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CAREER OBJECTIVE

To positively affect the lives of children and adults with communication and swallowing disabilities throughout southwestern Virginia as the owner of an outpatient speech-language pathology clinic in Abingdon, Virginia—Speech Geek, LLC.

To continue teaching and modeling best practices in speech-language pathology by creating continuing education opportunities for clinicians in rural practice via Speech Geek, LLC—an ASHA approved continuing education provider.

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Hometown: Cowen, Webster County, West Virginia

Family: Married to Luke Meacham, a student at Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, VA

EDUCATION

University of Tennessee Doctor of Philosophy Anticipated Dec 2009 Speech & Hearing Sciences
Have completed all doctoral coursework, starting on dissertation.

Radford University Master of Science May 2002 Speech-Language Pathology

Glenville State College Bachelor of Arts Dec 1988 Education—English (5-12)

Licensure

Virginia Department of Health Professions, #2202004275
Certificate of Clinical Competence, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, #12053171

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| Jun 06 – Present | Business Owner & Therapy Provider Speech Geek, LLC www.speechgeek.net | Abingdon, VA |
| Jan 06 – May 06 | G. B. Kegley Manor | Bastian, VA |
| Dec 05 – Jul 06 | TheraLink, Inc | Knoxville, TN |
| Aug 04 – Mar 06 | East Tennessee Children's Hospital | Knoxville, TN |
| Apr 03 – Jul 04 | Smyth County Community Hospital | Marion, VA |
| May 02 – Mar 03 | Morgan County Schools | Berkeley Springs, WV |

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| Jan 02 – May 02 | Twin Co Regional Home Health & Waddell Nursing Home | Galax, VA |
| Aug 01 – Dec 01 | Radford City Schools | Radford, VA |
| Aug 00 – May 00 | Radford University Clinics | Radford, VA |

RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP

- 2006 **Primary Investigator.** An investigation of the effects of phonological awareness training on preschoolers with sound production impairments.
- 2006 **Primary Investigator.** An investigation of the effects of phonological awareness training on early literacy skills in preschoolers with Down syndrome.
- 2002 **Research Coordinator.** RU Operation Smile Mission to Philippines. Received real-time data collected by RU student researchers in Operation Smile-Philippines, converted PDA files to compatible formats, managed data daily for real-time posting to web of research date and related files.

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

- Mar 09 **Invited Lecturer.** Lecture to ETSU SLP graduate students taking Dysphagia. Lecture topic requested was Pediatric Feeding & Swallowing.
- Mar 08 **Invited Lecturer.** Lecture to ETSU SLP graduate students taking Dysphagia. Lecture topic, as requested by professor, was Pediatric Feeding & Swallowing.
- Aug 04 – May 06 **Graduate Teaching Assistant.** University of Tennessee-Knoxville Campus. Taught undergraduate course, Introduction to Audiology and Speech Pathology.
- Mar 04 **Invited Lecturer.** Two day lecture to UT SLP graduate students taking “Birth to Three Intervention” course. Lecture topic, as requested by professor, included the development of oral motor and feeding skills in children.
- Nov 03 **Invited Lecturer.** Lecture to RU SLP graduate students taking Preschool Language Course. Lecture topic, as requested by professor, included the provision of early intervention services in a center-based program.
- Apr 03 – Jul 04 **Invited Presentations.** Regularly planned, scheduled, and delivered training workshops for nursing staff at various hospital facilities on topic related to swallowing disorders, language disorders following stroke, hearing loss, and hearing aid trouble-shooting, and other topics as requested by administrative nursing staff.
- Aug 00 – May 02 **Graduate Teaching Assistant.** Radford University. Radford, VA. Taught once each week in lieu of regular professor for phonetic (IPA) transcription course. Developed quizzes and practice materials for undergraduate students.
- Jun 00 – Aug 00 **Summer Reading Teacher.** Ages 9-11 years. AmeriCorps Program Mentor for the statewide summer reading program—Energy Express. Glade Elementary Site. Cowen, WV.
- Jan 99 – Dec 99 **ESL Tutor.** Literacy volunteers of America. Christiansburg, VA.
- Jun 98 – Aug 98 **Summer Reading Teacher.** Ages 9-11 years. AmeriCorps Program Mentor for the statewide summer reading program—Energy Express. Glade Elementary Site. Cowen, WV.

PRESENTATIONS

Schwarz, I., Meacham, A., Gillon, G., & Mellin, J. (2006) "The Impact of Phonological Awareness Training on Preschoolers' Speech Intelligibility." American Speech Language & Hearing Association Conference. November 16, 2006. Miami Beach, FL. Poster Presentation.

Meacham, A. (2006) "Language Learning and the Internationally Adopted Child." Virginia Association for Early Childhood Education Conference. March 23-25, 2006. Workshop Presentation. Richmond, VA.

PUBLICATIONS

Meacham, A. (2007). Literacy and disabilities. In R. S. New & M. Cochran (Eds.), Early childhood education: An international encyclopedia (pp.488-493). Westport, CT: Praeger.

Meacham, A. (2006). Language learning and the internationally adopted child. Early Childhood Education Journal. DOI: 10.1007/s10643-006-0105-z.

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Meacham, A. (2005). Anissa Meacham, M.S., CCC-SLP. Academic web page created. Available at: www.anissameacham.com

Meacham, A. (2003). Speech-Language Pathology. Web page created for department. Available at: <http://www.scchosp.org/getpage.php?name=speech>

Meacham, A. (2001). Lynn Adams, PhD, CCC-SLP. Created faculty webpage. Website no longer available. Has been updated.

Meacham, A. (2001). RU Clinics Audiological Services. Created Audiology webpage. Website no longer available. Has been updated.

AWARDS & HONORS

Sept 05 – present **Grant Writing.** Wrote grants applying to several corporate foundations to support trades school scholarships for Webster County High School graduates through the Bill Weese Trades Scholarship Fund. Upper Glade, WV. Current fundraising efforts total over \$12,000.00 as of February 2008.

Feb 07 **Grant Awarded to Trades Fund.** Awarded \$3500 from Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation.

Aug 05 **Trades Fund Created.** Established the Bill Weese Trades Scholarship Fund in memory of my late father, Bill Weese, a true "jack of all trades." The Trades Fund will support Webster County High School graduates seeking a trade in lieu of an academic degree program. It will also support adults within the Webster County community in need of skills retraining.

Jun 05 **Marie Newton Sepia Memorial Scholarship.** \$1000 national, merit-based award from Pilot International Foundation which provides financial aid to qualified graduate students who are working with children with brain-related disorders or disabilities.

Jun 05 **Symposium for Research in Child Language Development Travel Award.** Madison, WI.

- Nov 04 **Silverstein Travel Award.** Student travel award for ASHA convention. Philadelphia, PA.
- Aug 02 **Grant Awarded.** \$2500.00 Innovation Grant from the National Education Association. Wrote Project HEAR (Hear Everything Around our Room) for Craigsville Preschool in Nicholas County Schools, WV, to obtain sound field amplification equipment and software package targeting auditory-based language learning and early literacy skills.
- Aug 01 **Kent Hough Award.** Academic achievement scholarship in speech-language pathology at Radford University.
- Apr 01 **Kappa Delta Pi.** Inducted into Honor Society for Educators at Radford University.
- Apr 00 **Phi Kappa Phi.** Inducted into an interdisciplinary honor society at Radford University.
- May 00 **Zylphia Shu-en Kirk Scholar.** Selected as one of the first cohort (16 students) of Kirk scholars to participate in Mandarin language study (1 year) and scholarly activities related to a two-week study tour of China. Radford University, Office of International Education.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Speech-Language & Hearing Association
Speech-Language Hearing Association of Virginia

CONTINUING EDUCATION & TRAINING

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| Mar 2009 | Dysphagia in the Trach/Vent Population. A publication of Special Interest Division 13, Swallowing and Swallowing Disorder. 0.4 CEUs. | ASHA Self Study |
| Feb 2009 | Phonological Awareness: Evidence to Influence Assessment & Intervention Practices. Editors: Gail Gillon, PhD, and Brian A. Goldstein, PhD, CCC-SLP. 0.6 CEUs | ASHA Self Study |
| Oct 2008 | Esophageal Swallowing Physiology & Disorders; .2 CEUs; Presenters: Bonnie Martin-Harris, PhD CCC-SLP, and Caryn S. Easterling, PhD CCC-SLP | ASHA Self Study |
| Nov 2008 | Dysphagia Practice: Taking Services to the Next Level of Evidenced Based Practice; 1.2 CEUs; Presenter Tom Franceschini, MS, CCC-SLP | Northern Speech Services, Bristol, VA |
| Oct 2008 | Feeding & Swallowing Disorders in Infants & Children—It's a Team Effort; 1.2 CEUs; Presenter Nancy Swigert, MA, CCC-SLP | Speech Geek, LLC Abingdon, VA |
| Aug 2008 | Exploring New Assessment Tools in Speech, Language & Behavior; .5 CEUs; Ashley Adams, MA, CCC-SLP | Speech Geek, LLC Abingdon, VA |
| Aug 2008 | Orientation to Part C, Serving Children Birth to age 3 years No CEUs, Certification of Completion only. | Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia |
| July 2008 | Enhancing Phonological & Metaphonological Skills of Children; .3 CEUs, 3 hours | ASHA Self Study |
| May 2008 | Group Treatment of Asperger Syndrome: Getting the Most out of Group Sessions; 5.5 CEUs; Lynn Adams, PhD, CCC-SLP | Speech Geek, LLC Abingdon, VA |
| April 2008 | Treatment Strategies for Children with Cleft Lip & Palate; | Speech Geek, LLC |

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| | 5.5 CEUs; Nancy Scherer, PhD, CCC-SLP | Abingdon, VA |
| Dec 07 | Phonological Awareness & Literacy Acquisition .3 CEUs (3 contact hours) | ASHA Video Self-study |
| Dec 07 | VitalStim Therapy Certification Course CIAO Seminars 1.6 CEUs (16 contact hours) | CIAO Seminars Charlotte, NC |
| Oct 07 | Frazier Water Protocol: Safety, Hydration, & Quality of Life American Speech-Language-Hearing Association | ASHA Teleconference Chilhowie, VA |
| Sep 07 | Modified Barium Swallow: The Clear Picture 1.2 CEUs (12 contact hours) | CIAO Seminars Online |
| June 07 | Childhood Apraxia of Speech. Cari Vest, MS, CCC-SLP. .75 CEUs (7.5 contact hours) | Speech Geek LLC Abingdon, VA |
| Nov 06 | Interpreting X-Ray Swallow Studies & Planning Treatment American Speech-Language Hearing Association | ASHA Video Self Study |
| Nov 06 | Pediatric Feeding & Swallowing: Assessment & Treatment Programming – American Speech-Language-Hearing Assoc | ASHA Video Self Study |
| May 06 | New Provider Training, Office of Mental Retardation May 16-17, 2006 | DMHMRSAS Charlottesville, VA |
| Aug 04 – Jul 06 | Coursework (36 hours) completed for Doctor of Philosophy degree in Speech & Hearing Sciences. Dissertation Remaining. | University of Tennessee Knoxville, TN |
| Nov 04 | Improving the Design of AAC Systems for Young Children Sol Adler Memorial Conference | University of Tennessee Knoxville, TN |
| Mar 04 | Pediatric Feeding & Swallowing Cheri Fraker & Laura Walbert, MS, CCC/SLP-L, CLC | Cont Ed Prog of America Atlanta, GA |
| Sept 04 | Pediatric Dysphagia Nancy Swigert, MS, CCC-SLP | LinguaCare Associates Charleston, WV |
| Sept 04 | Straws, Horns & Bubbles as Therapy Tools Sara Rosenfeld Johnson, MS, CCC-SLP | Talk Tools, Inc. Video Self Study |
| Sept 04 | Prefeeding Skills & Organizing the Mouth Lori Overland, MS, CCC-SLP | Talk Tools, Inc Video Self Study |
| Jan 04 | Improving Swallowing Function in Individuals with Memory Loss and/or Dementia including Alzheimer's Dementia | Northern Speech Svcs Raleigh, NC |
| Dec 03 | Counseling Skills in Stuttering Stuttering Foundation of America | SFA Video Self Study |
| Nov 03 | The School-age Child Who Stutters Stuttering Foundation of America | SFA Video Self Study |
| Oct 03 | Pediatric Rib Cage Handling Theresa Gager, MS, CCC-SLP | Pediatric Resources, Inc Houston, TX |
| Oct 03 | Pediatric Oral-Pharyngeal Motility Studies Catherine Shaker, MS, CCC-SLP | Pediatric Resources, Inc Houston, TX |

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| Jul 03 | Pediatric Swallowing & Feeding: Problem-solving & Practical Intervention Strategies, Catherine Shaker, MS, CCC-SLP | Pediatric Resources, Inc Lexington, KY |
| Feb 03 | AAC in the Schools IV: Vocabulary Selection for Current AAC Users; American Speech-Language-Hearing Association | ASHA E-Learning Online Course |
| Dec 02 | Dysphagia Teams in School Settings American Speech-Language-Hearing Association | ASHA Telephone Seminar |
| Oct 02 | AAC in Schools II: Device Features & Related Strategies American Speech-Language-Hearing Association | ASHA E-Learning Online Course |
| Oct 02 | Autism: TEACCH Methods for children with Autism, RESA VIII | RESA VIII Berkeley Springs, WV |
| Sept 02 | AAC in Schools I: Introduction to AAC Intervention American Speech-Language-Hearing Association | ASHA E-Learning Online Course |
| Sept 02 | WV Reading Assessment Training, Morgan County Schools | RESA VIII Berkeley Springs, WV |
| Jun 02 | Fluency: Parents as Partners, RESA VIII | RESA VIII Berkeley Springs, WV |
| Jun 02 | AAC Methods, RESA VIII | RESA VIII Berkeley Springs, WV |
| Jun 02 | AAC in Schools Workshop Series WV Dept of Education, Office of Special Education | WV Dept of Education Charleston, WV |
| Mar 02 | Pediatric Dysphagia Short Course Speech & Hearing Association of Virginia (SHAV) Conference | SHAV Charlottesville, VA |

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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