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## EXPERIENCE

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- 2016-Present** **Speech-Language Pathologist in private practice, Pittsburgh, PA**
- Provide speech-language evaluations and customized therapeutic intervention for adult and pediatric populations in-home, schools, hospitals and via telerehabilitation (internet)
  - Specializing in bilingual (Spanish-English) intervention and in augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) for individuals with complex communication challenges
  - Currently licensed in Georgia, New York and Pennsylvania

- 2013-2016** **ICAN™ Talk Clinic of the AAC Institute, Pittsburgh, PA [www.icantalkclinic.com](http://www.icantalkclinic.com)**  
**Speech-language Pathologist; Clinical Fellow (Jan 2013-Jan 2014)**
- Screened, evaluated and treated a variety of speech-language communication disorders in adults and children in outpatient clinic, in-home, hospital and community settings.
  - Provided speech-language and augmentative and alternative (AAC) services at PLEA School for students with autism and severe behavioral disorders (avg caseload 20 students; ages 4-16 yrs).
  - Conducted AAC trainings for school staff at Capital Area Intermediate Unit (Harrisburg), Pathfinder School (Pittsburgh), Bellefonte Area School District (Bellefonte).
  - Wrote comprehensive AAC evaluation reports and speech-generating device (SGD) requests for third party reimbursement and conducted appeals/attended hearings, when required.
  - Conducted bilingual Spanish-English AAC evaluations and developed intervention recommendations for 18 individuals with severe communication disorders in Mallorca, Spain.
  - Coordinated annual 4-day ICAN Talk AAC Summer Camp for 25 children and youth with disabilities and their parents from 2013-2015 (See video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CGWrEF6tjZs>)
  - Organized and hosted the AAC Institute's "Eye-Gaze and Brain Computer Interface (BCI) AAC Conference" in Pittsburgh (2014-15).
  - Presenter, "Eye-Gaze Access AAC for Pediatric Populations: Evidence Based Approaches" at Eye-Gaze & BCI Conference in Pittsburgh, PA, Nov 7, 2015.
  - Presenter, "Data Collection in AAC" at the 2014 Pennsylvania Speech-Language Hearing Association (PSHA) annual conference, Pittsburgh, PA, April 5, 2014.

### Graduate student internships at the following institutions:

- Pediatric**
- Aspire Pediatric Therapy, LLC, Pittsburgh, PA (May-Aug 2012)**
  - Mt. Lebanon School District, Mt. Lebanon, PA (Jan-Apr 2012)**
  - Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, Bethel Park Annex, PA (Sept-Dec 2010)**
  - Memorial Elementary School, Bethel Park School District, Bethel Park, PA (Sept-Dec 2009)**
- Screened, evaluated and treated children ages 2-11 with phonological/articulation, fluency, voice, language and pragmatic disorders in outpatient clinics and elementary school settings.
  - Caseloads included children with ADHD, autism, apraxia of speech, cochlear implants, Down syndrome, multiple learning disabilities, and Tourette's syndrome.
  - Administered, scored and interpreted results for the following assessment tools: *Goldman Frisloe Test of Articulation (GFTA-2)*, *Contextual Probes of Articulation Competence (CPAC)*; *Arizona-3*, *Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test (PPVT-III)*, *Clinical Evaluation of Language Fundamentals (CELF-5)*, *Preschool Language Scales (PLS-4)*, *SPELT-3*, *The Listening Comprehension Test (TLCT)*, *Comprehensive Assessment of Spoken Language (CASL)*, *Test of Word Finding (TWF-2)*; *Stuttering Severity Instrument 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed (SSI-3)*; and *Test of Pragmatic Language (TOPL-2)*.

- Developed appropriate treatment goals and activities related to the children’s specific needs in accordance with their treatment plans or Individual Education Plans (IEPs).
- Managed behavior using appropriately designed management techniques.
- Collaborated with regular and special education teachers and school-based occupational therapists to integrate treatment with academic curricula and deliver services in pull-out and push-in models
- Counseled clients and their families on their children’s communication needs and treatment during all phases of service (in-take, progress and discharge).
- Conducted bilingual (Spanish-English) receptive language assessments of ESL students from Mexico with language delays.

**Adults Golden Living Center, Mt. Lebanon, PA (May-Aug 2011)  
Veteran’s Administration Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA (May-Aug 2010)**

- Screened, evaluated and treated adult patients in acute care hospital and residential skilled nursing facility with a range of neurogenic communication disorders caused by injury, abnormality or nervous system disease.
- Administered, scored and interpreted the *Arizona Battery for Communication Disorders of Dementia (ABCD)*, *Cognitive Linguistic Quick Test (CLQT)*, *Frenchay Dysarthria Assessment (FDA)*, *Mini Mental Status Exam (MMSE)* and the *Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MOCA)* and developed informal cognitive and language assessment probes to evaluate patient’s needs, when appropriate.
- Developed treatment goals and intervention programs with proper attention to age-appropriate considerations, patient safety and dignity.
- Planned and conducted individual and group therapy sessions targeting cognitive and communicative rehabilitation goals.
- Performed bedside clinical swallowing evaluations, interpreted findings and treated dysphagia symptoms.
- Interacted with patients and families in treatment planning, expected outcomes and home programs.
- Recorded treatment, patient response to treatment, and progress in a timely manner.
- Collaborated with occupational and physical therapists in SLP service delivery.
- Reviewed medical charts and summarized relevant patient information for the diagnosis and treatment of swallowing and communication disorders (dysphagia, dysarthria, aphasia).

**PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**1992-2003** Held a variety of positions in international corporate communications and public relations including: Supervisor for Ruder Finn Asia based in Beijing, China (2000-01); Senior Manager of International Public Relations for Chrysler Corporation (1996-2000). Co-founded and managed The Americas Group, a public relations firm specializing in Latin America based in Stamford, CT (1993-96). Recipient of Corporate Hispanic Award (2000).

**EDUCATION**

**University of Pittsburgh, School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences, Pittsburgh, PA**  
M. A. in Speech-Language Pathology, 2012

**Thunderbird School of Global Management, Glendale, AZ**  
M.B.A./Master of International Management

**Barnard College, New York, NY**  
B. A. in Foreign Area Studies,

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) with SIG 12 & 17 memberships  
Pennsylvania Speech-Language Hearing Association (PSHA)

## **CERTIFICATIONS, SKILLS & CLEARANCES**

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- ASHA #12152194
- Licensed SLP in PA #SL012089 • New York State #025057 • Georgia #SLP009363
- Current CPR and AED certification
- Pennsylvania Certificate in Special Education: Speech and Language Impaired, K-12
- Bilingual Spanish-English speaker, writer and professional interpreter; proficient in Portuguese and rudimentary Mandarin
- Current background clearances: PA Act 34, PA FBI (Act 73), Act 168