

**College of Health and Human Development
Faculty Research Themes**

Literacy Links with Speech, Language, and Communication

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Research Interests

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Social aspects (self-concept, perceived communicative competence, stigma, etc.) of fluency and fluency disorders in adolescents and adults; auditory dysfunction in children and adults who stutter; speech, language, and literacy disorders in children in the schools; perceptions of individuals with communication disabilities; job stress of SLPs in rural and urban areas.

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Reading and social competence in elementary school; peer relations; early preventive intervention; risk and adaptation from childhood to adulthood; behavioral inhibition.

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Language and literacy development and disorders in bilingual children
Cultural and environmental influences on language and literacy outcomes of children from diverse backgrounds, parental beliefs about language and literacy development and disorders, language development and disorders

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Improving communication outcomes and enhancing quality of life for individuals who have significant speech and language impairments and require augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) (e.g., signs, communication boards, voice output assistive technologies).

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Typical and atypical phonological development, treatment efficacy for phonological disorders, effects of otitis media on early speech development and later literacy achievement, speech-language and literacy development of bilingual preschoolers.

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Behavioral and cognitive neuroscience (ERP and fMRI) investigations of the language processing system; reading development, reading skill, and reading impairment (e.g., developmental dyslexia); automatic components of lexical access; development of proficiency and cognitive control in bilinguals; bridging theory and practice in the field of reading disorders.