM									ASHA Content Area 2	
10:00AM-10:30AM										10:00-11:30 Student Poster Presentations
10:30AM-11:00AM		10:30-11:30 From Reactive to Proactive: New Considerations For TEP Management in the Head and Neck Cancer Patient Josie Alston, M.A., CCC-SLP	10:00-11:00 School SLPs Connect: Issues, Ideas, and Solutions Stacey Garcia, M.S., CCC-SLP	10:00-11:00 Therapeutic Harmony: Evidence Based Music and Sensory Interventions for Speech Kevin Simmons M.S., CCC-SLP	10:30-11:30 A Practical Guide to Obtaining an AAC Device for Pediatric Patients Amy Walker Dixon, M.S., CCC-SLP Speech Language Pathologist and Alden Parsons, M.S., CF-SLP Speech Language Pathologist					
11:00AM-11:30AM							MSHA Luncheon featuring guest speaker Kimberly Ward, ASHA BOD			
11:30AM-1:00PM										
1:00PM-2:00PM	1:00-2:00 Hear To Care: Mobile Pediatric Audiology for Rural Communities Monica Glapion M.S., CCC-A	1:00-2:30 Student Praxis Bowl Lollie Vaughan-Robinson, PhD, CCC-SLP	1:00-2:00 From Regulation to Communication: A Team Approach to Early Intervention Hannah Sanders, MS, CCC-SLP and Mary Jane Bass, MOTR/L	1:00-3:00 Beyond What We Hear: Visualizing Articulation with Ultrasound Feedback Jianwen Crump, Ed.D., CCC-SLP		2:00-4:00 Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Educational Audiology Katherine O'Connor, MA, CCC-A and Tara Mitchell, MA, CCC-A			1:00-2:00 Constructing Meaning: Reading Comprehension for AAC Users Amanda Soper M.S., M.Ed., CCC-SLP, BCS-AAC	
2:00PM-2:30PM	2:00-3:00 A Comprehensive Review of Pediatric Audiology Testing and Techniques/ Current Trends for Difficult to Test Population Mary Gunn Prewitt, AuD, CCC-A and Sarah Peebles, AuD		2:00-4:00 Training SLPs Holistically With Attention to Hard and Soft Skills Nola Radford, Ph.D., CCC_SLP BCS-FCD ASHA Supervision			2:00-3:00 You Got the Device...Now What? How to Build AAC Success from Day One Hailey Middleton, M.S., CCC-SLP				
2:30PM-3:00PM										
3:00PM-3:30PM	3:00-4:00 From Evidence to Action: Integrating NASEM-Recommended Hearing Intervention Outcome Measures Sarah Faucette, AuD, PhD and Mary Frances Johnson, AuD and Allison Mangialardi, AuD	3:00-4:00 Palpation During A CSE: Does it Predict Hyolaryngeal Excursion Kelsey L Murray, PhD, CCC-SLP		3:00-4:00 From Rules to Strategy: Executive Function in Real-Time Interaction Kimberly Ward, Au.D., CCC-A, F-ASHA, FNAP and Amanda Mathews, Ed.D., CCC-SLP and Amy Lebert, Ed.D., CCC-SLP					3:00-4:00 More Than Words: Expanding AAC Through Language, Motor Planning, and Functional Use Tiffani Powell, M.S., CCC-SLP	
3:30PM-4:00PM										
4:00PM-5:00PM	4:00-5:00 Audiology Town Hall Panel Mary Frances Johnson, AuD	4:00-5:00 Detecting Disordered Swallow Patterns in Instrumental Exams KK Harrington, MS CCC-SLP	4:00-5:00 Beyond the Book: Integrating Literacy-Based Themed Units into Child-Led Speech Therapy Suzanne Moore MS CCC-SLP						4:00-5:00 Access Against the Odds: AAC for Medically Fragile Classrooms Dana Ricks, MS, CCC-SLP and Amanda Lentz, MS, CCC-SLP	

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7:30AM-8:30AM						7:30-8:30 MSHA Annual Membership Meeting <i>(light breakfast provided)</i>		
8:30AM-9:00AM	8:30-9:30 Audiology in the Undergraduate CSD Curriculum: A National Review Kimberly Ward, Au.D., CCC-A, F-ASHA, FNAP, Nathalie Wagoner, and Abigail Thompson			8:30-10:00 Medicaid Panel Discussion		8:30-11:30 Screen Time, Educational Technology, and Current Research Angie Neal, M.S. CCC-SLP		8:30-9:30 Out With the Old, In With the New: Updating Our Voice Practices Amy P. Nabors, MA, CCC-SLP
9:00AM-9:30AM								
9:30AM-10:00AM	9:30-10:30 Hearing Aid Selection Revisited: Practical Tools for Patient-Centered Counseling Sarah Faucette, AuD, PhD	9:30-10:30 Bridging the Gap: Supervising the Next Generation of Speech Pathology Students Jenna Nassar, MS, CCC-SLP, BCS-S	9:30-11:30 Thickened Liquids and Texture-Modified Diets: What Does the Evidence Really Say? Hillary Cooper, MA, CCC-SLP					9:30-10:30 Voice Demands and Symptom Patterns in Clinical Practice Dr. Dawn M. Stanley, CCC-SLP
10:00AM-10:30AM								
10:30AM-11:00AM	10:30-11:30 Hearing Health in Breast Cancer Survivors Mary Claire Shaw and Margaret Westbrook, Non-presenting authors: Sangamanatha A. Veerana, PhD and Kimberly Ward, Au.D., CCC-A, F-ASHA, FNAP	10:30-11:30 A Framework for Teaching A.I. Literacy in Clinical Education Janie Park Magee, Ed. D., CCC-SLP and Gina Jenkins, Ed. D., CCC-SLP ASHA Supervision		10:30-11:30 The End of an Era: CPT Changes and the SLP Ruth Ann King, M.S., CCC-SLP				10:30-11:30 Surviving a Cyberattack: the SLP's Guide to Continuity of Care Lollie Vaughan-Robinson, PhD, CCC-SLP
11:00AM-11:30AM								
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1:00PM-2:00PM	1:00-2:00 Clinical Threshold Estimation Utilizing 8 kHz Tone Bursts Margaret Westbrook, Non-Presenting Author: Sangamanatha A. Veerana, PhD	1:00-2:00 Stronger Together: Collaborating for Early Speech and Language Identification Alex Day, Ed.D., CCC-SLP, CALT	1:00-3:00 Innovative Documentation Strategies for Dysphagia Evaluations Hillary Cooper, M.A., CCC-SLP			1:00-3:00 Let's Talk Ethics: Applying ASHA Standards in Practice Kyla Mitchell, Ed.D., CCC-SLP ASHA Content Area 1		1:00-2:30 Differentiate Between Static Screening Performance and Dynamic Assessment Indicators of Learning Potential in Preschool Literacy Assessment Jessica Balderson Ph.D. CCC-SLP, BCS-CL, IMH-E
2:00PM-2:30PM	2:00-3:00 Speech Audiometry Practices Among Audiologists with Hearing Loss Gretchen Bartholomew and Sangam Ankmnal-Veeranna, PhD ASHA Content Area 2		3:00-4:00 Five Minute Speech Therapy: Can It Help You? Kristin Tillotson, Ed.D, M.S., CCC-SLP and Mackenzie Armstrong, M.S. CCC-SLP and Anna Swinney, M.S., CCC-SLP					
2:30PM-3:00PM								
3:00PM-3:30PM	3:00-4:00 Stop Waiting for Readiness: A Responsiveness-Based Framework for Starting AAC Sooner Jessica Balderson, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-CL, IMH-E							
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KEVIN SIMMONS, M.S., CCC-SLP

Kevin Simmons M.S., CCC-SLP is a licensed pediatric speech therapist practicing in North Georgia. In addition to speech therapy, he is a sensory barber. He has a passion for serving the youth and giving back to his community. He specializes in sensory integration, music integration, assessing and treating childhood apraxia of speech, articulation disorders, AAC speciality, and gross motor movements to promote communication. He is eager to learn more and provide free resources online as well as sensory haircuts.



MONICA GLAPION, M.S., CCC-A

Monica Glapion serves as a pediatric audiologist and the program director of the Georgia Mobile Audiology Program, within the Georgia Department of Education's State Schools Outreach. With more than 22 years of experience serving children and families through audiology. Her child-centered approach and commitment to improving access to care have helped create positive outcomes for children across Georgia. She is an active member of professional audiology organizations. Outside of work, Monica enjoys movie nights and cooking with her husband and their three daughters.



ANGIE NEAL, M.S., CCC-SLP

Angie Neal, MS, CCC-SLP, is the Speech-Language Pathology Consultant for the South Carolina State Department of Education. She serves on ASHA's School Issues Advisory Board and is a board member of the State Education Associates Communication Disabilities Council (SEACDC). Angie is also a graduate of ASHA's Leadership Development Program for School-Based SLPs. Her work reflects a deep commitment to advancing school-based speech-language services through leadership, collaboration, and policy development.



AMANDA SOPER, M.S., CCC-SLP, TVI

Amanda Soper (she/her) is a speech-language pathologist (SLP) and teacher of students with visual impairments (TSVI) based in Washington, DC. Amanda owns a private practice, Words Within Reach, where she innovates therapeutic and education practices so that all students, regardless of disability, can learn to read, write, and communicate. Her practice provides in-person speech-language therapy services in the Maryland-DC area and virtual services around the world. Amanda also provides professional development and coaching support for organizations and school districts both across the country and internationally. Amanda is fiercely passionate about changing mindsets and attitudes about education for individuals with complex communication needs.



AMY P. NABORS, MA, CCC-SLP

Amy is a licensed medical SLP with over twelve years of experience evaluating and treating patients with voice and upper airway disorders. Her specialties include working with singers and other voice professionals, and individuals with neurological, degenerative, and functional voice and breathing disorders. Since earning her MA in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Memphis's School of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Amy has worked as voice specialist at Bastian Voice Institute in Chicago, Otolaryngology Associates of the Mid-South, and for the past seven years as a clinical educator and lead voice clinician at the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of Memphis, as well as Methodist Medical Group-Otolaryngology. She also received additional training and guidance from Dr. Anat Keidar of Keidar Voice Care in Manhattan. In addition to her academic and clinical training, Amy also has a rich background in vocal performance. She also holds a BA in Theatre from Wagner College, where she was trained as a singer in both classical and musical theatre genres. Prior to becoming a speech pathologist, Amy worked as a professional musical theatre performer. She can still be seen on several Memphis area stages. Her favorite role is "Mom" to her eight-year-old son.



HILLARY COOPER, MA, CCC-SLP

Hillary Cooper, MA, CCC-SLP, began her career in speech-language pathology at an outpatient private practice in Leesville, Louisiana, serving active-duty soldiers, their dependents, and military retirees. The broad range of experience she gained in that role served her well when she moved to Ruston to marry her soulmate. Since then, she has worked in long-term care facilities, acute care, and home health. In 2016, Hillary decided to challenge the status quo of dysphagia treatment in North Louisiana and launched her outpatient private practice. In 2017, she founded North Louisiana Swallow Solutions, now the region's premier mobile FEES provider. In 2019, she co-founded the Dysphagia Outreach Project, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide meaningful assistance to individuals affected by dysphagia. In 2021, Hillary joined the Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association Board of Directors and served as Immediate Past President. She is the 2024–2026 Treasurer for the Council of State Association Presidents (CSAP). Hillary is also pursuing an Ed.D. in Learning and Organizational Change at Baylor University. In her free time, she enjoys teaching and traveling around the country, delivering high-quality lectures to medical speech-language pathologists.



KIMBERLY WARD, AU.D., CCC-A, F-ASHA, FNAP

Dr. Kimberly (Kim) Ward is an Associate Professor of Audiology at The University of Southern Mississippi. With a background in deaf education and pediatric audiology, she is dedicated to serving children with hearing loss and their families. Dr. Ward is widely recognized for her leadership in the profession and advocacy for accessible hearing healthcare. Her service-driven approach has earned her numerous honors, reflecting her commitment to making a lasting impact in her field. Dr. Ward currently serves on the ASHA Board of Directors as Vice President for Academic Affairs in Audiology.



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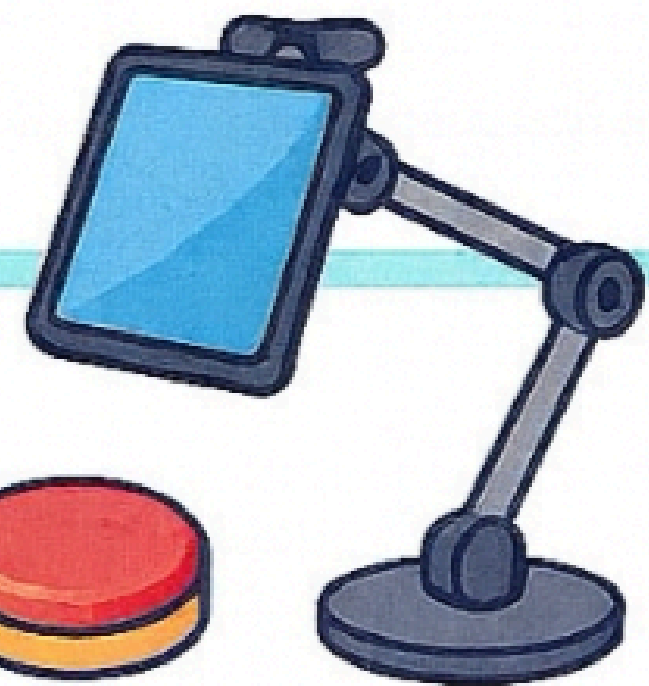
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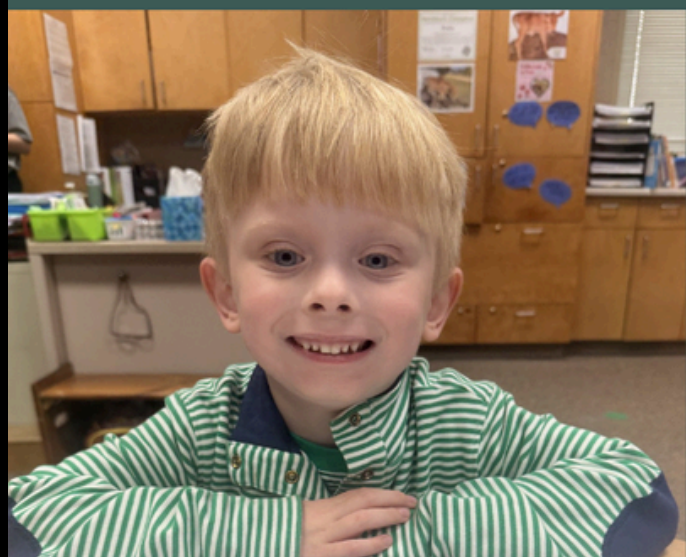
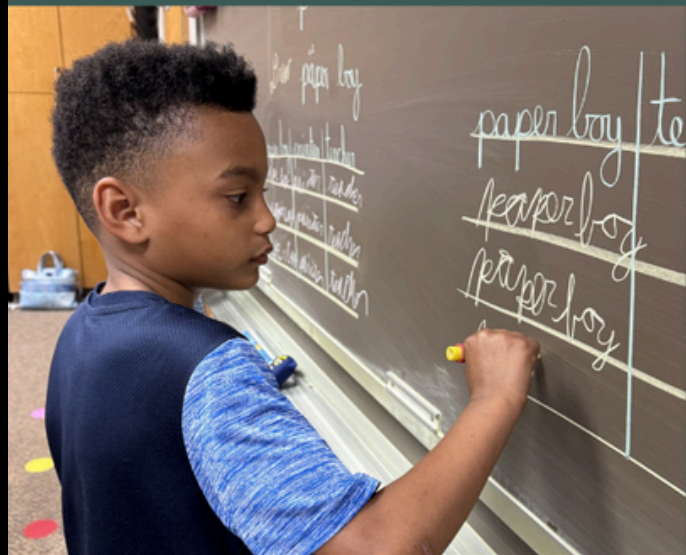
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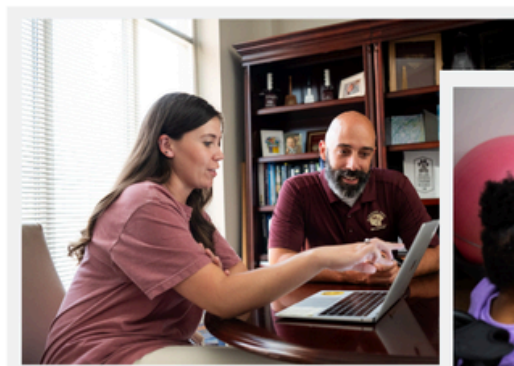
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