

CONVENTION SECTION

Grand International Inn

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Grand International in Minot. Room rates are \$55 for regular rooms. Rooms will be released on October 3, 2007 and will then be available on a space and rate availability only. If calling in to reserve a room, please specify that you are with the North Dakota Speech-Language-Hearing Association in order to receive conference rates. The phone number at the Grand International is 701-852-3161.

REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP FEES

Pre-registration Fees * To receive pre-registration discount, the pre-registration form must be postmarked no later than *October 15, 2007*.

Active and Associate Members	\$80 (lunch included)
Non-Members	\$120 (lunch included)
Students	\$25 (luncheon fee for students is an additional \$7)

On-Site Registration Fees

Active and Associate Members	\$90 (lunch not included)
Non-Members	\$130 (lunch not included)
Students	\$35

Membership

Active and Associate Members	\$40
Students	\$10

PLEASE NOTE: If an individual is unable to attend the convention and a refund is requested, there is a \$10 handling fee.

Convention Reminder

You may want to dress in layers, as it is often difficult to keep the temperature in a large room comfortable for each individual.

About the Presenters

Dr. Gail D. Chermak is an internationally recognized authority on (central) auditory processing disorder ([C]APD). She has published extensively and lectured widely on differential diagnosis and treatment of (C)APD. Her co-authored articles and letters to the editor on (C)APD and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder were named by her peers as among the best in diagnostic audiology in six of the last nine consecutive years. Her two-volume Handbook of (Central) Auditory Processing Disorder, edited with Frank Musiek and published in 2007, is considered the definitive text on (C)APD. Dr. Chermak is professor of audiology and chair of the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences at Washington State University. She held the Washington State University College of Liberal Arts Edward R. Meyer Distinguished Professorship in 1999-2002 and she received the College's Distinguished Faculty Award in 2002. She holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology, and she is a fellow of the American Academy of Audiology (AAA) and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). She is included in several major American and international biographical listings. Funded by the Kellogg Foundation, the World Institute on Disability, and the Fulbright American Republics Research Program, she has traveled extensively, consulting with public and private agencies in the area of rehabilitation service delivery. She has chaired and served on a number of national professional committees and task forces, including the 2005 ASHA Work Group on Central Auditory Processing Disorder ([C]APD), which authored a technical report and position statement. She is an assistant editor for the *Journal of the American Academy of Audiology* and she serves as editorial consultant for several other professional and scientific journals.

Dr. Margaret Coxwell is an Associate Professor of Education and Assistant to the Dean of the Graduate School at Minot State University in Minot, ND. In addition to teaching early childhood, elementary math methods, and various graduate courses at Minot State, she taught for seven years at Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD. Her teaching experience includes close to 30 years of pre-k through 8th grade teaching; she holds an elementary principal's certificate in Montana, and is a professional storyteller. She has given numerous presentations at state, regional, and national conferences on such topics as storytelling, creative dramatics, writing for learning, and math and literacy, among others.

Dr. Bryce Fifield is Executive Director of NDCPD at Minot State University. He has a doctorate in Special Education and Rehabilitation from the University of Oregon (1988), and Bachelors (1980) and Masters (1982) Degrees in Counseling and School Psychology from Utah State University.

He worked as a School Psychologist for the Shelley, Idaho Public Schools and as Research Coordinator and Consulting Psychologist for the Dine' Center on Human Development at Navajo Community College. After completing his doctorate, he worked for the Eugene Oregon Public Schools as a Research Associate for two years. He has also worked as an Associate Professor in Special Education and Associate Director for the Idaho University Affiliated Program. His research interests include assistive technology,

program evaluation, longitudinal research with at-risk populations, and distance education. Recently funded projects include a study to evaluate the effectiveness of real-time online captioning for students with disabilities and a project to provide a six-year study on the effects of hearing screening tests to newborns in North Dakota.

John Liechty is a graduate of Goshen College with a B.A. degree in social welfare. He received an M.S.W. degree from Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville, in 1978, when he had an aneurysm, with resulting aphasia. He has been active as an Advisory Board member and volunteer with the National Aphasia Association and helped form the Goshen (Ind.) Community Aphasia Support Group. In the past seven years he has made presentations to a number of regional and national health-related organizations on the topic of aphasia. Since 2006, he has had half a dozen articles published in various professional journals and newsletters.

Dr. Lesley Magnus received her Bachelor of Science in Education from Minot State University in 1985. She completed her Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology from Minot State University in 1986. After 15 years of clinical work in Pediatric SLP, Dr. Magnus returned to Wichita State University to complete her Doctor of Philosophy in Communication Disorders and Sciences in 2000. Her doctoral dissertation focused on phonological aspects of children born with Clefting anomalies. Magnus is a certified SLP in both Canada and the USA. In addition, she is past president of the Saskatchewan Association of Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists. Magnus' professional interests and work lie in the areas of phonology, clefting, and language disorders in children.

Orlene Schroeder, M.S. is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication Disorders at Minot State University. She has been the ND elected member to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Legislative Council since 2006 where she has become actively involved in Grassroots Advocacy. She recently met with North Dakota Representative Earl Pomeroy to discuss national legislative issues relevant to the professions and services of speech-language pathologists and audiologists.

Carol Flexer received her doctorate in audiology from Kent State University in 1982. She was at The University of Akron for 25 years as a Distinguished Professor of Audiology in the School of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. Special areas of expertise include pediatric and educational audiology. She continues to lecture extensively nationally and internationally and has authored more than 150 publications. She has co-edited and authored seven books: *Children with Hearing Loss: Developing Listening and Talking, Birth to Six*; *How the Student with Hearing Loss Can Succeed in College*, first and second editions; *Sound-Field Amplification: Theory and Practical Applications*, 1st and 2nd ed.; and *Facilitating Hearing and Listening in Young Children* -- 1st and 2nd ed. She is a past President of the Educational Audiology Association and a past president of the American Academy of Audiology. Currently, she is a Board Member of the American Academy of Audiology Foundation, and President of the

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Academy for Listening and Spoken Language. She is a Certified Auditory-Verbal Therapist (CertAVT) and a licensed audiologist. For her research and advocacy for children with hearing loss, Dr. Flexer received the *Volta Award*, the most prestigious award conferred by The Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Dr. Flexer also is a Certified Laughter Leader.

Lura Daussat, MPH, serves as a program coordinator for OZ Systems, a child-centric information management solution company. Her role is to implement and support state and hospital newborn screening programs as well as represent customer needs to the company. She works closely with Public Health Departments as they introduce information management solutions for Early Hearing Detection and Intervention programs. She has trained nurses, audiologists, and public health department staff on the use of the software and conducted train the trainer sessions for programs located across the United States.