New Century Scholars Doctoral Scholarship Recipients

2015

Awarded $10,000 each

**Carmel E. Brookshire**
PhD Candidate
University of Washington
Area of Study: *Acquired Reading Impairment in Individuals with Aphasia*

**Julie E. Case**
PhD Candidate
New York University
Area of Study: *Speech Motor Control in Children*

**Nicole E. Corbin**
PhD Candidate
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Area of Study: *Pediatric Audiology and Auditory Development*

**Barbara J. Cunningham**
PhD Candidate
McMaster University
Area of Study: *Speech-Language Treatment Outcomes for Preschoolers*

**Meghan M. Davidson**
PhD Candidate
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Area of Study: *Language, Cognition, and Literacy in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder*

**Mackenzie E. Fama**
PhD Candidate
Georgetown University
Area of Study: *Cognitive Neuroscience, Aphasia, and Language Recovery*

**Samantha J. Gustafson**
PhD Candidate
Vanderbilt University
Area of Study: *Influence of Hearing Loss and Assistive Technology on Developmental Outcomes in Children*

**Davis E. Henderson**
PhD Candidate
Arizona State University
Area of Study: *Accurate Dynamic Assessment of Language in Native American Children*
Tess K. Koerner  
PhD Candidate  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
Area of Study: *Auditory Neuroscience and Speech Perception in Noise*

Mara E. Steinberg Lowe  
PhD Candidate  
New York University  
Area of Study: *Language Processing and Production; Fluency Disorders*

Mirza Jeannette Lugo-Neris  
PhD Candidate  
University of Texas at Austin  
Area of Study: *Bilingual Language and Cognition*

Jennifer P. Lundine  
PhD Candidate  
Ohio State University  
Area of Study: *Cognition and Language Following Pediatric Brain Injury*

Elizabeth Heller Murray  
PhD Candidate  
Boston University  
Area of Study: *Voice, Resonance, and Potential Sensory Deficits in Individuals with Voice Disorders*

Kathryn H. O'Brien  
PhD Candidate  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
Area of Study: *Cognitive Rehabilitation After Traumatic Brain Injury*

Nancy A. Quick  
PhD Candidate  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Area of Study: *Pediatric Auditory Rehabilitation and Literacy Outcomes*

Shannon MacKenzie Sheppard  
PhD Candidate  
San Diego State University/University of California, San Diego  
Area of Study: *Sentence Processing in Aphasia*

Spencer B. Smith  
PhD Candidate  
University of Arizona  
Area of Study: *Auditory Neuroscience and Electrophysiology*

Elizabeth A. Wieland  
PhD Candidate  
Michigan State University  
Area of Study: *Developmental Stuttering*
Jennifer M. Zuk  
PhD Candidate  
Harvard University  
Area of Study: *Cognitive Neuroscience; Child Speech, Language and Literacy Disorders*  

2014  

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**Andrea Barton-Hulsey**  
PhD Candidate  
Georgia State University  
Area of Study: *Augmentative and Alternative Communication; Reading Development*  

**William J. Bologna**  
PhD Candidate  
University of Maryland  
Area of Study: *Hearing and Multi-Speaker Speech Perception*  
Wayne and Marilyn Olsen Audiology Research Fund  

**Jessica G. Caron**  
PhD Candidate  
Pennsylvania State University  
Area of Study: *Augmentative and Alternative Communication; Application of Mobile Technology Access*  

**Lynda G. Feenaughty**  
PhD Candidate  
University at Buffalo  
Area of Study: *Motor Speech Disorders and Communication in Individuals with Neurodegenerative Disease*  

**Mianisha Finney**  
PhD Candidate  
Ohio University  
Area of Study: *Specific Language Impairment in Children and the Role of Cognitive Mechanisms*  

**Megan Gross**  
PhD Candidate  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Area of Study: *Language Control and Code-Switching in Bilingual Children*  

**Corinne Jones**  
PhD Candidate  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Area of Study: *Sensorimotor Control of Voice and Swallowing in Parkinson Disease*
Casey S. Keck  
PhD Candidate  
University of Cincinnati  
Area of Study: Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury; Telehealth

Aarthi Madhavan  
PhD Candidate  
University of Florida  
Area of Study: Preclinical Dysphagia in Healthy Elderly Adults and Elderly Adults at Risk for Dysphagia

Megann N. McGill  
PhD Candidate  
University of Texas at Austin  
Area of Study: Fluency Disorders and Phonological Working Memory

Jana Mueller  
PhD Candidate  
University of Texas at Dallas  
Area of Study: Cognitive-Communication Rehabilitation in Individuals with Acquired Brain Injury

Carolyn K. Novaleski  
PhD Candidate  
Vanderbilt University  
Area of Study: Voice Disorders and Biological Examination of Phonotrauma

Austin L. Oder  
PhD Candidate  
University of Nebraska, Lincoln  
Area of Study: Neuroscience of Early Communication; Infant Brain Development of Oral Motor Control

Jessie N. Patterson  
PhD Candidate  
University of Nebraska, Lincoln  
Area of Study: Vestibular and Balance Science; Post-Concussion Deficits and Assessment

Ileana Ratiu  
PhD Candidate  
Arizona State University  
Area of Study: Bilingualism and Traumatic Brain Injury

Melissa C. Sherman  
PhD Candidate  
University of Texas at Dallas  
Area of Study: Language Acquisition and Word Learning in Children

Jarrad Van Stan  
PhD Candidate  
MGH Institute of Health Professions  
Area of Study: Voice Assessment and Rehabilitation; Ambulatory Monitoring and Biofeedback
Sarah Villard  
PhD Candidate  
Boston University  
Area of Study: *Aphasia Rehabilitation and the Role of Cognitive Processes and Attention* 

2013 

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Garrett Cardon  
PhD Candidate  
University of Colorado, Boulder  
Area of Study: *Audiology and Cognitive Neuroscience* 

Frances Sayako Earle  
PhD Candidate  
University of Connecticut  
Area of Study: *Perceptual Learning and Emergence of Phonetic Categories* 

William Evans  
PhD Candidate  
Boston University  
Area of Study: *Cognitive Communication Deficits in Aphasia* 

Carolyn Falconer-Horne  
PhD Candidate  
New York University  
Area of Study: *Neurorehabilitation of Aphasia and Related Motor Speech Disorders* 

Michelle Ferrill  
PhD Candidate  
San Diego State University/University of California, San Diego  
Area of Study: *Lexical Access and Auditory Language Processing in Aphasia* 

Kendrea Focht  
PhD Candidate  
Medical University of South Carolina  
Area of Study: *Age-Related Swallowing Changes Across the Healthy Adult Lifespan* 

Laura Grant  
PhD Candidate  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Area of Study: *Neural Mechanisms Underlying Voice and Swallow Function* 

Teresa Gray  
PhD Candidate  
Boston University  
Area of Study: *Bilingual Aphasia and Language Access*
Kathryn Greenslade  
PhD Candidate  
University of Washington  
Area of Study: *Social-Communication Impairments in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders*

Leah Helou  
PhD Candidate  
University of Pittsburgh  
Area of Study: *Voice Biomechanics and Mind-Voice Pathways*

Derek Isetti  
PhD Candidate  
University of Washington  
Area of Study: *Spasmodic Dysphonia and Psychosocial Consequences of Living with Chronic Voice Disorders*

Katrina McClannahan  
PhD Candidate  
University of Washington  
Area of Study: *Neural Mechanisms of Perceptual Learning Related to Rehabilitation of People with Hearing Loss*

Thomas Page  
PhD Candidate  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Area of Study: *Communication Development in Children with Hearing Loss*

Allison Schaser  
PhD Candidate  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Area of Study: *Voice and Swallowing: Effects of Age and Exercise-Related Changes*

Adam Svec  
PhD Candidate  
University of Minnesota  
Area of Study: *Speech Perception in Background Noise and Listeners with Hearing Loss*

Brian Weiler  
PhD Candidate  
Vanderbilt University  
Area of Study: *Child Language Disorders, Grammatical Morphology, and Complex Syntax Development*
2012

Awarded $10,000 each

**Rachael R. Baiduc**
PhD Candidate
Northwestern University
Area of Study: *Auditory Function and High-Risk Patients*

**Janine L.S. Bartley**
PhD Candidate
Florida State University
Area of Study: *Early Intervention and Autism Spectrum Disorder*

**Michael I. Burns**
PhD Candidate
University of Washington
Area of Study: *Patient-Provider Communication During Medical Interactions*

**Geoffrey A. Coalson**
PhD Candidate
University of Texas at Austin
Area of Study: *Language-based Variables on Developmental Stuttering*

**Emily O’Dell Garnett**
PhD Candidate
University of South Carolina
Area of Study: *Fluency Disorders; Neurogenic Communication Disorders*

**Allison Gladfelter**
PhD Candidate
Purdue University
Area of Study: *Language Development and Autism Spectrum Disorder*

**Julia Hollister**
PhD Candidate
University of Iowa
Area of Study: *Fluency and Impacts of Language and Temperament*

**Marie Jette**
PhD Candidate
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Area of Study: *Laryngeal Disease*

**Suzanne N. King**
PhD Candidate
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Area of Study: *Vocal Fold Scarring*
Benjamin Kirby
PhD Candidate
University of Iowa
Area of Study: *Cortical Evoked Potentials and Auditory Prostheses*

Emily Lund
PhD Candidate
Vanderbilt University
Area of Study: *Word-learning in Monolingual and Bilingual Children with Hearing Loss*

Sara K. Mamo
PhD Candidate
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Area of Study: *Speech Perception and Aging Auditory System*

Jennifer Mozeiko
PhD Candidate
University of Connecticut
Area of Study: *Traumatic Brain Injury; Aphasia*

Sofia M. Souto
PhD Candidate
Indiana University, Bloomington
Area of Study: *Bilingual Language Development and Specific Language Impairment*

Rene Lynn Utianski
PhD Candidate
Arizona State University
Area of Study: *Auditory Cognitive Neuroscience*

Sofia Vallila
PhD Candidate
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Area of Study: *Aphasia Rehabilitation; Learning and Memory*

Aaron Ziegler
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University of Pittsburgh
Area of Study: *Voice Science; Vocal Biomechanics*

2011

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Samira Anderson
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Rebecca S. Bartlett  
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Naomi Bramhall  
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Ai Leen Choo  
PhD Candidate  
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Meghan Darling  
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Purdue University  

Alexandra Parbery-Clark  
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Purdue University  

2010  

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Julia Campbell  
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Kathleen Faulkner  
PhD Candidate  
University of Washington

Gerasimos Fergadiotis  
PhD Candidate  
Arizona State University

Jenya Iuzzini  
PhD Candidate  
Indiana University

Lisa LaGorio  
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University of Florida

Giang T. Pham  
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University of Minnesota

Mary Beth Schmitt  
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The Ohio State University

Krystal L. Werfel  
PhD Candidate  
Vanderbilt University

2009

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Francois-Xavier Brajot  
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McGill University

Skott Freedman  
PhD Candidate  
San Diego State University/University of California

Andrea Hillock  
PhD Candidate  
Vanderbilt University

Skyler Jennings  
PhD Candidate  
Purdue University
Raul Rojas  
PhD Candidate  
Temple University

Emily Rusnak  
PhD Candidate  
Bowling Green State University

Emily Aileen Zimmerman  
PhD Candidate  
University of Kansas

2008

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Sophie Ambrose  
PhD Candidate  
University of Kansas

Megha Bahl  
PhD Candidate  
University of Arizona

Angela Yarnell Bonino  
PhD candidate  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Deanna Britton  
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University of Connecticut
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PhD Candidate  
University of Wisconsin, Madison

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Kimberly M. Meigh  
PhD Candidate  
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Louisiana State University

Gayla L. Poling  
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Ohio State University

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University of Kansas

Amy D. Rodriquez  
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University of Florida

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April Gibbs Scott  
PhD Candidate  
University of Pittsburgh

Elizabeth Spencer  
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PhD Candidate  
University of Florida

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PhD Candidate  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2007

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Suzanne Adlof  
PhD Candidate  
University of Kansas

Curtis J. Billings  
PhD Candidate  
University of Washington

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Purdue University

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PhD Candidate  
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Gabriela Simon-Cereijido  
PhD Candidate  
San Diego State University/University of California, San Diego

2006

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Lauren Calandruccio  
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Syracuse University

Helen Cullington  
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Harrison N. Jones  
PhD Candidate  
University of Florida

Yunjung Kim  
PhD Candidate  
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Elizabeth C. Walker  
PhD Candidate  
University of Iowa
2005

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Katrina B. Agung
PhD candidate
University of Texas at Dallas

Adriane DeMarco Baylis
PhD candidate
University of Minnesota

Jami F. Mayer
PhD candidate
Indiana University

Lizbeth H. Finestack
PhD candidate
The University of Kansas

Jason Tait Sanchez
PhD candidate
Kent State University,
Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine

Jennell C. Vick
PhD candidate
University of Washington

2004

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Lendra Friesen
PhD candidate
University of Washington

Michael J. Hammer
PhD candidate
University of Kansas

William D. Hula
PhD candidate
University of Pittsburgh

Diane Ogiela
PhD candidate
Michigan State University
2003

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Shannon Austermann
PhD candidate
San Diego State University and University of California-San Diego

Cathy Binger
PhD candidate
Pennsylvania State University

Gayle DeDe
ScD candidate
Boston University

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PhD candidate
University of Minnesota

Esther S. Kim
PhD candidate
University of Arizona

Nathan V. Welham
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University of Wisconsin-Madison