

The SHAA Story

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Written by Tamara Harrison

Hello SHAA members! Hope every had a great Better Hearing and Speech month! Your SHAA Executive Board has been busy behind the scenes working on various SHAA projects since we gathered for Convention, 2023. Several positions have been vacated and filled by appointment for the remainder of the term(2025): Welcome to Missy Kemp as Counselor for Audiology, Brittany Smith as Counselor for School Affairs, Melissa Pouncey as AAC Committee Chair, Meghan Brown as Honors Committee Chair, and Lindsey Wood, Parent Representative. I'd like to take briefly introduce our parent representative, Lindsey, as these individuals serve us so well but do not often get a spotlight! Lindsey is Mom to Landry Kate (5) and Joshua (10); both are successful bilateral CI users with exceptional communication skills! Lindsey has experienced our fields of Audiology and Speech Pathology as a parent consumer and as a professional. Lindsey is a certified teacher of the VI at the Alabama School for the Blind (and also my coworker),



she's an incredible parent advocate who always supports parents of newly identified DHH children, she serves on the Advisory Committee for Alabama Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program, and she is a parent mentor for Advanced Bionics.

We are thankful for each member of the Board for being willing to share your time and talents. It is an honor to serve as your President for the next 2 years and I look forward to working with you.

Pictured: Lindsey Wood, and her two children, Landry Kate and Joshua

IN THE KNOW



WHY IS THE “ɹ” UPSIDE DOWN?

Written by Carol L. Koch, EdD, CCC-SLP, ASHA Fellow, BCS-CL Professor & Graduate Program Director at Samford University

When the International Phonetic Alphabet was developed in the 1800s, /ɹ/ was the original symbol used to represent the voiced palatal liquid. By contrast /r/ was the symbol used to represent the voiced alveolar trill (used in Spanish and many other languages).

Along the way, it became clinically customary in the United States to use /r/ for the voiced palatal liquid. Because English is not the only language in the US, we strongly suggest using the original IPA symbols for cultural competency.

This also applies to the “R” colored vowels. While many of our standardized test protocols do not yet reflect this “change”, let’s all try to reflect this change in our other clinical documentation.

Here is a guide for you



/ɹ/	robot, rabbit
/ɚ/	her, fur
/ə/	mother, father
/aɹ/	far, car
/ɛɹ/	air, hair
/ɔɹ/	oar, four
/ɪɹ/	ear, fear
/aɪɹ/	fire, wire
/aʊɹ/	hour, shower

SHAA's Executive Director, Kathryn Barnhill

Kathryn Barnhill has served as the Executive Director for SHAA since June 2022. She is an Account Manager with M3Solutions, LLC. She received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing and Events Management, Magna Cum Laude from the University of Alabama. Kathryn began working with M3Solutions clients in 2020 as an intern at onsite Conferences as well as administrative tasks. Her daily responsibilities include association management, working with the Board of Directors on CE certification for the convention, member services, sponsor exhibit/sponsor recruitment, as well as organizing and executing SHAA's annual convention. "I am so excited to continue my work with SHAA serving your members. I had the pleasure of meeting so many of you at our Annual Convention in February and hope to have the opportunity to meet more of you face to face in the near future."



FOR MORE VISIT: www.alabamashaa.com

SPOTLIGHT ON...

QUEST FOR THE CUP

This is an intercollegiate scholar's bowl that showcases graduate students from participating universities. Each team is comprised of 5 second year graduate students and 1 first-year graduate student who serves as an alternate. This alternate is then the team captain the following year. The SHAA Quest for the Cup features Praxis style questions for each university team to present and answer.

Each correct answer earns the team 1 point. The team with the most points at the end of the competition earns the "traveling" trophy which gets proudly displayed at their university for the following year.

Previous winners:

2022: Samford University

2023: University of Montevallo

2024: Who will take home the cup?



Montevallo, 2023 Cup champions

SHAA AWARDS: STORIES TO SHARE, CLINICIANS TO HONOR

Every year, SHAA presents awards and honors to clinicians within the state who have gone above and beyond the call-of-duty and/or improved SHAA's ability to serve its members. As a member of SHAA, you are able to nominate clinicians who you feel meet the criteria and deserve to be recognized for their outstanding work. Below are the clinician award descriptions. Be on the lookout this fall for nominations to go out!

AAC Achievement Award: presented to an individual who has distinguished herself/himself in the daily use of alternative/augmentative communication.

AAC Professional Award: presented to the individual who has distinguished herself in the area of AAC through contributions of awareness and/or training in the use of AAC.

Distinguished Service Award: presented to individuals, agencies, businesses or organizations in recognition of significant and sustained contributions to the association that have resulted in an obvious improvement/increase in the association's ability to serve its membership.

Distinguished Clinical Achievement Award: presented to an individual who has distinguished herself/himself in the area of clinical accomplishment.

Loretta G. Brown Annual Award: presented to an individual who has had a long and distinguished career in the provision of services and the support of speech-language pathology and/or audiology in the schools.

Honors of the Association: See information on page 4.

SHAA AWARDS

STUDENT RECOGNITION

KIMBERLY TOWNSEND
KELLEEN WEGENER
RACHEL WALES
ELIZABETH REAVIS
RAY BOYD
ANNA LEE PUTMAN
PAYTON SIBLEY

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

TAYLOR HALBERG
COURTNEY FISH

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

AAC AWARDS

BELINDA DOROUGH
MASHONE HUTCHISON



**Distinguished Clinical
Achievement Award:**
DUANE TRAHAN



**Distinguished
Service Award:**
JILL SMITH



**Loretta G. Brown
Award:**
EMILY MARSHALL

HONORS OF THE ASSOCIATION



ELIZABETH GWALTNEY

This award recognizes an individual whose contributions to the discipline of human communication sciences and disorders has been of such magnitude that her impact on the discipline and the professions of speech language pathology and audiology through clinical practice, teaching, research, administration and legislative activity are recognized throughout the professional community.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Gwaltney!

UPCOMING EVENTS/INFO:

The SHAA 2024 convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency Birmingham
February 8th & 9th, 2024
More information to come.

Follow Alabama SHAA on Facebook and Instagram for highlights, information, and state/city events throughout the year!

UPDATES

SHAA Executive Board Happenings

- **Jill Smith, AuD, CCC-A, FAAA, ASHA Committee of Ambassadors -AUD**
 - ASHA's Committee of Ambassadors held our first in-person Capitol Hill Day in four years. The day was a huge success with 73 ASHA members from 40 states and territories participating in 130 meetings. I met with Senator Tuberville's office as well as Representative Palmer's office to discuss the importance of continuing tele-heath after the December 31, 2024 deadline for Medicare as well as the significance of the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) bill that will renew in a few years. We were fortunate to have Members of Congress join for many of the meetings, including Senator John Fetterman who pledged to work with us to expand access to audiology and speech-language pathology services.



Jill Smith at the Capitol for the Hill Day. Jill is the Alabama representative on the ASHA Committee of Ambassadors - AUD

- **Claire Tynes, CCC-SLP, Vice President for Governmental Issues**
 - School SLP stipend passed. This is \$1,000 salary stipend for state-funded SLPs. There will be more information to follow.
- **Stephanie Bannon, CCC-SLP, Vice President for Convention**
 - Convention Planning Committee to meet June 2023
 - See flyer below for Call For Papers!

SHAA 2024 Convention

February 8-9th, 2024

CALL FOR PAPERS

HAVE A SPEAKER IN MIND YOU WANT AT OUR 2024 CONVENTION? SEND THEM THE LINK TO OUR CALL FOR PAPERS!

SUBMISSIONS ARE WELCOME FOR LIVE PRESENTATIONS, PRE-RECORDED PRESENTATIONS, AND STUDENT POSTER PRESENTATIONS IN A VARIETY OF TRACKS, SUCH AS:

We are pleased to announce the call for papers for the SHAA 2024 Convention, which will be held on February 8-9, 2024, at the Hyatt Regency in Birmingham, AL. We welcome speakers that explore the ways communication connects us, collaboration advances us, and innovation drives us.

- Adult
- Complex Communication (AAC, Early Intervention, Behavioral Concerns, Autism)
- Pediatric
- Audiology
- Professional (DEI, Ethics, Clinical Supervision)
- Student

The deadline for proposals is June 23, 2023, at 5 pm through our JotForm linked below. The guidelines and submission procedures for proposals can be found on our website.

Our convention will be lively and engaging, and we look forward to receiving your proposals.



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Call for papers JotForm found on alabamashaa.com