THE FALL VOICE CONFERENCE

Advanced Topics in SLP Program

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Chairs: Clare Henderson, MA, CCC-SLP and Sean Moonsammy, SLPD, MM, MA, CCC-SLP

The Fall Voice Advanced Topics in SLP Program is *designed for experienced speech-language pathologists specializing in voice and upper airway disorders. This advanced program explores emerging clinical concepts, evolving best practices, and complex patient populations encountered in specialty voice care. Sessions examine the intersection of voice, airway, swallowing, motor speech, and psychosocial health through an evidence-informed, interdisciplinary lens. Participants will gain deeper insight into topics such as connective tissue and hypermobility spectrum disorders, gender-affirming voice and singing care, laryngo-responders, retrograde cricopharyngeus dysfunction (R-CPD), and the relationship between voice production and motor speech disorders. The program also challenges clinicians to critically evaluate current treatment approaches, consider the broader impact of voice disorders on intimacy and quality of life, and strengthen their role as mentors and leaders within the profession. This course is intended for seasoned voice clinicians seeking to expand their clinical expertise, refine diagnostic reasoning, and integrate innovative, patient-centered strategies into the management of complex voice and upper airway disorders*

7:00 - 8:00 AM	**Registration & Continental Breakfast**
8:00 - 8:05 AM	**Opening Remarks**
8:05 - 8:55 AM	Connective Tissue and Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders: Clinical Implications for Voice and Airway Care - ***Speakers: Nina Callahan, MS, CCC-SLP; Stacey Menton, MM, MA, CCC-SLP; Claire Ligon, M.Ed., CCC-SLP***
8:55 - 9:45 AM	Adjusting Our Filter: Unifying Concepts of Voice and Speech Production in the Evaluation of Voice and Motor Speech Disorders - ***Speakers: Allison Aaron, MS, CCC-SLP; Stephen Damico, MS, CCC-SLP; Bradley Hoff, MA, CCC-SLP, PAVA-RV***
9:45 - 10:00 AM	**BREAK**
10:00 - 10:45 AM	Harmony and Identity: Supporting the Singing Voice in Gender-Affirming Care ***Speakers: Anna Diemer, MM, PAVA-RV; Collin Eagen, Felicia Francois, BM, MS, CCC-SLP***
10:45 - 11:30 AM	The Laryngoresponders Hypothesis: Promise, Pitfalls, and the Path Forward ***Speakers: Brett Welch, PhD, CCC-SLP and Leah Helou, PhD, CCC-SLP***
11:30 - 1:00 PM	**LUNCH on your own**
1:00 - 1:45 PM	What's Behind the Belch? An Interdisciplinary Approach to Retrograde Cricopharyngeus Dysfunction - ***Speakers: Andrew Keltz, MS, CCC-SLP; Michael Lerner, MD***
1:45 - 2:30 PM	From Clinician to Leader: Mentorship in Voice Disorders Practice ***Speakers: Lisa Butcher, SLP.D., MM, CCC-SLP; Edie Hapner, PhD CCC-SLP, ASHA Fellow; Juliana Codino, PhD, CCC-SLP***
2:30 - 2:45 PM	**BREAK**
2:45 - 3:50 PM	Is Our Best Practice Doing Harm? An Introspective Look at Voice Care ***Moderator: Sean Moonsammy, SLPD, MM, MA, CCC-SLP*** ***Speakers: Wynde Vastine, CCC-SLP, SEP; Geneva Mayne, SLPD, CCC-SLP; Maurice Goodwin, MS, CCC-SLP; Carol Krusemark, SLPD, CCC-SLP, PAVA-RV***
4:00 – 5:00 PM	Sex and Intimacy in Voice and Upper Airway Disorders: Clinical Considerations ***Moderator: Mariah Morton-Jones, PhD, CCC-SLP*** ***Speakers: Lillian Bailey, MS, LMFT, CST; Keith Chadwick, MD and Sarah Kervin, MM, MS, CCC-SLP***
5:00 - 6:00 PM	**Poster & Exhibit Viewing Cocktail Reception**
7:30 – 9:30 PM	**Keynote Film Screening:** *"Come See Me in the Good Light"*

The conference is offered for up to 0.65 ASHA CEU's (Various levels; Professional area)

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