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Message from Co-Convention Chairs, Hadiya Coppedge, M.A., CCC-SLP and Jessica Sullivan, PhD

Welcome to NBASLH 2017! This year we will be celebrating our 39th Anniversary in Atlanta, GA. Rich in history and significance for the African American community, Atlanta symbolizes growth, opportunity, success and determination; making it the perfect host city to represent our 2017 convention theme **"NBASLH Expanding in Research and Clinical Practice."** We are excited about all of the high quality presentations that will be presented this year. Moreover, we would like to make this the best NBASLH convention yet! Our highlighted speakers are all leaders in their respective fields and will add depth to what is shaping up to be an amazing program. NBASLH is poised to attract new conference attendees from other professions that share an interest within the field of communication disorders including deaf educators, linguists, and hearing scientists.

As NBASLH continues to grow in membership and presentation depth, we are maintaining the core values of our beloved organization. While you are busy planning your schedules be sure to include the Opening Session, Student Mentor Luncheon, the Annual Awards Dinner and the Closing Highlighted Poster Session and Reception. **What's new this year at NBASLH?** We are collaborating with the Hispanic Caucus to present pertinent issues in the field as it pertains to bilingualism! We will kick off NBASLH 2017 with a tour of the *Museum of Civil and Human Rights* which NBASLH attendees will be able to purchase at a special rate of \$10. Derreck Kayongo, the executive director of the Museum of Civil and Human Rights will be our keynote speaker. In addition, on Friday night at our awards banquet, we will celebrate Black Excellence with an **all black affair**. We encourage everyone to wear black attire for the spectacular event.

Message from Co-Convention Chairs, Hadiya Coppedge, M.A., CCC-SLP and Jessica Sullivan, PhD (continued)

According to the U.S. Census, the city of Atlanta has the forth largest African-American population in the country. Subsequently, it has been known as the center for African-American power, culture and education since the abolition of slavery. Often called the "Black Mecca," the city is home to civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., and the Atlanta University Center consisting of four historically black colleges. Atlanta has the highest national percentage of African Americans with bachelor's degrees, over 600,000 black owned businesses, and it is the center for Black entertainment in both film and music earning the name, "Black Hollywood." Atlanta hosts many historical sites from the King Center to the World of Coca Cola Museum. Last but certainly not least, Atlanta is a foodie destination with trendy new restaurants and iconic southern staples.

We hope to see you in Atlanta,
Jessica & Hadiya

Neurogenic Special Interest Group (NSIG) Presentations

The Neurogenic Special Interest Group (NSIG) of the National Black Association for Speech Language and Hearing (NBASLH) has existed for over 20 years. We are pleased to inform all convention attendees that our submission has been accepted for the 2017 Atlanta Convention! Come and support our distinguished NSIG member, Ms. Cynthia "Cee Cee" Brewster, and special guest Edgar V. Clark on Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 8:45am to 10:45am in the Georgia 10 room.

We are honored to sponsor their presentation "*The FEES as a Primary Diagnostic Tool in the SNF*" which will be a 2 hour mini-seminar on the Saturday morning of the convention. The SLP-Endoscopy Dynamic Duo will provide a blueprint for successful implementation of this team approach using FEES from the initial referral through the actual FEES study and the role each professional plays in the assessment; documentation; therapy discussions, counseling with the patient and family and the need for follow up assessment. A little more about the speakers:

Ms. Cynthia "Cee Cee" Brewster has worked in the field of speech language pathology for well over 27 years. She has a background in adult neurological disorders specializing in the areas of swallowing disorders, cognitive language disorders, and use of augmentative communication devices with stroke patients.

Mr. Edgar "Vince" Clark is the Administrator for "The Agency", an affiliate of Integra Rehabilitation. He provides service and supervision of the Flexible Endoscopic Examination of Swallowing [FEES] program throughout Georgia. Let us come and show them support!

NBASLH MEMBERSHIP!! Did you know that this issue and previous issues of the Resound are available on the NBASLH website under PUBLICATIONS? In an effort to conserve resources the RESOUND will be going completely ELECTRONIC by 2018!



Arnell A. Brady, CCC-SLP , Past NBASLH Chairman Elected ASHA Fellow

After 32 years as a certified Speech-Language Pathologist practicing in a Developmental Montessori School, Private Practice, Home Health, Early Intervention, Hospitals, Head Start & Early Head Start, Public and Private Schools, Adjunct University Instructor, Rehabilitation Center and Skilled Nursing Facility I was elected a Fellow of the American Speech Language Hearing Association. Some of those places where I practiced were short stints like one semester in the Public School and one semester as an Adjunct University Instructor but, some have been long term like 32 years of Private Practice.

Some colleagues have asked me, "What have you learned after practicing in all those different places?" The most important thing that I have learned, which I learned early in my career, is the importance of groups like NBASLH and ASHA. Practicing in all those different settings I experienced so many different opinions, attitudes and behaviors regarding the protection of everyone's human right to adequate and functional oral language. In all of those settings there were so many people knowing too little about the discipline of Speech-Language Pathology. Some of those people were in positions of authority creating rules and regulations directly impacting people's access to quality speech-language pathology services, which in too many cases resulted in people being denied quality speech-language pathology services, and that makes groups like NBASLH and ASHA so critically important.

ASHA has continuously worked hard to keep the standard high for access to practice professionally in the discipline of Speech-Language Pathology, so it can remain a viable entity in our society and the rest of the world. NBASLH has worked hard to help Blacks gain access to ASHA and the practice of Speech-Language Pathology. The widespread habilitation and rehabilitation of oral language has become a critical part of our survival, in a time when many American Universities and Colleges that have speech-language pathology programs do not recognize NBASLH as a legitimate factor. The numbers of Blacks entering the discipline is not in proportion to the present growth of the discipline. We, NBASLH needs to get to work.



Arnell wore native African clothes at the Awards Ceremony to honor his ancestors that sacrificed so much so he could get to this spot.



(left to right) Arnell was joined by his family at the ceremony. Myles (son), Precious (daughter-in-law), Dr. Ashanta (daughter), Xavier (grandson), Dr. Patricia (wife of 43 years), Peyton (granddaughter), Rebecca (daughter-in-law), Arnell III (son).

African American Speech-Language Pathologists: Stories of Success

I am a member of NBASLH and am conducting a research study in order to learn more about components that should be included in models of education to increase the success of African American students in our field. Participating in this study means allowing me to interview you once for approximately one hour to talk about factors that you feel helped you become a speech-language pathologist.

If you are an African American speech-language pathologist and are interested in participating in this study, please contact me at sginsberg@emich.edu. I will be attending the annual NBASLH Convention in April, 2017, let me know and we can arrange a convenient time to conduct the interview.

Thank you for considering this request to participate in this study.

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2017 Convention Highlighted Speakers

Opening Speaker: Melanie W. Hudson



Melanie W. Hudson, an ASHA Fellow, is a Director at EBS Healthcare. She has over 30 years of experience as a speech-language pathologist in public schools, private practice and university settings. She currently serves on the ASHA Board of Directors as Chair of the Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Council.

She has served on the ASHA Board of Ethics and on ASHA's Board of Special Interest Group Coordinators as the Coordinator for Special Interest Group 11, Administration and Supervision. She also served on ASHA's ad hoc committee on Supervision in 2013. She is co-editor and chapter author for the 4th edition of "Professional Issues in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology," (Lubinski & Hudson; Delmar, Cengage Learning, 2013). She is a former President of the Georgia Speech-Language and Hearing Association, and received their Honors of the Association Award in 2014. She currently serves on the Georgia Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. Melanie presents on a variety of topics related to school-based services, autism spectrum disorders, clinical education (supervision/mentoring), and professional ethics.

Keynote Speaker: Deereck Kayongo



Deereck Kayongo was born in Kampala, Uganda just before [General Idi Amin Dada](#) seized power in a military coup. The new regime became known for its brutality, and today Idi Amin is one of history's most notorious dictators. As violence spread through the country and civil war erupted, Kayongo and his

family became refugees in Kenya. He later immigrated to America to attend university. Today, he is a successful entrepreneur and human rights innovator. Though most well known as a [2011 CNN Hero](#) and founder of the Global Soap Project, Kayongo is a renowned expert in environmental sustainability and global health, as well as the current CEO of the [National Center for Civil and Human Rights in Atlanta, Georgia](#). In 2016 the Georgia State Senate passed a resolution recognizing Kayongo's incredible journey from refugee to CEO.

2017 Convention Highlighted Speakers (continued)



Highlighted Speaker: Judy R. Dubno

Judy R. Dubno's research focuses on how auditory perception changes with age, hearing loss, hearing aids, and training. She is a Fellow of the Acoustical Society of America and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and the recipient of the James Jerger Career Award for Research in Audiology.



Highlighted Speaker: Ianessa Humbert

Dr. Humbert is an Associate Professor at the University of Florida in the Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences. She has expertise in swallowing and swallowing disorders. Dr. Humbert's research program is focused on the physiological mechanisms of swallowing disorders and the development of rehabilitation strategies for dysfunction.



Highlighted Speaker: Elizabeth Pena

Elizabeth Pena is the George Christian Centennial Professor in Communication. She is a certified Speech-Language Pathologist and is a Fellow of the American Speech Language Hearing Association. Her research focuses on two lines of inquiry that address the goal of differentiating language impairment from language difference. These two interrelated areas include dynamic assessment and semantic development in bilinguals. Dynamic assessment tests ability to learn new language skills. In contrast, standardized tests assess what children already know. The advantage of focusing on learning is that it greatly reduces bias by not assuming lack of knowledge is lack of ability. In the semantics area she is interested in how children from diverse linguistic backgrounds learn new language skills and how they lexicalize their conceptual knowledge across two languages. Through careful qualitative and description of bilingual children's performance, she is currently focusing on potential similarities among typical monolingual and bilingual children as well as differences between typical and impaired bilingual or monolingual children. Outcomes of these lines of study have resulted in publication of the [Dynamic Assessment and Intervention: Improving Children's Narrative Abilities](#) protocol and the [Bilingual English Spanish Assessment](#) test.



Highlighted Speaker: Alicia Beckford Wassink

Alicia Beckford Wassink received her PhD from the University of Michigan in 1999. Since then, she has taught in the Department of Linguistics, University of Washington, Seattle, and directs the Sociolinguistics Laboratory there. Wassink was Ronald McNair faculty mentor of the year in 2001, nominated for an excellence in teaching award in 2007, and served as an Affiliate Professor, Center for Mind, Brain and Learning, University of Washington (now iLabs). Wassink's research interests lie in acoustic characterization of vowel systems, sound change, language ideology, social network modeling, dialect contact, development of sociolinguistic competence in children, and creole linguistics. Reports of her research have appeared in the Journal of The Acoustical Society of America, Journal of Phonetics, the International Journal of Speech-Language Pathology, Language in Society, Language Variation and Change, Journal of English Linguistics.

2017 NBASLH Convention Details



The Sheraton Atlanta is the site of the April 6 - 8, 2017 NBASLH Convention.

The Sheraton Atlanta Hotel is located walking distance from the best Atlanta attractions. Business travelers are blocks from the Georgia World Congress Center, where they can network with people from around the world. History buffs connect to close by Atlanta landmarks commemorating the rich, important past of the Southern United States, with sites to see such as the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site and the National Center for Civil and Human Rights.

Around the corner, spend some time reflecting at Centennial Olympic Park, the heart of the city commemorating the 1996 Olympic Games hosted in Atlanta. To catch a basketball game or concert, just steps away is the Philips Arena, home to multiple sports teams and site of daily concerts and events. No matter what brings you to Atlanta, you'll be sure to find something exciting around the corner from the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel.

Special NBASLH Room rates are: \$160 single/double, \$170 triple, \$180 quad. These rates will only be honored by the Sheraton Atlanta until March 10, 2017 or the room block is filled, which ever occurs first. Please make your reservations early.

Reservations may be made by calling 800-833-8624. Be sure to provide the code **NBASLH2017** to access our room block and secure our special group rate.

Visit the NBASLH website, www.nbaslh.org for additional hotel information!



Visit the NBASLH Website to register online and view program information: www.nbaslh.org



A Message from Dr. Elle, Public Relations/Social Media Committee Chairman

Greetings and Blessings from the Public Relations/Social Media Committee! We are looking forward to a successful and exciting Convention in the historical city of Atlanta! This year we want everyone who posts pictures during Convention to @NBASLH and hashtag #NBASLHLeads! Be sure to follow us on Social Media and tell your friends to follow us on Facebook! Help us reach our goal of 2,000 followers by Convention!!



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