

2018 Audiology Conference Speaker Bios and Disclosures

Dr. Fort is the Genetics and Newborn Screening Unit Manager in the Children and Youth Branch of the North Carolina Division of Public Health and serves as the NC EHDl Coordinator. She has worked with the NC EHDl program since 2002. Dr. Fort has 29 years of experience as a pediatric audiologist in hospital, private practice, ENT office and public school settings.

Marcia Fort, EHDl in North Carolina – Help Us Make a Difference!, employed by NC Division of Public Health

Disclosure:

Dr. Fort has no relevant financial or nonfinancial relationships to disclose.

Krista Heavner, M.S., CCC-SLP, LSLs Cert AVT, is a Cochlear Implant Consumer Specialist for Advanced Bionics, providing support and education for cochlear implant candidates, recipients and professionals in the southeast part of the US. Prior to this position, Krista was a consultant for deaf and hard of hearing with the Division of Exceptional Children with the NC Department of Public Instruction. She has experience both in the educational and clinical settings teaching children with hearing loss to listen and speak, and coaching other professionals in the field.

Teresa Dozier, AuD is an audiologist with over 15 years experience in the cochlear implant industry and has clinical and corporate experience and expertise. She is currently the director of sales for the eastern US and Canada with Advanced Bionics, and educates, leads and coaches teams of audiologists and speech language pathologists within AB and beyond.

Krista Heavner, Cochlear Implants—Not What They Used to Be, But Better than Ever, employed by Advanced Bionics Corporation

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Ms. Heavner has no relevant financial or nonfinancial relationships to disclose.

Teresa Dozier, Cochlear Implants—Not What They Used to Be, But Better than Ever, employed by Advanced Bionics Corporation

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Dr. Dozier has no relevant financial or nonfinancial relationships to disclose.

Chas Kuratko joined MED-EL at the beginning of this year and works as the Director of Auditory Systems in the Business Development area. He received his degrees in Audiology from Texas Tech University. He owned and managed a group of audiological and hearing aid offices in Texas for a number of years before moving to the industry where he served as Director of sales operations at Phonak and VP of business management at Siemens/Signia. He has a strong history of product development while working with product introduction and business

management across different business channels in the hearing industry.

Taylor Sands is a Speech-Language Pathologist and LSLS Certified Auditory-Verbal Educator (LSLS Cert. AVEd) with over 12 years of experience teaching children and adults with hearing loss learning listening and spoken language. She received her B.A. in Communication from North Carolina State University in 2003 and her M.S. in Speech and Hearing Sciences in 2005 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Taylor is currently a Senior Consumer Engagement Manager in the Southeast Region for the MED-EL Corporation. In this role, she provides support and outreach services for cochlear implant clinics, audiologists, speech-language pathologists, educators, MED-EL recipients, and CI candidates. Prior to joining MED-EL in 2013, she was an SLP at Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech in Jacksonville, FL (2007-2013) and Pediatric Speech-Language Services, Inc. in Greensboro, NC (2005-2007).

Amanda Smith is an audiologist and Senior Clinical Account Manager in the Southeast Region for MED-EL Corporation. She received her Bachelor's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders at James Madison University in 1999 and Master's degree in Audiology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2001. Amanda completed her fellowship year working with pediatric cochlear implant patients and their families at the Carolina Children's Communicative Disorders Program. Amanda has been with MED-EL Corporation for over 10 years and provides clinical support; services and training to cochlear implant clinics, audiologists, speech language pathologists, cochlear implant candidates and MED-EL recipients. Amanda is currently working with clinics in North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Charles Kuratko, Something for Everyone! MED-EL Hearing Implants and Bone Conduction Solutions, employed by MED-EL

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Taylor Sands, Something for Everyone! MED-EL Hearing Implants and Bone Conduction Solutions, employed by MED-EL

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Amanda Smith, Something for Everyone! MED-EL Hearing Implants and Bone Conduction Solutions, employed by MED-EL

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Dr. Madell is an audiologist, speech-language pathologist, and LSLS auditory verbal therapist. Her clinical and research interests include hearing in infants and children, management of severe/profound hearing loss, including HA's, CI's, FM's, and auditory processing disorders. She has published 7 books, numerous book chapters, and articles. She writes the Hearing and Kids

section of the HearingHealthMatters.com blog. She is the recipient of the Marion Downs Award for Excellence in Pediatric Audiology. She is producer and director with Irene Taylor Brodsky of the film The Listening Project which interviews 15 young adults with hearing loss. Dr. Madell presents nationally and internationally on topics related to hearing loss in children.

Jane Madell, Maximizing Auditory Performance for Children with Hearing Loss, owner of Pediatric Audiology Consulting

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Dr. Madell received an honorarium from The North Carolina Speech, Hearing and Language Association, Inc.

Dr. Mandell has no relevant nonfinancial relationships to disclose.

Melissa Wilson, The Modern Cochlear Implant Recipient: What You Need To Know Today!, employed by Cochlear Americas

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Dr. Wilson has no relevant financial or nonfinancial relationships to disclose.

Johnnie Sexton, Au.D., has worked with children who are deaf and hard of hearing for almost 4 decades. He received his B.S. (1977) and M.S. (1979) degrees from East Carolina University and his Au.D. Degree (2010) from A. T. Still University/Arizona Health Sciences. Dr. Sexton has focused throughout his career on pediatric/educational audiology service development, implementation and management and served on a team to design the early intervention system for audiology in North Carolina (including the newborn hearing-screening program) from 1999-2001. He has devoted his energy in recent years to redefining counseling for families with children who have hearing challenges and the professionals who provide services for them. Dr. Sexton created the nonprofit agency, The CARE Project, serving as Executive Director, for the advancement of family, professional and pre-professional training opportunities in emotional/adjustment counseling. The CARE Project has become a national standard for family engagement for the unique family retreat experiences, which provide emotional support, and education for family empowerment. As of January 1, 2018, Dr. Sexton is the Co-Chair of the NC Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI) Advisory Board, which oversees the newborn hearing screening program in all birthing hospitals in NC.

Johnnie Sexton, The CARE Project - Journey to Resilience, employed by The CARE Project

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Dr. Sexton has no relevant financial or nonfinancial relationships to disclose.

Dr. Foster is a retired educational audiologist/speech-language pathologist who now works for Cheshire Center in Greensboro performing pediatric audiology.

Dr. Ben Russell joined the department in 2017 as a Clinical Associate Professor. In addition to providing Audiology services in the Charles E. and Geneva S. Scott Communication Disorders

Clinic, he teaches several undergraduate courses and is involved in community outreach through hearing screenings in the public schools. Dr. Russell's research has focused on spectral resolution in cochlear implant listeners, including the ability to resolve pitch-based speech cues.

Dr. Fox-Thomas specializes in the evaluation and management of tinnitus, sound sensitivity disorders, and auditory processing disorder. She is a certified health coach (CHC) and HeartMath practitioner. Dr. Fox-Thomas also offers integrated listening systems (iLs) and Interactive Metronome (IM) training and is a certified Dangerous Decibels educator. She teaches both in the classroom and clinic and mentors doctoral students in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. Dr. Fox-Thomas has presented her clinical work and research at a local, state, and national level.

Dr. Denise Tucker is the Director of Graduate Study and served as the Chair of the UNCG CSD Department 2014-2016. She works with the extraordinary School of HHS, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, which is comprised of six academic faculty, seven APT faculty, three staff members, and several adjunct faculty. Dr. Tucker served as Interim Chair of the CSD Department from 2013-2014.

Wayne Foster, University Research Update, employed by The Cheshire Center

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Ben Russell, University Research Update, employed by Appalachian State University

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Lisa Fox-Thomas, University Research Update, employed by UNC-Greensboro

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Donna Fisher Smiley, Ph.D., CCC-A is a school-based audiologist and the coordinator for the Educational Audiology/Speech Pathology Resources for Schools (EARS) Program at Arkansas Children's Hospital. Dr. Smiley has practiced audiology in the areas of pediatrics and school based audiology for over 25 years. Additionally, Dr. Smiley co-authored a textbook (Title: School-Based Audiology) that is available from Plural Publishing. She served as the Vice-President for Audiology Practice on the Board of Directors for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association from 2013-2015.

Donna Fisher Smiley, Working Together Is Better: Improving Outcomes For School Age Children With Hearing Loss, employed by Arkansas Children's Hospital

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