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EDUCATION

M.A. Temple University 1995
Speech Language Pathology
Early Intervention Scholarship recipient
Graduate Research Assistant: Stuttering; C.W. Starkweather, Ph.D.

Northwestern University 1991 – 1992
Speech Language Pathology graduate program (relocated)

New York University 1990 – 1991
Speech Language Pathology graduate program (relocated)
Graduate Assistant: L. Wright, Ph.D.

B.A. University of South Florida 1981
Mass Communications
Golden Signet Award recipient for leadership and service: Student Affairs

EXPERIENCE

Teaching

Instructor and Clinical Supervisor 2016 – Present
Temple University, Communication Sciences and Disorders Department

Clinical

Speech Language Pathologist 1995 – Present
Caspari & Colleagues, LLC, Swarthmore, PA, 2000 – Present
Owner and Principal Therapist - Provide assessment and treatment - specialize in motor speech disorders; Director of an intensive summer program for children with childhood apraxia of speech (CAS)
Mayo Clinic CAS Speech Intensive, Rochester, MN, Summer, 2006
Cerebral Palsy Association Early Intervention, Swarthmore, PA, 1999 – 2000
Magee Rehabilitation Brain Injury and Stroke, Philadelphia, PA, 1995 – 1999

Consulting/Advising

Speech Language Pathology Advising 2010 – Present

Provide clinical training in the assessment and treatment of CAS to speech language pathologists in-person and through real-time co-treatment via Skype.

Educational Consulting 2011 – 2015

Vanguard School, 2013-2015; LUMA Center for Child Development, 2011-2015

Developed speech-focused classrooms for children with CAS:

Trained staff, designed curriculum, monitored progress

Educational Software Development and Marketing Consulting 2000 – 2006

Learning By Design – Evanston, IL – Assisted in the development and marketing of the Spelling Performance Evaluation for Language and Literacy (SPELL).

Cognitive Concepts – Evanston, IL - assisted in the development and marketing of the Earobics product line, including content review and product testing.

Marketing

Advertising Account Executive 1981 – 1990

Lowe Marshalk, New York, NY, 1990

Saatchi and Saatchi Advertising, Pittsburgh, PA, 1986-1989

PNC Bank, Pittsburgh PA, 1981-1985

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS - NATIONAL

In-Person National Presentations

Invited

Caspari, S (2016, July). Adaptations to consider in literacy instruction for school age children with childhood apraxia of speech. Invited talk at the 2016 Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of North America (CASANA) Annual Conference, Itasca, IL.

Caspari, S (2016, July). Childhood apraxia of speech summer intensive speech program: speech outcomes and family perceptions. Invited talk at the 2016 Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of North America (CASANA) Annual Conference, Itasca, IL.

Caspari, S (2016, July). Supporting speech and language through AAC. Invited talk at the 2016 Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of North America (CASANA) Annual Conference, Itasca, IL.

- Caspari, S (2016, July). What every parent should know about childhood apraxia of speech. Invited Preconference talk at the 2016 Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of North America (CASANA) Annual Conference, Itasca, IL.
- Caspari, S. (2015, July). Dynamic Temporal and Tactile Cuing (DTTC): improving speech intelligibility in children with CAS. Invited talk at the 2015 Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of North America (CASANA) Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Caspari, S. (2015, July). Treatment decisions using a DTTC therapy approach. Invited talk at the 2015 CASANA Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Caspari, S. (2014, November). Perfecting your clinical skills in the assessment and treatment of childhood apraxia of speech: a hands-on clinic for speech language pathologists. Invited full-day seminar, CASANA, Richmond, VA.
- Stoeckel, R., Caspari, S. (2014, July). Clinical Thinking in Treatment for CAS: Case Studies for Consideration. Invited session at the 2014 CASANA Annual Conference, Nashville, TN.
- Caspari, S. (2014, July). Considerations for modifying reading instruction for children with CAS. Invited session at the 2014 CASANA Annual Conference, Nashville, TN.
- Caspari, S., Hammer, D. (2013, July). A parent's guide to childhood apraxia of speech. Invited session at the 2013 CASANA Annual Conference, Denver, CO.
- Caspari, S. (2012, July). How to navigate the world of childhood apraxia of speech: a roadmap for parents. Invited pre-conference session at the 2012 CASANA Annual Conference, Danvers, MA.
- Caspari, S. (2012, July). Treatment of childhood apraxia of speech: a checklist for evidence-based practice. Invited talk at the 2012 American Speech Language Hearing Association Schools Conference, Milwaukee, WI.
- Caspari, S. (2012). Practical assessment and treatment strategies you can put to use tomorrow. Invited full-day seminar, CASANA, Tampa, FL
- Hammer, D., Caspari, S. (2011, July). What's new in apraxia research - considerations for assessment and treatment. Invited Pre-Conference Scientific Seminar at the 2011 CASANA Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Caspari, S. (2011, July). How to navigate the world of childhood apraxia of speech: a roadmap for parents. Invited session at the 2011 CASANA, San Diego, CA.

Stoeckel, R., Caspari, S. (2011, July). Tests and test scores: what are they good for?
Invited session at the 2011 CASANA Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.

Caspari, S. (2010-2013). Practical assessment and treatment methods for developing
more intelligible speech. Full-day workshop sponsored by the Bureau of Education
and Research, Seattle WA.

2013: Jamesburg, NJ; Providence, RI; Newburgh, NY; Newark, NJ; Cherry
Hill, NJ; Buffalo, NY; Bismarck, ND; Fargo, ND; St. Cloud, MN;
Minneapolis, MN; Madison, WI; Little Rock, AR; Fayetteville, AR; Tulsa,
OK; Oklahoma City, OK; Wichita, KS; Portland, ME; Manchester, NH;
Albany, NY; Rochester, NY; Minneapolis, MN; Madison, WI

2012: Indianapolis, IN; Minneapolis MN; Fargo, ND; Sioux Falls, SD;
Omaha, NE; Springfield, IL; Champaign, IL; Madison, WI; Milwaukee,
WI; Bedford, NH; Southington, CT; Schenectady, NY; Syracuse, NY;
Rochester, NY; Philadelphia, PA; Knoxville, TN; Atlanta, GA; Columbia,
SC

2011: Atlanta, GA; Knoxville, TN; Nashville, TN; Louisville, KY;
Cincinnati, OH; Buffalo, NY; Rochester, NY; Syracuse, NY; Albany, NY;
Philadelphia, PA; Grand Rapids, MI; Chicago, IL; Champaign, IL; Peoria,
IL; St. Louis, MO; Northern Virginia, VA; Baltimore, MD; Cherry Hill, NJ;
Newark, NJ; Northern Virginia, VA; Baltimore, MD; Detroit, MI; Grand
Rapids, MI; Manchester, NH; Hartford, CT; Albany, NY; Syracuse, NY;
Rochester, NY.

2010: Columbus, OH; Indianapolis, IN, Fairfax, VA, Cleveland, OH;
Portland, ME; Providence, RI; Newburgh, NY; White Plains, NY; Long
Island, NY.

Jakielski, KJ, Caspari, S. (2010, July). Identifying young children with childhood
apraxia of speech. Invited session at the 2010 CASANA Annual Conference,
Pittsburgh, PA.

Caspari, S. (2009, July). Determining and advocating for appropriate level of service for
children with apraxia of speech. Invited session at the 2009 CASANA Annual
Conference, St. Charles, IL.

Newmeyer, A., Caspari, S. (2009, July). What's health got to do with it? Invited
session at the 2009 CASANA Annual Conference, St. Charles, IL.

Caspari, S. (2009, July). Working guidelines for the assessment and treatment of
childhood apraxia of speech: a review of ASHA's position statement and
technical report. Invited at the 2009 CASANA Annual Conference, St. Charles, IL.

Caspari, S. (2009). Assessment and treatment of childhood apraxia of speech. Invited two-day seminar, CASANA, Mesa, AZ.

Newmeyer, A., Caspari, S. (2008, July). What's health got to do with it? Invited session at the 2008 CASANA Annual Conference, Williamsburg, VA.

Caspari, S. (2008, July). Determining and advocating for appropriate level of service for children with apraxia of speech. Invited session at the 2008 CASANA Annual Conference, Williamsburg, VA.

Accepted

Hill, N., Romanyshyn, K., DiEnno, M., Sommer, C., Caspari, S., Overby, M. (2015, November). Comparing early vocalizations in three children: CAS, SSD & typically developing. Poster presented at the 2015 American Speech Language Hearing Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO.

Caspari, S., Thomas, J. (2014, July). CAS classroom: a model integrating 1:1 therapy and distributed practice in school and at home. Presented at the 2014 CASANA Annual Conference, Nashville, TN.

Overby, M., Caspari, S. (2013, November). Phonological development of children with CAS: birth to 24 months. Presented at the 2013 American Speech Language Hearing Association Annual Convention, Chicago, IL.

Caspari, S., Spencer, S. (2013, July). Team Work! Supporting a child with CAS from diagnosis to middle school. Presented at the 2013 CASANA Annual Conference, Denver, CO.

Caspari, S., Overby, M. (2013, July). Observed early characteristics of CAS via video research. Presented at the 2013 CASANA Annual Conference, Denver, CO.

Caspari, S., Strand, E. (2007, November). Obstructive sleep apnea and childhood apraxia of speech: interactions and implications. Presented at the 2007 American Speech Language and Hearing Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA.

Caspari, S., Pickholtz, J. (1996, November). The effect of Bromocriptine on motor speech deficits in a patient with apractic mutism: a case study. Presented at the 1996 American Speech Language and Hearing Association Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.

Caspari, S., Williams K. (1996, September). The effect of Bromocriptine on motor speech deficits in a patient with apractic mutism: a case study. Presented at the 1996 Stroke and Brain Injury Rehabilitation Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

On-Line International Presentations

Invited

Caspari, S. (2016, January). The do's and don'ts of CAS therapy. Invited webinar presentation for CASANA: presented live on January 26, and now available in the CASANA library at: <http://apraxia-kids.org/webinars/>.

Caspari, S., Stoeckel, R., Rupp, D. (2015, July). Apraxia perspectives: what would you do differently? Invited on-demand webinar released July 1, 2015 and held in CASANA online library at: <http://apraxia-kids.org/webinars/>.

Wasowicz, J, Caspari, S. (2014, May). The language of reading and spelling: word study instruction for children with childhood apraxia of speech. Invited webinar given live on in May, 2014 and held in Learning by Design library at: <http://www.learningbydesign.com/webinars.html>

Caspari, S. (2012, August) Creating IEP goals for children with CAS and other communication needs. Invited webinar presentation for CASANA: presented live in November, 2013, and now available in the CASANA library at: <http://apraxia-kids.org/webinars/>.

Caspari, S. (2008). Working guidelines for the assessment and treatment of childhood apraxia of speech: a review of ASHA's position statement and technical report. Invited on-line seminar by Speechpathology.com. Available at: <http://www.speechpathology.com/articles/working-guidelines-for-assessment-and-1214>

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS – REGIONAL

Invited

Caspari, S. (2016, October). Childhood apraxia of speech in the school setting. Invited full-day workshop at the annual Speech Pathologists and Audiologists in Louisiana Schools conference, Baton Rouge, LA.

Caspari, S. (2016, January). Childhood apraxia of speech: a workshop for clinicians. Invited full-day workshop at Yeled V'Yalda, Brooklyn, NY.

Caspari, S. (2015, September). Everything you need to know about the assessment and treatment of childhood apraxia of speech. Invited workshop at the Fairfax County Public Schools, Falls Church, VA.

Caspari, S. (2015, March). Hands-on clinic: childhood apraxia of speech Part 1 – Assessment; and Part 2 – Treatment. Invited talk at the 2015 Pennsylvania Speech-Language Hearing Association, Harrisburg, PA.

- Caspari, S. (2015, March). Perfecting your clinical skills in the assessment and treatment of childhood apraxia of speech. Invited workshop at the HTA of New York, West Chester County, NY.
- Caspari, S. (2014, December). How to improve your confidence in the assessment and treatment of childhood apraxia of speech. Invited full-day workshop at Language Builders, Verona, NJ.
- Caspari, S. (2014, October). A clinician's guide to childhood apraxia of speech. Invited full-day workshop at the Paradise Valley Unified School District, Phoenix, AZ.
- Caspari, S. (2014, September). Addressing the unique needs of children with childhood apraxia of speech. Invited talk at the 2014 Kansas Speech-Language Hearing Association Annual Conference, Kansas City, KS.
- Caspari, S. (2014, March). Moving on with childhood apraxia of speech: understanding CAS not as a "sound-based" disorder but as a "movement" disorder. Invited full-day workshop at the Lincoln Intermediate Unit, Lancaster, PA.
- Caspari, S. (2012, April). Assessment and treatment of childhood apraxia of speech. Invited talk at the 2012 New Jersey State Speech Language Hearing Association Annual Convention, Long Branch, NJ.
- Caspari, S. (2012, March). What to do when therapy isn't working: discussion and analysis of challenging cases in the treatment of childhood apraxia of speech. Invited 3-hour workshop at Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, Piscataway, NJ.
- Caspari, S. (2012, February). Childhood apraxia of speech: practical assessment and treatment methods for developing more intelligible speech. Invited full-day workshop at Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, Piscataway, NJ.
- Caspari, S. (2010). Childhood apraxia of speech: practical assessment and treatment methods for developing more intelligible speech. Invited full-day workshop at the Warren County Speech-Language Hearing Association Annual Conference, Mansfield, NJ.
- Caspari, S. (2010). Childhood apraxia of speech: focus on treatment. Invited full-day workshop at Theraplay, Villanova, PA.
- Caspari, S. (2008). Assessment and treatment of childhood apraxia of speech. Invited full-day workshop at Abington Speech, Abington, PA.

Caspari, S. (2008). Working guidelines for the assessment and treatment of childhood apraxia of speech: a review of ASHA's 2007 statements. Invited seminar for parents at the Philadelphia Apraxia Support Group, Philadelphia, PA.

Caspari, S. (2007, October). Treating childhood apraxia of speech – focusing on speech movements, not just speech sounds. Invited full-day workshop at Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Professional Development Academy, Middlesex, NJ.

PUBLICATIONS

Overby, M., & Caspari, S. S. Volubility, consonant, and syllable characteristics in infants and toddlers later diagnosed with childhood apraxia of speech: A pilot study. *Journal of Communication Disorders* (2015). Available at: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jcomdis.2015.04.001>

Caspari, S., Strand, E., Kotagal, S., and Bergqvist, C. Obstructive sleep apnea, seizures, and childhood apraxia of speech. *Pediatric Neurology* (2008), vol. 38, no. 6, 422-425.

Caspari, S., Rupp, D., and Stoeckel. How to find a speech language pathologist when your child has apraxia of speech: Apraxia-kids.org [homepage on the Internet]. 2010. Available at: <http://www.apraxia-kids.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/Find-a-SLP.pdf>

Caspari, S. Working guidelines for the assessment and treatment of childhood apraxia of speech: A review of ASHA's 2007 position statement and technical report: Speechpathology.com [homepage on the Internet]. October 8, 2007. Available at: http://www.speechpathology.com/articles/article_detail.asp?article_id=328.

Caspari, S. Characteristics and speech examples of childhood apraxia of speech: Apraxia-kids.org [homepage on the Internet]. May, 2007.

Caspari, S. Treatment techniques for childhood apraxia of speech: Apraxia-kids.org [homepage on the Internet]. May, 2007.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Overby, M., Caspari, S. (data collection and analysis). A comparison of volubility, consonant, and syllable characteristics in toddlers with speech sound disorders.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS & AFFILIATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

Recognized as an *Apraxia Expert* by the Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of North America.

Certificate of Clinical Competence – American Speech Language and Hearing Association

Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist, Pennsylvania

Speech and Hearing Impaired Teaching Certificate – Instructional Level 1, Pennsylvania Department of Education

Member of the Neurophysiology and Neurogenic Speech and Language Disorders Special Interest Division, American Speech Language and Hearing Association

Associate member of the Academy of Neurologic Communication Disorders and Sciences

SERVICE

Professional

Professional Advisory Board Member – Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of North America (CASANA)

Apraxia Walks: raised funds for and participate in the annual CASANA walks to support children and families of children with CAS

Philadelphia Apraxia Support Group – advisor/volunteer

Community

Strath Haven High School Volleyball: volunteer

Special Olympics: volunteer

Southminster Presbyterian Church: minister search committee member

MEDIA

Pittsburgh Post Gazette (2013, July 1). Quoted in the story “A family relates the challenges of dealing with childhood apraxia”

Advance Magazine (2008, March). Featured in the cover story “Apraxia and apnea: is there a link?”

Where Is the Mango Princess? A Journey Back From Brain Injury (2000), by Cathy Crimmins. Acknowledged as the patient’s therapist in this book about a man’s recovery from brain injury.