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THE ENMU CDIS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

Spring 2016



2016 Spring Cohort

The new class of graduate students arrived on January 12, 2017 for their three-day orientation. The new cohort represents a variety of states and backgrounds.

Grand Rounds

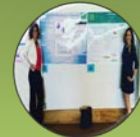
One of the last steps towards graduation is Grand Rounds. The faculty presents with symptoms of a communicative disorder. Graduate students saw four "clients" during their rounds. From beginning to end, students are given two hours; five minutes with their clients and the rest is used for treatment write up. This year, 38 people participated and all passed. Congratulations!



Department Farewell



Research Conference



Commencement



NSSLHA



The door of doom- Dr. Swift as Sally Sauvignon

## Department Farewell

Dr. Worthington and Ms. Lebsack will be leaving the department. As clinical supervisors and professors, they have had a great impact upon students and served as important mentors.



*Ms. Lebsack*

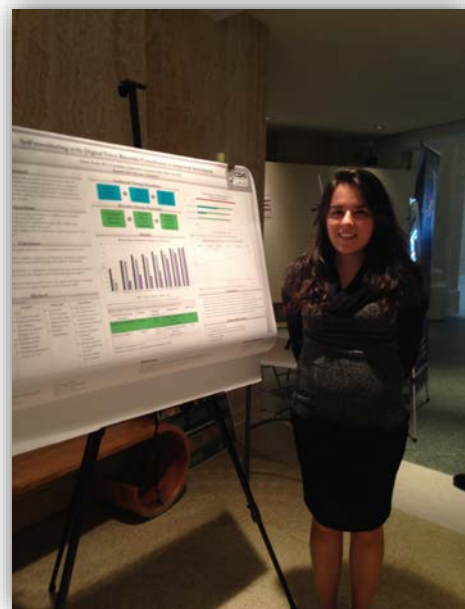


*Dr. Worthington*

We wish them well and they will be missed.

## Graduate Education Day

Graduate Education Day took place at the New Mexico Legislature in Santa Fe, NM on February 9, 2016. Graduate students showcase their research along with other New Mexico graduate students. This year, Grace Zaras and Nelida Lara represented ENMU CDIS. They had the opportunity to interact with other graduate students from across the state and to present and explain their research work to a broader audience.



*Grace Zaras at Graduate Education Day*

*42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Student Research Conference*

On April 6, 2016, Eastern New Mexico University hosted the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Student Research Conference. This event allows undergraduate and graduate students to showcase their research through poster and paper presentations. The event showcases papers from different disciplines across the university. The CDIS program was represented by 41 graduate students including:

**Tamara Andres:** *Together and Apart: A Comparison of Twin Play Interaction*

**Rachael Baker:** *Learning New Vocabulary: What Works Best?*

**Janie Balch:** *I Saw the Sign...Or Did I?*

**Bryan Barnes:** *Graduate School Admissions and ETS Praxis (NESPA) Scores: Is There a Relationship?*

**Caitlin Behm:** *Focus! How Multitasking Impacts Comprehension*

**Gina Brachle:** *Journey of Providing Care in Hospice: Perspectives and Experiences of Speech Language Pathologists*

**Michelle B. Burgess:** *The Effect of Physical Activity and Whether it Improves Sustained Attention in Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder*

*Research Participants continued on pg. 8 and 9*

### 2016 Presentation Winners

Rebecca Roberts  
Grace Zaras  
Molly Smith  
Gina Fuentes  
Fanny Garza  
Eileen Corcoran  
Nelida Lara

### 2016 Poster Winners

Jessica Roberson  
Tamara Andres  
Grace Zaras  
Amanda Pullen  
Fanny Garza  
Nelida Lara



## Commencement 2016

Spring 2016 commencement ceremony was ENMU's 130<sup>th</sup> commencement. The ceremony was held on May 14, 2016. The commencement speaker was Gary Tonjes, Albuquerque Economic Development Incorporated president and ENMU graduate. It was an exciting day celebrating the graduates hard work and accomplishments. Congrats to all of the CDIS graduates!



*Dr. Swift and Dr. Bratcher*



*Ms. Bougie and Ari Haro*



*ENMU Graduates*

## 2016 Awards and Scholarships

### **Gail Ferguson Endowed Scholarship for Graduate Studies In Communicative Disorders**

Shirley Gail Ferguson received her undergraduate and graduate degrees in communicative disorders from ENMU and soon became an instructor in the Department of Communicative Disorders. Mrs. Ferguson retired after a 25-year career of teaching and influencing hundreds of students on whom she made an indelible impression. In 1993, she received the Distinguished Faculty Emeritus Award and was later honored posthumously in 2009 with the ENMU Distinguished Service Award. Mrs. Ferguson had a passion for her profession of Speech-Language Pathology and a devotion to her students inside and outside of the classroom. This scholarship honors her love and dedication to both.

**Alejandra H. Del Hierro**

### **Ike and Joy Stevenson Endowed Scholarship for CDIS Students**

Dr. Suzanne Swift began this endowed scholarship to honor her parents who always supported her. This scholarship is for CDIS students where Dr. Swift serves as the chair of Communicative Disorders.

**Veronica N. Ayala**

### **The Roger and Millie Pattison Scholarship Fund for the Speech and Hearing Clinic**

Roger Pattison developed an interest in the work of the university's Speech and Hearing Clinic following his association as a client at the facility. In 1987, he and his wife, Millie, created this endowment to further the clinic's work

**Katelyn A. Ferguson**

### **Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communicative Disorders**

**Kayla J. Cullison**

### **Outstanding Graduate Student in Communicative Disorders**

**Corey D. Poe**

### **Outstanding Clinicians in Communicative Disorders**

**Nelida Lara**

### **Communicative Disorders Graduate Energizer Bunny Award**

**Fanny Garza**

## NSSLHA Spring News



*Dr. Bratcher and Ms. Bougie with 2016 NSSLHA Award Nominees*

NSSLHA had a very busy spring. They began the semester with an ice cream social potluck. Undergraduate and graduate students had the opportunity to meet and eat delicious ice cream. In February, a select group of NSSLHA members headed to Santa Fe, NM for NSSLHA at the legislature. In April, they volunteered at Eastern in Action. May was a flurry of activity with the ENMU Student Association Awards Banquet, NSSLHA Spring Fundraiser, and End of Year Bash!



*NSSLHA participating in Eastern in Action*

*On Saturday, April 2, NSSLHA was among one of the 25 teams who set out in to the Portales community to pick up trash and beautify the city. NSSLHA was tasked with painting and cleaning a local park.*

**President-Kayla Cullison**  
**Vice President-Whitney Cordova**  
**Secretary-Wafa Haddad**

**Sponsors: Ms. Nicole Bougie**  
**Dr. Adrienne Bratcher**



# Endowed Scholarships

Endowed Scholarships are an integral part of the ENMU Foundation and Eastern New Mexico University. Some scholarships are established in the name of an organization, however, they are also a way of honoring individuals who have been outstanding in their areas of expertise. Mr. Dwayne Wilkerson has been working diligently to raise funds that will enable the Gail Ferguson Endowed Scholarship for Graduate Studies in Communicative Disorders to become recognized as an endowed scholarship. According to the ENMU Foundation, Mr. Dwayne Wilkerson's hard work and dedication has paid off. The Gail Ferguson Endowed Scholarship is now fully endowed!

**Morgan Foster:** *Reading vs. "Skimming": Does it Make a Difference?*

**Gina Fuentes:** *The Degree to Which Para-educators Are Trained: Implications for Special Needs Populations*

**Judith Des Jardins:** *The Effects of a TBI Awareness Program Provided to Coaches, Parents and Youth Football Players*

**Fanny Garza:** *How Does Reading/Listening Comprehension in Fourth Grade Students*

**Arianna Haro:** *Differences of Auditory Processing in Bilinguals: Using the Spanish and English Test of Auditory Processing Skills (TAPS)*

**Mark Higginson:** *Two Potential Cochlear Implant Treatments*

**Yasmine Holmes:** *Are Post-Graduate Students Ready for the Real World?*

**Amber Holliday:** *This is Only a Test! How Test Anxiety Affects Academic Performance*

If you are interested in continuing to support our scholarships, please send your tax deductible gift to:  
**Danielle Jackovitz:** *Prevalence of TBI in College Sports*

**Katie Jensen:** *Do Intelligibility Rating Discrepancies Exist Between Trained and Untrained Listeners?*

**DuAnn Jones:** *Phonological Awareness - Is Music Really the Key?*

**Megan Jones:** *Communicating Partners Prefer Synthesized Speech Over Picture Communication*

**Nelida Lara:** *I Think I Can, I Think I Can, I Think I Can: The Effects of Authoritative and Permissive Teaching on 3rd and 6th Grade Students' Self-Efficacy*

**Kyle Martin:** *Does a New Treatment Make a Difference in Articulation Therapy?*

**Ashley McBroom:** *I Already Forgot!*

**Beth McDonald:** *They Posted What?! Social Media Policy at Graduate Schools and Online Behavior of SLP and Audiology Students*

**Evelynn Moore:** *Why Are You Here? Retention, Satisfaction and Calling of Speech-Language Pathologists*

**Corey Poe:** *Body Language - Do You Understand It?*



Mr. Gail Ferguson presenting

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**Amanda Pullen:** *Expressive Prosody in a Client with Autism: A Receptive Approach*

**Kayla Rendon-Ortiz:** *Identifying Differences in Auditory Learning Skills Between Gender*

**Jessica Roberson:** *A Survey of Practicum Satisfaction*

**Rebecca Roberts:** *AAC: Implementation and SLP Perspectives on Education and Training*

**Molly Smith:** *Empowering Through Awareness*

**Lindsay Snyder:** *The Effectiveness of Assistive Technology in Young Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder*

**Megan Thibodeau:** *Researching the Stereotype: Are Gifted Students Socially Different?*

**Eleanor Tibbetts:** *Taking Accent Out of Context*

**Valentina Veleta:** *Reading Comprehension and Preference Choices in Traditional Textbook versus Electronic Books*

**Kimberly Weindel:** *Reading Speed and Reading Comprehension in Advanced Degree Seeking Students*

**Grace Zaras:** *Self-Monitoring with Digital Voice Recorder Contributes to Improved Articulation*



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