

Biographies JDVAC 2023 – Live and OnDemand Presenters with Disclosures

Artz, Erin: *Lt Col Erin Artz* is the current United States Air Force Hearing Conservation Program Manager and Chief of the Air Force Public Health Epidemiology Consult Services Division. Lt Col Artz received a direct commission 2009 after completing her Doctorate of Audiology at the University of Texas at Austin. She also holds a Master's in Public Health degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. During her career with the Air Force has served as diagnostic, pediatric, and hearing conservation audiologist, and filled leadership roles in Public Health, Flight Medicine, and Early Intervention Services.

Financial disclosure – None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Ashwood, Daniel: *Dr. Daniel Ashwood* is a health science researcher specializing in statistical modeling and the use of advanced research methods to answer behavioral/biological research questions within the field of hearing loss prevention and auditory injury risk. Dr. Ashwood holds degrees in Sociology, Pharmacy, and Health Education. He completed his post-doctoral fellowship in Medical Informatics at the Salt Lake City VA Hospital. And has been published in various academic journals ranging from the Journal of the American Pharmacist Association to the Annals of Emergency Dispatch and Response.

Financial disclosure – None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Bankaitis, A.U.: *Dr. A.U. Bankaitis* is the leading expert on infection control in Audiology. She earned her PhD from the University of Cincinnati in 1995 where her HIV/AIDS research led to a niche expertise in infection control. She is a recognized resource to the hearing industry. Her extensive clinical experience as a medical audiologist allows her to provide straightforward, practical solutions to providers and clinical managers. If you have had questions about infection control, you probably have reached out to or been referred to Dr. Bankaitis.

Financial disclosure – Salary employed at Oaktree Products

Non-financial disclosure – None

Behrens, Thomas: *Thomas Behrens* is Vice President for Audiology for Oticon, directs research at the Centre for Applied Audiology Research, and serves in leadership positions within audiology and research at Oticon and Demant. He is responsible for pre- and post-market research, professional communication, and defining audiology in new Oticon solutions. Prior to this, he spent 10 years at the Eriksholm Research Centre. His research interests include signal processing, outcome measures, cognitive hearing science, and eHealth. Thomas has an MSc degree in Applied Signal Processing from Aalborg University (1998) and a bachelor's degree in business administration (HD) from Copenhagen Business School (2004).

Financial disclosure – Salary, employed at Oticon

Non-financial disclosure - None

Bieber, Rebecca: *Rebecca Bieber* is a research audiologist at the Audiology and Speech Center at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. She received her AuD and her PhD from the Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences at the University of Maryland, College Park. Her research interests include speech recognition in challenging

environments, the effects of aging and hearing loss on communication abilities, and rapid adaptation to challenging or unfamiliar speech.

Financial disclosure – None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Boorazanes, Maggie: Maggie Boorazanes is the Phonak Government Services Regional Account Manager to the Central Region, covering IL, IN, MI, KY, TN, and VA. Maggie received her Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders from Purdue University, and her Au.D. from Rush University. Prior to joining Phonak in 2019, Maggie worked for Otometrics, a division of Natus, in product management and audiology support. Maggie's nearly 8 years of clinical experience before joining the industry, include traditional amplification, osseointegrated devices, vestibular assessment, and audiologic assessment of patients of all ages in hospital settings, including the VA.

Financial disclosure – Salary, employed at Phonak

Non-financial disclosure – None

Borges, Kayla: *Kayla M. Borges* is a fourth-year student at the University of Florida, completing her residency at the San Francisco VA (SFVAHCS). Assisting her in the research project is fellow extern, Alyssa N Carrillo and SFVAHCS staff audiologist, Au.D, Dr. Shannon O'Donnell. She will be graduating with her degree in May of 2023, while also completing her externship at this time. She has a passion for assisting veterans with auditory and vestibular pathologies and plans to continue serving the VA following graduation.

Financial disclosure – None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Braumuller, Cydney: *Cydney Braumuller* is a 4th year Extern at the Miami VA Healthcare System. She will be graduating from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center with a doctorate degree in audiology in May 2023.

Financial disclosure – None

Non-financial disclosure - None

Brown, Molly: *Molly Brown, AuD* is a staff audiologist and serves as the lead for the Cochlear Implant program at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center in Charleston, SC. She received her Au.D. from the University of Pittsburgh in 2018.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure - None

Brungart, Douglas: *Douglas S. Brungart, PhD*, is the Chief Scientist of the National Military Audiology and Speech Pathology Center at Walter Reed. From 1993 to 2009, he was a research engineer at the Air Force Research Laboratory with research focusing on advanced auditory displays for spatial and speech information. Since 2009, he has been at Walter Reed focusing on the application of advanced technology to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of hearing loss and other hearing and speech disorders. He holds a MS and PHD in Electrical

Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a BSCE from Wright State University.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure - None

Bugtong, Victoria: *Victoria Bugtong, AuD* is Chief of Vision and Hearing Services at Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center, Ft Meade Maryland. She leads Audiology and Hearing Conservation programs for the Ft Meade Medical Department Activity, since 2008. Dr. Bugtong loves boothless audiometry and created hearing conservation, diagnostic and tele-audiology programs using boothless technology. Dr. Bugtong grew up in Hawaii and still considers it her home. She is married to Barry, a Mechanical Engineer, for 33 years. They currently live in Edgewater, MD and have three adult children who live in FL, NJ, and MD.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Burkland, Adam: *Adam Burkland, Au.D., CCC-A* is a clinical audiologist at the Connecticut Veteran's Administration Healthcare System. He earned his Doctor of Audiology degree from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. He is part of the cochlear implant and vestibular programs.

Financial disclosure – None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Carrillo, Alyssa: *Alyssa N. Carrillo* is currently in her final year of her Au.D. degree at the University of the Pacific. She is completing her externship at the San Francisco VA (SFVAHCS) and was assisted in her research by the SFVAHCS Au.D, Dr. Shannon O'Donnell. She will graduate with her degree in May of 2023, while completing her externship in July of 2023. She hopes to continue working with the VA post-graduation.

Financial disclosure – None

Non-financial disclosure - None

Cherian, Kay: *Kay Cherian PT, DPT, OCS, Cert. MDT* graduated from Nova Southeastern University with a Masters in Physical Therapy and then received her DPT from the University of St. Augustine with an emphasis on the craniomandibular region. She Received her Certification of Specialization in Orthopedic Physical Therapy by the APTA. She was certified in Vestibular Rehabilitation and Mechanical Therapy and Diagnosis. Currently she holds a joint position with the Cleveland Clinic Concussion Center and Biomedical Engineering and is a member of a multidisciplinary team that evaluates and treats retired NFL players with a plethora of symptoms. She has held several state positions as a member of OPTA and has been involved in research for military personnel with tinnitus. She has authored multiple posters at the state and national level as well as presented talks on the cervical spine, dizziness, HA, and tinnitus. She has also contributed to publications about physical therapy in the assessment and treatment of tinnitus and concussion. She hopes to share her knowledge to help identify the connections between the temporomandibular joint, cervical spine, and tinnitus.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Cherian, Neil: *Neil Cherian, MD*: received his medical degree from the State University of New York (SUNY) Health Science Center at Brooklyn. He completed an otoneurology fellowship at Cleveland Clinic from 2000-2002. His postdoctoral training included time at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary with Dr. Robert Levine focusing on the neurology of tinnitus. He is a Staff Physician in the Neurological Institute and is a member of the Center for Neuro-Restoration Neurological Center for Pain at Cleveland Clinic. He is board-certified in Adult Neurology and in Headache Medicine. Dr. Cherian maintains an active clinical practice related to dizziness, tinnitus and complex brain and brainstem disorders. He has authored numerous journal articles and posters focusing on vestibular dysfunction and tinnitus.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure - None

Christensen, Laurel: *Dr. Laurel Christensen* leads Global Audiology for GN Hearing, based in Ballerup, Denmark. Global Audiology is responsible for GN Hearing's activities related to product development and launch including clinical trials, regulatory activities, audiology support to product marketing, and training and education to subsidiaries world-wide. Dr. Christensen holds adjunct faculty appointments at Northwestern and Rush Universities in Chicago. She served as an Associate Editor for both Trends in Amplification and the Journal of Speech and Hearing Research. She has presented well over 250 talks worldwide, mainly on hearing aid signal processing and has many publications including book chapters on hearing aid technology.

Financial disclosure – Salary and Stock with GN Resound

Non-financial disclosure – None

Clark, Jennifer: *Jennifer Clark* has been the Chief Health Informatics Officer (CHIO) at the Walla Walla VA since 2020. In addition, she is the Electronic Health Record Modernization (EHRM) Change Lead and Deployment lead for the facility. Walla Walla successfully deployed the new EHR on March 26, 2022. She previously worked three years in private practice before joining the VA in 2010 as an Audiologist.

Dr. Clark received her Doctorate of Audiology from UC San Diego and San Diego State University. She completed her Master of Health Administration from the George Washington University, Milken Institute School of Public Health in 2020.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure - None

Crawford, Danielle: *Danielle Crawford, Au.D., CCC-A* is a supervisory audiologist at the Phoenix VA Healthcare System. She completed her Doctorate of Audiology at Vanderbilt University and Bachelors in Communication Sciences and Disorders as Louisiana State University.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure - None

Davidson, Alyssa: *Alyssa Davidson, Au.D., Ph.D., CCC-A* is a Research Audiologist at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center who received her Doctor of Audiology and Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Arizona. She also completed a postdoctoral research fellowship at Northwestern University. Her research interests include auditory processing, outcome measures, and translation of research into the clinic. She is the lead of the Patient

Centered Concierge protocol working directly with audiologists to implement tablet use in clinical practice.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Dickinson, Lindsay: *Lindsay Dickinson, Au.D., CCC-A*, is the Supervisor of Audiology & Speech Language Pathology in Montana VA Health Care System. She has served as a clinical audiologist in the VHA for 15 years.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure - None

Disney, Stephanie: *Stephanie Disney MS CCC-A* received her MS In Audiology from the University of Louisville. She has practiced in pediatrics, implemented newborn hearing screening, and has worked within the VAMC system for over ten years. She has presented at state and national conferences such as the KY Speech Language Hearing Association Conference and the NCHAM- EHDI National conference. She is currently the Vestibular-Balance Program Manager at the Hershel “Woody” Williams VAMC.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Dixon, McKenzi: *McKenzi Dixon* is a Senior Education and Training Specialist at Advanced Bionics, LLC. She was previously a Clinical Specialist for the Pacific Northwest Region. Prior to joining AB, McKenzi was a doctoral extern at Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle, WA. She spent a year working with cochlear implants, hearing aids and bone anchored implant devices. McKenzi received her degree in audiology in August from Pacific University. She currently resides in Portland, OR.

Financial disclosure – Salary, employed at Advanced Bionics, LLC

Non-financial disclosure – None

Dombrowsky, Erica: *Erica Dombrowsky* is a clinical audiologist at the Bruce W. Carter Medical Center in Miami, FL. She received her Doctor of Audiology degree from the University of Florida in 2002. Erica has been working in the VA system for twenty-three years beginning as a student trainee at the Gainesville VA and transitioning to a career VA Audiologist. She has been working at the Miami VA Healthcare System since 2003 where her roles at the facility include Aural Rehabilitation program coordinator and ASPS Telehealth program coordinator. Erica also leads the student program overseeing the training of the interns and externs.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure - None

Duran, Nancy: *Nancy Duran, Au.D.*, is Chief of Audiology and Speech Pathology at the Miami VA Healthcare System. She received her Au.D. from the University of Florida in 2000 and has spent almost the entirety of her career in VHA. Shortly after being hired in Miami in 2001, she developed/implemented a Cochlear Implant Program and directed their trainee program for many years.

Nancy was a member of the Advanced Clinical Access/Outpatient System Redesign Committee at the Miami VA. Her role on that committee lead to positions on the National Audiology

System Redesign Steering Committee, National Audiology System Redesign Champions Committee, and VISN 8 System Redesign Collaborative where she played an integral role in promoting best practices for timely access to services. Throughout her career, she has served on numerous boards including Chair of the Southern Regional Professional Standards Board, Program Chair for the Joint Defense and Veterans Administration Conference, President of the Association of VA Audiologists, and member of VHA Audiology Qualification Standards workgroup. She is currently Lead of Audiology Field Advisory Council and National Subject Matter Expert for Audiology for the Electronic Health Record Modernization project.

In 2017, Nancy received the First Lieutenant Frank B. Walkup IV Distinguished Service Award presented by the Association of VA Audiologists.

In 2020 Nancy and her team recognized audiology could contribute to the movement towards Whole Health practices to provide best care for veterans. She spearheaded efforts to get them involved and provided support to ensure her team's participation in this valuable service.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Edmonds, Katie: *Katie Edmonds, Au.D.* is an audiologist at the Bay Pines VA Hospital in Bay Pines, Florida. She received her Master of Science degree from the University of South Florida and Doctor of Audiology degree from Arizona School of Health Sciences. Dr. Edmonds provides clinical services, precepts doctoral students and is the tinnitus subject matter expert for the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System which includes tinnitus presentations, publications, and delivery of tinnitus care in collaboration with Whole Health. In addition to her clinical work, Dr. Edmonds is a member of the VA/DOD Tinnitus Working Group, VA Tele-Audiology Advisory Team, and the National Center for Rehabilitative Auditory Research (NCRAR) workgroup integrating Whole Health concepts and material into the Progressive Tinnitus Management program. She has also completed Systems Redesign projects at her VA facility, earned her Lean/Six Sigma Greenbelt certification in Jan 2022 and was awarded the VISN8 Top Green Belt Project Award in Nov 2022.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Edwards, Diana: *Diana Edwards*, Doctor of Audiology, received her undergraduate degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders in 2004 from the University of Pittsburgh. She then attended the University of Cincinnati, where she earned her Doctor of Audiology (AuD) degree in 2008, with honors. Following her educational experience, Dr. Edwards employed at an ear, nose, and throat office in Atlanta, Georgia. From 2008-2013 she practiced audiology full time. In August 2013, Dr. Edwards left the clinical setting and joined the hearing aid industry working for GN ReSound as a Field Training Audiologist. In 2018 and 2019 she received a promotion becoming a ReSound Senior Field Training Audiologist and Territory Sales Manager, respectively. Dr. Edwards is a member of the American Academy of Audiology and currently holds an audiology license in Georgia and North Carolina.

Financial disclosure – Salary, employed at GN Resound

Non-financial disclosure – None

Elkins, Elizabeth: *Dr. Elizabeth Elkins* has been a clinical audiologist at the Alvin C. York Campus of the Tennessee Valley Healthcare System (US Department of Veteran's Affairs) since

March of 2022. Prior to joining the VA, Dr. Elkins worked as a clinical and research audiologist at the Swedish Neuroscience Institute in Seattle, Washington. Her research and publication areas include cochlear and osseointegrated implants, health-related quality of life, cognitive function and assessment of individuals with hearing loss, and most recently, hearing aid outcomes in relation to telehealth services. Dr. Elkins completed her Doctorate of Audiology at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, Tennessee.

Financial disclosure – VA Salary, employed at Tennessee Valley HCS

Non-financial disclosure - None

Fabry, Dave: *Dave Fabry, Ph.D.* is Chief Innovation Officer for Starkey, where he has worked since 2009. He is a Past President of the American Academy of Audiology, and former Editor-in-Chief for Audiology Today. Currently, he is on the Board of Directors for the American Auditory Society.

Financial disclosure – Salary, employed by Starkey

Non-financial disclosure – Project Team Member for Starkey Product and Software

Fesler, Danny: *Danny Fesler* started his lifelong VA career when you had to (^pd) for verification of patient demographics and (^ma) to make appointments for patients yourself in VistA. As technology and practices changed for audiology, he furthered his education and obtained the AuD from ATSU in 2006. After 20+ years in the VA system, the new EHRM is now upon us, and he is learning to be the old dog that can learn new tricks.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Finkel, Suzanne: *Suzanne Finkel, Au.D., CCC-A* is a clinical audiologist at the Connecticut Veteran's Administration Healthcare System. She earned her B.A and M.A. from St. John's University and her Doctor of Audiology degree from Arizona University School of Health Sciences. Suzanne is the Coordinator of the Progressive Tinnitus Management Program at VA Connecticut and has worked with the research team for the program's development. She also works in the bone anchored hearing aid program to coordinate care and manage patients who are fit with these type of hearing devices.

Financial disclosure – None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Florence, Paris: *Paris Florence, Au.D.* graduated with her Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) degree from the Osborne College of Audiology at Salus University in 2015. She completed her clinical externship with the Greater Los Angeles VA healthcare system and began her audiology career with the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center, where she gained extensive experience and interest in vestibular testing and management. She earned her bachelor's degree in speech-language pathology at Xavier University of Louisiana and was awarded the outstanding clinical service award in audiology. Dr. Florence transitioned to the Washington DC VA Medical Center in 2017 and is the vestibular program manager, and audiology trainee program coordinator. She has expanded diagnostic services at the DC VA by implementing auditory processing evaluations, which is another large area of interest for her in the field. She is a 2019 graduate of the VISN 5 leadership Development Institute, and she was appointment to the VHA audiology

field advisory council in 2021. In her free time, Dr. Florence enjoys reading and spending time with family and friends.

Financial disclosure – VA Salary, employed at Washington DC VAMC

Non-financial disclosure – None

Fuller, Cassie: *Cassie Fuller* is the Government Services Account Manager for the NorthEast region. Prior to joining the Oticon team, Cassie spent time in a variety of audiology practice settings performing diagnostic evaluations and dispensing hearing aids, followed by her role as an Education & Training Audiologist within the industry. Cassie completed her undergraduate degree at Eastern Illinois University and received her Doctorate in Audiology from The University of Kansas. Cassie looks forward to using her experience to support the Audiologists from VA, DOD, and IHS who are serving the most deserving of patients.

Financial disclosure – Salary, employed at Oticon

Non-financial disclosure – None

Gabidon, Patricia: *Patricia Gabidon* is a clinical audiologist that has been practicing Audiology at the Miami VA Healthcare system for 4 years. Her interests and clinical experiences include Telehealth, Aural Rehabilitation, Hearing aid selection and programming, Vestibular Evaluation and Rehabilitation. She graduated from the University of South Florida with a Doctoral Degree in Audiology in 2018.

Financial disclosure – None

Non-financial disclosure - None

Gabler, Kenneth: *Kenneth W. Gabler*, AuD, is a clinical audiologist at Golden VA Clinic. He received his Doctor of Audiology degree from the University of Tennessee. He began his audiology career at the Mountain Home VA Medical Center in Johnson City, Tennessee with stops at the Decatur VA Medical Center and Denver VA Medical Center. Before his work as an audiologist, he worked as a Mechanical Designer on a manufacturing technologies and automation design group for a Fortune 500 company.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Gates, Kathy: *Dr. Kathy Gates* joined the Defense Hearing Center of Excellence (HCE) in October 2012 and is currently working under the Prevention Branch. One of her primary roles is to work on launching the Comprehensive Hearing Health Program to Audiology and Hearing Conservation/Program Clinics across the DOD and VA. Dr. Gates served twenty-six years in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps as an Army Audiologist, retiring as a COL. Dr. Gates currently serves as Coordinator for Specialty Interest Group (SIG 8), Audiology Public Health, American Speech Language and Hearing Association (ASHA). She holds certification as a CAOHC Course Director and Professional Supervisor.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure - None

Goodworth, Marie-Christine: *Marie-Christine Goodworth*, Ph.D. is a licensed psychologist at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Portland in the National Center for Rehabilitative Auditory Research (NCRAR). She is also a Clinical Associate Professor in the Doctor of

Psychology program at Northern Arizona University. She earned a PhD in Counseling Psychology from Arizona State University, completing a predoctoral internship at the Southern Arizona VA Healthcare system, and a postdoctoral fellowship in Health Psychology from the Medical College of Georgia. She has supervised trainees in primary care mental health integration at Oregon Health Sciences University and Providence. Dr. Goodworth is a member of the NCRAR workgroup revising the Progressive Tinnitus Management program and integrating Whole Health concepts. Dr. Goodworth has served on the Oregon Psychological Association Board of Directors as director, treasurer, and president-elect.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Gortemaker, Michele: *Michele Gortemaker, Au.D., CCC-A*, is the TeleAudiology Program Manager at Cheyenne VA Health Care System and has served as a clinical audiologist in the VHA for 13 years. She is also a member of the TeleAudiology Advisory Team.

Financial disclosure – VA Salary employed at Cheyenne VA HCS

Non-financial disclosure - None

Hall, James III: *James W. Hall III, PhD* is an internationally recognized audiologist with 40-years of clinical, teaching, research, and administrative experience. He received his bachelor's degree in Biology from American International College, his master's degree in Speech Pathology from Northwestern University, and his Ph.D. in Audiology from Baylor College of Medicine under the direction of James Jerger. During his career, Dr. Hall has held clinical and academic audiology positions at major medical centers and leadership roles in the American Academy of Audiology. He is the author of over 200 peer-reviewed publications, invited articles, and book chapters, plus 11 textbooks. Dr. Hall now holds academic appointments as Professor (part-time) at Salus University and the University of Hawaii, a position as Extraordinary Professor at the University of Pretoria South Africa, along with other adjunct and visiting professor positions in the USA and abroad.

Financial disclosure – Speaker fee and reimbursement of travel expenses from JDVAC

Non-financial disclosure – None

Hayes, Abigail: *Abigail Hayes* is a fourth-year doctoral extern at the Northern Colorado VA Outpatient Clinic in Loveland, Colorado. She served in the US Navy for six years as an Arabic interpreter. She holds a BA in Linguistics from Boston University and a BS in Audiology & Speech-Language Sciences from the University of Northern Colorado. She is completing her AuD at the University of Northern Colorado with a research emphasis on electrophysiologic testing in canines.

Financial disclosure – None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Hecht, Quintin: *Quintin Hecht, AuD*, is a research audiologist for the Defense Health Agency Hearing Center of Excellence (HCE) at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. Dr. Hecht joined the HCE in 2016 and serves as an Army Reserve Audiologist for the Army Public Health Center. Dr. Hecht is licensed, and certified, and received his AuD from Illinois State University. He is also certified as a Professional Supervisor of the Audiometric Monitoring Program and as a Course Director by the Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation

(CAOHC). Dr. Hecht's research interests include boothless audiometry, acute auditory injury, and exposure assessment.

Financial disclosure – None

Non-financial disclosure - None

Hicks, Michelle: *Michelle Hicks, Ph.D.*, Vice President of Education and Audiology, leads the Clinical and Audiology Research team at Starkey. She received her Ph.D. in Speech and Hearing Science in 1997 from Arizona State University. For the past 20 years, Dr. Hicks has held positions in clinical, academic, and industry settings, including as a professor at the University of Maryland and the University of Utah, teaching courses in Amplification, Pediatric Audiology, Psychoacoustics, Anatomy and Physiology, and Research Methodology. She has numerous publications and has presented at state, national, and international conferences on topics including Hearing Science, Amplification, and Tinnitus.

Financial disclosure – Salary employed at Starkey

Non-financial disclosure - None

Holcomb, Hunter: *Dr. Hunter Holcomb* is a staff audiologist at the Tyler, TX VA Outpatient Clinic. Along with his clinical practice, Dr. Holcomb is an adjunct faculty member at The University of Texas at Tyler and is examining the clinical utility of speech-in-noise measures as a predictor of hearing aid benefit.

Financial disclosure – None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Hood, Stephanie: *Stephanie Hood, MA* is currently completing her 4th-year Audiology externship at the Pittsburgh VAMC. Ms. Hood attends the University of Pittsburgh in pursuit of her Doctorate of Audiology degree, where she has earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Science and a Master of Arts in Communication Science and Disorders.

Financial disclosure – VA Salary, Extern at Pittsburgh VAHCS

Non-financial disclosure – None

Hopkins, Anna: *Anna Hopkins, B.S.* is an audiology extern at Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center in Aurora, Colorado. She earned her Bachelor of Science degrees in Speech and Hearing Sciences and Psychology from Indiana University and will graduate with her Doctor of Audiology degree from Purdue University in May 2023.

Financial disclosure – None

Non-financial disclosure - None

Hopp, Rachel: *Rachel Hopp, Au.D., CCC-A* is a cochlear implant audiologist at the Carl T Hayden VAMC in Phoenix and a member of the VHA Cochlear Implant Advisory Board. She completed her Masters and Doctorate of Audiology at the University of Minnesota and Bachelors in Communication Disorders at the University of Wisconsin.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Huart, Steven: *Steven Huart* is a US Navy Veteran. He has 37 years' experience as an audiologist, 13 in the VA. He is currently serving as audiology supervisor, Rocky Mountain

Regional VAMC and Allied Health Director (of Audiology) in the Eastern Colorado Geriatrics Research, Education, Clinical Center (aka GRECC).

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Hughes, Ashley: *Ashley Hughes, Au.D.* earned her doctorate of audiology from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2014. She works as a Clinical Applications Specialist for Diagnostic Testing Equipment with Interacoustics US, in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. She is the main point of contact in the US for all audiometry, impedance, OAE, hearing aid fitting, and telehealth solutions. Prior to joining Interacoustics, Dr. Hughes first worked clinically and then as a research audiologist for a hearing aid manufacturer. She has served as an invited speaker at state and national conferences and is an author on multiple published articles and posters on topics including real-ear measurements, subjective outcome measures, advocacy, mentorship, negotiations, and more. She is highly involved in the American Academy of Audiology, the American Academy of Audiology Foundation, and her state audiology organization, the Minnesota Academy of Audiology.

Financial disclosure – Salary, employed at Interacoustics

Non-financial disclosure – Volunteer for American Academy of Audiology and Minnesota Academy of Audiology

Huston, Lisa: *Lisa Huston* is the Government Services Account Manager for the West Region of the US, based in Phoenix, AZ. Lisa began her Oticon career in 2015 as a commercial Account Manager covering Arizona and southern California. She earned her Doctorate in Audiology from the University of Texas at Dallas and completed her externship at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale. Prior to joining the Oticon team, Lisa worked as a Clinical Audiologist and hearing aid dispenser in an ENT setting. Lisa's past clinical and industry experience provides a wealth of knowledge that she can share through the training and support she provides VA, DOD, and IHS audiologists and health technicians.

Financial disclosure – Salary, employed at Oticon

Non-financial disclosure – None

Iden, Kristin: *Kristin Iden, Au.D.*, serves as the Chief of the Audiology Service at the Hershel “Woody” Williams VA Medical Center in Huntington, West Virginia. She received her Masters in Audiology from the University of Tennessee in 1996 and her AuD from the Arizona School of Health Sciences in 2005. Under her leadership, the Audiology Service at Hershel “Woody” Williams VA has evolved from a small section providing limited audiology services to the current independent service line offering the full array of audiology services including cochlear implants, vestibular, auditory processing evaluations, progressive tinnitus management, student programs, and a fully implemented inpatient program.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Jedlicka, David: *David Jedlicka, AuD* is an advance practice audiologist at the Pittsburgh VA Healthcare System and is an adjunct professor at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Jedlicka is pursuing his PhD in audiology at the University of Pittsburgh.

Financial disclosure – VA Salary, employed at Pittsburgh VAHCS Non-financial disclosure – PhD Student at University of Pittsburgh, member of three professional organizations, volunteer at the University of Pittsburgh

Jenkins, Kimberly: *Kimberly Jenkins* received her doctorate in clinical audiology from the University of Maryland in College Park, MD. She is currently a Clinical Audiologist at the Auditory and Speech Clinic at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, serving as POC for auditory processing evaluations and Hearing Aid Program Manager. She was previously a research audiologist at the National Military Audiology at Speech Pathology Center at WRNMMC specializing in auditory evoked potential measures; she continues to collaborate with the research department and remains involved in ongoing protocols related to evaluation and treatment for subjective complaints of hearing in background noise.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Johnson, Amy: *Amy Johnson, MS*, obtained her Master's Degree in Audiology from Vanderbilt University in 1997. She completed her Clinical Fellowship Year at the VA in Nashville, TN. She worked in the private sector and performed contract VA Compensation and Pension exams while raising her family. She accepted a full-time position at the Charlie Norwood VA Healthcare System in 2013. She implemented and has been growing the telehealth program since 2016.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Jones, Cindi: *Cindi Jones, Au.D., CCC-A* holds a Doctorate of Audiology degree in addition to a Master of Science in Audiology and Communication Disorders. She is a Senior Clinical Specialist, who has worked for Advanced Bionics since 2010, providing on-site clinical support, product training, and assistance with clinical case management. Prior to joining Advanced Bionics, Dr. Jones worked as a clinical audiologist in a large otolaryngology practice, providing comprehensive audiological services and hearing instrument fittings for both pediatric and adult populations. In addition, she has worked extensively in the field of educational audiology. Dr. Jones maintains an Audiology license in the state of Arizona and is certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Financial disclosure – Salary, employed at Advanced Bionics, LLC

Non-financial disclosure – None

Kamath, Heather: *Dr. Heather Kamath* has over 15 years of clinical experience as an audiologist and is the vestibular program lead at Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center in North Chicago, IL. She has given multiple regional and national presentations on the clinical practice of audiology and is a Co-Investigator on the Veterans Affairs sponsored study of this poster presentation. In further recognition of her vestibular system expertise, she is a Barany Society member.

Financial disclosure – Grant from VA's Office of Research and Development awarded the Small Projects in Rehab Research (SPiRE) grant to fund this study

Non-financial disclosure – None

Kansky, Rachel: *Rachel Kansky* is a clinical audiologist at the Miami VA Healthcare System. Her interests are in vestibular diagnostics and management. Dr. Kansky graduated from Nova Southeastern University with a Doctoral Degree in Audiology in 2020.

Financial disclosure – None**Non-financial disclosure - None**

Karahalios, Delia: *Delia Karahalios* is honored to serve Veterans as the Audiology Section Chief at the Greater Los Angeles VA Healthcare System. She received her Doctor of Audiology degree from the University of Florida in 2010 and immediately began her VA Career as a clinical and rehabilitative audiologist with the James A. Haley VA. Delia's areas of practice include Aural Rehabilitation, Tinnitus Management, Vestibular Diagnostics and Central Auditory Processing Disorders. Delia also serves as an adjunct faculty member at California State University, Northridge where she teaches in the Communication Disorders & Sciences department, including the Aural Rehabilitation course to AuD students.

Financial disclosure - None**Non-financial disclosure – None**

Kruger, Laura: *Laura Kruger*, Au.D., CCC-A is a clinical audiologist at the Connecticut Veteran's Administration Healthcare System. She earned her B.S. from James Madison University and her Doctor of Audiology degree from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. Laura works in the Vestibular clinic and works providing Progressive Tinnitus Management services.

Financial disclosure – None**Non-financial disclosure – None**

Lacey, Cecilia: *Cecilia Lacey* is a fourth-year Doctor of Audiology student at the University of Pittsburgh, completing her externship at the Pittsburgh VA Medical Center. She received a Bachelor of Philosophy in Communication Science and Disorders from the University of Pittsburgh in 2019. Broadly, her current research interest is interventional audiology in the Veteran population.

Financial disclosure – None**Non-financial disclosure – None**

Lambert, Karen: *Karen H. Lambert*, P.T., D.P.T., N.C.S. currently serves as the Vestibular Program Manager for the Hearing Center of Excellence (HCE) for the Department of Defense (DoD) and Veterans Administration (VA). In addition, she provides clinical care at a private outpatient physical therapy clinic specializing in treatment of patients with neurologic dysfunction. She earned a Master of Physical Therapy from Medical College of Pennsylvania (MCP) Hahnemann University in 2000 and her Doctor of Physical Therapy from Drexel University in 2014.

Financial disclosure - None**Non-financial disclosure - None**

Lien, Tristan: *Tristan Lien, Au.D., CCC-A*, is currently the TeleAudiology Program Manager within the Eastern Colorado Health Care System where she has served as a clinical audiologist for 7 years. She is also a member of the TeleAudiology Advisory Team.

Financial disclosure – VA Salary employed at Eastern Colorado HCS

Non-financial disclosure - None

Lim, Hubert: *Dr. Hubert Lim* is a Professor in Biomedical Engineering and Otolaryngology at University of Minnesota. He is also the Endowed Lions Professor in Otolaryngology and Co-Director for the Center for Neural Engineering. He completed a B.S.E. in Bioengineering at UC-San Diego, followed by a dual Master's in Biomedical Engineering and Electrical Engineering & Computer Science and then a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering at University of Michigan. His lab's research focuses on neural engineering and sensory neuroscience towards developing new treatments for hearing disorders and pain. He also serves as the Chief Scientific Officer of Neuromod Devices, LTD and SecondWave Systems.

Financial disclosure – Salary employed at Neuromod Devices, Ltd and SecondWave Systems

Non-financial disclosure - None

Lima, Elizabeth: *Elizabeth Lima, Ph.D.* is the Chief of the Whole Health Department at the Western North Carolina VA Health Care System. Dr. Lima oversees the development and implementation of Whole Health, a holistic approach to healthcare that empowers and equips people – both Veterans and VA staff members – to take charge of their health and well-being and to live their life to the fullest. Whole health includes a diverse menu of interventions encompassing integrative health coaching, complementary and integrative health modalities and arts and humanities. Since beginning her VA career in 2009, she has focused on building strong collaborations with interdisciplinary staff across the system and expanding services to primarily medical populations. Dr. Lima serves as SME in organizational health and development, establishing a strong menu of options for supervisors and facility leadership to support their professional development. As a Gallup-certified Strengths Coach, Dr. Lima facilitates managers in her system to discover their strengths and work with their employees by capitalizing on what they do best.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Lin, Frank: *Frank R. Lin, M.D., Ph.D.* is a Professor of Otolaryngology, Medicine, Mental Health, and Epidemiology and Director of the Cochlear Center for Hearing and Public Health, a research center based at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Dr. Lin completed his medical education, residency in Otolaryngology, and Ph.D. in Clinical Investigation, all at Johns Hopkins. He completed further otologic fellowship training in Lucerne, Switzerland. Dr. Lin's clinical practice is dedicated to otology and the medical and surgical management of hearing loss. His public health research focuses on understanding how hearing loss affects the health and functioning of older adults and the strategies and policies needed to mitigate these effects.

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Lusk, Sandra, Caitie: *Sandra “Caitie” Lusk* is a fourth-year Au.D. student at Missouri State University and is currently completing the Army Audiology Externship Program at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. She was commissioned into the United States Army as a First Lieutenant in June 2022. Sandra recently received an outstanding poster presentation award at the Frank Einhellig Graduate Interdisciplinary Research Forum at Missouri State University in May 2022. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders from The University of Mississippi (2019). Sandra’s clinical and research interests include hearing conservation and military healthcare.

Financial disclosure – None

Non-financial disclosure - None

Martinez, Idalis: *Idalis Martinez AuD* is an audiologist with 35 years of experience and has worked in the VA system for 32 of those years providing specialty clinical care in the areas of tinnitus, vestibular assessment, electrophysiology, aural rehabilitation, and auditory processing at the Salisbury Veterans Healthcare System, the West Palm Beach VA, and the New Jersey Veterans Healthcare System. Dr Martinez received her AuD from Salus University and her Masters degree in Audiology from the University of Minnesota. She has been the tinnitus subject matter expert for the Salisbury VA System since 2012. Dr Martinez has completed several national level Whole Health trainings including Whole Health Coaching Skills for Clinicians and Implementing Whole Health in Your Practice. She has served as member of the Salisbury VA System Whole Health implementation committee since 2018 and began integrating whole health principles and the services of the Whole Health psychologist and whole health coaches into audiology and tinnitus care in 2018.

In addition to her clinical work, Dr. Martinez is a member of the VA/DOD Tinnitus Clinical Practice Guideline Work Group, the ILEAD Tinnitus Telecare Clinical Resource Hub Pilot Work Group, and the NCRAR-VA Work Group updating Progressive Tinnitus Management materials and integrating whole health concepts into tinnitus care. Dr Martinez actively collaborated with NCRAR on the updated Progressive Tinnitus Management TMS modules published in 2018, the Setting Up a Tele PTM Program TMS training published in 2021, and the Management of Sound Tolerance Conditions TMS training published in 2022.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure - None

McArdle, Rachel: *Dr. Rachel McArdle* is the National Director, Audiology and Speech Pathology, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure – None

McClenney, Sean: *Sean McClenney, Au.D.*, is the Acting Associate Chief of Staff for Rehabilitation and the Chief of Audiology and Speech Pathology at the Atlanta VA HCS. Sean received his masters from the University of Tennessee and his doctorate from the University of Florida. He is the VISN 7 Audiology Consultant and the VISN 7 lead for the Rehabilitation, Speech, and Audiology Community of Practice. He serves on the VA Audiology Field Advisory

Council. He is the chair of the Assistive Listening Devices Integrated Product Team and the co-chair for the Cochlear Implant and Auditory Osseo-integrated Implant Integrated Product Teams. Sean is a past president of the Association of VA Audiologists and has served in multiple roles on the planning committee for Joint Defense Veterans Audiology Conference over the course of four years including conference and education chairs. He served as the convention chair for the Georgia Academy of Audiology for three consecutive years and is a past board member of the academy. He received the Honors of the Academy from Georgia Academy of Audiology in 2014 and the 1 LT Frank B. Walkup Distinguished Service Award from Association of VA Audiologists in 2021. He is an affiliate professor at Auburn University. His areas of clinical interest are vestibular assessment and cochlear implants.

Financial disclosure – VA Salary, employed at Atlanta VA HCS

Non-financial disclosure - None

Michaux, Cara: *Cara Michaux, AuD* is a staff audiologist and serves as the lead for the Vestibular and Balance Assessment program at the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System. She received her Au.D. from Northwestern University in 2008. In addition to vestibular assessment, she has an interest in audiology telehealth services. Cara recently received Yellow Belt certification for improving the process through which inpatient audiology care is provided at VA Pittsburgh.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Milnes, Trisha: *Trisha Milnes, AuD, MHA* completed her AuD at the University of North Texas in 2008 and her MHA at Colorado State University -Global Campus in 2021. She began as Chief of Audiology and Speech Pathology Services in 2019 at the Charlie Norwood VA Healthcare System. Her area of interest is interventional audiology services using population health programming models and is a clinical affiliate of the National Center for Rehabilitative Audiology Research (NCRAR).

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure - None

Mullins, Stephanie: *Stephanie Mullins, Au.D., CCC-A, CH-TM* is the tinnitus audiologist and coordinator of the Progressive Tinnitus Management (PTM) program at the Phoenix VA Healthcare System. She completed her Doctorate of Audiology at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan and received her Bachelor's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders through Western Michigan University.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure - None

Nalley, Jennifer: *Dr. Jennifer Nalley* joined the VA in 2006 as an audiologist in the Canandaigua VAMC. She was the Service Chief from 2008-2013. She transferred to the Cleveland VAMC in 2013. She served as the Audiology Section Chief from 2014-2022. She joined the VA OIG in April 2022 as a health system specialist. She is a former AVAA program chair and president.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Papesh, Melissa: *Dr. Melissa Papesh* has always had a passion for understanding how the brain supports perception and behavior. She holds a clinical Doctor of Audiology (AuD) degree as well as a dual Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Neuroscience and Hearing Science. After completing a clinical externship at the National Center for Rehabilitative Auditory Research (NCRAR) at the VA Portland Healthcare System, she was awarded a VA Advanced Research Fellowship in Polytrauma/Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitation followed by two VA Career Development Awards. Today, Dr. Papesh is proud to be a Research Investigator at the NCRAR serving our military Veteran population with an emphasis on improving clinical care for Veterans struggling with chronic auditory deficits due to exposure to high-intensity blast waves and other types of traumatic brain injuries (TBI). Her work combines self-report, behavioral, and electrophysiological test measures to better understand the neural correlates of specific types of auditory dysfunction, including contributions from cognitive and psychological impairments. She is proud to work closely with audiologists and other clinical professionals across the VA and Department of Defense to both learn from and provide research support for their clinical experiences. In addition to her independent research programs, she is involved in collaborative research projects devoted to auditory neuroscience issues in the Veteran and active-duty military populations.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Perhacs, Lisa: *Dr. Lisa Perhacs* is the Program Manager of Professional Education for Signia. She is responsible for supporting the Government Services Team in the US, WSA Retail, and training commercial customers and sales staff on the company's current technology and products. She conducts training sessions via webinars, and at regional and national events, as well as creates educational materials related to products, technology, software, telehealth, services, and audiology-related topics for Government Services. Dr. Perhacs has more than 14 years of manufacturing experience including two years as the Training and Audiology Manager for Siemens Export Sales, based in Erlangen, Germany. Her six years of clinical experience includes private practice, a large medical setting, and Clinic Coordinator and Preceptor at Montclair State University. She earned her undergraduate degree from Seton Hall University, graduate degree from The College of New Jersey, and doctorate from Pennsylvania College of Optometry (now Salus University).

Financial disclosure – Salary, employed by Signia

Non-financial disclosure – None

Phillips, Ian: *Ian Phillips* is a biomedical engineer supporting research in the Audiology and Speech Pathology Center at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. He received his PhD in Linguistics from CUNY Graduate Center and completed postdoctoral work on use of peripheral nerve stimulation to support foreign language learning at the University of Maryland Applied Research Lab for Intelligence and Security. His research interests include use of electroencephalography and pupillometry to measure aspects of real-time language processing among heritage language bilinguals and second language learners.

Financial disclosure – None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Phillips, Jackie: *Jackie Phillips, AuD*, serves as the Vice President of Sales for SafKan Health, and is responsible for market development and sales as well as developing growth strategies for the U.S. and markets around the world. Dr. Phillips is integral to leading the company's sales organization to achieve critical, strategic growth goals. Dr. Phillips has given her time and talent to the hearing industry in many capacities for over 22 years. Prior to joining SafKan Health, Dr. Phillips worked for Natus Medical and Siemens Hearing. Prior to working on the manufacturing side of the audiology industry, Dr. Phillips worked in a clinical capacity for Houston Ear, Nose, and Throat Clinic.

Financial disclosure – Salary, employed at SafKan Health

Non-financial disclosure – None

Pillion, Elicia: *Elicia Pillion, Au.D.*, is the Hearing Implant Program Manager at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC). She specializes cochlear implants for single-sided deafness (SSD). She earned her B.S. (Communication Sciences and Disorders) and Au.D at the University of Cincinnati.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Pinto, Robin: *Robin Pinto* is an audiologist at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC). She has been working for the DoD for 20 years, with a focus on vestibular testing for acute and chronic dizzy patients. Robin Pinto serves as the audiology SME for the WRNMMC multi-disciplinary dizziness team, which serves to evaluate complex medical patients in a team environment. She also provided training and lectures on vestibular testing for internal medicine, PT, ENT, and neurology.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Potter, Katrina: *Katrina Potter, B.S.* is an audiology extern at the Pittsburgh VA. She obtained her B.S. from Kent State University in 2015 and currently attends the Northeast Ohio Au.D. Consortium. Her interests include auditory processing, electrophysiology, and vestibular assessment.

Financial disclosure – VA Salary, Extern at Pittsburgh VAHCS

Non-financial disclosure – None

Preston, Jessica: *Jessica Preston, Au.D., CCC-A* is a clinical audiologist at the Connecticut Veteran's Administration Healthcare System. She earned her BA from UCONN, MS from Southern Connecticut State University and her Doctor of Audiology degree through the University of Florida. Jessica has a strong interest in cochlear implants and subsequent aural rehabilitation of these patients. She is one of the primary cochlear implant audiologists at VA Connecticut, coordinating and managing care for Veteran cochlear implant recipients. Jessica also teaches both undergraduate and graduate students at Sacred Heart University in Connecticut.

Financial disclosure – None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Quitmeyer, Kevin: *Kevin Quitmeyer* is Director of the VA Denver Logistics Center (DLC) in Golden, Colorado. Mr. Quitmeyer was introduced to the Audiology community in his early

years at the DLC and has been privileged to work closely with program officials and serve as an advocate for Audiology within VA and the healthcare industry. In addition, he frequently represents the DLC in VA, federal government, and industry forums. Prior to his current position, he was Chief, Information Resources Management Division for the DLC, overseeing IT systems including the Remote Order Entry System (ROES) and other data management and process automation. Mr. Quitmeyer has been with the DALC for 29 years and VA for 35 years and has been a previous presenter at JDVAC annual meetings.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure - None

Ramirez, Tish: *Dr. Tish Ramirez* is the Global Commercialization Officer for Neuromod Devices, LTD and Chief Commercial Officer for Neuromod USA, Inc. In this position she is responsible for provider-readiness, interactions with consumers, as well as offering, launching, and introducing products to meet strategic commercial objectives. Tish has been dedicated to hearing healthcare for almost 25 years in roles including Vice President of Clinical Education and Product Management, Regional Sales Director, and direct patient care. Tish holds a doctorate degree in Audiology from A.T. Still University, an MS from Arizona State University, and a BS degree from the University of Arizona.

Financial disclosure – Salary employed at Neuromod USA, Inc.

Non-financial disclosure - None

Sandman, Craig: *Craig Sandman, Au.D., CCC-A*, is currently the Section Chief for the Eastern Colorado Health Care System responsible for Audiology, Speech Pathology, Recreation Therapy, and Low Vision. He has served in the VA for 24 years in many different roles.

Financial disclosure – VA Salary employed at Eastern Colorado HCS

Non-financial disclosure - None

Santurette, Sebastien: Sébastien Santurette is Principal Researcher at Oticon's Centre for Applied Audiology Research. He has held associate professorship positions in clinical audiology and hearing rehabilitation at the Technical University of Denmark and Copenhagen University Hospital. His research interests include psychoacoustics, effects of hearing loss on sound perception, and audiology. He is an engineering graduate of Ecole Centrale Paris and holds an MSc degree in Engineering Acoustics (2005) and a PhD in Electronics and Communication from the Technical University of Denmark (2011).

Financial disclosure – Salary employed at Oticon

Non-financial disclosure - None

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Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Schultz, James: *James Schultz* is a research audiologist with the Geneva Foundation at the Department of Defense (DOD) Hearing Center of Excellence (HCE) at JBSA-Lackland in San Antonio, TX. Dr. Schultz has worked on the NOISE study since 2020 and has been practicing audiology since 2017.

Financial disclosure – None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Schurman, Jaclyn: *Jaclyn Schurman Au.D., Ph.D., CCC-A* has been a Research Audiologist at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center since 2015. She received her Au.D., and Ph.D. from the University of Maryland, College Park. She has had several years of experience working with military audiologists conducting auditory research in the field and in a clinic.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Seals, Emily: *Emily Seals, Au.D., CCC-A* is currently the TeleAudiology Program Manager at the Western North Carolina VA Health Care System (Asheville VAMC) where she has served as a clinical audiologist for 9 years. She is also a member of the TeleAudiology Advisory Team.

Financial disclosure – VA Salary employed at Western NC VAHCS

Non-financial disclosure – None

Seitz-Paquette, Kevin: *Kevin Seitz-Paquette, AuD* is the director of the Phonak Audiology Research Center (PARC), located in Aurora, IL. PARC evaluates both emerging and released products to demonstrate the benefits of Phonak technology for the patient and professional. Prior to arriving at Phonak, he held other roles in Clinical Research and Product Management within the hearing aid industry. Kevin earned his AuD at Northwestern University, and a master's degree in Linguistics from Indiana University. He is a member of the American Academy of Audiology and Acoustical Society of America and serves on the membership committee of the American Auditory Society.

Financial disclosure – Salary and Stock employed at Phonak

Non-financial disclosure - None

Sharma, Anu: *Anu Sharma, Ph.D.* is a Professor in the Dept. of Speech Language and Hearing, Institute for Cognitive Science and Center for Neuroscience at University of Colorado Boulder. Her research is focused on examining neuroplasticity in hearing loss and is funded by the United States National Institutes of Health. Dr. Sharma has over 75 scientific publications and has given over 200 invited presentations and keynotes spanning six continents. She has delivered the Marion Downs Lecture twice at the American Academy of Audiology and the Ted Evans Lecture at the British Society of Audiology and the Carhart Memorial Lecture at the American Auditory Society.

Financial disclosure – Honoraria for speaking; employment University of Colorado

Non-financial disclosure – None

Sheffield, Benjamin: *Mr. Benjamin Sheffield* holds degrees in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering. After a four-year stint in the defense industry, he was introduced to auditory research as a volunteer in a hearing and speech lab during graduate school at UC Irvine. He now has over 15 years of experience in auditory science, including the last 12 with the Army Public

Health Center and Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. He's been the principal investigator on several studies examining the relationship between hearing impairment and operational performance and is a project lead on several public health projects including the one you're hearing about today.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure - None

Shepard, Kyle: *Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) Kyle H. Shepard, Au.D.* is an Audiologist for the United States Navy. He is currently stationed at Naval Air Station Patuxent River where he is the Branch Head of Helmet Systems and Auditory Performance within the Naval Air Warfare Center - Aircraft Division Command. There he manages and collaborates with engineers and other medical specialties working on research projects contributing to areas in advanced hearing protection and communication systems, active noise reduction, 3D scanning, 3D printing and in-the-ear noise dosimetry.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Sherlock, LaGuinn: *LaGuinn Sherlock, AuD*, is a research audiologist with the Defense Centers for Public Health, with duty at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC). Prior to joining the research team at WRNMMC, she served as Director of Clinical Audiology at the University of Maryland Medical Center. She has spent over 30 years as a clinical and research audiologist, specializing in the evaluation and management of tinnitus and hyperacusis for the past 15 years.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure - None

Spencer, Michele: *Michele Spencer, AuD* is a DoD audiologist for over fifteen years. Currently, she is a Research Audiologist at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNNMC). Her prior roles include Clinical and Occupational Audiologist at Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center; Occupational Audiologist at WRNNMC; and Staff Audiologist at National Naval Medical Center Bethesda. Her clinical specialty is tinnitus management, and she is a member of the VA/DoD Tinnitus Working Group. Dr. Spencer is a native Marylander who resides in Ellicott City with her husband and son.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure - None

Sturgulewski, Stacey: *Stacey Sturgulewski, Au.D.* has been an audiologist at the Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital for 13 years. For the last 10 years, Dr. Sturgulewski has been the coordinator of the implantable hearing device program at Hines VA. Her primary clinical focus is working with patients with cochlear implants and osseointegrated devices. Prior to her work at Hines VA, Dr. Sturgulewski worked at Loyola University Medical Center and Lake Forest Hospital. She completed her doctor of audiology and Master of Science degrees at Rush University in Chicago, Illinois.

Financial disclosure – VA Salary, employed at Edward Hines Jr. VA

Non-financial disclosure – None

Szabo, Haley: *Haley Szabo, B.S.*, is an Audiology Resident at the Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) Portland Health Care System and National Center for Rehabilitative Auditory Research (NCRAR). She completed her Bachelor of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders with a minor in Psychology at the University of Central Florida. Her research interests include tinnitus, sound sensitivity, the auditory system's response to aging, and the intersection between mental health and auditory perception. She hopes to continue serving Veterans as a VA audiologist, in either a clinical or research setting.

Financial disclosure – VA Salary, Extern at VA Portland HCS

Non-financial disclosure - None

Taylor, Brian: *Brian Taylor, AuD* is the senior director of audiology for Signia. He also serves as editor-at-large for Hearing Health and Technology Matters, a leading professional blog, and editor of Audiology Practices, the quarterly publication of the Academy of Doctors of Audiology. Dr. Taylor has authored numerous peer reviewed articles and books on topics ranging from hearing aids to practice management. His latest textbooks, Selecting and Fitting Hearing Aids and Relationship-Centered Communication for Audiologists were published in 2021.

Financial disclosure – Salary employed at Signia

Non-financial disclosure – None

Taylor, Kirstie: *Kirstie Taylor* is the Government Services Audiologist serving the West region. Kirstie brings over 16 years of clinical experience to this position. She has worked in a variety of practice settings including an ENT office, VA clinic and her own private practice. From these experiences, Kirstie has an understanding of your needs. She enjoys the role within the manufacturing environment that allows her to support other hearing care professionals, providing the information and training they need to deliver excellent care to their patients. Kirstie holds a Doctorate in Audiology from the University of Florida.

Financial disclosure – Salary, employed at Oticon

Non-financial disclosure – None

Tomasek, Rachel: *Rachel Tomasek, Au.D.*, CCC-A works within the Veterans Affairs (VA) Centralized Audiology Team under the National Audiology & Speech Pathology Program Office. She has served as a clinical audiologist with the VHA for 11 years. She is also a member of the TeleAudiology Advisory Team.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Verdile, Olivia: *Olivia Verdile* achieved her B.S. from University of Vermont in 2018 and her M.A. from University of Pittsburgh in 2020. She is a current Extern at the Pittsburgh VA Healthcare System and is anticipating her Au.D to be achieved in April 2023.

Financial disclosure – VA Salary, Extern at Pittsburgh VAHCS

Non-financial disclosure - None

Wargo, Maureen: *Maureen Wargo* is the Audiology Supervisor at the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System and Field Instructor, University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Wargo is credentialed and privileged by the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System to complete all facets of hearing aid

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Financial disclosure – VA Salary, employed at VA Pittsburgh HCS

Non-financial disclosure – None

Wersel, Vivianne: *Dr. Vivianne Wersel* retired as a Master Clinician audiologist at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. She instead remains active as an audiologist providing VA Compensation and Pension Exams to veterans and is a Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation (CAOHC) Course Director. Dr Wersel serves on the American Academy of Audiology Federal and State Relations Legislations. She is a member of the Signia Government Services Advisory Board. She is active in public speaking with focus on advocacy. She holds a Doctorate of Audiology from Salus University and a graduate of Defense Language Institute. She resides in Asheville, North Carolina.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Wilson, Cynthia: *Cynthia Wilson* (Cindi) has been employed with the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) for over 19 years. She holds a Masters' degree in Occupational Therapy and has an extensive background in restaurant management. As an Occupational Therapist with the VHA, Ms. Wilson has experience providing treatment to Veterans in a wide variety of care settings including inpatient, outpatient, mental health, home-based care, long-term care and residential programs. In 2011 as the VHA Office of Patient Centered Care & Cultural Transformation (OPCC&CT) was being established Ms. Wilson joined the team as one of the first Field Implementation Consultants for Whole Health System implementation. In this role Cindi is responsible for providing support to VHA facilities in implementing Whole Health. She also serves as a Whole Health Consultant to several Program Offices including Audiology and Speech Pathology, and Spinal Cord Injury and Disease. She is a member of the OPCC&CT Well-being Taskforce and serves as a Whole Health Electronic Health Record Consultant. She has been instrumental in content development and delivery, team support and coaching for more than 55 teams who have participated in OPCC&CT's Arts & Humanities initiative in the past 8 years. Ms. Wilson maintains Occupational Therapy credentials, is certified in VHA Coach-Mentorship, IHI Improvement Coaching and PROSCI Change Management. Ms. Wilson works virtually out of her Port Saint Lucie, FL home.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure – None

Yeats, Madison: *Madison Yeats, B.S.*, is a fourth-year audiology extern at Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center in Aurora, Colorado. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Science and Disorders at the University of Texas at Austin. She is currently attending Texas Tech University Health Science Center for her Doctorate in Audiology, where she will graduate this coming May in 2023.

Financial disclosure – None

Non-financial disclosure - None

Zaugg, Tara: *Dr. Tara Zaugg* is a certified, licensed, and clinically privileged audiologist who, worked at the National Center for Rehabilitative Auditory Research (NCRAR) located at the

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Portland Health Care System for 22 years. Dr. Zaugg's research career focused on the development, assessment, and clinical implementation of methods for improving quality of life with tinnitus (ringing in the ears) for Veterans. She is a co-developer of Progressive Tinnitus Management (PTM), which has been endorsed by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Central Office for use in VA hospitals. For the last two years of her work in research her work was focused on improving Veteran access to care for tinnitus via telehealth, which resulted in establishing collaborative relationships with administrative stakeholders in VISN 20. She is now becoming familiar with her new roles as the VISN 20 REC CRH Consultant, and the VISN 20 REC ICC Clinical Lead.

Financial disclosure – VA Salary; employed at Boise VAMC

Non-financial disclosure – None

Zuniga, Esteban: *Esteban Zuniga* is a Blind Rehabilitation Service National Program Consultant providing oversight to support efficient and cohesive delivery of care, developing, and maintaining efficient lines of communication as a conduit between BRS field operations and the BRS National Program Office. Prior to his current position, Mr. Zuniga served as the Polytrauma Blind Rehabilitation Outpatient Specialist in San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Zuniga received a dual Master of Arts in Vision Rehabilitation Therapy and Orientation and Mobility. He is ACVREP certified as an Orientation and Mobility Specialist, Low Vision Therapist, Vision Rehabilitation Therapist.

Financial disclosure - None

Non-financial disclosure - None