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Education

The Pennsylvania State University

May 2004 ▪ Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology

Bowling Green State University

May 2001 ▪ Bachelor of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders

Professional Experience

November 2019-Present: Clinical Assistant Professor

The Ohio State University: Speech and Hearing Sciences

Didactic Teaching Experience

- Dysphagia SPHHRNG 6764 (2 weeks/4 classes) 2017, 2018, 2019
- Dysphagia SPHHRNG 6764 mock swallow eval 2017
- Dysphagia SPHHRNG 6764 skills lab 2017 and 2018
- Guest lecture SHS 4520 2017, 2018, 2019
- Clinical Seminar SPHHRNG 6752: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- Clinical Seminar SPHHRNG 6753: 2020
- Clinical Seminar SPHHRNG 6754: 2025, 2026
 - ECLIPSE Faculty Mentor Autumn and Spring annually, 2018-present
- Normal Swallowing SPHHRNG 5193 (4 weeks 1 credit): 2021
- Normal Swallowing SPHHRNG 6466 (16 weeks, 2 credits): 2022, SP and AU 2023
- Dysphagia SPHHRNG 6764 (8 weeks, 3 credits): 2021
- Dysphagia SPHHRNG 6764 (12 weeks, 3 credits): 2022, 2023
- Independent Study SPHHRNG 5193 (FEES): 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
- Independent Study SPHHRNG 5193 (MBS): 2024
- Instrumental Assessment in Voice and Swallowing SPHHRNG 6566: 2025
- Guest Lecture:
 - SPHHRNG 2230: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
 - PT8645 Advanced Acute Care Physical Therapy Elective
 - SPHHRNG 6764: 2025

Clinical Supervision Experience

- Clinical supervisor in OSU Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic
 - Swallow Clinic
 - Hospital Clinic

Student Advising

- Advisor for Capstone projects (SPHHRNG 6990)
- Clinical Placement Coordinator (2020-present)
 - Adult medical placements

Other Roles and Responsibilities

- 2019 – Ongoing. Member, Clinic Committee
- 2019 – Ongoing. Member, Speech Language Oversight Committee
- 2020 – Coordinator, Research and Creative Expression Reopening Coordinator.
- 2020 – 2021. Member, Ranking Advancement Committee
- 2021 – Ongoing. Prospective Students Day
- 2021 – Ongoing. Admitted Students Day
- 2022 – Interprofessional Education Design Team: Teams and Teamwork
- 2024 – 2025. Peer Clinic Teaching Evaluation Committee
- 2025 – 2026. Clinical Faculty Search Committee

November 2019-present: Part Time Speech Language Pathologist
November 2006 – November 2019: Full Time Speech Language Pathologist
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center ▪ Columbus, Ohio

CURRENT ROLE:

- Evaluate and treat speech, language, cognition and swallowing disorders in acute care adult patients with a variety of etiologies using formal and informal assessment
- Clinical practice improvement initiative
 - MBSImP implementation

PREVIOUS ROLE:

- Orient and educate staff/new hires
 - New hire SLP
 - Primary FEES training personnel in addition to other orientation duties
 - PCU nurses
 - Neuro ICU nurses and nurse practitioners
 - Provided initial training for The James Cancer Hospital patient care associates on dysphagia and communication
 - Served on a panel of ancillary staff for medical students twice yearly
 - Created a presentation for training radiology residents on modified barium swallow studies
- Serve as Primary Focus SLP in neurology, neurovascular and neurosurgery (4 years)
 - Present twice yearly on neurologically focused topics
 - Provide leadership and education for SLPs evaluating and treating this population
 - Educate patients and families on stroke
- Provide leadership and service on many committees and initiatives
 - RN swallow screening (Yale Swallow Protocol)
 - Co-chair of committee that campaigned for practice change, provided evidence and protocol, created education for nursing
 - Professional Development Committee
 - Core Committee for Stroke Certification by the Joint Commission
 - Dysphagia Evidence Based Practice Committee (2018-2022)
 - MBS competency evaluation
 - ASHA CEU Provider Status Committee
 - Dysphagia Documentation Committee
 - Stroke Quality Assurance Committee
 - Led fluoroscopy practice change (frames per second for MBS)
 - Served as clinical coordinator for one year
- Attend journal club/grand rounds monthly as well as present articles
- Revised patient education handout for Myasthenia Gravis
- Assisted with revising protocol for serving tracheostomy patients
- Achieved clinical ladder status for 5 consecutive years (4/5 with highest honors)
- Served as mentor for clinical fellows as well as students
- Received staff development grant for MBSImP education funding

May 2004 – November 2006: Speech Language Pathologist (Lead SLP)
Cardinal Hill ▪ Florence, Kentucky

- Assessed and treated adult patients in acute and long-term acute care settings
- Utilized informal assessments for speech, language, cognitive and swallow assessment
- Utilized MBS for instrumental swallow assessments
- Served as Lead Speech Language Pathologist
 - Scheduled employees in outpatient, inpatient areas
 - Completed employee evaluations
 - Created and maintained policies and procedures
- Served as CFY mentor for 2 fellows

Professional Affiliations and Certifications

- American Speech Language and Hearing Association (2004-present)
 - ASHA # 12096817
 - Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology
- Kentucky Board of Speech Language Pathology (2004-2006)
 - State Licensure
- Ohio Board of Speech Language Pathology (2006-present)
 - State License SP 8687
- Ohio Speech Language and Hearing Association (2015, 2020-present)
 - Elections Committee (member 2020, chair 2021, 2022)
 - Continuing Education Committee (member 2025-present)
- Dysphagia Research Society (2016, 2020-present)
 - Social Media Committee (2025-present)
- Board Certification of Specialty in Swallowing (Awarded in 2016, renewed in 2021)
- MBSImP Certified (Awarded in 2016 and renewed through current year)

Continuing Education Conference and Convention Attendance

- Dysphagia Research Society Annual Meeting (2016, 2019-present)
- ASHA (2009, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2017, 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024)
- OSLHA (2015 and 2016, 2024)
- Charleston Swallow Conference (2018)

Awards and Achievements

- 2026 OSLHA Fellow of the Association
- Instructional Redesign (Normal Swallowing)
- 2023 Group Recognition Award by the National Academies of Practice (Education for Clinical Interprofessional Simulation Excellence (ECLiPSE) Team)
- ASHA ACE Awardee (9)
- Clinical Ladder Achievement Level 3 (4/5 years applied) Clinical Ladder Achievement Level 1 (1/5 years applied)

Research Involvement

2024-Present

The Ohio State University

- PI: Kristen Roberts
 - Dysphagia screening in hospitalized patients (IRB#2023H0308)

2020-Present

The Ohio State University

- Dr. Stacy Harnish
 - Assist with making determinations about presence and severity of motor speech disorders of individuals interested in participating in an NIH funded study (R01DC017711, PI: Harnish).2014-2015
- Dr. Stacy Harnish
 - Allied Health Professionals Experiences and Perceptions of Providing Services for Individuals with Communication Impairments (IRB#2019H0314)

2014-2015

The Ohio State University

- Dr. John Kissel
 - Clinical Trial Protocol CBYM338B2203: A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicenter, parallel group, dose-finding, pivotal, phase IIb/III study to evaluate the efficacy, safety and tolerability of intravenous BYM338 at 52 weeks on physical function, muscle strength, and mobility and additional long-term safety up to 2 years in patients with sporadic inclusion body myositis.

- Served as key personnel
 - Completed MBS at variable intervals during clinical trial

2002-2003

The Pennsylvania State University

- Dr. Katherine Hustad; Lab work as graduate clinician
 - Transcription of cerebral palsy speech (word, sentence and paragraph level)
 - Data entry of paragraph comprehension
- Master's paper
 - Single word intelligibility of speakers with cerebral palsy

Presentations

- Wiksten, N. (2020). Dysphagia for Dieticians. Registered Dietician Fellows, OSU. Columbus, OH.
- Wiksten, N. (2020). Being an Adult Medical SLP, NSSLHA, OSU. Columbus, OH.
- Brello, J. Thomas, E., Wilcox, J., Wiksten, N. (2021). Transforming Culture through ECLiPSE: Education for Clinical Interprofessional Simulation Excellence Program. Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders. Virtual Conference.
- Wiksten, N. (2021). Dysphagia for Dieticians. Registered Dietician Fellows, OSU. Columbus, OH.
- Wiksten, N. (2022). Dysphagia for Dieticians. Registered Dietician Fellows, OSU. Columbus, OH.
- Jelinger, J., Perta, K., Lee, J., Wiksten, N., & Bae, Y. (2023). A Magnetic Resonance Imaging Study of Twang Production. Study presented at the 2023 Asia Pacific Society of Speech, Language and Hearing (APSSLH) Conference, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.
- McClerking, C., Galilei, B., Legg, J., Sergakis, G., Wiksten, N., Brello, J., Robinson, M., Patel, C., Thomas, E., Roberts, K., Hechmer, C., Cutter, J. & Rohrig, L. (2023). Excellence in Clinical Interprofessional Simulation Education (ECLIPSE): Implementing Innovative Large Scale Virtual Interprofessional Simulations through the ECLIPSE Program. College of Medicine Annual Education Symposium, OSU. Columbus, OH.
- Wiksten, N. (2023). Being an Adult Medical SLP, NSSLHA, OSU. Columbus, OH.
- Wiksten, N. (2023). Dysphagia for Dieticians. Registered Dietician Fellows, OSU. Columbus, OH.
- Wiksten, N. & Baxter, J. (2023). From Good to Great: Elevating Your Precepting Style. Dept of Speech and Hearing Science, OSU. Columbus, OH.
- Wiksten, N. (2023). Innovative Changes to Dysphagia Education in an MA-SLP Program. ASHA Convention. Boston, MA.
- Wiksten, N. (2024). Dysphagia for Dieticians. Registered Dietician Fellows, OSU. Columbus, OH.
- Como, C. & Wiksten, N. (2024). Can MA-SLP Students at The Ohio State University Learn to Administer FEES Assessments? ASHA Convention. Seattle, WA.
- Wiksten, N. (2024). Evidence Based Practice with Real Life Dysphagia: A Case Report. ASHA Convention. Seattle, WA.
- Wiksten, N. (2025). Dysphagia for Dieticians. Registered Dietician Fellows, OSU. Columbus, OH.
- Como, C. & Wiksten, N. (2025). Can MA-SLP Students at The Ohio State University Learn to Administer FEES Assessments? OSUWMC Journal Club. Columbus, OH.
- Wiksten, N. (2025). Dysphagia Practice Patterns in Acute Care: A Panel Review. OSLHA Conference. Columbus, OH.
- Baxter, J. & Wiksten, N. (2025). Feedback that Fuels Growth: Guiding Graduate Clinicians with Purpose. Dept of Speech and Hearing Science, OSU. Columbus OH.
- Wiksten, N. & Recker, E. (2025). Innovation in SLP Graduate Clinical Education: Is it FEES-able? OSU Healthcare Innovation Symposium. Columbus, OH.
- Baxter, J & Wiksten, N. (2026). Feedback that Fuels Growth: Guiding Graduate Clinicians with Purpose. OSLHA Conference. Columbus, OH.

- Worthington, I. & Wiksten, N. (2026) Protecting the Teacher Voice: Functional, Evidence-Based Vocal Hygiene Practices. OSLHA Conference. Columbus, OH.
- Wilson, C., Scarborough, D., Foltz Hottle, A., Shepherd Crish, K., Brello, J., & Wiksten, N. (2026). Next-Gen Supervision: Tools for Today's Clinical Education Challenges. OSLHA Conference. Columbus, OH.

Publications

- Jelinger J., Perta K., Lee J., Wiksten N., & Bae Y. (in press). Oropharyngeal and Aryepiglottic Narrowing for Twang: A Magnetic Resonance Imaging Study. J Voice. doi: 10.1016/j.jvoice.2024.06.014. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 38964963.
- Accepted:
 - Wiksten, N., Estes-Doetsch, H., Boucher, L., Rusnak, S., & Roberts, K. Dysphagia Screening: The Registered Dietitian Nutritionist's Implementation of Dysphagia Screening in Clinical Practice. Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics