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EDUCATION

University of Arizona (UoA), Tucson, AZ

Present

Doctorate of Audiology Student

Doctorate of Philosophy Student

Louisiana State University (LSU), Baton Rouge, LA

May 2022

Bachelor of Arts, Communication Sciences and Disorders (Minors: English & Psychology)

GPA: 3.56

Distinguished Communicator Medalist

Major GPA: 3.66

El Modena High School, Orange, CA

June 2019

High School Diploma

GPA: 3.7

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Tucson Ear, Nose, and Throat - Graduate Student Clinician

Spring 2025

Tucson, AZ

- Completed pediatric audiological evaluation using Visual Reinforcement, Conditioned Play audiometry, and Behavioral
- Verified hearing aids using real ear measurements
- Routinely ran ANSI and directional testing on newly received hearing aids

Banner University Medical center - Graduate Student Clinician

Fall 2024

Tucson, AZ

- Completed pediatric audiological evaluations using Visual Reinforcement, Conditioned Play audiometry, and Behavioral
- Effectively counseled patients on their status as a hearing aid candidate and provided hearing aid resources
- Completed cochlear implant candidacy testing and mapping

Children's Clinics - Graduate Student Clinician

Spring 2024

Tucson, AZ

- Completed pediatric audiological evaluations using Visual Reinforcement, Conditioned Play audiometry, and Behavioral
- Learned effective rapport building techniques to use with children with special needs
- Collaborated with other specialties in a multi-disciplinary clinic for children with Down Syndrome

Día Del Campensino - Graduate Student Clinician

December 2023

San Luis, AZ

- Volunteered in collaboration with San Diego State University to provide audiological evaluations to farmworkers
- Passed out hearing protection to farm workers

Arizona Sonoran Border Project (ARSOBO) - Graduate Student Clinician

Fall 2022 - Present

Nogales, Mexico

- Volunteered to travel monthly with group of Audiologists and students from UoA to perform audiological evaluations, ear mold impressions, hearing aid fittings, and other audiology clinical procedures
- Learned to work with interpreters to communicate information correctly and efficiently
- Adapted quickly in finding appropriate solutions for patients

Tucson Medical Center – Graduate Student Clinician

Summer 2023

Tucson, AZ

- Learned effective techniques to build rapport with children
- Completed pediatric evaluations using Visual Reinforcement and Conditioned Play Audiometry
- Set up and performed auditory brainstem response testing (natural sleep and under general anesthesia)

University of Arizona Hearing Clinic – Graduate Student Clinician

Spring & Fall 2023

Tucson, AZ

- Counseled patients in adapting to difficult listening environments and how to implement communication strategies
- Conducted audiological evaluations and real ear measurements (REM) under Audiologist supervision and assistance
- Performed aural rehabilitation with patients both individually and in group settings

Therapy Abroad - Student

May 2021

Belize

- Conducted speech, articulation, and hearing screenings for clients ages 4 to 30
- Successfully performed therapy sessions both individually and with a partner under Speech Language Pathologist supervision
- Counseled families in therapy strategies and exercises they can implement in the home and discussed ongoing treatment plans

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

NIH T35 Short Term AuD Research Training Program

Summer 2024

Boys Town National Research Hospital, Omaha, NE

- Under the mentorship of Krsytal Werfel, PhD, investigated the opinions of caregivers of deaf and hard of hearing children regarding access to language
- Interviewed participants and transcribed all interviews
- Coded all interviews utilizing MaxQDA software

Arizona Sonora Border Projects for Inclusion (ARSOBO) Earmold Task Force

Present

Audiology Doctoral Project, Tucson, AZ

- This project aimed to compare the feasibility between three modes of earmold creation (self made acrylic, self made silicone, and 3D printed) for purpose of creating an earmold lab at ARSOBO
- Collaborated with colleague in the creation and translation of training materials into Spanish and in the construction of implementation stages

Scoping Review of Literature related to Hispanic Hearing Health

Summer 2023 – Present

Group Research Project under Dr. Marrone, UoA, Tucson, AZ

- In depth literature review that identified gaps in knowledge and areas in need of further research related to Hispanic hearing health
- Reviewed full text literature and decided its inclusion status into our final document

Cancer and Hearing Loss: A Literature Review

Spring 2023

Independent Research under Dr. Marrone, UoA, Tucson, AZ

- Surface level review that explored existing literature related to cancer and hearing loss
- Compiled, organized, and reviewed documents related to this topic area to identify gaps in the literature

Speech Study: Production of /ə/ in Individuals without Hearing Loss and Individuals with Hearing Loss

Fall 2021

Dialects of English (ENGL 3716), LSU, Baton Rouge, LA

- Pilot study investigating the differences in tongue height and tongue advancement during the production of the vowel /ə/ in connected speech between individuals with no documented hearing loss and individuals with documented hearing loss before the age of 6
- Gathered participants and data, interpreted results, and compiled information into a final document

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

President

Fall 2024 – Spring 2025

Student Academy of Audiology (SAA), UoA, Tucson, AZ

- Created agenda for and presided over all general body and executive board meetings
- Ensured effective overall chapter management

Student Mentor

Fall 2023

Student Academy of Audiology (SAA), UoA, Tucson, AZ

- Connected with and mentored 1st year audiology doctoral student
- Assisted in connecting mentoree with appropriate resources (tutoring, social clubs, etc)

Secretary

Fall 2023 – Spring 2024

Student Academy of Audiology (SAA), UoA, Tucson, AZ

- Recorded all meeting notes, handled all communication to members and set up of meetings
- Assisted other members as needed (communication to outside partner organizations, arranging guest speakers, etc)
- Led meetings in absence of the President

Treasurer

August 2021 – May 2022

National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA), LSU, Baton Rouge, LA

- Received all cash/electronic payments and recorded all receipts and repayments
- Created club merchandise, organized orders and distribution of items

Secretary & Philanthropy Chair

September 2019 – May 2020

California Tigers Club, LSU, Baton Rouge, LA

- Recorded all meeting notes and distributed to board members
- Organized volunteer events for club members to participate in and organized fundraising events

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

American Auditory Society

February 2025

Scottsdale, AZ

- Conference facilitating discussions regarding scientific advancements in the field of Audiology
- Presented a poster ‘The Radical Middle: Caregiver Beliefs about Language Access for Children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing’

Arizona Speech Language and Hearing Association

April 2024

Tucson, AZ

- Conference facilitating discussions regarding best practices in specific fields such as pediatric and vestibular audiology
- Connected with professionals focused on implementing policy changes at a state level

Coalition for Global Hearing Health

October 2023

Hosted by House Ear Institute, Los Angeles, CA

- Conference facilitating discussions regarding improvement of ear and hearing health in low and middle income communities
- Connected with international professionals focused on humanitarian audiology

Annual Audiology Conference: Multicultural Issues in Audiology

September 2023

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

- Educated on various aspects of working with interpreters, patients with a differing first language, and cultural sensitivity

Annual Audiology Conference: Pediatric Vestibular Care

September 2022

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

- Learned about the relationship between vestibular audiologists and physical therapy in regards to vestibular disorders

POSTERS PRESENTED

‘The Radical Middle: Caregiver Beliefs about Language for Children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing’

February 2025

American Auditory Society, Scottsdale, AZ

- Investigated what information caregivers of deaf and hard of hearing children were provided about sign language at the time of their child's diagnosis or shortly after, what factors influenced their decision to use spoken language, and barriers they encountered to learning sign language

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Social Media Manager

September 2023 – Present

Posner's Art Store, Tucson, AZ

- Created and scheduled all online content to post on social media accounts
- Interacted with customers online and assisted in answering questions/providing recommendations

Audiology Clinic Office Assistant

February 2023 – Present

University of Arizona Hearing Clinic, Tucson, AZ

- Inspected and checked in new and repaired hearing aids
- Communicated with patients necessary information and the repair plan for their hearing aids
- Worked with the Living Well with Hearing Loss rehabilitation program to contact patients regarding their interest in the program

Cashier

January 2023 – October 2023

Posner's Art Store, Tucson, AZ

- Handled POS and cash/credit transactions
- Assisted customers in finding appropriate products for their needs
- Worked with Shopify to enter new items into system

Audiology Technician

May 2022 – August 2022

Valor Healthcare, Inc (Contractor for Veterans Affairs), Gardena, CA

- Worked in same day repair clinic with veterans completing basic repairs of hearing aids (troubleshooting of hearing aids and related accessories, cleaning, retubing, ear mold impressions, etc)
- Organized and certified incoming hearing aid and accessory packages

Caregiver/Childcare Provider

November 2021 – May 2022

Rollins Household, Baton Rouge, LA

- Successfully cared for minimally verbal adolescent with autism, aged 15, and sister, aged 11
- Managed and organized hygiene, meals, and enrichment time (reading, crafts, outdoor time, etc.)
- Learned effective communication techniques for people who are non/minimally verbal

Administrative Assistant

June 2019 – August 2021

UPE Resources, Inc, Yorba Linda, CA

- Handled all onboarding paperwork and assignment of equipment for new hires
- General office duties including incoming/outgoing mail, fielding phone calls, filing and shredding of confidential paperwork

Recreation Services Leader

May 2019 – August 2019

City of Orange Community Services, Orange, CA

- Led groups of up to 45 kids, ages 5-12, in crafts, outdoor games, and other activities during summer day camp
- Responsible for groups of 10-15 kids during weekly excursions
- Worked with other adults in using classroom management techniques to ensure safety of all children

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Janis Wolfe Gasch Outreach and Service Award

Summer 2023 & 2024

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

- Awarded this scholarship due to my ongoing commitment and involvement at the Arizona Sonora Border Project Clinic

Dorothy Halleck Scholarship

Summer 2022 & Fall 2023

Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO), Orange, CA

- Received this award based on my academic/volunteer commitments and motivation to pursue my career goals.

Angels Scholar

March 2019 – May 2023

Angels Baseball Foundation, Anaheim, CA

- Received this 4-year college scholarship due to my academic achievements/volunteer experiences and aspirations in impacting the community in a positive way

Woman of the Year Award

March 2019

Congressman Lou Correa, Orange, CA

- Awarded this honor based on my commitment to the community through my Girl Scout Award Project

Girl Scout Gold Award

March 2018

Orange, CA

- Partnered with a community garden and local college education students to create a curriculum appropriate for school aged children focused on the benefits of growing your own vegetables
- Recruited and oversaw volunteers that assisted in prepping soil and planting new edible growth