Hello from the Editor

This is the fifth Department Newsletter I have edited. I took on this project because I am committed to keeping connected to you, our graduates and department friends. Our newsletter tells you about some of our department activities and achievements as well as some news about our alumni, both recent and veteran. Our department changes a little each year, a continuous process of updating and improving. We aim for quality and currency in our academic, clinical, and research endeavors. We are proud of each of you, and hope that you will come back to visit, keep in touch, and tell us what you are doing. Please send any submissions for next year’s newsletter to me at cdsrosie@buffalo.edu by April 1, 2012. The door is always open.

Rosemary Lubinski, Ed.D., Professor

Chair’s Letter

The previous year was one of change: two new people joined CDS: Dr. Ling-Yu (Hugo) Guo, as Assistant Professor in Child Language Disorders, and Ms. MaryAnn Lamilia Doskocz, as our new Department Administrator. Dr. Guo, arrived from a post-doctoral position at Montclair State University where he went after earning his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. Dr. Guo set up his laboratory in Cary Hall, began teaching students, and publishing manuscripts, while working on a new research grant involving acquisition of verbs in children with specific language impairment, sponsored by Language Learning: A Journal of Research in Language Studies. He definitely has energy to spare!

Ms. MaryAnn Doskocz, who has a Bachelor’s Degree as well as a Master’s Degree in Higher Education Administration, stepped in to assume the Assistant to the Chair position. She also continues her prior responsibilities, working with CDS faculty on needs for research grants. Ms. Doskocz had a busy year, learning all the state-required tasks while keeping researchers in speech and language afloat for their research needs, and working with Dr. Susan Roberts and the Chair to maintain Clinic functions.

In addition to those important personnel additions, the University itself chose its 15th President, Dr. Satish Tripathi, formerly the Provost of Academic Affairs, due to the retirement of Dr. John Simpson. As Dr. Tripathi stepped into the new position, our Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), Dr. Bruce McCombe, also wrapped up his last year as Dean, to return to the Department of Physics to continue his externally-funded research. There will be many changes to look forward to in the Dean’s office in the year to come as Dr. Bruce Pitman, Associate Dean in CAS, assumed the role as Dean. We look forward to continuing to work with Dr. Pitman, an applied mathematician, who has been the Department’s direct link to the College and Dr. McCombe.

Moreover, the Department wishes to congratulate its newest Associate Professor, Dr. Bohua Hu, who was promoted in March, 2011, with tenure. His notable career began first as a medical doctor, then as an otolaryngologist. He came as a research scientist to work with Dr. Donald Henderson and in the Center for Hearing and Deafness, headed by Dr. Richard Salvi. Soon Dr. Hu decided to earn a second Ph.D. in hearing science as well as to become a clinically certified audiologist. Dr. Hu is greatly valued by the Department as a researcher, teacher, and mentor. We look forward to many more productive years with Dr. Hu in CDS, as he investigates programmed cell death as a result of noise induced hearing loss. He also has taken over advising responsibilities for audiology students, giving support where needed, and serving to help coordinate students’ educational plans.
In addition to changes in faculty and staff, the Department’s Ph.D. program in the speech and language areas has increased substantially over the past three years as well. Dr. Kris Tjaden is supervising two Ph.D. students, Lynda Feenaughty, a speech-language pathologist, and Jennifer Lam, a U.B. Master’s graduate who recently completed her Master’s thesis. Dr. Jeff Higginbotham is supervising four Ph.D. students, Carrie Kirkland, Haesik Min (who already has one Ph.D. in Linguistics), Katrina Fulcher, and Jennifer Seale (another speech-language pathologist). In addition, Ms. Kelly Richardson is working with me, while Dr. Elaine Stathopoulos has added a new Ph.D. student, Deb Matheron in the upcoming Fall semester, also a speech-language pathologist. All the students have been quickly involved in the nationally-funded research going in those laboratories. The students have been participating in conferences both in the U.S. as well as internationally. Most recently in early June, 2011, Drs. Tjaden and Sussman, along with Ms. Feenaughty and Ms. Lam, attended the Sixth Motor Speech Control Conference in Groningen, Netherlands, where they presented three papers, one earning honorable mention as one of the best in the conference (Sussman, Tjaden, and Wilding).

Finally, the Department changed the name of its annual Recognition Ceremony to the CDS Awards Ceremony and moved it to follow the College of Arts and Science’s Graduate student Graduation ceremony on Friday, May 13th. We presented a large array of funded awards to our Master’s and Doctor of Audiology students for outstanding clinical performance. See the picture of one of our awardees, Ms. Carly Hannah, under our new Department banner (design courtesy of Dr. Christina Stocking’s son, Stephen) in the section listing all of our awardees. Many students earned national recognition by Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities in addition to those receiving monetary awards. Ms. Jennifer Lam was named as the Department’s awardee from the National Student Speech, Language, and Hearing Association (NSSLHA), which will provide free registration to attend the annual convention of the American Speech Language and Hearing Association in November, 2011 in San Diego.

We are looking forward as always to another productive year in the Department, with new updates to the Clinic’s recording technology, as well as beginning a new promotion ladder for our superior clinical faculty with a new process developed by the College of Arts and Sciences in conjunction with the Department. We look forward to hearing from you. Keep in touch!
Newly Tenured Professor

Dr. Bohua Hu is our newly tenured Associate Professor in the department. He joined the faculty team after graduation in 2006 with a Ph.D. in hearing science and a M.S. in Audiology from the University at Buffalo. In the past five years, Dr. Hu worked as an Assistant Professor teaching three courses: Diagnostic Audiology II, Aural Rehabilitation, and Research Methods and Design. He also served on the Admissions Committee in the Department and on the Policy Committee for the College of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Hu’s initial education was clinical medicine, and he worked as an otolaryngologist in China for several years. Because of his interests in hearing science, he joined a research group at a top research institute in China and initiated his research career. His early study involved studying the impact of inner ear blood flow deficiencies on inner ear function. After he came to the United States in 2000, Dr. Hu has examined the biological mechanisms of acquired sensory hearing loss. His studies focus on the biological and molecular mechanisms of noise-induced hearing loss, a major cause of hearing loss in the adult population. His major contribution to the current understanding of noise-induced inner ear damage is documentation of different modes of sensory cell death. Over the years, Dr. Hu has published over 50 papers in scientific journals. These research achievements have led to numerous research funds, including a recent large, five-year award from National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Hu is happily married. His wife is an accountant in Benderson Development. His son, a recent graduate of Amherst Central High School, went to Georgetown University in Washington DC starting in Fall, 2011. In addition, his family has two lovely dogs, named Saber and Natasha. Dr. Hu is the audiology graduate student advisor. If you have any questions regarding the AuD program, please contact him at bhu@buffalo.edu.

Meet Our Newest Faculty Member: Dr. Ling-Yu Guo

Our newest professor in child language disorders is better known to us as Hugo. We would like to have you meet him in his own words.

“Being a researcher in child language development and disorders was not my original career plan, but it turns out to be a dream career for me. When I was an undergraduate, I always wanted to be an English teacher so I took a variety of classes related to English, such as English Linguistics. Because teachers were paid better in Taiwan if they had a master’s degree, I went on to graduate school. In my second year, life turned in a different direction. I took a class in neurolinguistics, which opened the world of communication disorders for me. At the same time, I obtained a position as a research assistant in a department of neurology and started to work on my thesis in dysarthria. Through my interaction with clients with dysarthria, I figured out that I had strong interests in the field of communication disorders.

After I was discharged from the army (this is mandatory in Taiwan!), I became a speech-language pathologist in a medical center working with children and adults with communication disorders. I enjoyed the clinical work, but I was usually left with many unanswered questions. For instance, I could not
determine why children with developmental apraxia of speech were resistant to articulation/phonological therapy. To find the answers for myself, I attended the Ph.D. program at the University of Iowa. My research interests in child language were nurtured there. Changing from English education, to linguistics, to dysarthria, then to developmental apraxia of speech, and finally to child language was unexpected for me, but I am glad that I made this journey.

Over the years, I have been interested in two lines of research. One is to explore how input frequency may affect language processing and acquisition in typical and atypical children. In the long term, I would like to investigate how we can structure linguistic input to facilitate language learning in children with language impairments. The other line of my research explores how lexical and syntactic measures in conversation may help clinicians identify children with language impairment at a young age.

Before I came to the University at Buffalo, I completed my postdoctoral training at Montclair State University. I came to UB because the department and the university offer a great environment that fosters research. In addition, my colleagues in the department provide support and encouragement. Despite the snow, the department is one of the best that I have ever seen!”

New Department Administrator

Ms. MaryAnn Doskocz comes to the Department with nearly 20 years of experience as a Research Foundation employee. During her tenure at UB, she has worked in the Center for Advanced Photonic and Electronic Materials (CAPEM), the Materials Research Instrument Facility (MRIF), the Graduate School, and the Provost’s Office.

MaryAnn received her Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration in 2002 and earned her Master’s Degree in Higher Education Administration in 2007 from the University at Buffalo.

Currently, Ms. Doskocz serves as the Assistant to the Chair, Budget Manager, and Assistant to the Director of Undergraduate Studies. In addition, she continues to work directly with pre-and post-award grant issues for faculty in the Speech, Language, and Clinic areas. Ms. Doskocz coordinates the daily operation of the Department, supervises staff employees, and works closely with the Chair. MaryAnn’s duties include department documentation, degree audits for undergraduate studies, assistance with appointment, promotion, and tenure cases, course scheduling as well as certification paperwork for all graduating graduate students. She prepares and maintains departmental budget and accounting records and assists with departmental annual reports, surveys, and ASHA accreditation reports.

As our Department and Research Grants Administrator, MaryAnn facilitates operations and provides administrative support on sponsored projects. Specifically, she provides assistance utilizing online proposal systems/databases, helps faculty assemble grant application packages to ensure compliance with grant requirements and deadlines, and monitors grant budgets and financial reports during the life of the award.

In her spare time, MaryAnn enjoys spending time with her family, husband John, toddler Giuliana, gardening and landscaping, and training K-9 working dogs with her husband, a police officer for Cheektowaga.
Department Awards

Each year a number of awards are given to outstanding students for their exceptional academic or clinical work. Much appreciation is extended to the various sponsors by both faculty and students.

Tindle-Shupe Award Recipients

The Tindle-Shupe Award has been given to department students for outstanding clinical achievement for over thirty years. The award was supported originally by Ms. Jan Tindle, who appreciated the treatment she received at the University at Buffalo’s Speech and Hearing Clinic. Funding has been maintained as well, by one of the first members of the Department’s doctoral graduates, Dr. Lewis Shupe. He was instrumental in connecting Ms. Tindle with the individuals who helped her learn esophageal speech after the operation needed to remove her larynx due to cancer. This year’s recipients included AuD students, Justyna Lorenc and Jessica Loson, and Master’s students in SLP, Elizabeth Dailey and Courtney McCormick.

Jack Katz Award Recipients

Two students are chosen each year for their exceptional work with clients who have central auditory processing disorders. The award is named after and originated by Professor Emeritus, Dr. Jack Katz, a pioneer in the field. This year’s awardees are graduating Master’s students in SLP, Leanne Angus and Elise Lofaro.

Jack L. Weber Graduate Stipend in Communicative Disorders and Sciences

The Jack L. Weber scholarship fund was formed in remembrance of Jack Weber, another pioneer, this time in the field of Child Language Disorders and a graduate of our doctoral program. The award is given each year to help support a research project in the area of Child Language Disorders. This year the award went to Master’s student in SLP, Carly Hanna.

Wanda Frey Joiner Awards

The Quota International is a service organization whose focus is to assist the Speech and Hearing Impaired, linking members of all ages, occupations, and nationalities. The organization is known for help to disadvantaged women and children and those with communicative disorders. Wanda Frey Joiner founded Quota International, one of the first professional women’s organizations, in 1918, in Buffalo, New York. The Quota motto is “We share.” The Wanda Frey Joiner recipients this year were second year AuD student, Jennifer Campolo and graduating Master’s student in SLP, Danielle Forrest.

National Student Speech, Language and Hearing Association

Ms. Jen Lam, doctoral student working with Dr. Kris Tjaden, received the 2011 NSSHLA award for outstanding performance in both clinical and academic components of her Master’s program that included completion of a Master’s thesis. The NSSHLA award is sponsored by the student organization from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and will help her to attend the upcoming ASHA Annual Convention in San Diego, California in November, 2011.
Alaryngeal Rehabilitation Inservice

On November 12, 2010, Mr. Eric Dolinger, Speech-Language Pathologist from ATOS Medical, presented a three hour inservice regarding alaryngeal rehabilitation. The conference was organized by two speech-language pathology graduate students in our department, Ms. Carly Politewicz and Ms. Marianne Ward, as part of an independent study directed by Ms. Dona Hue Ritter-Schmidt, Clinical Assistant Professor.

Mr. Dolinger shared his expertise about alaryngeal rehabilitation with first and second year graduate students as well as faculty from our department. In addition, nine members of the New Voice Club of the Niagara Frontier participated in a panel that provided personal experiences and addressed many questions from the student audience.

It was a very informative inservice that provided students with a foundation of knowledge regarding the comprehensive treatment of individuals who have undergone laryngectomy surgery (surgery to remove the larynx).
Literacy Conference Fall 2011: Emergent Literacy: What’s New

The Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences hosted its 5th Annual Supervisors Conference on Friday September 30, 2011. The program was entitled *Emergent Literacy: What’s New?* and included information on print and phonological awareness, emergent writing, inferential language, and literacy activities for young children. The featured speaker was Dr. Joan N. Kaderavek, Distinguished University Professor at the Judith Herb College of Education, Health Science and Human Service, The University of Toledo. The conference was held at Classics V in Amherst, NY. For further information on future conferences and continuing education credit available, check our department website or contact Dr. Rosemary Lubinski at cdsrosie@buffalo.edu or call 716-829-5565.

Fifth International TRI Tinnitus Conference: The Neuroscience of Tinnitus

On August 19-21, 2011, the Center for Hearing and Deafness at the University at Buffalo and the Tinnitus Research Initiative, University of Regensburg, Germany organized the Fifth International Tinnitus Conference entitled, “The Neuroscience of Tinnitus.” Conference topics included central mechanisms of tinnitus (ringing in the ears), the role of non-auditory brain areas in tinnitus, pharmacological targets for tinnitus, functional imaging, innovative approaches to tinnitus therapies, and numerous other areas of research. Conference organizers included Drs. Salvi, Langguth, and Lobarninas. Ms. Carol Altman served as conference and registration administrator. The conference was held at the Holiday Inn on Grand Island. The conference proceedings will be published in three peer-reviewed journals: Hearing Research, Brain Research, and Noise and Health, sharing the latest research into the causes and possible treatments for tinnitus.

Israeli Site Visitor

Dr. Rosemary Lubinski, Professor of Speech-Language Pathology, served as one of five international site visitors selected to evaluate the communication disorders programs in Israel during May, 2011. The Israeli Council of Higher Education is in the process of doing a quality assessment on three of its accredited programs in communication disorders. Academic training in CDS in Israel requires a three and a half year bachelor’s degree. The program includes academic and clinical preparation of professionals who can serve as either speech-language pathologists or audiologists. Master’s degrees, where available, focus on specialized academic studies and are not clinically focused at this time. Doctoral study is becoming more available and may be done in other areas such as education and linguistics. Dr. Lubinski also visited the Sourasky Medical Center in Tel Aviv where she interacted with staff speech-language pathologists and observed dysphagia therapy. Most clinicians in Israel work in two or more programs on a part-time basis.

Lubinski Presents at IALP

In August 2010, Dr. Rosemary Lubinski presented a seminar entitled, “A Model for Communication Intervention with the Elderly” at the 28th World Congress of the International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics (IALP). The Congress was held in Athens, Greece and attended by speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and speech and hearing scientists from all over the world. Also attending the Athens conference were Dr. Dolores Battle, an alumna of UB and former president of both ASHA and IALP, and Dr. Judith Felson Duchan, professor emeritus of Child Language Disorders, in our department.
Graduate Update

Many of our graduating SLP and Au.D, students already have jobs, and as our yearly Alumni Survey shows, all will obtain jobs within a few months of graduation. Thus far, graduates have taken positions at:

- Hill Rehabilitation Services - San Bernardino County, CA
- Alamogordo Ear Nose & Throat and Facial Plastic Surgery - Alamogordo, N.M.
- Advanced Hearing Care - Las Cruces, N.M.
- A.I. duPont Hospital for Children, Delaware
- Family Audiology in Endwell, NY
- Children’s Creative Therapies, Lockport, NY
- Diversified Services, Buffalo, NY
- North Carolina - private clinic
- Chester County Otolaryngology and Allergy, West Grove, PA
- Audiology Service Associates, Williamson, NY
- Early Intervention, Boston, MA
- Speech Solutions, Burlington, ON
- Summit, Amherst, NY

Let us know how the job market is and where you are working!

Some of Our June and September Graduates
Undergraduate Update

After completing a rigorous undergraduate program, our seniors go on to a variety of graduate schools. These include the University at Buffalo, SUNY Plattsburgh, St. John's University, Molloy College, the University of Pittsburgh, New York University and others. They are well-prepared for their new graduate studies, and we look forward to hearing about their continued success as speech-language pathologists and audiologists. Keep in touch.

Recent Ph.D. Graduate Dawn Vogler

Dr. Dawn Vogler is a new Assistant professor at Nazareth College. She teaches undergraduate courses in language development and disorders, as well as a senior seminar course that examines case studies in communication disorders. She has also taught a graduate level seminar on autism spectrum disorders. Dr. Vogler also serves as the speech-language pathology discipline coordinator for the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) program at the University of Rochester. As part of her LEND responsibilities, she provides instruction to advanced level interdisciplinary trainees in various topics related to interdisciplinary team work and assessment of individuals with developmental disabilities. In addition, she provides diagnostic evaluations for children with developmental disabilities and complex communication profiles through the Kirch Developmental Services Center at the University of Rochester Medical Center.

Dr. Vogler is also busily preparing articles based on her dissertation study, which examined a parent-implemented shared storybook reading intervention for young children with autism spectrum disorders. She contributed to an Encyclopedia of Autism Spectrum Disorders to be published next year. Dawn is actively involved in various projects on the Nazareth Campus, including the LifePrep@Naz program which is a program that allows individuals with intellectual disabilities to experience college life on campus. Dr. Vogler has also been presenting talks to various local agencies on the communication of individuals with autism spectrum disorders.

Dawn lives with her husband, Dennis and one year old daughter, Adeline Rose. They share their life with dog Sargent Pepper as well! The Department appreciates the student updates and wishes Dr. Vogler continued success and happiness.

Local Speech-Language Pathologist Selected to Attend New Childhood Apraxia of Speech Intensive Training Institute at Duquesne University

One of our graduates, Sarah Arth, MA CCC-SLP, was one of only 25 North American speech-language pathologists selected to attend a new four-day intensive training institute on the diagnosis and treatment of Childhood Apraxia of Speech.

Arth, a local speech-language pathologist, attended the Childhood Apraxia of Speech Intensive Training Institute in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from Thursday, July 28 - Sunday, July 31 at Duquesne University. During the course of the institute, participants spent time interacting with challenging course material and were involved in whole group, small group, team, and individual learning opportunities. This new intensive training institute was sponsored by the Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of North America (CASANA) and the Duquesne University Department of Speech-Language Pathology.

Childhood Apraxia of Speech is a very challenging and complicated speech disorder in children. This difficult-to-diagnose disorder that researchers are currently studying to better describe its characteristics makes it difficult or impossible for children to accurately produce sounds, syllables, and/or words despite having a good understanding of language. CASANA, based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is the only national non-profit public charity exclusively dedicated to the needs and interests of children with apraxia of speech and their families throughout the country. Congratulations to Sarah on being chosen to attend the state-of-the art training institute.
Mary Jo Kenna

Meet Mrs. Mary Jo Kenna who has served as an externship supervisor for SLP students interested in working with adults in a hospital context for many years. Mary Jo tells us about her professional career and her family since graduating from UB in 1975.

“While attending graduate school at UB, I was fortunate to be chosen to receive a fellowship at the Buffalo VA Hospital. Interaction among the many disciplines, carried out in a highly charged atmosphere, was just the thing to set me on a lifelong career path of providing services to the adult population. I completed my CFY at Mercy Hospital in Buffalo, NY and went on to spend the next 10 years there as the facility’s only speech-language pathologist. I did it all—clerical duties as well as provision of professional services. Following the birth of my son, I accepted a part time position at Buffalo General Hospital, now a part of the Kaleida Health system. I have remained with the Kaleida system and currently work with the out-patient population. As an extension of my practice, I also provide services to adult home-bound patients through several home care agencies and serve as the speech-language pathology consultant to Canterbury Woods Continuing Care Retirement Community.

Life at home in Williamsville is spent with my husband Tom, a civil engineer, and our two children. As a graduate student, I took a course in remedial reading for the non-specialist. An interest in adult literacy has led me to join Literacy Volunteers, and I eagerly await being assigned my first client. One never knows where those UB elective courses will lead! I greatly enjoy my continuing relationship with UB, serving as a clinical externship supervisor and participating on research projects with a superb faculty.”

Gregory Enrolled in Doctoral Program

Kyomi Gregory, a 2007 graduate of our Master’s program in CDS Speech-Language Pathology, decided to return to a doctoral program at Louisiana State University (LSU) in Fall, 2011. Prior to her continued education, Kyomi completed three years of professional employment as a SLP for the New York City Board of Education at an elementary/junior high school in Brooklyn, NY. She worked with students from kindergarten to 8th grade. Kyomi’s therapy targeted curriculum based intervention for students from culturally and linguistically diverse populations. She used various treatment models, including more traditional pull out approaches, collaboration, push-in services, and ‘Response to Intervention’ approaches. Part of her case load included an eight month old for pediatric feeding. In addition, Kyomi worked with adults in nursing homes and hospitals in the NYC area during vacations and weekends, focusing mainly on dysphagia, aphasia, and dysarthria problems.

Kyomi decided to attend LSU to pursue her PhD in speech-language pathology with a specialization in child language. Ms. Gregory is working on research with Dr. Janna Oetting. We wish Kyomi much success.
How I Got My Job: Devan DeCicco

In late February, 2011, while finishing my first externship placement, I was offered a job. My job offer came from the Jefferson Rehabilitation Center in Watertown, NY. Jefferson Rehabilitation Center is a non-profit education and rehabilitation center that offers early intervention, universal pre-K for delayed and typically developing children, as well as day habilitation and residential living for adults with intellectual disabilities. The site was recommended to me by an acquaintance who is currently a Speech-Language Pathologist in the Watertown, NY area.

I was called in for an interview and tour of the facility. When I expressed interest in working with their adult population with a team-oriented approach in the mission statement of my resume, they were excited. They were expanding their speech, language intervention in the adult day program and residential programs in addition to the services they provided to pre-school children and toddlers. The diversified caseload provided just the variety, challenge, and opportunity for clinical growth for which I was looking. I accepted the job right on the spot with a start date in early Summer 2011.

I learned two things that are important in obtaining a good clinical fellowship: (1) Ask colleagues, supervisors, and trusted mentors about future job sites. They will provide you with invaluable information. (2) In the words of an old proverb, “Know thyself.” If you know what kind of practice you want to do, then put it clearly in your mission statement on your resume and seek a clinical fellowship that lets you achieve that mission. (PS. Devan also got married before he started his job in summer, 2011. Congratulations to Devan and his wife, Janelle.)

Audiology Students Do Community Awareness

On March 23, 2011, audiology students from our Student Academy of Audiology presented valuable information about safe listening practices to Williamsville East High School Students. The program focused on using iPods, MP3 players, and other popular technologies was part of the Wellness Fair at the high school.
Department Graduate on Jeopardy

Kristen Schroeder, Au.D., is a Senior Audiologist at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia where she has worked for almost six years. The audiology program there has 30 audiologists. She serves as the preceptor for their 4th year Au.D. extern. Kristen is happy to report that she presented a poster at “A Sound Foundation for Pediatric Amplification” in Chicago in November, 2010. Kristen also says that she uses Dr. Lubinski’s famous saying in her daily documentation, “If you didn’t write it down, you didn’t do it.” She says, “I’ve turned into a stickler for documentation and make sure to note every phone call or e-mail communication in a patient’s official record.” Kristen was also a contestant on Jeopardy on October 5, 2010. After doing an online contestant test and an audition in Philadelphia, she flew to California in August to tape the show. This was a great opportunity to inform not only Alex Trebek, but the country, about the work of an audiologist. Great job, Kristen!

Department-Connected Wedding

On July 3, 2011, Emily Stecker and John Truelove were married in Williamsville, NY. Emily is one of the daughters of Dr. Nancy Stecker, Clinical Associate Professor in CDS and Audiology, and Attorney Paul Stecker, and the first to be married.
Views from the Department