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EDUCATION

- 2006 **Doctor of Philosophy in Linguistics**
University of Georgia, Athens, GA
Dissertation: *Patterns of Language Use in Mania*
- 1992 **Master of Science in Psychology**
Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, GA
Thesis: *Spectral Analysis of the Speech Sounds Perception Test and the Potential Relationship to Hearing Loss*
- 1987 **Master of Science in Speech Pathology and Audiology**
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
- 1984 **Bachelor of Science in Speech Pathology and Audiology**
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

- Certificate of Clinical Competence, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (1988)
- Licensed, Texas State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology
- Licensed, Georgia State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology
- S-5 Certificate, Georgia Professional Standards Commission

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- Member, Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- Member, El Paso Speech-Language Hearing Association

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- **Vice-President for Social and Governmental Policy** (2009 to present) Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association (TSHA)
- **Regional Association Task Force Co-Chair** (2007-2009), TSHA
- **President** (1997-1998) Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association (GSHA)
- **Officer's Council/Executive Council** (1996-1999), GSHA
- **Treasurer**, GSH-Political Action Committee (2000-2002)
- **Northwest Regional Rep and Chair of Legislative Committee** (1995-1996), GSHA
- **Program Chair** (2000, 2001), Brain Injury Association of Georgia Annual Conference
- **Board Chair** (1999-2000), Area 02 Management Team, Special Olympics of GA

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Department of Speech-Language Pathology (2006 to present)

University of Texas at El Paso, College of Health Sciences, El Paso, TX

- **SPLP 1312** – Survey of Speech, Hearing and Language Disorders
- **SPLP 3314** – Disorders of Language in the Preschool Population
- **SPLP 3318** – Principles of Clinical Management in Speech-Language Pathology
- **SPLP 4320** – Independent study addressing patterns of bilingual acquisition
- **SPLP 5330** – Differential Diagnostics in Speech-Language Pathology
- **SPLP 5372** – Medical Speech-Language Pathology
- **SPLP 5376** – Multicultural/Multilingual Issues in Communication Disorders
- **CHSC 6388** – Research Applications (doctoral level independent study)
- **Guest lectures:**
 - SPLP 5369 – Clinical Practicum – Differential Diagnosis
Clinical Practicum – Language Use in Mental Illness
Clinical Practicum – Pediatric Brain Injury
Clinical Practicum – Writing Treatment Goals
 - SPLP 5320 – Research Design – Statistics and Psychometric Theory
Research Design – Single Subject Design
 - SPLP 5630 – Aphasia and Acquired Disorders of Language – TBI
 - Occupational Therapy Department – Pediatric Dysphagia
 - Physical Therapy Department – Dealing with Communication Disorders
- **Grant Activities**
 - US Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (projected at \$800,000; *in preparation*) – Co-PI with Anthony Salvatore, PhD for a training grant to educate speech-language pathologists in concussion management; also establishing a community-based network for continuum of service, continuing education and concussion prevention activities. Participated in Grant Proposal Preparation Workshop with the Monarch II Center, Chicago, IL.
 - National Science Foundation (\$105,000 [\$22,000 for UTEP subcontract]) - Co-PI with Tamar Solorio, PhD, from University of Texas at Dallas Computer Science Department - Collaborative Research: Statistical Methods for Learning to Diagnose Specific Language Impairment in Bilingual Children. Funded 2008-2009.
 - UTEP University Research Institute grant (\$4995) as Principal Investigator – Patterns of Bilingual Language Acquisition in Spanish-English Speaking Children in the El Paso Borderland Region. Funded 2006 to 2007.
 - National Science Foundation grant (\$440,000) – Co-PI, with Tamar Solorio, PhD, Lecturer in Computer Science as Principal Investigator – Language Models in Code-switching in Bilingual Children with Specific Language Impairment. *Not funded.*
 - National Institutes of Health grant (\$300,000) – Co-PI with Yang Liu, PhD, and Tamar Solorio, PhD, from the University of Texas at Dallas Computer Science Department – Language Models in Bilingual Children with Specific Language Impairment. *Not funded, but recommended for revision and resubmission.*
- **Advisor for Student Grant Activity**
 - Hispanic Health Disparities Research Center Student Pilot Project Award to Jacqueline Lopez (\$10,000) for two consecutive years to study Hispanics' perceptions and attitudes regarding voice disorders. Funded 2009-2010.

- **Committee Appointments**

- University: Faculty Senate Museum Committee
New Faculty Orientation Panel
- College: Social Work Interview Committee
Graduate and PhD Faculty Appointments
Search Committee for Director of Rehab Counseling program
- Departmental: Curriculum Committee
Faculty Search Committee

Instructor, Program in Communication Sciences and Disorders (2004 - 2005)

University of Georgia, Dept. of Communication Sciences and Special Education, Athens, GA

- **CMSD 4130** – Language Science, a required course for mixed class of undergraduates and three-year graduate students
- **CMSD 6540** – Assessment and Intervention of Preschool Language Disorders, a required course for CMSD and Special Education graduate students
- **CMSD 6700** – Diagnostics in Speech-Language Pathology, a required course for first year graduate students
- **Guest Lectures at UGA:** CMSD 6600 – Research Design; CMSD 6840 – Neurogenic Speech Disorders; LING 2100 – Introduction to Linguistics; CMSD 6560 – School-age Language Disorders

Graduate/Doctoral Studies Research and Teaching Assistant (2002 - 2003)

University of Georgia, Adult Neurogenetics and Language Processing Laboratories, Athens, GA

- Collect and review data involving human subjects, perform statistical analyses.
- Develop marketing plan and materials for promoting research and recruiting participants
Review and edit manuscripts for submission to professional publications.
- Teaching assistance for CMSD 4500 – Language Development, and CMSD 4520 – Language Disorders.

Clinical Instructor, Communication Disorders Program (2000 - 2002)

Georgia State University, Dept. of Educational Psychology and Special Education, Atlanta, GA

- Provided clinical supervision and instruction to graduate students in training, serving pediatric and adult clients seeking intervention for communication disorders including articulation, fluency, voice, developmental and acquired language and cognitive disorders.

CURRENT RESEARCH

- Concussion Management Clinic – longitudinal demographic study of changes in neurocognitive and linguistic function after mild TBI in high school and college athletes, and soldiers returning to Ft. Bliss from deployment in Iraq and Afghanistan – with Anthony Salvatore, PhD as Principal Investigator, University of Texas at El Paso; also collaborating with Lt Col Kathy Prue-Owens, PhD, Director of Nursing Research at William Beaumont Army Medical Center, and Capt Michael N. Dretsch, PhD, Chief of Cognitive Assessment & Diagnostic Branch, US Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory, Ft. Rucker, AL.
- Language Acquisition in Bilingual English and Spanish-Speaking Children – funded study (URI, NSF) to determine patterns of typical development and parameters of Spanglish in the El Paso-Ciudad Juárez border region, in collaboration with Thamar Solorio, PhD, Computer Science, University of Texas at Dallas.

- Perception and Identification of Voice Disorders: A Comparison Study – Advisor to Jacqueline N. Lopez for this HHRDC funded study as her Master’s thesis project.
- Relationship of Critical Thinking and Non-Verbal Reasoning to performance in professional studies in speech-language pathology – with Albert R. DeChicchis, Ph.D., CMSD Program Director, University of Georgia.
- Patterns of Language Use in Mental Illness – longitudinal corpus linguistic study, with William A. Kretzschmar, Jr., Ph.D., Linguistics Program, University of Georgia.

PUBLICATIONS

Sirmon Fjordbak, B. (in preparation). Item analysis of the Speech Sounds Perception Test and implications of high frequency hearing loss.

Sirmon Fjordbak, B., and Acosta-Martinez, R. (in preparation). Use of the Peabody Tests in determining Bilingualism

Salvatore, AP & Sirmon Fjordbak, B. (submitted). Concussion management: Speech-Language Pathologist’s Role.

Salvatore, AP, Sirmon Fjordbak, B, Bene, ER, Ponce de Leon, M, & Prue-Owens, K. (2008). Comparison of Concussion in Athletes and Soldiers. Conference Proceedings from *New Developments in Sports-Related Concussion Conference*. [Abstract]

Fjordbak, BS, Salvatore, AP, Bene, ER, Neal, MR, Nelson, R, & Valles, B. (2008). Sports-Related Concussion and Word Fluency. *Brain Injury*, 22:1, 158. [Abstract]

Wettig, H.H.G., Franke, U., Fjordbak, B.S. (2006). Evaluating the Effectiveness of Theraplay, in C.E. Schaefer and H. Kaduson (Eds). *Contemporary Play Therapy: Theory, Research and Practice*, New York: Guilford Publications.

Fjordbak, T., Fjordbak, BS, Faulkner, MD. (2006). Working memory processes and stroke. *Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine*. <http://www.medicaljournals.se/jrm/strokerehab/index.php?p=P-20> [Abstract].

Covington, M.A., He, C., Brown, C., Naci, L., McClain, J.T., Fjordbak, B.S., et al., (2005). Schizophrenia and the structure of language: The linguist’s view. *Schizophrenia Research*, 77, 85-98.

Fjordbak, T. & Fjordbak, B.S. (2005). WAIS-III Norms for Working-age Adults: A Benchmark for Conducting Vocational, Career and Employment-related Evaluations. *Psychological Reports*, 96, 9-16.

Fjordbak, B.S. (2003). Sommerfriezeit für Behinderte Kinder [Summer Camp for Special Needs Children]. *Schwierige Kinder: Verstehen und Helfen [Difficult Children: Understanding and Helping]*, 29, 8-9.

Fjordbak, B.S. (2003). Spectral analysis of the Speech Sounds Perception Test and the potential relationship to hearing loss. *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*, 18 (7), 767-768. [Abstract].

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Developmental Patholinguistics. Sirmon Fjordbak, B. Two hour podium presentation at the Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association Annual Convention, Austin, TX, April, 2009.

Perceptions and Attitudes of Bilingual Speakers on Bilingualism: A Regional Study. Sirmon Fjordbak, B, Lopez, JN, Martinez, ER, Balderas, M, and Garcia, AL. Poster presentation at the Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association Annual Convention, Austin, TX, April, 2009.

Recovery of cognitive-communicative behavior following concussion in high school and college athletes. Salvatore, Anthony P. and Sirmon Fjordbak, B. Podium presentation at the Academy of Neurologic Communication Disorders and Sciences Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November, 2008.

Survey of Perceptions and Attitudes on Bilingualism by Bilingual Speakers. Fjordbak, Bess Sirmon, Lopez, Jacqueline, Martinez, Raquel, Balderas, Marybell, and Garcia, Anna. Two hour podium presentation at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, November 2008.

Continuity of Care and Will's Bill. Salvatore, Anthony P., Fjordbak, Bess Sirmon, Bene, Edina, Neal, Marcus R. Texas Society for Allied Health Professions Annual Meeting. El Paso, TX, September, 2008.

Comparison of Concussion in Athletes and Soldiers. Salvatore, Anthony P., Fjordbak, Bess Sirmon, Bene, Edina R., Ponce de Leon, Marcus, & Prue-Owens, Kathy. Poster presentation at *New Developments in Sports-Related Concussion Conference*. Pittsburgh, PA, July, 2008.

Developmental Patholinguistics: Differential Diagnosis of Language Use in Mental Illness. Fjordbak, Bess Sirmon. Invited workshop for the El Paso Speech-Language-Hearing Association, June 2008.

Sports-Related Concussion and Word Fluency. Fjordbak, Bess Sirmon, Salvatore, Anthony P, Bene, Edina R, Neal, Marcus R, Nelson, Ryan, & Valles, Benigno. Poster presentation at the Seventh World Congress on Brain Injury. Lisbon, Portugal, April, 2008.

The Effects on Communication When Hearing is Impaired. Fjordbak, Bess Sirmon. Invited presentation to the Paso Del Norte Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers. El Paso, TX, March 19, 2008.

Defining Bilingualism. Lopez, Jacqueline N. and Fjordbak, Bess Sirmon. Poster presentation at the Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association Annual Convention, San Antonio, TX, February 23, 2008.

Critical Thinking & Eductive Reasoning Among SLP Students. Fjordbak, Bess Sirmon, DeChicchis, Albert R., Fjordbak, Timothy. Seminar presented at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association annual convention, Boston, MA, November 17, 2007.

An Educational Model to Integrate Research & Practice in SLP. Salvatore, Anthony, P., Fjordbak, Bess Sirmon, Nelson, Ryan, Valles, Benigno. Poster presentation at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association annual convention, Boston, MA, November 16, 2007.

Concussion Management. Salvatore, Anthony, P., Fjordbak, Bess Sirmon. Invited presentation to the Sun City Athletic Trainers Association, El Paso, TX, October 1, 2007.

Post-Concussion Management Case Study of a High School Football Player. Salvatore, Anthony P., Fjordbak, Bess Sirmon, Nelson, Ryan, Valles, Benigno. NABIS 5th Annual Brain Injury Conference, San Antonio, TX, September 28, 2007.

Interpreting Code-Switching in a Bilingual Child with Down Syndrome and Language Impairment. Valles, Benigno, Nelson, Ryan, Fjordbak, Bess Sirmon, Damico, Jack. Poster presentation at the Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association annual convention, Houston, TX, March, 2007.

Academic Re-entry after TBI. Invited speaker at Tri-Unity Community Conference, University of New Mexico, Las Cruces, New Mexico, March 2, 2007.

Variations in Patterns of Language use in Mental Illness. Invited lecture, UTEP Department of Computer Science Seminar, November, 2006.

Functional Language Changes After Stroke. Invited lecture series, Del Sol Medical Center Rehabilitation Department, El Paso, Texas, October 19, 26 and November 2, 2006.

Linguists meet clinicians: A study of language disorders. Baptista, Marlyse; Fjordbak, Bess Sirmon; Covington, Michael A. Poster presentation at University of Georgia Linguistics Conference, September, 2006.

Patterns of language use in mania. Invited lecture, Artificial Intelligence Center Seminar, University of Georgia, June, 2006.

Working memory and stroke. Fjordbak, Timothy; Fjordbak, Bess Sirmon; Faulkner, Michael D. Poster session, International Stroke Rehabilitation Conference – 2006, Göteborg, Sweden, April, 2006.

Individual variation in language use in a case of Major Mood Disorder. Invited lecture, Artificial Intelligence Center Seminar, University of Georgia, November 2005.

Individual variation in language use in a case of Major Mood Disorder. ASHA convention, San Diego, CA, November 2005.

Individual patterns of language use in a case of Major Mood Disorder. Invited presentation for the Grupo de Neurociencias, Universidad de Antioquia, Medellín, Colombia, October, 2005.

Schizophrenia and the structure of language: the linguist's view. Covington, Michael A.; Brown, Cati; He, Congzhou; Naci, Lorina; Fjordbak, Bess Sirmon; and Brown, John. Presented at the SANE POWIC Meeting on Language and Psychosis, Oxford (UK), July, 2004.

University Supervision: Everything I Needed to Know. Poster co-presented with M. Rambow, K. Coggins, and L. Ben-Moshé at the 2002 ASHA Annual Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2002.

Social Skills: Assessment and Treatment of Pragmatic Language Disorders. Invited presentation at the 2002 GSHA Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA, March 2002.

University Supervision: Everything I Needed to Know. Poster co-presented with M. Rambow, K. Coggins, and L. Ben-Moshé at the 2002 GSHA Annual Convention, March 2002.

Evaluation and Treatment of Acute Neurological Patients. Fjordbak, T. Fjordbak, BS. Three-day workshop at Las Palmas/Del Sol Medical Center, El Paso, Texas, May 31 – June 2, 2001.

Survey of Developmental Speech and Language Conditions - invited guest lecture presented to the Occupational Therapy Department, Brenau University, Gainesville, Georgia, February 2001.

Academic Re-entry After Traumatic Brain Injury. Guidelines for transitioning pediatric and adolescent patients from the medical into the educational setting, presented to the professional clinical staff of Central Georgia Rehabilitation Hospital, Macon, Georgia, August 1997.

Legislative Advocacy: A Primer for Professionals – a workshop on basic governmental structure and how to become an effective advocate. 1997 GSHA Annual Convention, Savannah, Georgia, March 1997.

Cognitive, Behavioral, Emotional, Communicative and Functional Adjustment Following Stroke – invited lecture co-presented with Timothy Fjordbak, Maura Carter, and Michael Faulkner for the Middle Georgia Stroke Support Group, Macon, Georgia, March 1993.

Use and Interpretation of the DTLA-2 with Brain Injured Population – invited presentation at Transitions-Atlanta, a community re-entry program for brain injured adolescents and adults. Marietta, Georgia, June 1992.

School Re-entry of Brain-Injured Students – co-presented with Timothy Fjordbak to the Middle Georgia Consortium of Speech-Language Pathologists, Macon, Georgia, April 1992.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Clinical Supervisor (2006 to present)

Speech and Hearing Clinic, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX

- Supervising on-campus clinical practicum students in diagnostics and intervention
- Supervision of student clinicians participating in data collection in the UTEP Concussion Management Clinic

Expert Witness/Forensic Consultant (2004 to present)

- Provide data analysis and review, and expert testimony related to assessment and intervention in the area of pragmatic language and speech-language pathology issues in special education.

Speech-Language Pathologist (2000 - 2006)

Lumpkin County Schools, Dahlonega, GA and Clarke County Schools, Athens, GA

- Provided SLP services to children ages 3-12 in collaborative and direct service models.
- Supervised clinical fellows seeking state licensure and national ASHA certification.
- Case review and chart audit in preparation for audit by the State Department of Education.

Speech-Language Pathology Consultant/Director of Speech-Language Education (1999 - 2003)

The Dogwood Institute, Inc, Roswell, GA

- Provided direction and oversight of speech-language pathology continuing education offerings, in association with the advanced training for PTs, OTs, and special educators.
- Continuing Education Administrator to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Continuing Education Department.
- Recruited speakers to provide Clinical Excellence training courses at co-sponsoring educational and healthcare facilities nationwide.

Speech-Language Pathology Department Head (1999 - 2000)

Children's Therapy Works, Roswell, GA

- Provided clinical services to children with a variety of developmental language and cognitive disabilities in this interdisciplinary therapy clinic, specializing in sensory integration.
- Development and implementation of alternative service delivery models, including social skills training groups for children ages 4 to 12.
- Contributing writer to the newsletter for the Georgia Chapter of Autism Society of America.
- In-service training and marketing to psychology and physician groups.
- Supervision of clinical staff and student interns.
- Director of *SuperCamp for Special Needs Kids*, a summer day camp experience for children with primary diagnoses in the autism spectrum. Responsibilities included development of an eight-week therapy-based curriculum; recruiting and training of staff; coordination of volunteer pool; transportation; supervision of medication and nutritional needs.

Pediatric Program Coordinator/Speech-Language Pathologist (1997 - 1999)

Dawson County Rehabilitation Center, Dawsonville, GA

- Provided pediatric and consultative clinical services in a family-centered therapy model to local school systems, serving grades Pre-K through 3.
- Co-founded, hosted, and marketed a monthly parent support group for parents of special needs children and provided ongoing parent/caregiver education.
- Developed and marketed pediatric program to physicians, educators, and state agencies.
- Provided public relations, presented information to community organizations (Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club), and wrote press releases for local and regional newspapers.
- Developed, marketed and managed *Camp Summer Fun*, a summer day camp program for special needs children in Dawson, Lumpkin and Hall Counties.

Director of Clinical Operations (1994 - 1997)

Global Rehabilitation Services, Cumming, GA

- Provided educational speech-language pathology services for students in resource, inclusion, and psycho-educational center settings, and provided clinical services in acute care, rehabilitation and long-term care facilities across North Georgia.
- Supervised staff speech-language pathologists and was involved with staff recruitment, development and training.
- Coordinated with directors of special education and GLRS personnel regarding staffing and quality assurance issues.
- Marketed services to educational and healthcare agencies and facilities.
- Served as contact for public relations, customer service, and trouble-shooting.
- Oversight to multidisciplinary professional staff which increased fivefold during that time.

Pediatric Camp Director (1993 - 1996)

Brain Injury Association of Georgia, Atlanta, GA

- Organized, marketed, staffed and managed an overnight summer camp program for medically fragile children with brain injury and other disorders.
- Consulted with parents, educational systems, physicians, BIAG staff and Board of Directors.
- Supervised round-the-clock professional staff and volunteers in utilization pattern designed to provide one-to-one camper supervision.
- Managed budget and finances.

Speech-Language Pathologist/Cognitive Remediation Specialist (1991 - 1994)

Private Practice, Macon, GA

- Ran a private clinical practice specializing in the provision of cognitive/communicative remediation services to adults and children with acquired brain injury.
- Provided speech-language pathology diagnostic and therapy services in elementary school and preschool special needs programs in Bibb County.
- Provided consultative clinical and staff development/training services to educational, community re-entry, psychiatric, and long-term healthcare facilities.

Speech-Language Pathologist (1987 - 1991) [Clinical Fellowship Year (1987-1988)]

Capital Rehabilitation Hospital, Tallahassee, FL, Learning Services-Carolina, Durham, NC, Central Georgia Rehabilitation Hospital, Macon, GA

- Provided clinical speech-language pathology services and family education to pediatric and adult patients and their families in post-acute rehabilitation and community/academic re-entry settings; specialized in evaluation and treatment of cognitive, communicative, and pragmatic deficits in individual and group therapy; participated in staff development and training, including presentations on clinical use of technology, specific disorders, and treatment techniques.

Speech-Language Special Education Teacher (1984 - 1985)

Madison Primary School, Madison, FL

- Worked in a primary school resource room model of service delivery with regular and special education students in the Madison County Schools.
- Provided evaluation and therapy services as defined by PL 94-142, and served as speech-language designee in staffings for exceptional student placement.

OTHER SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association

- Co-Chair, Grassroots Legislative/Regional Association Task Force, 2007-2009
- Councilor to VP of Social and Governmental Policy, 2008-2009
- Trainer, Ethics and Legislative Issues for regional association meetings, 2008 to present

Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association

- President (1997-1998), Chair of Executive Council and Officers Council.
- Prepared Annual Management Plan, outlining committee responsibilities and accountability.
- Monitored planning of and presided over the largest state convention in association history.
- Wrote editorial columns for the state newsletter, and spoke in educational, healthcare and academic settings around the state.
- Provided testimony on Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) at federal hearing.
- Provided testimony on speech-language pathology licensure, certification and Medicaid reimbursement in schools to a subcommittee of the Georgia General Assembly.
- Represented the association at state and national legislative and professional meetings.
- Other service activities involved appointment to Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association/Georgia Department of Rehabilitative Services Task Force for determination of eligibility and assessment criteria for provision of cognitive remediation services in vocational rehabilitation (1991)
- Committee Member, Continuing Ed, Professional Standards and Development (1990-1994)

Special Olympics of Georgia

- As Chair of the Area 02 Management Team, developed and implemented Annual Management Plan, provided oversight for budgetary and correspondence issues (1999-2000).
- Event Coordinator (1991)

Brain Injury Association of Georgia

- Volunteer Camp Counselor (1993)

Free Romania Foundation, Cambridge, MA

- Team Leader (1992) - Appointed to lead a group of volunteer professionals in a humanitarian relief effort assisting disenfranchised handicapped children in an orphanage in a poverty-stricken rural area of Romania.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Distinguished Service Award, Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 1999
- ACE Award, American Speech-Language Hearing Association, 1992, 1997, 2000

MEDIA SPOTS

El Paso Times guest editorial – “Speech-language pathologists, audiologists enhance many lives” (May 31, 2009).

Perspectives on KTEP, El Paso, Texas – invited appearance on locally-produced radio talk show with Dr. Anthony Salvatore to discuss concussion management (air date: October 11, 2008)

Focus on Campus on KTEP, El Paso, Texas – invited appearances on a locally-produced radio talk show, involving discussions of speech-language pathology (aired April 6, 2007), and collaborative research in bilingual acquisition (aired May 4, 2007).

Perspectives on KTEP, El Paso, Texas – invited to participate as guest expert on live radio call-in show hosted by Louie Saenz to discuss code-switching and Spanglish, with Dr. Thamar Solorio (aired April 16, 2007).

El Paso Times column *Health Matters*– invited submission entitled “Spanglish becomes the norm on the border” (November 19, 2007).