

Zachary S. La Fratta, Au.D., CCC-A

EDUCATION

- Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C., USA** 2009 – 2013
Clinical Doctorate (Au.D.) in Hearing, Speech, and Language Sciences
- George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, USA** 1994 – 1998
Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Decision Sciences and Management Information Systems

CERTIFICATION & LICENSURE

- American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA): Certification of Clinical Competence in Audiology
- Indiana Audiologist license #23002770A

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- Purdue University – West Lafayette, IN, USA** 2022 – Present
Clinical Assistant Professor – Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences
- Primary responsibilities include providing classroom teaching, clinical education and mentorship to students, and direct clinical services to clients and their families
- Hearing Solutions of Indiana – West Lafayette, IN, USA** 2021 – 2022
Clinical Audiologist
- Audiological assessments for pediatrics and adults in private setting and at the Indiana University Health-Greenbush clinic
 - Hearing aid and assistive listening device dispensing and management
- Connect Hearing – Melbourne, VIC, Australia** 2019 – 2021
Clinical Audiologist
- Audiological and vestibular assessments for pediatrics and adults – including otoacoustic emission (OAE), videonystagmography (VNG), auditory brainstem response (ABR), electrocochleography (ECOG), video head impulse test (vHIT), ocular-vestibular evoked myogenic potential (oVEMP), and cervical-vestibular evoked myogenic potential (cVEMP)
 - Hearing aid and assistive listening device dispensing and management for clients from the private and government sectors
 - Nominated to collaborate with a group of 30 clinicians in Connect Hearing Australia's Connect with Excellence Foundation to reinvent a strong platform of innovation and clinical best practice
 - One of ten clinicians nominated to Connect Hearing Australia's Connect for Excellence Leadership Development Program to develop and implement a long-term pilot project for transforming the existing business model
- District of Columbia Public Schools – Washington, DC, USA** 2015 – 2019
Educational Audiologist
- Conducted assessment of hearing and central auditory processing disorders
 - Managed school-based and Early Stages (early identification) hearing screening programs
 - Provided amplification and hearing assistive technology assessment, fitting, validation, and management
 - Participated as a member of the school multi-disciplinary team to address audiological and communication access needs, services and placement determination
 - Delivered intervention and instructional services through various educational support plans
 - Provided in-service, training, and counseling to school staff and family members
 - Clinical supervisor for audiology graduate interns
 - Assessed classroom acoustics and provided recommendations
 - Participated in resolution meetings and due process hearings as an expert witness
 - Management of calibration, inventory, and procurement of equipment, supplies, and services

Annapolis ENT/Hearing Aid Associates – Annapolis, MD, USA	2013 – 2015
<i>Clinical Audiologist</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Audiological and vestibular assessments – including otoacoustic emission (OAE), videonystagmography (VNG), and auditory brainstem response (ABR)• Hearing aid and assistive listening device dispensing and management• Outpatient newborn hearing screening follow-up	
The University of Colorado Hospital – Aurora, CO, USA	2012 – 2013
<i>Audiology Doctoral Extern</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Audiological and vestibular diagnostics and assessments – including otoacoustic emission (OAE), videonystagmography (VNG), vestibular evoked myogenic potential response (VEMP), auditory brainstem response (ABR), and auditory steady-state response (ASSR)• Hearing aid, cochlear implant, and assistive listening device management• Newborn hearing screening and follow-up• Pediatric interdisciplinary team case manager	
Audiology Doctoral Internships and Graduate Clinical Practicum	
<i>The River School / Chattering Children – Washington, D.C., USA</i>	2012
<i>Children’s National Medical Center – Washington, D.C., USA</i>	2011
<i>Professional Hearing Services – Springfield, VA, USA</i>	2011
<i>Gallaudet University – Washington, D.C., USA</i>	2009 – 2011

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

Leadership Education in Neurodevelopment and Related Disabilities (LEND)	2012 – 2013
<i>University of Colorado Hospital / Marion Downs Hearing Center</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pediatric Audiology LEND Fellow, JFK Partners at the University of Colorado Hospital	
Pediatric Audiology Education and Dissemination Grant	2009 – 2013
<i>Gallaudet University</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recipient of Pediatric Audiology Education and Dissemination of Services (PAEDS) Grant from the U.S. Office of Special Education	
Small Research Grant Program	2012
<i>Graduate Research Institute, Gallaudet University</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capstone Project: Evaluating the ABR in Correlation to Ear Advantage as Defined by Dichotic Listening Tests	
Better Hearing and Speech Community Leader Award	2011
<i>Hamilton Relay of Washington, DC</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognition for active community service	
The Rotary Scholarship Award	2010
<i>Rotary Club District #7620 of Rotary International</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recipient of a Rotary scholarship for good academic standing at Gallaudet University and active community service	
Division of Continuing Education and Professional Studies Scholarship	2008
<i>University of Colorado at Boulder</i>	
Rocky Stone Endowment Scholarship	2008
<i>Hearing Loss Association of America</i>	

RESEARCH, TEACHING, AND RELATED EXPERIENCE

Marion Downs Hearing Center	2012 – 2013
<i>Program Assistant and Student Researcher</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teen Programs: Campus Connections and Teen Day	

- Building Communication Bridges Conference
- Evaluated and assessed Teen Program curriculums and student outcomes, and student and teacher perceptions and experiences with hearing assistive technologies and FM technology
- Newborn Hearing Screening Trainer

Peer Mentor Training Certificate Program – Gallaudet University 2010 – 2012

Course Instructor

- PST 781: Final Seminar: Applications of Peer Mentoring (2012)
- PST 780: Peer Mentoring for Hearing Loss (2012)
- PST 779: Communication Assistive Technology (2011)
- PST 778: Practical Audiology: Fundamentals for Consumers (2011)
- PST 777: Biopsychosocial Aspects in Hearing Loss (2011)
- PST 776: Hearing Loss in America (2010)
- PST 775: Opening Seminar: Orientation to Peer Mentoring (2010)

Undergraduate Education – Gallaudet University 2012

Course Instructor

- HSL 210: Speechreading and Communication Strategies

Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Hearing Enhancement – Gallaudet University 2009 – 2011

Website Administrator Assistant (2010 – 2011)

- Collaborated with Principal Investigators of RERC-HE projects to manage the website content

Technical Assistant (2010 – 2011)

- Responsible for editing of audio files for “AudioCasper: The Development of Auditory Self-Training” designed for service providers and consumers with hearing loss

Application Testing Assistant (2009)

- Responsible for field-testing and revision of “AudioCasper: The Development of Auditory Self-Training” CD software designed for service providers and consumers with hearing loss

LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

American Speech-Language Hearing Association 2013 – Present

National Member with Certification of Clinical Competence in Audiology

Australian College of Audiology 2019 – 2021

Full Member

Supporting Success for Children with Hearing Loss 2014 – 2020

National Member

Educational Audiology Association 2013 – 2022

National Member

Connections Beyond Sight and Sound – Maryland/DC Deaf-Blind Project 2016 – 2017

Joint Steering Committee Member

American Academy of Audiology 2013 – 2014

Fellow

Hearing Loss Association of America 2007 – Present

National Member

- HLAA National Board of Trustees Member (Term: 2010 – 2013)
- HLAA Secretary, Executive and Strategic Planning Committees Member (Term: 2012 – 2013)
- HLAA National Finance Committee Member (Term: 2011 – 2012)
- HLAA National Membership Committee Member (Term: 2010 – 2012)
- Young Adults With Hearing Loss Initiative Task Force (2008 – Present)

Washington, D.C. Chapter Member

- President (2009 – 2012)
- Delegate for National Convention (2010)
- Founder (2009)

Boulder, CO Chapter Member (2007 – 2009)

- Vice-President (2008 –2009)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)

2009 – 2018

Washington, D.C. Chapter

- Two-time Presenter: Understanding Emerging Hearing Assistive Technologies (2014, 2018)

National Convention

- Two-time Presenter: New Attendee Orientation (2011 – 2012)
- Panelist: Developing Young Adult Chapter Leaders – Opportunities and Challenges (2011)
- Panelist: Young Adults with Hearing Loss (2009)
- Moderator: Open Forum – What’s Next For Young Adults with Hearing Loss (2009)

HLAA Walk4Hearing – Washington, D.C.

- Participant and Team Leader (2009 – 2011, 2015 – 2018)

HLAA Walk4Hearing – Fort Collins, CO

- Event Co-Chair (2009)

100 Portland

2012 – 2013

An initiative by and for young adults to attend the Convention 2013, hosted by Hearing Loss Association of America

- Founder and Advisor

Hearing Loss Nation

2008 – 2013

A non-profit online community designed for young adults with hearing loss

- Co-Founder and Website Moderator

MDHC’s Teen Program: Evaluating Student Outcomes and Assessing the Curriculum

2013

Early Hearing and Detection Intervention 12th Annual Meeting

- Poster presentation

University of Maryland Medical School

2011 – 2012

Neuroscience Department

- Two-time Panelist: Clinical Correlates of Hearing and Deafness

AG Bell Leadership Opportunities for Teens (LOFT) Program

2011

Washington, DC

- Panelist: Advocacy Session

Marion Downs Hearing Center

2009

Building Communication Bridges Conference

- Moderator for the Panel Discussion: A Journey with Hearing Loss

HearingCare, Inc. Interview: Starkey Destiny Hearing Aids

2007

NBC’s Colorado & Company (May 23, 2007)

- Interviewee

Colorado Youth with Disabilities Conference: Panel of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Role Models

2004

Red Rocks Community College, Denver, CO

- Panelist

DEAF-inite Entertainment, Creating Awareness for Open Caption Films,

2004

An Outreach and Fundraising Event

Colorado Cinemas Cherry Creek, Denver, CO

- Founder and Manager

- Fundraising for the families of hearing loss and the Starkey Hearing Foundation
- Promotional coverage by the Denver Post, "Making films loud and clear"

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

JPMorgan Chase – Vastera, USA <i>Business Analyst</i>	2007 – 2008
Epsilon – Abacus, USA <i>Data Analyst</i>	2005 – 2007
Cendant Corporation, USA <i>Sales Executive Consultant</i>	2004 – 2005
JPMorgan Chase – Vastera, USA <i>Business Analyst</i>	2001 – 2004
HP Enterprise Services – Electronic Data Systems, USA <i>System Engineer (2000 – 2001)</i> <i>Information System Analyst (1998 – 2000)</i> <i>Marketing and Competitive Intelligence Analyst (1996 – 1998)</i>	1996 – 2001

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

- University of Colorado at Boulder – Post-Baccalaureate Program: 21 credits in ASL, Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences (2008 – 2009)
- Gallaudet University – American Sign Language II & III (2009 – 2010)
- University of Denver – Project Management (2007)
- Colorado Free University – American Sign Language I (2005)

SPECIAL SKILLS

- Conversational skills in American Sign Language
- Skilled in project management, software and website design, code development, and troubleshooting

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- References available upon request