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## ► PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists,

As I followed [#ASHA15](#) on Twitter this year, I came across [#SpeechGuys](#), a hashtag to “connect men in the field of speech-language pathology and to raise awareness of SLP as a viable and fulfilling career for men. My name is Nathan Hoffart, and no, I am not an audiologist. I am one of the rare male SLPs. One of the #SpeechGuys”. I am the father of three beautiful daughters and expecting a fourth. I am a school-based speech-language pathologist in Terrace, BC. I also have a growing private practice across the Northwest of British Columbia, which was the recent winner of ‘Best Social Enterprise’ in the [ThriveNorth Business Challenge](#).

I feel a loyal connection to BC. As I am originally from Courtenay, on Vancouver Island, and I completed my undergraduate in linguistics at UVIC and my MSc. in speech-language pathology at UBC, I am proud to be the President of BCASLPA. I have sat on the Provincial Council for the past three years, where I have had the pleasure to work with three amazing presidents: Julia Hodder, who has reorganized our policies and our board make up; Brent Clayson, who provided the essential link to audiologists; and Melanie Houston, who's passion and drive for advocacy of our professions continues to inspire me.

As a former UBC student, I was very excited to hear last year that the School of Audiology and Speech Sciences would be increasing the number of new SLPs from 23 to 36! This expansion is to address the shortage of SLPs in Northern and rural BC communities. This dramatic increase will also have an effect on BCASLPA by giving us more members per year, and increasing the younger demographic.

These changes are coming at a time when exciting things are happening within BCASLPA. For instance, we are looking at a complete rebranding with other possible large structural changes for our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, in 2017. More information will be released at a later date. As we ramp up to these changes I will work with our amazing Provincial Council to increase member benefits; advocate for our professions; strengthen the communication between SAC, the College, and the [Pan Canadian Alliance](#), and maintain our relevancy as an association.

I will also call you to action!

BCASLPA exists as an association of members. The work that we do is done by you. Come and work on a committee and meet other amazing and engaged SLPs and audiologists from around the province. Come and advocate for your profession and help provide some of the best continuing education in Canada.

Sincerely,

**Nathan Hoffart, M.Sc., RSLP, SLP(C)**

**President**

**British Columbia Association of Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists**

# ▶ PEOPLE: SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS OF THE UBC SASS



## **Eavan Sinden (Clinical Instructor)**

Eavan Sinden is a Speech-Language Pathologist, trained in the University College Cork, Ireland, in addition to having a Master's degree in Clinical Education from the University of Edinburgh. Eavan's clinical work has primarily been in the area of adult rehabilitation, most recently working at the Aphasia Institute in Toronto. Her experience has focussed on developing programs and resources for people with aphasia within the Life Participation Approach to Aphasia (LPAA) model. She is trained in Supported Conversation for Adults with Aphasia (SCA™) and is the author of the "Your Life: Looking Back, Moving Forward", a communicatively accessible resource, created to facilitate people with aphasia to rediscover their identity through storytelling.

Eavan has completed research in the area of clinical education, more specifically examining how clinical educators teach Speech-Language Pathology students around aphasia and its management during clinical placements. She hopes to continue to investigate further research opportunities in this area.



## **Glenda Mason (Instructor)**

Glenda is currently completing a PhD in our School, on the topic of phonological development (typical and protracted) of multisyllabic words in school-aged children. She is an experienced Speech-Language Pathologist who has practiced for many years with pre-school and school populations primarily in the Okanagan region of BC. Prior to embarking on a PhD program, Glenda served in a variety of voluntary capacities, including committees of BCASLPA, and within her home community.



## **Wendy Duke (Instructor)**

Wendy Duke has worked in British Columbia as a Speech-Language Pathologist since the early 1980s, mostly in the area of acquired communication disorders. After spending the early years of her career in various health care settings in the Vancouver area, she worked full time in private practice for over 25 years focusing largely on community re-integration of people with aphasia and cognitive communication disorders, as well as treatment for people who stutter. Throughout her career, Wendy has been an active participant in clinical education of graduate students in speech-language pathology. Wendy keeps her hand in the world of rehabilitation through her activities at her private practice.



## **Marcia Choi (Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education)**

Marcia Choi is an experienced clinician, facilitator, and instructor who has 25 years of experience with health teams with content expertise in interprofessional and leadership development practice. She has extensive experience working in public health settings including acute care and rehab settings, and has been teaching interprofessional teamwork to UBC health sciences students since 2003. Since 2008, she has been a principal in Casson & Choi Inc., a consultant and education service specializing in communication and leadership skills for leaders in health and non-health sectors.

**Valter Ciocca, UBC SASS**

# ► TEXT WITH 9-1-1

## INNOVATIVE NEW SERVICE CAN BE A LIFELINE FOR THE DEAF, HARD OF HEARING AND SPEECH-IMPAIRED COMMUNITY



Text With 9-1-1 (T9-1-1) – the service that allows deaf, hard of hearing and speech-impaired Canadians to converse with 9-1-1 call centres using text messaging – is now available in many parts of British Columbia, including Metro Vancouver, Northern Vancouver Island, Squamish Lillooet Regional District and Sunshine Coast Regional District.

The service is really quite simple to use. The first step is to register your cell phone, or your child's cell phone, with your wireless service provider. You can do this by visiting [www.TextWith911.ca](http://www.TextWith911.ca) and clicking on the “Registration” button to find your cell phone company.

In the event of an emergency, you or your child can then dial 9-1-1 on the cell phone, just like you were making a voice call. However, there is no need for you to speak, as the 9-1-1 call taker will automatically receive an indicator that tells them to communicate with you via text messaging. Keep the call open, and you will soon receive the first text message from the call taker.

If you are a hearing person dialing 9-1-1 from a cell phone that is registered for T9-1-1, simply converse with the 9-1-1 call taker as you would with any voice call to address your emergency.

Here are some quick tips to keep in mind to help the 9-1-1 call taker help you as quickly as possible:

- Make sure your cell phone keypad is unlocked. Some cell phones do not allow receiving and/or sending text messages if the keypad is locked, even though they allow you to dial 9-1-1.
- Text messages should be brief and concise. Ensure your message is as clear as possible by never using text abbreviations or slang.
- Please be patient, as emergency text communication takes longer to initiate, especially during peak emergency situations. The 9-1-1 call taker will be making their best effort to quickly send the initial text message.
- T9-1-1 should only be used for emergency situations that require a response from police, fire or emergency medical services.

The T9-1-1 service is gradually being rolled out across the country, so once you have registered the cell phone, you will have access to T9-1-1 in any area of the county where the service is available. Be sure to visit [www.TextWith911.ca](http://www.TextWith911.ca) to learn more about this important safety tool.

E-Comm, the largest 9-1-1 centre in British Columbia, is also an excellent resource for information about T9-1-1. The organization has prepared a [video](#) with sign language that provides an easy-to-understand step-by-step guide to using T9-1-1 that parents and children alike should watch to familiarize themselves with the service. Visit E-Comm at [www.EComm911.ca](http://www.EComm911.ca).

**Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association**

# *Executive Dysfunction in School-Aged Children: Assessment & Intervention*

## **A Workshop Presented by**

Jill Fahy, M.A., CCC-SLP

Associate Professor, Eastern Illinois University

Co-author of *The Source for Development of Executive Functions*

**February 19, 2016**

**9:00 AM - 3:45 PM**

**Parkland Secondary School Theatre**

**10640 McDonald Park Road, Sidney, BC**

Quick and easy access from Swartz Bay ferry terminal

**\$60 for BCASLPA Members**

**& SD63 Staff**

**\$125 for Others**

**To Register now and for further information, go to: [www.bit.ly/saanichslp](http://www.bit.ly/saanichslp)**

Contact Jane McMullin ([jmcmullin@sd63.bc.ca](mailto:jmcmullin@sd63.bc.ca)) for further information

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Congratulations to Samantha Garrett-Petts for winning BCASLPA's social media contest during May Month 2015

## **▶ ADVOCACY NEWS**

Watch your email for the new Public Education/Advocacy e-blast. All recent news will be included in this new initiative, publishing every two months with advocacy news, contests, and advice. Coming soon!

## **VIBRATIONS WINTER 2015**

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