

Towson University

14th Annual Audiology Symposium

Agenda

Friday, April 17th, 2026

8:00am – 8:45am	Registration
8:45am – 9:00am	Introduction & Welcome
9:00am – 10:15am	Matthew Goupell, PhD: Professor University of Maryland Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences <i>Audiological considerations for optimizing spatial-hearing benefits in cochlear-implant users</i>
10:30am – 11:45am	Alyssa Davidson, AuD, PhD, CCC-A: Research Investigator Audiology and Speech Pathology Center Walter Reed National Military Medical Center <i>Norms, Variability, and Clinical Reality: Why One Size Does Not Fit All in Audiology</i>
11:45am – 1:00pm	Lunch, Vendor Fair, Networking
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Jacquelyn C. J. Lovitt, AuD, ABAC, Co-Founder Candice E. Ortiz-Hawkins, AuD., ABAC, Co-Founder Capital Institute of Hearing & Balance Mary Carson, AuD, F-ADA: Founder, Clarity Audiology <i>Private Practice, Your Way: Ownership, Autonomy, and Impact?</i>
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Jenna Vallario, AuD, CCC-A: Academic Outreach Director Entheos Audiology Cooperative <i>Making Your Mark: Careers That Give Back</i>
3:00pm	Conclusion

Conference Details

Time: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Location: West Village Commons on the 3rd and 4th floors, Towson University, Towson, MD 21204

ASHA and AAA CEUs available!

Information re: directions & parking will be made available one week prior to event

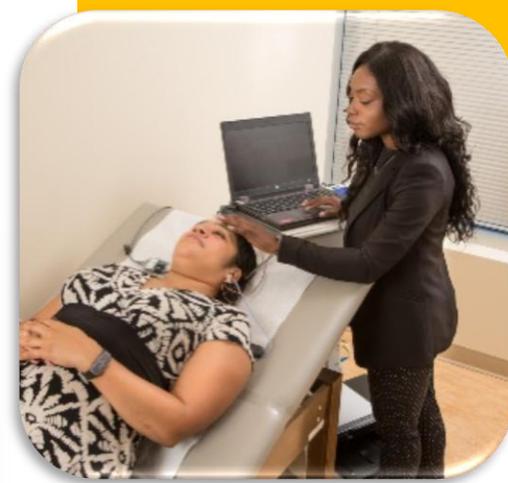
Confirmation/RSVP

Attendance must be confirmed due to limited seating. The symposium is free for all TU students. A small registration fee will apply for other attendees. If you would like to attend, please register online at <https://www.towson.edu/chp/departments/asld/symposiums/audiology.html>

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Speaker Information

Matthew Goupell, PhD

Session Title: *Audiological Considerations for Optimizing Spatial-Hearing Benefits in Cochlear-Implant Users*

Matthew Goupell, PhD, is a Professor in the Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences at the University of Maryland. He earned his B.S. in Physics and Mathematics from Hope College and his Ph.D. in Physics from Michigan State University. He completed postdoctoral fellowships at the Austrian Academy of Sciences and the University of Wisconsin–Madison, where he investigated auditory perception and spatial hearing in bilateral cochlear-implant users. His research focuses on binaural hearing, aging-related changes in temporal processing, and cochlear implants, integrating psychoacoustics with objective measures such as computed tomography and electrophysiology. **Financial disclosures:** ASHA speaker fees; NIH grant funding; University of Maryland salary. **Non-financial disclosures:** None to report.

Learner Outcomes:

1. Summarize three different types of interaural mismatch.
 2. Interpret spatial-hearing outcome changes following clinical or technological interventions.
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Alyssa Davidson, AuD, PhD, CCC-A

Session Title: *Norms, Variability, and Clinical Reality: Why One Size Does Not Fit All in Audiology*

Alyssa Davidson, AuD, PhD, CCC-A, is a Research Audiologist at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Her work centers on the development and implementation of tablet-based clinical assessment tools and the application of real-world clinical data to inform audiologic practice. She received her AuD and PhD from the University of Arizona and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Northwestern University. Her research interests include auditory perception, speech-in-noise testing, hearing aid outcomes, and translation of research findings into routine clinical care. She also serves as an adjunct clinical supervisor at Towson University, where she works with audiology students in adult clinical settings. **Financial disclosures:** Salary support from Henry M. Jackson Foundation, Inc. **Non-financial disclosures:** None to report.

Learner Outcomes:

1. Compare clinic-generated data and published normative data for commonly used audiologic measures to evaluate potential implications.
 2. Identify key sources of variability that limit the generalizability of published audiologic norms across clinical settings.
 3. Evaluate the appropriateness of using published normative data versus clinic-generated reference data when interpreting audiologic assessment results for a given clinical population.
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Jacquelyn C. J. Lovitt, AuD, ABAC

Session Title: *Private Practice, Your Way: Ownership, Autonomy, and Impact*

Dr. Jacquelyn Lovitt is co-founder of the Capital Institute of Hearing & Balance in Maryland. She has extensive expertise in audiologic and vestibular assessment and management, central auditory processing disorders, cochlear implants, and hearing aid technology. She earned both her bachelor's degree and Doctor of Audiology from The Ohio State University. Her clinical background includes military hospitals, ENT practices, and private audiology clinics. While at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, she served as the Department of Defense subject matter expert on central auditory processing disorders. She currently serves on the board of directors for the Entheos Audiology Cooperative. She is committed to leaving the profession better than she found it. **Financial disclosures:** The presenter is co-founder of Capital Institute of Hearing & Balance, a private audiology practice. The content of this presentation reflects the presenter's professional experience and opinions related to private practice ownership and does not constitute an endorsement of any specific product, manufacturer, or service. **Non-financial disclosures:** None to report.

Speaker Information

Candice Ortiz-Hawkins, AuD, ABAC

Candice Ortiz-Hawkins is a co-founder of the Capital Institute of Hearing & Balance. She earned her Doctor of Audiology degree from the University of South Florida and has extensive clinical experience in the evaluation and management of tinnitus, hyperacusis, ototoxicity, and hearing loss across diverse patient populations. Dr. Ortiz-Hawkins previously served at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, where she played a key role in advancing evidence-based audiologic care within a large interdisciplinary healthcare system. Throughout her career, she has maintained a strong professional focus on tinnitus care, contributing to the development and application of structured, evidence-based tinnitus management approaches. Her work emphasizes patient-centered practice, interdisciplinary collaboration, and thoughtful management of complex auditory disorders, with the goal of improving functional outcomes and quality of life. **Financial disclosures:** The presenter is co-founder of Capital Institute of Hearing & Balance, a private audiology practice. The content of this presentation reflects the presenter's professional experience and opinions related to private practice ownership and does not constitute an endorsement of any specific product, manufacturer, or service. **Non-financial disclosures:** None to report.

Mary Carson, AuD, F-ADA

Dr. Mary Carson received her Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Sciences & Disorders from Penn State University and her Clinical Doctorate in Audiology (AuD) from Towson University. She recently completed her term as President of the Board of Directors for the Entheos Audiology Cooperative. Dr. Carson is the founder and owner of Clarity Audiology & Hearing Solutions, established in 2010, which has expanded to two locations in Ellicott City and Eldersburg, Maryland, with multiple Doctors of Audiology on staff. In 2018, she founded the Clarity Audiology Community Project (CACP), a nonprofit initiative of Hearing the Call that provides low-cost hearing aids and hearing healthcare services to qualified individuals in the community. **Financial Disclosures:** None to report. **Non-Financial Disclosures:** Owner of Clarity Audiology & Hearing Solutions, LLC in Ellicott City MD and member of Entheos Audiology Cooperative, which is discussed in the course content.

Learner Outcomes:

1. Describe key features of audiology private practice, including clinical roles, business structure, and common pathways to ownership.
2. Identify practical ways humanitarian and community-focused care can be incorporated into a sustainable private practice model.
3. Explore actionable steps AuD students can take to learn more about private practice and determine whether it aligns with their career goals.

Jenna Vallario, AuD, CCC-A

Session Title: *Making Your Mark: Careers That Give Back*

Jenna Vallario, AuD, CCC-A, serves as the Academic Outreach Director for Entheos Audiology Cooperative. She leads initiatives that connect universities, students, and private practices to strengthen the audiology workforce and advance sustainable, values-driven care. In collaboration with Entheos' nonprofit arm, Hearing the Call (501(c)(3)), her work focuses on education, capacity building, and global engagement that empowers the next generation of audiologists. **Financial disclosures:** None to report. **Non-financial disclosures:** Employee of Entheos Audiology Cooperative, which is discussed in the course content.

Learner Outcomes:

1. Identify three practical ways audiology students or early-career audiologists can engage in outreach at the local or global level.
2. Describe the global and local need for hearing healthcare and explain how audiologists can contribute to sustainable outreach efforts through education, capacity building, and advocacy.

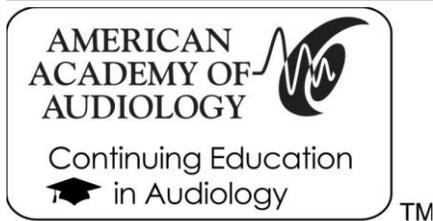
Directions:

West Village Commons at Towson University:
424 Emerson Drive, Towson, MD 21204

From I-95 (northbound and southbound): Take the Baltimore Beltway I-695 west (toward Towson). Take exit 25, Charles Street, south. Proceed approximately 1.7 miles. Turn left on Towsontown Boulevard. Turn right onto Emerson Drive. Proceed to West Village Parking Garage.

From I-83 (northbound and southbound): Take the Baltimore Beltway I-695 east (toward Towson). Take exit 25, Charles Street, south. Proceed approximately 1.7 miles. Turn left on Towsontown Boulevard. Turn right onto Emerson Drive. Proceed to West Village Parking Garage.

From I-70 (eastbound): Take the Baltimore Beltway I-695 north (toward Towson). Take exit 25, Charles Street, south. Proceed approximately 1.7 miles. Turn left on Towsontown Boulevard. Turn right onto Emerson Drive. Proceed to West Village Parking Garage.



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