Welcome to the first edition of the Speech & Hearing Science Ph.D. Program Newsletter! We hope to publish this newsletter annually for current Ph.D. students, faculty, and alumni to keep them up-to-date on the research activities and achievements of our students. Our Ph.D. program continues to grow in both students and faculty allowing us to form an even stronger and more cohesive cohort. Last year, our students were authors on ten research publications and on sixteen posters/presentations (see the listings at the end of the newsletter)! In the coming year, we hope to continue our strong research presence.

UPDATES

This year, we welcomed three new Ph.D. students to the program: Anny Castilla (mentor: Laida Restrepo); Sharon McKarns (Mentors: Andrea Pittman & Michael Dormon), and Erica Williams (Mentor: Sid Bacon). We look forward to hearing their First-Year Research Presentations in May. Speaking of which, last May, Yu-kyong Choe and Louise Loiselle gave strong presentations of their first-year research projects. Kari Krein-Jones continued her research projects at the Mayo Clinic Scottsdale. Juliet Davie is completing her comprehensive exam and will be defending her dissertation prospectus in a few weeks. Patty McCartney and Addie Lafferty presented their dissertation prospectuses and are currently conducting their proposed experiments. Several students, including Deepa Aier, Ferenc Bunta, and Heather Weintraub, are completing their dissertation research and planning to defend their dissertations this year. At the end of the Fall semester, we congratulated Tony Spahr on the completion of his dissertation and survival of his defense. He is now a Faculty Research Associate in the Cochlear Implant Research Laboratory at ASU.

AWARDS

We are proud that so many of our students earned prestigious awards and scholarships last year. Ferenc was a Spencer Fellow and was awarded an ASU/Spencer Discipline-Based Fellowship. He was also named an honoree at the Tribute to Faculty and Academic Professionals by ASU Student Affairs. Patty was another Spencer Fellow and was awarded an ASU/Spencer Discipline Based Fellowship. The Spencer Fellowships are quite an achievement and only nine are awarded at ASU each year. Yu-kyong was awarded the Marilyn Miller Quintana Moline Scholarship by the ASU Speech & Hearing Science Department. Addie was named a 2004 Head Start Graduate Student Research Scholar and was awarded an impressive $40,000 grant to fund her dissertation research for 2004-2006. Tony was awarded an NIH Predoctoral Fellowship Grant entitled “Speech Perception In Exceptional Cochlear Implant Users” (award dates November 2003-October 2005).
Research Publications

**Bunta, F., Davidovich, I., & Ingram, D.** (in press). The relationship between the phonological complexity of a bilingual child’s words and those of the target languages. *International Journal of Bilingualism*.


Research Presentations


Bunta, F. (February 2004). Teaching an interactive speech science course on a limited budget. Poster session presented at the Second Annual Southern California Conference on Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences, San Diego, CA.


