

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

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### EDUCATION

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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

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### CERTIFICATION & LICENSURE

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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

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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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

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### AWARDS AND HONORS

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Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Faculty Fellowship Purdue University Innovative Learning	2025
Recognition for Community Impact, IMPACT Festival of Teaching and Learning Purdue University Center for Instructional Excellence	2024
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

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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

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## CLINICAL EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

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SLHS Specialty Clinic: Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD) Clinic	2025 – Present
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 <sup>rd</sup> year AuD students	2018 – 2019

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## LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

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Indiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association Vice-President Elect, Audiology	2025 – Present
ASHA Men's Constituency Caucus (MCC) Inaugural Board member, Secretary	2024 – Present
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: 2011 – 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: 2011 – 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

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#### DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES

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Community Support and Outreach Committee	2025 – Present
Au.D. Admissions Committee	2023 – Present
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee	2022 – 2025
Au.D. Yield Committee	2022 – 2023

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#### PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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La Fratta, Z. (2025, March). Grand rounds: Amplification. Invited presenter at the American Academy of Audiology (AAA) Convention, Amplification and Assistive Devices (AAD) track, GR201.

Hubertz, J., La Fratta, Z., Van Hyfte, S., Newell, M. (2025). Overview of audiologic care for the primary care physician. Primary Care Reports. Invited article.

Mathews, B. M., Hamilton, M.-B., Posner, M., La Fratta, Z., and AlJunaidi, N. (2025). Exploring religious and ethnic considerations in audiology and speech-language pathology [Online course]. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). <https://learningcenter.asha.org/diweb/catalog/item/eid/PD103042>. Invited webinar.

Alles, M., La Fratta, Z., Strickland, E. (2025, March). Clinician Perspectives of Training and Implementation of Telecoils in Hearing Aids. Poster presented at ISHA Convention.

Melissa Newell, Jill Hubertz, Shannon Van Hyfte, Zac LaFratta, Jennifer Simpson (in review). Flexible Supervision Model for Clinical Education in an AuD Program. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Special Interest Group 11, Administration and Supervision.

La Fratta, Z., & Scott, R. D. (2024, June). Advocacy starts with me: Capitol Hill Day 2024. The ASHA LeaderLive News. Invited article.

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.

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#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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IRB Protocol-2024-1171 Evaluating the Impact of Blended Learning Strategies on Competency Perceptions in Pediatric Audiology Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PI: Zachary La Fratta, Au.D., Co-investigator: Jillian Hubertz, Au.D.</li> </ul>	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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PI: Zachary La Fratta, Au.D., Co-investigator: Madelyn Alles, B.S.</li> </ul>	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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduate Research Institute, Gallaudet University</li> <li>Advisor: Steve Ackley, Ph.D.</li> </ul>	2012

Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Hearing Enhancement – Gallaudet University	2009 – 2011
Research Assistant	
• Advisor: Matthew Bakke, Ph.D.	

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#### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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Deaf and Hard of Hearing Connect Panel, Panelist	2024
Students of Greater Lafayette Area Special Services (GLASS), Lafayette, IN	
Westminster Village of West Lafayette, IN: Well Informed Program, Presenter	2024
Hearing Assistive Technologies	
Federated Church of West Lafayette, IN: Hearing Looping Initiative, Presenter and Technology Support	2023
Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)	2008 – Present
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)	
Hearing Loss Nation, Co-Founder and Website Moderator	2008 – 2013
A non-profit online community designed for young adults with hearing loss	
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	2011 – 2012
Clinical Correlates of Hearing and Deafness	
AG Bell Leadership Opportunities for Teens (LOFT) Program – Advocacy Session, Panelist	2011
Marion Downs Hearing Center, Building Communication Bridges Conference, Moderator	2009
Panel Discussion: A Journey with Hearing Loss	
HearingCare, Inc. Interview: Starkey Destiny Hearing Aids, Interviewee	2007
NBC's Colorado & Company (May 23, 2007)	
Colorado Youth with Disabilities Conference: Panel of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Role Models, Panelist	2004
Red Rocks Community College, Denver, CO	
DEAF-inite Entertainment, Creating Awareness for Open Caption Films,	2004
An Outreach and Fundraising Event, Founder and Manager	
Colorado Cinemas Cherry Creek, Denver, CO	

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#### OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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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

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ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

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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