Letter From the Chair

Dear CSD alumni and friends,

Welcome to the 2015 edition of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders newsletter. It is our way to keep you electronically informed and up to date about what is happening in our department.

There are a number of items about alumni, faculty, and students I think you’ll find quite interesting, so I invite you to click through to the full stories.

I hope that you stay connected and involved with your alma mater as we educate the next generation of exceptional speech-language pathology professionals who are following in your distinguished footsteps.

And please “like” our new Facebook page where we will keep you current on things happening in the department. You can find us under MGH Institute Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Best Regards,

Gregory Lof, PhD, CCC-SLP, FASHA
Chair and Professor
Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders

Aphasia Awareness Day

More than two dozen speech-language pathology students, along with several faculty, were among the more than 300 people who participated in the third annual Aphasia Awareness Day on June 25 at the Massachusetts State House.

For Aphasia Clients, Their Pictures

ASHA Convention Preview

Faculty, Student to Be Recognized

- Carmen Vega-Barachowitz (left), Assistant Professor and Director of Speech, Language and Swallowing Disorders and Reading Disabilities at Massachusetts General Hospital, will be designated as an ASHA Fellow.
- Adjunct faculty Daryush Mehta, PhD, (left-middle) a research scientist at the Center for Laryngeal Surgery and Voice Rehabilitation at MGH, will receive the Award for Early Career Contributions in Research.
- John Locke (right-middle), who founded the IHP’s CSD department and teaches at Lehman College in New York, will receive Honors of ASHA, the association's highest award.
- Jennifer Zuk (right), a PhD student in the Harvard–MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology doctoral program who is in the IHP’s SLP certification program, will receive the New Century Scholars Doctoral Scholarship from the ASHFoundation.

November 13: Convention Reception

All alumni are invited to attend the CSD reception on Friday, November 13, immediately following the awards ceremony. RSVP by November 9.

Presentations and Posters

More than 30 faculty, alumni, students, research fellows, and research assistants from the IHP will conduct seminars and courses, discuss their research, or present posters at the 2015 ASHA Convention.

Gala Sets Fundraising Record

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Are Worth Thousands of Words

2015 SLP graduate Caitlin McDonald combined her love of photography with what she experienced working in the Aphasia Center to create a photography exhibit, "Thousands of Words," dedicated to raising awareness of the condition. Several of the center’s clients, including Richie Arsenault (right, speaking with McDonald), attended the August 13 opening.

The exhibit will open at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital on November 19.

November 19: CEU Event

Kimberly Stewart ’02, MS, CCC-SLP, will present “The Executive Function of Life and Language: Finding Order When There’s a Lot to Do and Say” on Thursday, November 19, at the IHP’s Charlestown Navy Yard campus. Registration: 5:30 p.m. Presentation: 6:30–8:30 p.m. Earn 0.2 CEUs. More information and register.

Endowed Chair Named for Howard Shane

Professor Shane, who has taught at the IHP since 1996, in October received the first Directorship Chair for the Center for Communication Enhancement at Boston Children’s Hospital, a chair that will be named for him in the future.

Feller New CAS Director

Instructor Melissa Feller has been named the new director of the

The annual Gala on October 27 raised $440,105, the largest amount in its nine-year history and an 18 percent increase over last year. Approximately 250 people attended the event, which featured the work of (l-r, with President Bellack) Occupational Therapy student Hayley Younkin, and alumni Sheila Davis (Nursing) and Anne McCarthy Jacobson (Physical Therapy). WCVB anchor Heather Unruh, who was MC, discussed the event on her 11:00 p.m. newscast. Facebook album.

Commencement Awards

Amanda Hitchins, left, receives the 2015 Emerging Leader Alumni Award for her efforts in helping to build and equip the first soundproof auditory testing room in the eastern section of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The CSD department presented several awards to students and faculty at the 2015 Commencement ceremonies in recognition of their achievements. In addition, 2012 graduate Amanda Hitchins received the Emerging Leader Alumni Award for her efforts in helping to build and equip the first soundproof auditory testing room in the eastern section of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Recent Faculty Publishing

CSD faculty conduct research and publish their findings regularly, helping to advance the knowledge and understanding of topics that are important to the profession.
New CSD Faculty

Susan Lambrecht Smith, PhD, CCC-SLP
Assistant Professor

Lisa Moran, MS, CCC-SLP
Instructor, Assistant Coordinator of External Clinical Education

Trish Nazarro, MS, CCC-SLP
Instructor

Sofia Vallila-Rohter, PhD, CCC-SLP
Assistant Professor

New Library and Study Commons

Students (l-r) Sam Sawicki, Tulsi Patel, and Dillon Young cut the ribbon.

The Institute recently opened a new Library and Study Commons for students. The 9,000-square-foot space is located on the top floor of Building 38.

Join the Institute's Online Community

We invite you to become part of our expanding online alumni community by joining IHP's LinkedIn, Facebook, and other social media to keep up with your MGH Institute classmates and fellow graduates.

In addition, check out the CSD Department's recently launched Facebook page.

Aphasia Center Cited in Novel

CSD Assistant Professor Eileen Hunsaker received an acknowledgment in author Joseph Heller's new novel, The Fixer, after he visited the Aphasia Center as part of his book research.

Feedback, Tips, Ideas, Etc.

Please forward items of interest to CSD News editor John Shaw.

Library Resources Available to Alumni

MGH Institute alumni have access to journals, databases, and other research resources at the Institute's Alumni Library Resources section. This robust section is sure to meet many of your research needs. Contact IHP Librarian Jessica Bell with questions or for assistance.

Live Career Support Now Available

Making a career move? Need your resume updated? Need to prepare for an upcoming interview? Want to chat “live” with IHP’s Career Counselor? Check out IHP’s career services.
Please submit suggestions or comments about any issue at the IHP to President Bellack's online suggestion box, Institute Input.

resources website and start moving forward now.

We're Looking for Bloggers

Are you interested in blogging for the Institute about your experiences as an SLP? You can do it on the Institute’s blog, The Pulse. Contact the Office of Communications and Marketing for more information.

Class Notes Wanted!

We invite you to submit a class note to share with your fellow alumni what is happening in your world. This includes such things as new jobs and promotions, professional presentations given, and awards, along with marriage photos and photos of you and your new baby. We’ll include them in an upcoming issue of the MGH Institute magazine.