New Century Scholars Doctoral Scholarship Recipients

2014

Awarded $10,000 each

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

Awarded $10,000 each

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  
PhD Candidate  
University of Pittsburgh  
Area of Study: Voice Science; Vocal Biomechanics

2011

Awarded $10,000 each  
Samira Anderson  
PhD Candidate  
Northwestern University

Rebecca S. Bartlett  
PhD Candidate  
University of Wisconsin–Madison

Naomi Bramhall  
PhD Candidate  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Kathryn L. Cabbage  
PhD Candidate  
University of Nebraska–Lincoln

Ai Leen Choo  
PhD Candidate  
University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign
Meghan Darling  
PhD Candidate  
Purdue University

Alexandra Parbery-Clark  
PhD Candidate  
Northwestern University

Amy L. Schwarz  
PhD Candidate  
University of Texas at Dallas

Samantha E. Shune  
PhD Candidate  
University of Iowa

Lisa Wisman Weil  
PhD Candidate  
Purdue University

2010

Awarded $10,000 each  
Julia Campbell  
PhD Candidate  
University of Colorado at Boulder

Elizabeth Erickson  
PhD Candidate  
Purdue University

Kathleen Faulkner  
PhD Candidate  
University of Washington

Gerasimos Fergadiotis  
PhD Candidate  
Arizona State University

Jenya Iuzzini  
PhD Candidate  
Indiana University

Lisa LaGorio  
PhD Candidate  
University of Florida
Giang T. Pham  
PhD Candidate  
University of Minnesota

Mary Beth Schmitt  
PhD Candidate  
The Ohio State University

Krystal L. Werfel  
PhD Candidate  
Vanderbilt University

2009

Awarded $10,000 each
Francois-Xavier Brajot  
PhD Candidate  
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

Awarded $10,000 each

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
PhD Candidate
University of Washington

Jamie L. Desjardins
PhD Candidate
Syracuse University

Kerry Danahy Ebert
PhD Candidate
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Aaron M. Johnson
PhD Candidate
University of Wisconsin, Madison

Karen Le
PhD Candidate
University of Connecticut

Jimin Lee
PhD Candidate
University of Wisconsin, Madison

Megan K. McPherson
PhD Candidate
Purdue University

Kimberly M. Meigh
PhD Candidate
University of Pittsburgh
Brandi L. Newkirk  
PhD Candidate  
Louisiana State University

Gayla L. Poling  
PhD Candidate  
Ohio State University

Meredith A. Poore  
PhD Candidate  
University of Kansas

Amy D. Rodriguez  
PhD Candidate  
University of Florida

Vicki M. Samelson  
PhD Candidate  
University of Iowa

April Gibbs Scott  
PhD Candidate  
University of Pittsburgh

Elizabeth Spencer  
PhD Candidate  
Vanderbilt University

Michelle S. Troche  
PhD Candidate  
University of Florida

Yihe Zu  
PhD Candidate  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2007

Awarded $10,000 each

Suzanne Adlof  
PhD Candidate  
University of Kansas

Curtis J. Billings  
PhD Candidate  
University of Washington
Bharath Chandrasekaran  
PhD Candidate  
Purdue University

Robin Samlan  
PhD Candidate  
University of Arizona

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

2006

Awarded $10,000 each

Lauren Calandruccio  
PhD Candidate  
Syracuse University

Helen Cullington  
PhD Candidate  
University of California, Irvine

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

Awarded $10,000 each

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

Awarded $10,000 each  
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

Louise Stanczak  
ScD candidate  
Boston University

2003

Awarded $10,000 Each  
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  

Melanie Gregan  
PhD candidate  
University of Minnesota  

Esther S. Kim  
PhD candidate  
University of Arizona  

Nathan V. Welham  
PhD candidate  
University of Wisconsin-Madison