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curriculum vitae

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EDUCATION:

Undergraduate: Harding University
1991-1995 Searcy, Arkansas
Degree: B.A.
Major: Communication Disorders

Graduate: University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
1995-1997 Little Rock, Arkansas
M. S. in Speech-Language Pathology
Thesis, *Palatoplasty: Timing and Implications for Speech Results*

2008 – 2012 Communication Sciences and Disorders Doctoral Program Consortium
Degree: Ph.D.
Major area of concentration: Adult neurogenic communication disorders
Dissertation: *An Analysis of Communicative Participation in an Elderly Population*

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS, CERTIFICATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS:

Member of American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology (March, 1998); 1997- present

Member of ASHA Special Interest Group 13 (Dysphagia); 2008 – present

Member of ASHA Special Interest Group 10 (Higher Education); 2015 – present

Member of ASHA Special Interest Group 02 (Neurogenics); 2019 – 2022

Member of Arkansas Speech and Hearing Association (ArkSHA); 1998 – present

Arkansas state licensure in speech-language pathology; 1997 – present

Certified Lee Silverman Voice Treatment (LSVT) clinician, voice treatment for individuals with Parkinson disease; initially certified October 2009; recertifications: February 2013, February 2015, January 2017, January 2019, January 2021, March 2023

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Award for Continuing Education (ACE) 2010, 2013, 2015, 2018, 2019, 2021

Invited attendance at the Leadership Academy at the Council for Academic Programs in Communication Sciences & Disorders (CAPCSD) convention; Newport Beach, CA, April, 2015

Teacher Achievement Award from Harding University, May 2016

Student-selected Alpha Chi Faculty Scholar Award, November 2016
Center for Teaching & Learning Champion for 2018-2019, May 2019

Certificate in Effective College Instruction from The Association of College and University Educators and the American Council on Education (ACUE), May 2021

Certified Dementia Practitioner training (CDP), April 2021

Team Based Learning Fundamentals Certificate, January, 2022

SERVICE AND COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

ArkSHA History and Archives Committee 2009 – 2013

ArkSHA Vice President for Continuing Education, 2016-2018

ArkSHA Continuing Education Administrator (for ASHA), 2016 – present

Served on Interprofessional Education/Practice Topic Committee for 2019 ASHA Convention in Orlando, Florida

Serve on ABESPA subcommittee for re-writing practice guidelines for SLP-Assistants, 2020 - present

Departmental Graduate Admissions Committee 2008 - present

Departmental Graduate Orientation Committee 2010 – 2016

Departmental Graduate/Undergraduate Assessment Committee (CHAIR) 2016 - present

Departmental Curriculum Committee 2012 – present

Departmental Comprehensive Exam Committee 2014 – present

University Interprofessional Education Steering Committee 2014 – present

University Academic Plan and Program Review Committee 2015 – 2017

Departmental Undergraduate Academic Advising Committee – 2014 - 2017

University Committee for Development of Center for Teaching & Learning – 2016 – 2018

University Graduate Academic Leaders Committee 2016 – present

University Academic Standing Committee 2019-2021

Faculty Leadership Council, Secretary, 2021 – 2023

Higher Learning Commission, Criteria Committee 1- Mission, 2022 – present

Trustee Scholar Selection Committee, 2022 – present

Provost's Committee on Faculty Workload, 2023 - present

GRANT ACTIVITY:

ASHA Multicultural Grant Project (2009). *HIZ-PATH: A Multicultural Practicum Experience*. \$15,000 (unfunded).

Patient Centered Outcomes Research Initiative (PCORI), *Assessing for Safe Medication Use Skills: Medi-Cog and MOCA Cognitive Screen Correlations with Patient Accuracy in Pillbox Organization*, \$33,000 (unfunded).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Graduate Courses Taught:

- CSD 6120 Neuroscience of Communication
- CSD 643/6230 Dysphagia
- CSD 646 Fluency Disorders
- CSD 648 Counseling & Interviewing in Communication Disorders
- CSD 614/6450 Prevention, Assessment and Treatment of Communication Disorders in the Middle Adult/Geriatric Population
- CSD 623 Prevention, Assessment and Treatment of Communication Disorders in the Adolescent/Young Adult Population
- CSD 6300 Medical Aspects of Speech-Language Pathology
- Supervision of Graduate Research Projects
- CSD 619 & CSD 629 Clinical Education of graduate level clinicians, specifically at Harding Place Senior Living
- Significant lecturing in Neuroscience for Physical Therapy Department (DPT 8431)

- Adjunct Instructor in Gross Anatomy (DPT 8151) providing classroom teaching and cadaver laboratory supervision for Physical Therapy Department

Undergraduate:

- CSD 401 Speech & Voice Science
- CSD 4000 Anatomy & Physiology of Speech & Language
- CSD 4050 Introduction to Neurogenic Cognitive & Communicative Disorders
- CSD 385 and 386 Clinical Education of undergraduate clinicians in university clinic
- Direction of Honors Capstone Projects
- Instruction of Independent Study Courses in Adult Neurogenics and Grant Writing
- Supervision of McNair Foundation undergraduate student research projects (2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2021)

Employed as Associate Professor at Harding University since August, 2008

Currently serving as Department Chair and Program Director

PREVIOUS CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

2015- 2021 PRN Speech Pathologist

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

- provided clinical services to a wide variety of acutely ill adults with a wide range of medical diagnoses in an inpatient hospital setting, completed swallowing evaluations via VFSS and FEES methods

2006-2008 PRN Speech Pathologist

Friendship Community Care, Bryant, Arkansas

- Provided speech pathology services to adults with developmental disabilities including testing, development of treatment plans and therapeutic activities

1998-2008 Full-time and PRN Speech-Language Pathologist

Saline Memorial Hospital, Benton, Arkansas

- Performed and interpreted videofluoroscopic swallow studies including collaboration with physicians for appropriate management
- Provided speech pathology services to hospital inpatients, outpatients and home health/hospice patients including diagnosis and treatment of speech and language impairments, swallowing and voice disorders, and cognitive impairments
- Served on interdisciplinary treatment team for inpatient rehabilitation unit, recuperative care unit and geropsychiatric unit including participation in meetings to develop care plans
- Provided frequent educational in-services to nursing and dietary staff on topics of speech pathology relevant to their professional duties
- Developed video fluoroscopic swallowing program for infants and young children including appropriate education, purchase of materials, marketing, and physician education which became only the second of its kind in the state
- Provided speech pathology services to the pediatric population in an outpatient clinic setting including diagnosis and treatment of speech, language and feeding disorders
- Provided speech pathology services to preschool and school-aged children in daycare and private school settings including collaboration and coordination with the public school district and educational co-operative
- Provided education and counseling to parents and family members of persons served by facilitating access to appropriate educational, financial and emotional resources
- Supervised graduate students in speech-language pathology

Professional Presentations:

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Loudermill, C., Lowry, M., & McCullough, K.C. (2010, October). *The Aging Brain: What's Normal and What's Not*. Presentation at the Arkansas Speech-Language Hearing Association annual convention, Little Rock, AR.

Lowry, M, Loudermill, C., & McCullough, K.C. (2010, November). *What's going on there? The brain across the lifespan*. Poster session presented at the annual convention for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Lowry, M. & McCullough, K. C. (2010, November). *Examining Social Networks in an Elderly Population: What Predicts Participation?* Poster session presented at the annual convention for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Lowry M. & McCullough, K. C. (2011, November). *What Factors Predict Communicative Participation in an Elderly Population?* Poster session presented at the annual convention for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, San Diego, CA.

Collins, C., Collins, A., Lowry, M. & McCullough, K. C. (2011, November). *Examining Correlations Between Depression, Quality of Life, & Communicative Participation*. Poster session presented at the annual convention for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, San Diego, CA.

Lowry, M. & McCullough, K. C. (2012, October). *Staying in the Game: Predictors of Continued Participation in Elders*. Presentation at the Arkansas Speech-Language and Hearing Association annual convention, Little Rock, AR.

Lowry, M. et. al, (2013, April). *Teaching Undergraduates Through Research and Other High Impact Practices*. Presentation at the Council for Academic Programs in Communication Sciences & Disorders, Phoenix, AZ.

Brumley, L. & Lowry, M. (2013, October) *Examining communicative participation and cognition: A two-year follow up study*. Presentation at the Arkansas Speech-Language and Hearing Association annual convention, Little Rock, AR

Perez, T. & Lowry, M. (2014, October). *Simulated presence therapy: A study of a personalized approach to caring for individuals with dementia*. Presentation at the Arkansas Speech-Language and Hearing Association annual convention, Little Rock, AR

Lowry, M. & Ritchie, L. (2014, November) *Let's Dish About Dysphagia: Describing an Innovative & Collaborative Laboratory Experience*. Presentation at the annual convention for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Orlando, FL.

Lowry, M & Weaver, R. O. (2015, October) *Investigating Efficacy of Case-based IPE Events in Achieving Learner Outcomes*. Poster Presentation at the annual convention for the American Schools of Allied Health Professionals. Scottsdale, AZ.

Lowry, M & Weaver, R. O. (2015, October) *Building a Culture of IPE – Successes, Lessons Learned, and Visions for the Future*. Presentation at the annual convention for the American Schools of Allied Health Professionals. Scottsdale, AZ.

Lowry, M. (2016, November) *Put Your Feet in Their Shoes: Teaching Empathy in CSD*. Presentation at the annual convention for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Lowry, M. & Killins, A. (2016, November) *A Night at the Round Tables: An IPE Education Event*. Presentation at the annual convention for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Hill, C. & Meeker, M. (2017, October) *Examining Concepts of Teamwork and Values in Interprofessional Health Science Teams*. Presentation at the annual convention for Arkansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Hot Springs, AR.

Hill, C. & Meeker, M. (2017, November) *Examining Concepts of Teamwork and Values in Interprofessional Health Science Teams*. Presentation at the annual convention for American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Los Angeles, CA.

Shipp, M. & Meeker, M. (2019, November) *Open Up and Say Ahh: An Interactive/Interprofessional SLP/Pharmacy Student Lab Highlighting Oral Care*. Technical Clinical oral presentation at the annual convention for American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Orlando, FL

Shipp, M., Meeker, M., & Williams, M. (2020, July) *Open up and Say Ahh: An Interactive/Interprofessional SLP/Pharmacy Student Lab Highlighting Oral Care*. Virtual poster presentation for the American Academy of Colleges of Pharmacy.

Hicks, G., Starkey, A., & Meeker, M. (2021, October) *Support Personnel: Past, Present & Future*, Presentation at the annual convention for Arkansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Little Rock, AR.

Meeker, M. & Killins, A. (2022, October) *Aging Abundantly: Cognitive and Physical Perspectives*, Presentation at the semi-annual meeting of Abundant Living. Branson, MO.

Meeker, M. (2022, October) *Dust Off Those Neurons: What I Wish I Remembered From Grad School*, Presentation at the annual convention for Arkansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Little Rock, AR.

Ghotra, S., Albrecht, M., Knight, D., Smith, F., Meeker, M., & Shipp, M. *Assessing the Impact of Interprofessional Oral Care Education on Health Science Students*, poster presentation at Arkansas Association of Health-Systems Pharmacists, Little Rock, AR.

Written works:

Co-authored introductory Chapter in *Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Hearing* by Rousseau, B. and Branski R. (editors) Thieme Publishing (2018)

Meeker, M., McCullough, K., McCullough, G. & Akpanudo, U., (2021). Examining social networks in older adults: What predicts communicative participation?, *Perspectives of ASHA SIG-13*. DOI: [10.1044/2021_PERSP-20-00287](https://doi.org/10.1044/2021_PERSP-20-00287)