

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

EDUCATION

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

CERTIFICATION & LICENSURE

American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA): Certification of Clinical Competence in Audiology
Indiana Audiologist license #23002770A
Indiana First Steps: Direct Service Provider
Hearing Aid Assistance Program of Indiana: Participating Provider

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Clinical Assistant Professor Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences, Purdue University – West Lafayette, IN	2022 – Present
Clinical Audiologist Hearing Solutions of Indiana – West Lafayette, IN	2021 – 2022
Clinical Audiologist Connect Hearing – Melbourne, VIC, Australia	2019 – 2021
Educational Audiologist District of Columbia Public Schools – Washington, DC	2015 – 2019
Clinical Audiologist Annapolis ENT/Hearing Aid Associates – Annapolis, MD	2013 – 2015
Audiology Doctoral Extern The University of Colorado Hospital – Aurora, CO	2012 – 2013
Audiology Doctoral Internships and Graduate Clinical Practicum	
The River School / Chattering Children – Washington, D.C.	2012
Children's National Medical Center – Washington, D.C.	2011
Professional Hearing Services – Springfield, VA	2011
Gallaudet University – Washington, D.C.	2009 – 2011

AWARDS AND HONORS

Pediatric Audiology Leadership Education in Neurodevelopment and Related Disabilities (LEND) Fellow JFK Partners at the University of Colorado Hospital	2012 – 2013
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SLHS 56300: Pediatric Audiology	2022 – Present
SLHS guest lecturer on various audiology topics	2022 – Present
Gallaudet University	
HSL 210: Speechreading and Communication Strategies	2012
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

CLINICAL EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

SLHS Specialty Clinic: Hearing Aid Troubleshooting and Hearing Assistive Technology Clinic	2023 – Present
SLHS 49000: Independent Study: Audiology Clinic	2023 – Present
SLHS 57900: Clinical Practicum in Audiology	2022 – Present
SLHS Specialty Clinic: Preschool Amplification Interprofessional Collaboration (PAIC)	2022 – Present
District of Columbia Public Schools, Preceptor for 3 rd year AuD students	2018 – 2019

LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

The Indiana Committee for Communication Access (ICCA), Committee member	2024 – Present
Committee of Ambassadors: Indiana audiology representative Liaisons with ASHA Board Members at Large	2024 – Present
ASHA, Member Special Interest Group 9: Hearing and Hearing Disorders in Childhood, Member (2023 – Present) Special Interest Group 11: Administration and Supervision, Member (2023 – Present)	2013 – Present
Educational Audiology Association, Member	2013 – Present
American Academy of Audiology, Member	2013 – 2014, 2023 – Present
Hearing Loss Association of America 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 – 2013) Washington, D.C. Chapter, Founder & President (2009 – 2012) Washington, D.C. Chapter, Delegate for National Convention (2010) Boulder, CO Chapter, Vice-President (2008 – 2009) Boulder, CO Chapter, Member (2007 – 2009)	2007 – Present
Australian College of Audiology, Member	2019 – 2021
Supporting Success for Children with Hearing Loss, Member	2014 – 2020
Connections Beyond Sight and Sound – MD/DC Deaf-Blind Project, Joint Steering Committee Member	2016 – 2017

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES

Au.D. Admissions Committee	2023 – Present
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee	2022 – Present
Au.D. Yield Committee	2022 – 2023

PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

La Fratta, Z., Hubertz, J., & Gritt, A. (2023, November). Sparking Interest in Educational Audiology in a Preschool Language Program. Recorded poster presented at the American Speech Language Hearing Association Convention, Boston, MA.

La Fratta, Z., Gabbard, S., Thomson, V., & DeConde Johnson, C. (2013, June). Marion Downs Hearing Center's Teen Program: Evaluating Student Outcomes & Assessing the Curriculum. Poster session at Educational Audiology Association Convention, Phoenix, AZ.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

IRB Protocol-2024-1171 Evaluating the Impact of Blended Learning Strategies on Competency Perceptions in Pediatric Audiology Education • PI: Zachary La Fratta, Au.D., Co-investigator: Jillian Hubertz, Au.D.	2024 – Present
IRB Protocol-2024-714 Clinician Perspectives of Training and Implementation of Telecoils in Hearing Aids <i>Au.D. Student Evidenced Based Project</i> • PI: Zachary La Fratta, Au.D., Co-investigator: Madelyn Alles, B.S.	2024 – Present
Marion Downs Hearing Center Program Assistant and Student Researcher	2012 – 2013
Capstone Project: Small Research Grant Program Evaluating the ABR in Correlation to Ear Advantage as Defined by Dichotic Listening Tests • Graduate Research Institute, Gallaudet University • Advisor: Steve Ackley, Ph.D.	2012
Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Hearing Enhancement – Gallaudet University Research Assistant • Advisor: Matthew Bakke, Ph.D.	2009 – 2011

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Connect Panel, Panelist Students of Greater Lafayette Area Special Services (GLASS), Lafayette, IN	2024
Westminster Village of West Lafayette, IN: Well Informed Program, Presenter Hearing Assistive Technologies	2024
Federated Church of West Lafayette, IN: Hearing Looping Initiative, Presenter and Technology Support	2023
Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) Vermont Chapter, Presenter – Hearing Assistive Technologies (2024) Michiana Chapter, Presenter – Hearing Assistive Technologies (2024) Washington, D.C. Chapter, Two-time Presenter: 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) 100 Portland (2012 – 2013), Founder and Advisor • An initiative by and for young adults to attend the Convention 2013, hosted by HLAA HLAA Walk4Hearing – Washington, D.C. • Participant and Team Leader (2009 – 2011, 2015 – 2018) • Two-time Presenter: New Attendee Orientation (2011 – 2012) HLAA Walk4Hearing – Fort Collins, CO, Event Co-Chair (2009)	2008 – Present
Hearing Loss Nation, Co-Founder and Website Moderator A non-profit online community designed for young adults with hearing loss	2008 – 2013

MDHC's Teen Program: Evaluating Student Outcomes and Assessing the Curriculum, Co-program coordinator	2013
University of Maryland Medical School, Neuroscience Department, Two-time Panelist Clinical Correlates of Hearing and Deafness	2011 – 2012
AG Bell Leadership Opportunities for Teens (LOFT) Program – Advocacy Session, Panelist	2011
Marion Downs Hearing Center, Building Communication Bridges Conference, Moderator Panel Discussion: A Journey with Hearing Loss	2009
HearingCare, Inc. Interview: Starkey Destiny Hearing Aids, Interviewee NBC's Colorado & Company (May 23, 2007)	2007
Colorado Youth with Disabilities Conference: Panel of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Role Models, Panelist Red Rocks Community College, Denver, CO	2004
DEAF-inite Entertainment, Creating Awareness for Open Caption Films, An Outreach and Fundraising Event, Founder and Manager <i>Colorado Cinemas Cherry Creek, Denver, CO</i>	2004

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

JPMorgan Chase – Vastera, Business Analyst	2001 – 2004, 2007 – 2008
Epsilon – Abacus, Data Analyst	2005 – 2007
Cendant Corporation, Sales Executive Consultant	2004 – 2005
HP Enterprise Services – Electronic Data Systems, System Engineer, Information System Analyst	1996 – 2001

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

University of Colorado at Boulder – Post-Baccalaureate: 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