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**Education**

- Ph.D. Rehabilitation Science, University of Florida, initiated Spring, 2006; expected graduation, December, 2010
- MPH-Epidemiology, University of Florida, Fall, 2007; expected graduation, December, 2010
- M.S. Communication Disorders, St. Cloud State University, Minnesota, 1996
- B.A. Spanish, Chemistry minor, University of Minnesota

**Research Experience**

2006-present *Research Assistant/PhD Student*, Swallowing Research Laboratory, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

- Principal Investigator for “Voice Therapy with Electrical Stimulation”, IRB #255-2006. Duties include study design; IRB completion; recruitment, evaluation, and treatment of patients with dysphonia; data collection and analysis; presentation and manuscript preparation.
- Treating therapist on “Electrical Stimulation for Dysphagia: Physiological Analysis”, IRB # 612-2005 (PI = Dr. Michael Crary, PhD). Duties include evaluation and treatment of individuals with dysphagia; data collection and analysis; assisting with presentation and manuscript preparation.
- Treating therapist on “Muscle Preservation and Swallow Function Following Radiotherapy” RSG-06-103-01-CCE Mann (PI) 2006-2010. Duties include evaluation and treatment of individuals with head and neck cancer.
- Principle Data Analyst of “Effects of Bolus Type on Swallowing Physiology in People with Dysphagia”, a secondary analysis of data obtained during a previous research project: Carnaby-Mann, G. & Crary, M. Pill Swallowing by Adults with Dysphagia. *Arch Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg.* 2005;131(11):970-975.
- Data Reliability Judge for, “Lingual Effort During the Swallow: Implications for Head and Neck Cancer” IRB project # 649-2007 (PI = Kerry Lenius, Florida State University Doctoral Student)

2000-2005 *Dysphagia Program Coordinator*, Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA

- Principal Investigator for “Dysphagia Outcomes across the Continuum of Care”, a clinical study investigating the results of early intervention on dysphagia outcomes. Responsible for all aspects of study from design through

poster presentation.

- *Treating therapist* on a project aimed at developing a “Communicative Effectiveness Scale for Passy Muir Valve Use”. Duties include data collection and analysis.
- *Study Coordinator/Co-Investigator* on Department of Otolaryngology study investigating the use of an injectible biomaterial for the improvement of dysarthric speech. Duties included study design and IRB completion.
- Numerous other clinical quality improvement studies

- 1995-1996 *Masters Thesis*, St Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN  
Duties included study design, IRB completion, recruitment of subjects, data collection and analysis, and manuscript preparation for a study investigating the effects of learning style on abstract language formulation.
- 1994-1996 *Research Assistant*, St Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN  
Duties included data collection, transcription, scoring, and analysis of proverb interpretations/language samples.
- 1992-1994 *Research Assistant*, Department of Communication Disorders, VA Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN  
Duties included data collection, analysis, and inter-judge reliability ratings on a variety of aphasia and motor speech disorder research projects under the supervision of Dr. Robert Brookshire, PhD, CCC-SLP. (See acknowledgement section of: Brookshire, RH and Nicholas, LE. Performance Deviations in the Connected Speech of Adults with No Brain Damage and Adults with Aphasia. *Am J Speech Lang Pathol*, Nov 1995; 4: 118 – 123.).

### **Publications**

LaGorio, L. A., Carnaby-Mann, G. D., & Crary, M. A. (2008). Cross-System Effects of Dysphagia Treatment on Dysphonia: A Case Report. *Cases Journal*, 1:67  
doi:10.1186/1757-1626-1-67.

### **Presentations and Continuing Education Courses**

#### **2008**

LaGorio, L., Sterlicchi, T., Carnaby-Mann, G., & Crary, M. (November, 2008). “Effects of Bolus Type on Swallowing Physiology in People with Dysphagia”. Poster presented at the annual American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA), Chicago, Illinois.

#### **2007**

LaGorio, L. (May, 2007). “Effects of Bolus Type on Swallowing Physiology in People with Dysphagia”. Research presentation at the annual Florida Speech and Hearing Association convention (FLASHA), Marco Island, Florida.

LaGorio, L., Carnaby-Mann, G., & Crary, M. (April, 2007). The Effects of NMES on Selected Voice Parameters: A Case Study. Poster presented at the College of Public Health and Health Professions, “20<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Fair, University of Florida,

Gainesville, Florida.

## **2006**

Crary, M., Carnaby-Mann, G., Groher, M., LaGorio, L., & Lenius, K. (November, 2006). "Exercise, sEMG biofeedback, and electrical stimulation: Principles & Practices." Seminar presented at the annual American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA) convention, Miami, Florida.

LaGorio, L., Carnaby-Mann, G., & Crary, M. (November 2006). "The Effects of NMES on Selected Voice Parameters: A Case Study." Poster presented at the annual American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA) convention, Miami, Florida.

Crary, M., Carnaby-Mann, G., LaGorio, L. & Faunce, A. (May 2006). "NMES in Dysphagia: Research Evidence." Seminar presented at the annual Florida Speech and Hearing Association (FLASHA) convention, Orlando, Florida.

## **2005**

LaGorio, L. with Washington, S. (moderator). (January, 2005). "Current Issues in Pediatrics for the Speech Language Pathologist." Platform presentation at the "Speech Language Pathology Practice Issues Forum", Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, California.

## **2004**

LaGorio, L., Richardson, M., & Washington, S. (October, 2004). "Update on FEES", Continuing education seminar presented at the monthly meeting of the Southern California Medical Speech Pathology Association, Los Angeles, California.

LaGorio, L. (December 2004). "Speech and Language Disorders in the Neurologically Compromised Patient". Continuing education course for nurses at Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, California.

## **2003**

LaGorio, L. (May and December 2003). "Speech and Language Disorders in the Neurologically Compromised Patient". Continuing education course for nurses at Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, California

## **2002**

LaGorio L., Gilewsky, M., Roberts, P., & Washington, S. (November, 2002). "Dysphagia Rehabilitation Across the Continuum of Care." Poster presented at the annual American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA) convention, Atlanta, Georgia.

LaGorio, L. (May 2002). "Speech and Language Disorders in the Neurologically Compromised Patient." Developed and taught a continuing education course for nurses at Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, California

## **1997**

LaGorio, L., Whites, M., Brundage, S. (November, 1997). "Learning Style and Proverb Interpretation." Poster presented at the annual American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA) convention, Boston, Massachusetts.

## **Academic Teaching Experience**

### **2008**

“SP 6008, Medical Speech Pathology” (Fall Semester, 2008). Co-taught 1-credit class for Master’s students in Communication Disorders at the University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

### **2007**

“SP 6008, Medical Speech Pathology” (Fall Semester, 2007). Revised and taught a 1-credit class for Master’s students in Communication Disorders at the University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

### **2005**

“Introduction to Pediatric Dysphagia”, (March 2005). Revised and taught 4 hour lecture as guest faculty for a Master’s Level dysphagia course at California State University, Los Angeles; Los Angeles, CA

“Dysphagia Overview for the Registered Dietician”, (April, 2005). Revised and taught a 2 hour lecture for an undergraduate seminar in medical nutrition as guest faculty at California State University, Northridge; Northridge, CA

“Introduction to Communication Disorders and Dysphagia for the Physical Therapist”, (July, 2005). Revised and taught one 3 hour lecture and 1 hour lab to master level physical therapy students as guest faculty at Mt. Saint Mary’s College, Main Campus, Los Angeles, CA.

### **2004**

“Introduction to Pediatric Dysphagia”, (March 2004). Revised and taught a 4 hour lecture for a Master’s Level dysphagia course as guest faculty at California State University, Los Angeles; Los Angeles, CA

“Dysphagia Overview for the Registered Dietician”, (May, 2004). Developed and taught a 2 hour lecture for an undergraduate seminar in medical nutrition as guest faculty at California State University, Northridge; Northridge, CA

“Introduction to Communication Disorders and Dysphagia for the Physical Therapist”, (June, 2004). Developed and taught two separate 2 hour lectures to master level physical therapy students as guest faculty at Mt. Saint Mary’s College, Main Campus, Los Angeles, CA.

### **2003**

“Introduction to Pediatric Dysphagia”, (March 2003). Developed and taught a 4 hour lecture for a Master’s Level dysphagia course as guest faculty at California State University, Los Angeles; Los Angeles, CA

### **1999**

“Introduction to Communication and Sensory Disorders for the Physical Therapist”, (March, 1999). Developed and taught two separate 2 hour lectures to master level physical therapy students as guest faculty at Mt. Saint Mary’s College, West LA Campus, Brentwood, CA.

**1998**

“Introduction to Communication Disorders for the Physical Therapist”, (April, 1998).

Developed and taught as guest faculty a 2 hour lecture to master level physical therapy students at Mt. Saint Mary’s College, West LA Campus, Brentwood, CA.

**Awards**

2008	American Speech Language and Hearing Association (ASHA) Student Research Travel Award, \$500
2008	University of Florida Graduate Student Council Student Travel Award, \$250
2007	American Speech Language and Hearing Association (ASHA) Graduate Student Scholarship, \$4000
2007	Outstanding Graduate Research Award, 20 <sup>th</sup> Annual Research Fair, College of Health Professions, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, \$500
2006	University of Florida Grinter Fellowship Award, \$4000
2000-2005	Numerous “Standing Ovation” and SLP Division Awards for being an outstanding therapist, Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, California
1996-2005	Numerous “Class Actor Awards” for outstanding customer service, Northridge Hospital, Northridge, California
1995	Veteran’s Administration Medical Center Traineeship, St. Cloud, Minnesota
1995	Sertoma Scholarship, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, Minnesota, \$500

**Clinical Experience**

12/07 to present Shand’s Rehab Hospital, Gainesville, Florida *Speech Language Pathologist*, per diem (In-Patient Rehabilitation)

6/06 to present Shand’s Hospital at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida *Speech Language Pathologist*, per diem (Acute care)

4/00 to 12/05 Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA

7/05 to 12/05 *Senior Speech Language Pathologist*, per diem (Acute, OP, In-Patient Rehabilitation)

3/05 to 7/05 *Dysphagia Program Coordinator/Senior Speech Language Pathologist*

11/03 to 3/05 *Therapy Supervisor*, Acute Therapy and Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit

8/03 to 11/03 *Acting Therapy Supervisor*, Acute OT, ST, and Pediatric Team

11/00 to 8/03 *Dysphagia Program Coordinator/Senior Speech Language Pathologist*

4/00 to 11/00 *Speech Language Pathologist*, per diem (Acute)

As Therapy Supervisor and Dysphagia Program Coordinator, responsible for daily operations including staffing, performance improvement, policy and procedure development, clinical competency verification, clinical education, research, and all aspects of human resources including recruitment and retention. Maintained small clinical caseload on a daily basis, including NICU through OP neurogenic and voice clients. As a senior SLP, responsible for clinical caseload, orientation of new staff and supervision of SLP students. Earned numerous “Standing

Ovations” and SLP Division awards for outstanding customer service.

- 7/02 to 6/04 Head Injury Rehabilitation Specialists, Los Angeles, CA  
*Speech Language Pathologist* (contract employee). Evaluated and treated adults with cognition and swallow disorders in their homes on nights and weekends as part of a community re-entry program.
- 2/00 to 8/02 Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA  
 11/00 to 8/02 *Speech Language Pathologist* (per diem)  
 7/00 to 11/00 *Senior Speech Language Pathologists*  
 2/00 to 7/00 *Speech Language Pathologist*  
 Evaluated and treated children with communication and cognition disorders in acute hospital and inpatient rehabilitation unit. Evaluated and treated children with autism, speech and language delay and fluency disorders in the outpatient clinic. Developed protocol for use of Passy Muir Speaking valve use with ventilator dependent patients.
- 6/97 to 1/99 Gardner Manzella and Priceman-Newhouse, Northridge, CA  
 Contract per diem therapist for Skilled Nursing Facilities.
- 6/96 to 12/05 Northridge Hospital Medical Center, Northridge, CA  
 2/00 to 12/05 *Speech Language Pathologist* (per diem)  
 6/96 to 2/00 *Speech Language Pathologist* (full time)  
 Evaluated and treated adults, adolescents, pediatrics and medically fragile infants in all aspects of communication, cognition, and swallowing/feeding disorders in a multidisciplinary team within the leading Regional Brain Injury and Spinal Cord Injury rehabilitation hospital/trauma center in northern Los Angeles.
- 6/95 to 10/95 VA Medical Center, St. Cloud, MN  
 Master’s student Trainee in speech language pathology.

### **Non-Clinical Professional Experience**

- 9/91 to 12/94 National Computer Systems/Dobbs ProStaff, Edina, MN  
*Imaging Systems Analyst*  
 Contract employee for an IBM Business Partner responsible for all facets of pre-sales support of complex, multimillion-dollar computer imaging systems.
- 5/90 to 8/91 Robert Half International/Accountemps, Minneapolis, MN  
*Account Manager*  
 Sold and managed more than \$400,000/year in temporary/contract computer systems personnel.
- 8/85 to 1/90 IBM Corporation, Omaha, NE  
*Marketing Representative*  
 Managed complex multi-million dollar computer installation at USAF Strategic Air Command HQ. Annual sales quota was in excess of \$30,000,000. Earned three (3) 100% Club Awards for successfully meeting quota.

### **Community Service**

Numerous presentations/family training seminars on management of dysphagia in patients with neurologic diseases.

- Los Angeles Parkinson's Disease Association
- ALS Society of Los Angeles
- Stroke Association of Southern California

### **Professional Affiliations and Licenses**

Certificate of Clinical Competency from the American Speech Language and Hearing Association (ASHA). Awarded May 1997; ASHA #09138277

California Speech Language Pathology License, 1997 to present; License # SP 10288

Florida Speech Language Pathology License, 2006 to present; License # SA 8437

American Public Health Association, Student Member; 2007 to present, ID# 9848459