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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director of Clinical Education in Audiology - *University of Colorado at Boulder*

JULY 2024 - PRESENT

- Role includes classroom teaching, clinical supervision of audiology graduate students, and clinical coordination for audiology graduate student placements.
- Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) site director for clinical Doctorate in Audiology (AuD) program

Clinical Assistant Professor - *University of Colorado at Boulder*

FALL 2023 - PRESENT

CHIP Facilitator - *Envision*

AUGUST 2022 - PRESENT

- Family-centered early intervention provider for a child with hearing loss. Role includes close collaboration with regional CO-Hear coordinator, IFSP development, and regular progress monitoring for outcomes and goals (including administering CHIP Family Assessments).

Audiologist Contractor - *Colorado EHDI/Colorado Hands & Voices*

JANUARY 2023 - PRESENT

- Member of Virtual Site Visit (VSV) project team. Responsibilities include collaboration with VSV team members, facilitating interview process with birthing facilities, and providing education and resources to birthing facility teams regarding best practices in Newborn Hearing Screening.

ASTRA Advocate - *Colorado Hands & Voices*

JUNE 2024 - PRESENT

- Volunteer for educational advocacy program which provides support to families of d/Deaf and Hard of Hearing children without bias around communication mode or educational setting.

Lecturer - *University of Colorado at Boulder*

FALL 2021 - SPRING 2023

- Instructor for SLHS 6554 (Auditory Processes: Child Assessment), SLHS 7640 (Communication Processes and Hearing Loss: Birth to Six Years), and SLHS 4704 (Introduction to Audiological Evaluation), each for one semester.

Audiologist - *Thompson School District*

SEPTEMBER 2021 - MAY 2023

- Sole audiologist for a school district with over 15,000 students. Responsibilities include completing hearing and auditory processing assessments, providing evidence-based

educational recommendations for students with hearing loss, fitting and monitoring of hearing assistive technology, maintenance of district's audiology equipment, collaboration with multidisciplinary IEP & 504 teams, overseeing district hearing screening program, and serving as clinical preceptor for audiology graduate students.

Audiologist - *Seattle Children's Hospital*

AUGUST 2017 - APRIL 2021

- Provided family-centered audiology care to a diverse patient population, ages 0-21 years. Services included Brainstem Auditory Evoked Response (BAER) evaluations in natural sleep and under general anesthesia; behavioral hearing evaluations for all developmental statuses; precepting audiology graduate students; and hearing device fitting/management including assistive listening devices, traditional hearing aids, and bone-anchored devices.

Audiology Clinical Research Associate - *Seattle Children's Hospital*

JUNE 2017 - OCTOBER 2017

- Participated in study design, data collection, and analysis for multiple Childhood Communication Center projects

Research Assistant - *Brain and Behavior Laboratory, University of Colorado at Boulder*

OCTOBER 2010 - MAY 2015

- Collected and analyzed Cortical Auditory Evoked Potential (CAEP) data for research and clinical purposes

COURSES TAUGHT

SLHS 6650	Counseling and Multicultural Issues in SLHS	Spring 2024
SLHS 6554	Auditory Processes: Child Assessment	Spring 2023 Spring 2024
SLHS 7530	Auditory Processes: Theory and Application in the School Environment	Fall 2023
SLHS 7640	Communication Processes and Hearing Loss: Birth through Six	Fall 2022 Fall 2024
SLHS 4704	Introduction to Audiological Evaluation	Fall 2021

EDUCATION

University of Colorado at Boulder - *Doctorate of Audiology*

MAY 2017

University of Colorado at Boulder - *Bachelor of Arts*

DECEMBER 2011

Double major in Integrative Physiology and Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences; graduated with distinction

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Appointed Advisory Member - *Colorado Infant Hearing Advisory Committee*

FEBRUARY 2024 - PRESENT

Education Committee - *Colorado Academy of Audiology*

JANUARY 2024 - PRESENT

Vice President of Education - *Colorado Academy of Audiology*

JANUARY 2022 - DECEMBER 2023

Member - *American Speech, Language, and Hearing Association (ASHA)*

Member - *Educational Audiology Association (EAA)*

PUBLICATIONS

Mitchell, R. M., Christianson, E., Ramirez, R., Onchiri, F. M., Horn, D. L., **Pontis, L.**, Miller, C., Norton, S., & Sie, K. C. (2019). Auditory comprehension outcomes in children who receive a cochlear implant before 12 months of age. *The Laryngoscope*.

Sharma, A., Glick, H., & **Durkee, L.** (2013). Cortical plasticity and reorganization in hearing loss. Auditory plasticity: Listening with the brain: Proceedings of the Fourth International Symposium on Audiological and Auditory Research (ISAAR 2013).

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Pontis, L., Smith, M., & Grieb, K. Addressing Sensory Needs in the Audiology Clinic: An Introduction to Sensory Processing and Tips for Supporting Patients During and After the Appointment (2024, October). Presented at the annual Colorado Academy of Audiology meeting, Denver, CO.

Pontis, L., Doolittle, K., & Coulter, K. Using LENA as a Tool to Support Language Outcomes in Early Intervention (2024, March). Presented at the annual Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Meeting, Denver, CO.

Fries, J. Stredler-Brown, A., & **Pontis, L.** Virtual Site Visits (VSV): Supporting the Newborn Hearing Screening Program in Colorado (2024, March). Presented at the annual Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Meeting, Denver, CO.

Pontis, L. Safe Music Listening and Hearing Conservation in Children (2019, October). Invited speaker at 12th Annual Seattle Children's Hospital Loeb Family

Symposium- Music: Special considerations for children who are deaf and hard of hearing.

Mitchell, R., Christianson, E., Gove, N., Ramirez, R., **Durkee, L.**, Miller, C., Norton, S., Sie, K. (2018) Auditory comprehension outcomes in children receiving cochlear implantation at early age. Presented at American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology, National Harbor, MD

Durkee, L., Fredrickson, T., Uhler, K., Gilley, P., and Yoshinaga-Itano, C. (2016, March). Sound Discrimination in Infants. Poster session at the annual Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Meeting, San Diego, CA.

Durkee, L., Glick, H., Campbell, J., Peterson, J., & Sharma, A. (2014, April). Sensory Gating in Hearing Loss. Poster session at the annual Cognitive Neuroscience Society Meeting, Boston, MA.

Campbell, J., **Durkee, L.**, & Sharma, A. (2013, November). Cross-modal reorganization in adults with mild-moderate hearing loss. Poster session at the annual Society for Neuroscience meeting, San Diego, CA.

Peterson, J., **Durkee, L.**, Campbell, J., & Sharma, A. (2013, October). Cortical responses in a sensory gating paradigm. Poster session at the annual Colorado Academy of Audiology meeting, Keystone, CO.

Campbell, J., **Durkee, L.**, Sharma, A. (2012, March). Cross-modal re-organization in adults with hearing impairment. Poster session at the annual American Auditory Society meeting, Scottsdale, AZ.

Campbell, J., **Durkee, L.**, Sharma, A. (2011, December). Cross-modal neuroplasticity in hearing loss. Poster session at the annual Front Range Neuroscience Meeting, Fort Collins, CO.