

SHAV President-Elect Nominees



Ed M. Bice, M.Ed., CCC-SLP, has experience in a variety of settings, including acute care, outpatient, home health and skilled nursing. Ed has been a guest on various dysphagia related podcasts such as Down the Hatch and Swallow Your Pride and has written articles for Dysphagia Café and Mobile Dysphagia Diagnostics. His published works can be found in ASHA journals.

Ed has served on ASHA committees and as Associate Editor of Perspectives on Gerontology. He currently participates in swallowing research at two universities. Ed is also the Administrator of Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders Journal Club that has over six thousand members from around the globe. He has been an often-invited speaker for universities, as well as national and state conventions.



Erin Clinard, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, CHSE is an Assistant Professor and the Coordinator of the Online Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) program in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at James Madison University. She holds a Ph.D. in speech-language pathology specializing in pediatric neurodevelopment and is a Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator (CHSE). Erin has practiced as an SLP in acute care, neonatal intensive care units, not-for-profit clinics, university clinics, and public schools for over 18 years. She publishes and presents nationally in the areas of innovative approaches to clinical education, simulation-based learning, and interprofessional education.

SHAV VP of Government Affairs



Melanie-Joy H Dorn is a Speech Language Pathologist and Special Faculty Member at the GWU Department of Speech Language & Hearing Sciences. She teaches several undergraduate courses throughout the year - Neural Substrates for Speech and Hearing, Foundations of Human Communication and Voice and Diction. She is the faculty advisor for GWU's chapter of The National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association and an undergraduate advisor. Melanie is a certified LSVT/LOUD Clinician and Vocal Yoga Instructor. She is on the Board of Directors at The Stroke Comeback Center. She enjoys teaching yoga, knitting and working in her many gardens. Now that her three children have grown and are on their own she and her husband are raising 35+ goldfish, two koi, a congregation of frogs and a sweet rescue pup (Casey Jo).



Seijra Toogood M.Ed. CCC-SLP is a speech-language pathologist currently working for Arlington Public Schools. She has experience as a clinical educator supervising graduate students at James Madison University. She has provided Speech and Language services for 22 years which includes a wide variety of communication disorders (articulation, language, fluency, learning disabilities, autism, moderate/severe disabilities, apraxia, and genetic syndromes).

Seijra's clinical interests include cultural and linguistically diverse populations, specifically bilingualism and bilingual assessments. Professional activities include Speech-Language Hearing Association of Virginia (SHAV) Past President and Council of State Association Presidents (CSAP) Secretary. She has served as the President and Vice President of the Fairfax County Speech Language Pathologist Association. Previously she participated in the Leadership Development Program (LDP) and has been an active LDP reviewer for two cycles. She currently serves as the chair of the Government Affairs and Public Policy Board (GAPPB) and member of Grasstops Envoy.

SHAV VP of Audiology



Tracey E. Hudson, Au. D., CCC-A, completed her undergraduate degree at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. Following her passion for helping others and her interest in the study of hearing, she earned a Doctor of Audiology degree from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in 2013.

As an audiologist and healthcare provider, Dr. Hudson is dedicated to doing all she can to ensure her patients never miss another moment of their lives due to hearing loss. Her knowledge, training, and experience in audiological evaluation and treatment enables her to provide complete care and management of various disorders of the auditory system including hearing loss, tinnitus, and balance disorders in newborns, children, and adults.

SHAV VP of Continuing Education



Currently working as an independent contractor through Allied Instructional Services and serving as a Speech-Language Pathologist in Lynchburg City Public Schools (LCS). Duties include managing a caseload of 50-60 students, providing direct and indirect services to students in PreK-5 with speech sounds disorders, expressive and receptive language delays, childhood apraxia of speech (CAS), multiple disabilities, assistive technology (AAC) needs and hearing loss.

Certified member of ASHA (CCC-SLP) as of June 2021 and full Virginia SLP license as of November 2021. Proud alumni of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and Longwood University.