

Education

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL 2019
Doctorate of Speech-Language Pathology

University of Houston, Houston, TX 1998
Master of Arts in Communication Disorders

Baylor University, Waco, TX 1994
Bachelor of Arts in Communication Sciences and Disorders

Experience

University of Houston, Houston, Tx 2018-Present
Instructional Assistant Professor 2023-Present

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develop course and instruct 30-60 undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, graduate, and doctoral students via Canvas Learning Management System
 - COMD 2338 Phonetics
 - *2023-Present*
 - 2025: Implemented Standards-Based Grading incrementally
 - COMD 2339 Language Development
 - *2018-2019, 2025*
 - COMD 3371 Speech Sound Development and Disorders
 - *2023-Present*
 - COMD 7391 Clinic Class
 - *2023-2024*
 - COMD 8397 Selected Topics in COMD: Teaching in Higher Ed
 - *Spring 2024*
- Mentor doctoral student and complete Teaching Evaluation *Spring 2025*

CLINICAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Member of Clinical Team along with clinical faculty and Clinic Director to manage clinical education and clinic functions.
- Supervise graduate students' evaluations and interventions with pediatric and adult clients diagnosed with various speech, language, and developmental disorders.
- Coordinate a Specialty Concentration Mentor Program for second-year students to gain supervision/mentoring experience.
- Member of Search Team for Professor of Practice and Clinical Director
- Initiate treatment services at school campuses in collaboration with the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston

SERVICE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Coordinate department meetings to discuss Scholarship of Teaching and Learning concepts and implementation in didactic and clinical settings.
- Administrator for ASHA Continuing Education programs; develop and support continuing education and communicate regularly with ASHA Continuing Education Board.
- Advise graduate students as a member of the Masters Team committee.
- Peer Review
 - American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention
 - *Language and Learning in School-Age Individuals* ASHA 2025
 - *Models of Academic and Clinical Education* ASHA 2024
 - *Literacy Assessment and Intervention Committee* ASHA 2023
 - Ad-hoc reviewer
 - *Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Research and Teaching and Learning Inquiry* 2025
 - *American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology and Language, Speech, and Hearing Services in Schools* 2024

Clinical Educator and Lecturer, University of Houston Speech-Language-Hearing Center

- Supervise graduate students' evaluations and interventions with pediatric and adult clients diagnosed with various speech, language, and developmental disorders.
- Team lead in clinical team meetings to present pertinent training in pediatric treatment.
- Co-coordinate a Mentor Program for second-year students to gain supervision/mentoring experience. 2020-2023
- Coordinate summer intervention clinic programs with a focus on articulation disorders and written language/literacy development. Summer 2021, 2022
- Co-coordinate summer intervention clinic program in person and teletherapy for pediatric clients diagnosed with multiple communication disorders. Summer 2019, 2020
- Develop course and instruct 30-60 undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students via Blackboard Learning Management System
 - COMD 3383 Language Disorders in Children (online) Fall 2022
 - COMD 3371 Speech Sound Development and Disorders (hybrid) Fall 2022
 - COMD 2338 Phonetics (in person/online) Spring 2022, Spring & Fall 2020
 - COMD 2339 Language Development (in person) Fall 2018, Fall 2019
- Develop an elective short course and instruct graduate students in-person and online
 - COMD 7381 Summer Elective: Written Language Disorders Module Summer 2022

Emerson College, Boston, MA

September 2021-May 2022

Course Facilitator, Speech@Emerson

- Facilitate synchronous and asynchronous learning for 10-15 graduate students
 - CD-635 Speech Sound Disorders Fall 2021, Spring 2022
 - CD-604 Clinical Methods IV and Comprehensive Examination Preparation Spring 2022

Florida State University, Online

Jan 2021-May 2022

Lecturer, School of Communication Science & Disorders Bridge Program

- Develop course and instruct 30-90 post-baccalaureate students online via Canvas Learning Management System.
 - SPA 5113 Clinical Phonetics *Spring 2021, Spring 2022*
 - SPA 5009 Normal Communication Dev and Disorders *Summer 2021*

Subiaco Speech Services, Shenton Park, Western Australia

2016-2017

Speech-Language Pathologist, Contractor/Lead Speech-Language Pathologist

- Assessed and treated a consistent caseload of pediatric clients diagnosed with speech and language disorders, including apraxia, autism, and delays in literacy skill development.
- Completed administrative duties, including billing, scheduling, and mentoring new employees.

Curtin University, Bentley, Western Australia

2016

Clinical Educator

- Supervised undergraduate students' evaluations and interventions with school-age students diagnosed with a variety of speech and language disorders.
- Supervised 2 undergraduate students in their roles as Mentors to new clinical students.
- Provided feedback via the assessment tool COMPASS at mid-term and final conferences.

Research and Presentations

Schaff C. A., Schraier, A (2025, Nov 21). *Visualizing Possibility: Expanding Clinical Experiences for Graduate Students* [Oral and Virtual Presentations]. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention 2025. Washington DC, United States.

Becoats, B., Cizek, L., Ermgodts, K., Schaff, C. A. (2025, Aug 30). *Sue Dowling Memorial Lecture: Bridges and Barriers to Clinical Education* [Oral Presentation]. University of Houston Communication Sciences and Disorders Department. Houston, TX, United States.

Schaff, C. A. (2022, May 21). *Hide and Seek: How to Find the Hidden Aspects of Speech and Language: Developmental Language Disorders; Speech Sound Disorders and Literacy* [Oral Presentation]. Houston Association of Communication Disorders (Virtual) Doug Brooks Spring Course 2022.

Cizek, L., Joseph, M., Schaff, C.A., Tragesser, J., (2021, June 1). *Moving clinical supervision online using evidence-based practice* [Oral Presentation]. Speech Pathology Australia (Virtual) Conference 2021.

Roppel, B., Schaff, C.A, Silver Luque, J., Woodard, C, Whidden, C., (2020, Sept 22). *National Student Speech, Language, and Hearing Association Office Hours: Back to (Virtual) School Night* [Question and Answer Session]. NSSLHA Virtual Office Hours. <https://blog.nsslha.org/2020/09/22/back-to-virtual-school-night-top-questions-answered/>

Cizek, L., Joseph, M., Schaff, C.A., Tragesser, J., (2020, Nov 14). *The Glue Cycle: Transitioning to Teletherapy during a Pandemic* [Short Course]. Houston Association of Communication Disorders Virtual Course.

Cizek, L., Schaff, C.A., Tragesser, J., (2020, Feb 21). *The Glue Cycle: Strengthening the Clinical Experience* [Conference Session]. Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention. 2020. Houston, TX, United States.

Cizek, L., Schaff, C.A., Tragesser, J., (2020, Feb 21). *The Glue Cycle: Strengthening the Clinical Experience* [Conference Session]. Southeastern Clinical Educators Conference 2019, Jacksonville, FL, United States.

Eckert, J., James, K. Schaff, C.A., (2019, Jan 11). *Hot Topics in Supervision* [Presentation]. Continued Education Course offered by the University of Houston Communication Sciences and Disorders Department, Houston, TX, United States.

Schaff, C.A., (2018, Nov 16). *A Systematic Review of Speech Sound Disorders in Phonology* [Poster Presentation]. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention 2018, Boston, MA, United States.

Publications

Roberts, M., [and 8 others, including Schaff, A.] (2020) Trends in Clinical Practice Research in ASHA Journals: 2008-2018. *American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology*.

Honors/Awards

American Speech-Language and Hearing Association **2009-2021**
Award for Continuing Education

Certification and Skills

Speech Pathology Australia **2012-Present**
Certified Practicing Member 2013-2014, 2016-Present
Practicing Member 2012

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association **1998-Present**
Certified Speech-Language Pathologist 1999-Present

Texas State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist **2006-2008, 2009-Present**