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EDUCATION:

Master's in Education

June 1995

Concentration: Speech and Language Pathology
Valdosta State University
Valdosta, GA

Bachelor of Science in Education

August 1993

Concentration: Communication and Science Disorders
The University of Georgia
Athens, GA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Speech-Language Pathologist/Clinical Educator/Clinical Director

The University of Alabama Speech and Hearing Center
November 2009- present.

Tuscaloosa, AL

- Founder of *Bama Perks*, a simulated coffee shop environment, promoting improved communication and socialization among individuals with aphasia. Provide clinical instruction to students participating in Bama Perks.
- Supervise a collaborative, service-based learning project with Caring Days of Tuscaloosa, an adult day program for individuals with dementia. Supervise graduate clinicians providing dementia management and cognitive/language group therapy to the attendees at Caring Days.
- Instructor of CD 535: Medical Speech-Language Pathology.
- Instructor of CD 422: Acquired Neurogenic Communication Disorders.
- Coordinator for The University of Alabama *Bright Ideas TBI Camp* collaboration with the Alabama Head Injury Foundation and other UA departments.
- CD Academic Advisor for undergraduate majors.
- NSSLHA Advisor.
- Cooper Lecture Series Seminar Co-Coordinator.

Served as SHC Clinic Director, June 2016-August 2021.

- Supervised daily clinic operations of The Speech and Hearing Center, including policies and procedures, service contracts, supply needs and billing practices.
- Coordinated clinical practicum experiences for graduate and undergraduate students.
- Fostered collaborative research and program development at The Speech and Hearing Center with faculty, staff, and students.
- Coordinated new graduate student orientations, trainings, and CD 517 seminars.
- Provided oversight and support to 8 Clinical Educators and Front Office Associate.
- Facilitated a CD Student Focus Group, surveying students' perspectives of their clinical education at The Speech and Hearing Center.
- Served as advisor for the Second Year Leadership Team, mentoring first-year graduate students.

- Served on the following departmental internal committees: Student Affairs Committee, Budget Committee, Electronic Medical Records Committee, Clinic Strategic Plan Committee, Medicare Committee, Facilities Committee, and SHC Dress Code Committee.

Speech-Language Pathologist/CF Mentor

Champion Partners in Rehab
July 2008-October 2009

Tuscaloosa, AL

- Provided screenings, evaluations, and treatment for adult and geriatric populations in the skilled nursing environment.
- Experience providing dysphagia management, cognitive-linguistic treatment, aphasia therapy, and aural rehabilitation across a variety of disorders.
- Served as a clinical mentor to clinical fellows.

Speech-Language Pathologist/University of Central Florida Off-campus Clinical Educator

Life Care Center of Orlando
January 2005-July 2007

Orlando, FL

- Provided screenings, evaluations, and treatment for adult and geriatric patients with speech, language, cognition, and swallowing disorders.
- Served as an off-campus clinical supervisor for The University of Central Florida Department of Communicative Disorders.
- Experienced in the use of VitalStim therapy for treatment of patients with swallowing disorders.

Speech-Language Pathologist/CF Mentor

Siskin Hospital for Physical Rehabilitation
January 2003-August 2004

Chattanooga, TN

- Served as a speech-language pathologist in all areas of the rehabilitation hospital setting including the following: outpatient, acute care, day hospital, and outpatient neurology.
- Provided screenings, evaluations, and treatment for patients with speech, language, cognitive, and swallowing disorders.
- Performed Modified Barium Swallow Function Studies to assess swallowing disorders.
- Served as a clinical mentor to clinical fellows.

**ADDITIONAL
PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE:**

Speech-Language Pathologist

Soddy-Daisy Health Care Center
Soddy-Daisy, TN
January 2001-January 2003

Speech-Language Pathologist

Darby Square Rehabilitation Center
Lexington, KY
December 1998-May 2000

Speech-Language Pathologist

Functional Pathways, Inc.
Lexington, KY
July 1997-November 1998

Speech-Language Pathologist

Presbyterian Nursing Home
Quitman, GA
June 1996-June 1997

Speech-Language Pathologist

Elbert Memorial Hospital

Elberton, GA

June 1995-May 1996

**PROFESSIONAL
ACTIVITIES:**

Invited Professional Presentations:

- *Cups of Confidence: Bama Perks Coffee Shop*
 - Aphasia Access Communications Podcast, 2019
- *SLP and AuD Clinical Supervision Training*
 - Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama, 2019, 2020, 2021
- *Learn, Create, Inspire: A Clinical Education Training*
 - The University of Alabama, 2019
- *The Neuroscience of Aging and Dementia and Evidence-Based Treatment Approaches*
 - The University of Alabama CEU Appreciation Seminar, 2019
- *You've Almost Earned Your Degree. What's Next? Preparing for Your Future as a Speech Language Pathologist*
 - Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- *Introduction to Medical Speech-Language Pathology*
 - UA School of Nursing, 2019
- *Communication and Dementia*
 - Caring Days of Tuscaloosa, 2015
- *A Positive Approach when working with Individuals with Dementia*
 - Caring Days of Tuscaloosa, 2014

Guest Lecture Presentations in Communicative Disorders courses:

- *Clinical Supervision: Trading Spaces*
- *Clinical Care Teams in the Medical Setting*
- *Introduction to The UA Speech and Hearing Center*
- *At Risk Clients: What is our Responsibility as SLPs?*
- *The Interview Process, Land Your Dream Job*
- *General Principles in Adult Diagnostics*
- *A Sneak Peek at Adult Therapy*
- *An Overview of Dementia*

Posters:

- *The New SEC: Supervision Education Course Developed by Alabama Clinical Educators, ASHA 2019, Meritorious*
- *Analyzing the Efficacy of Bama Perks Simulated Coffee Shop on the Social Communication Skills of Adults with Aphasia, UA 2017*
- *Bama Perks: The Use of a Simulated Context for Working with Individuals with Aphasia, ASHA 2016*
- *Student Training for Working with Individuals with Dementia: A Service-Learning Project, ASHA 2015*

Research:

- *Supporting Brain Injury Survivors and Their Caregivers: A Community Engagement Project., In Progress, 2020-21.*

- *Analyzing the Efficacy of Bama Perks Simulated Coffee Shop on the Social Communication Skills of Adults with Aphasia: A Student Perspective*, Completed 2017
- *Bama Perks: The Use of Simulated Social Environment for Adults with Aphasia*, Completed 2016
- *Evaluation of Student Training for Working with Individuals with Dementia*, Completed 2015

Grants:

- College of Arts and Sciences Medical SLP Teaching Grant: \$1700.00, Spring 2020.
- Centers for Community-Based Partnerships, awarded \$2996.85, Spring 2020.
- Submitted grant application to The Community Foundation of West Alabama, Spring 2018 and Fall 2018.
- The College Academy of Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity, awarded \$3500.00, Fall 2015.

Service:

- The University of Alabama NSSLHA Chapter Advisor
- Cooper Lecture Series Symposium Coordinator
- Lunch and Learn with the REACH employees at The RISE School
- Co-facilitator of an adult Communication Support Group, *The Crimson Circle*, enhancing the wellbeing of individuals with communication deficits through education, connection with others, and community engagement.

**CERTIFICATIONS,
MEMBERSHIPS &
AWARDS:**

<i>Distinguished Clinical Achievement Award</i> SHAA 2020	2020
<i>Clinical Supervision Certification</i> Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama	2019
<i>Alabama Clinical Educators</i> <i>Member</i>	since 2017
<i>Alabama Licensure in Speech-Language Pathology</i> License Number: 2649	since 2007
<i>Certificate of Clinical Competence</i> American Speech and Hearing Association Certification Number: 01116355	since 1995