



Towson University's 11th Annual Speech-Language Pathology Conference & Employment Fair

Friday, April 17, 2020

Martin's Valley Mansion • 594 Cranbrook Road • Hunt Valley, MD

REGISTRATION FORM: Deadline: April 1, 2020

Name: _____

Email: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

NON REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE includes conference and lunch.

Lunch requirement:

Kosher Gluten Free Vegan Vegetarian

TU faculty, or on- or off-campus supervisor (current or past): \$50

TU alumni (Graduation year: BS _____ MS _____) : \$60

Other professional: \$75

Please consider making a tax deductible donation to the Department of SPPA to support students who have been invited to present at conferences in the amount of \$_____.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Mailing Address:

Towson University—SPPA, Attn: Kay Glorioso
8000 York Road, Towson, MD 21252

Paying with a credit card? Please do one of the following:

1. Fax your form to 410-704-4131 with payment information.
2. Email your form to kglorioso@towson.edu and then call to provide payment information. Please do not email cc numbers.

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The Department of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology is proud to offer this conference, in partnership with Towson University's NSSLHA chapter. You are invited to join current students, alumni, faculty, and area professionals for a day of learning and reunion.

Coffee & Lunch

Coffee and tea will be available in the morning. If you have special dietary needs please indicate by checking the appropriate box on the registration form.

Employment Fair

An Employment Fair will also be held at the conference. If you are interested in reserving a table, please complete the registration form, which is available at towson.edu/asld, or you can email kglorioso@towson.edu.

***In doing our part to
go green,
we will not be
distributing paper
handouts;
they will be made
available in
electronic format prior
to the conference.***

Keynote Speaker Diane L. Williams, Ph.D. CCC-SLP, BCS-CL will present
Auditory comprehension, verbal encoding, and cognitive flexibility:
Insights from neuroscience for language
Intervention in autism spectrum disorders.

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Questions?

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7:30—8:15	Check in and Employment Fair/Coffee
8:15	Welcome
8:30—10:00	Session 1—Neural Systems and Automatic Processes
10:00—10:15	Morning Break
10:15—11:45	Session 2—Implications for Intervention
11:45—12:45	Lunch (included) & Employment Fair
12:45—2:15	Session 3—Automatic Verbal Encoding
2:15—2:30	Afternoon Break & Employment Fair
2:30—4:00	Session 4—Cognitive Flexibility and Adaptive Functioning

Diane L. Williams, Ph.D. CCC-SLP, BCS-CL, is Professor and Head of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Pennsylvania State University. She has worked extensively with individuals with developmental language disorders across the age span. Dr. Williams conducts behavioral and neuroimaging research in autism spectrum disorders (ASD) with an emphasis on the processes of language, cognition, and memory. She has authored numerous peer-reviewed publications, book chapters, and a book, and frequently presents on how what she has learned from her research informs her clinical practice as a speech-language pathologist.

Disclosures—Non-Financial Disclosure: Dr. Williams has no nonfinancial relationship to disclose. Financial Disclosures: Dr. Williams is receiving an honorarium for this presentation. Dr. Williams receives a salary from PSU.



Towson University, Department of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology is approved by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to provide continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology. See course information for number of ASHA CEUs, instructional level and content area. ASHA CE Provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products or clinical procedures.

**This course is offered for up to
 .6 ASHA CEUs
 (Intermediate level, Professional area)**

Abstract: Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a brain-based problem in information processing with broad effects on cognition, learning, and social and adaptive functioning. The understanding of the neurobiological basis of ASD has progressed exponentially, primarily because of the availability of modern neuropathological procedures and structural and functional MRI techniques that allow the study of the brain in living humans including young children with ASD. This presentation will provide an update on major neuropathological, structural imaging, and functional imaging findings in ASD, particularly those relevant to language development. These results, though preliminary, provide insight into the challenges associated with ASD in the comprehension and production of language, informing the design and implementation of interventions that accommodate the way the brains of individuals with ASD function.

Learner Outcomes:

At the end of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- Discuss recent findings from behavioral and neuroimaging research related to cognitive and linguistic processing in individuals with autism spectrum disorders (ASD).
- Describe the impact of these neurobiologically-based differences on language learning in and adaptive functioning in ASD.
- Apply these research findings to the design of language intervention for toddlers, preschoolers, school-age children and adults with ASD.

