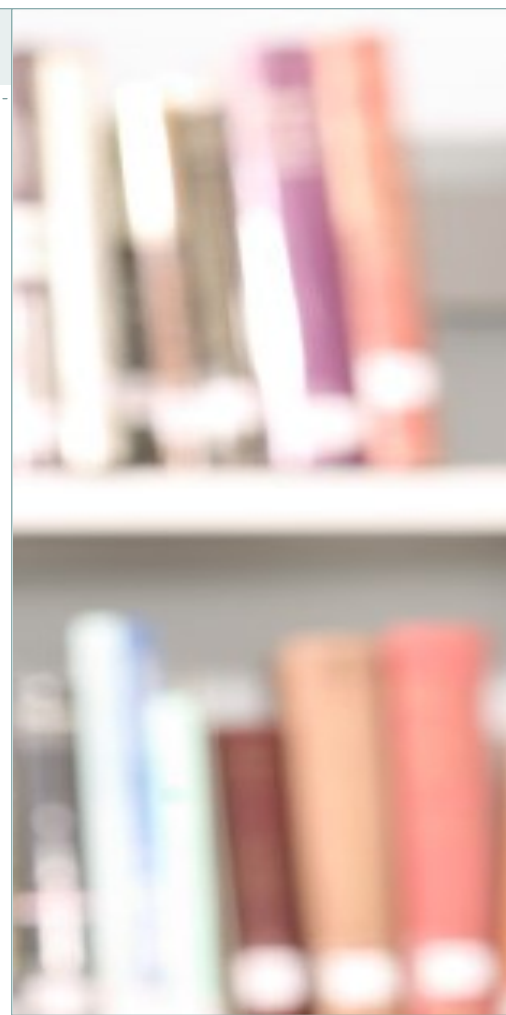




# Association of College Educators-Deaf/Hard of Hearing

## WHO WE ARE

The Association of College Educators-Deaf & Hard of Hearing (ACE-DHH) is an organization of university professors who prepare teachers for students who are deaf or hard of hearing. Our conference occurs annually at various cities throughout the U.S. and Canada, and is well-attended by university faculty, candidates for doctoral degrees, field vendors, and sign language interpreters.



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# Message from President Mark Rust



Greetings!

Well, December is here, and before you know it, we will be in St. Louis. As I begin to think about our time together in February I want to take time to reflect upon the situation in Ferguson, which is just beyond the St. Louis airport.

I trust the situation will have settled down by the time I arrive but this does not mean I can ignore the anger and destruction of the area I will be visiting. Many lives are impacted by what is currently happening. As I search for meaning in the actions of others, I am doing my own internal search in regards to the population I am working with – Deaf children and the preparation of individuals who will be teaching these children.

Will my actions and behaviors cause a backlash and anger? Or, am I advocating for a world where deaf and hearing can co-exist? Do I support both languages, ASL and English, in our education system? Or, do I prefer one language to be dominant to the other? Do I learn from what is presented before me? Or, do I ignore what I have witnessed and continue the same patterns I have developed from the past?

I have a great deal to learn from what is happening in Ferguson – the voices of a community asking for a change. I fear it is too easy for me to be in academia and develop blinders. However, if I allow the emotions and the thoughts that drive the behaviors of Ferguson to resonate within me, I can be brave enough to remove my blinders and move forward with “new eyes”. I willingly move forward advocating for unity with my new eyes while I listen and learn from what lies before me; particularly as I make my booking arrangements for St. Louis.

Looking forward to meeting you in St. Louis,

Mark Rust, Ph.D.

President

# **U.S. Department of Education Proposes Plan to Strengthen Teacher Preparation**

Proposed regulations for teacher training programs were released from the U.S. Department of Education on November 25, 2014 <http://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-department-education-proposes-plan-strengthen-teacher-preparation>. Comments on this proposal are due 60 days from publication date.



# MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ELECT SARAH AMMERMAN

Meet me in St. Louis!

It's difficult to believe that the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual ACE-DHH Conference, *Gateway of Possibilities*, is barely two months away! Events that promise to nourish your mind and body are in store, including 42 concurrent sessions, 21 poster presentations, and a delicious waffle breakfast! See items of particular note below:

Arrive early to participate in **Wednesday's tour of 4 local deaf education programs**. RVSP to Susan Lenihan by February 1 at [slenihan@fontbonne.edu](mailto:slenihan@fontbonne.edu).

**Mark McDaniel**, co-author of *Make It Stick: The Science of Successful Learning*, will be the keynote speaker! He will guide us in preparing our teachers-in-training to be more effective learners.

ACE-DHH is **going green** with a **new conference app!** Although printed programs will be available, you can plan your schedule and access presentation materials electronically.



The Hyatt expects to be sold out due to several large events, so reserve your room ASAP! <https://aws.passkey.com/event/11058131/owner/988/home>

The wonderful local conference hosts and I are very much looking forward to seeing you in February! Here's to a strong end of the fall semester followed by peaceful, happy holidays.

Warmly,

Sarah Ammerman, President-Elect

## CONFERENCE APP

The conference organizers are excited about the creation of a 2015 conference app. The app will be available for free download for use both Android and iOS mobile devices. With this app attendees will be able to: review the conference schedule, create a personalized schedule, access the presentation handouts, view conference center map and easily visit sponsors' websites. Watch for more information about downloading this app early in the new year!



*41st Annual  
ACE-DHH Conference*

St. Louis, Missouri  
February 12-14, 2015

## MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS!!

Preparations are underway for the 2015 International Conference. The hotel reservations link is now open to book your room early. We'll be staying at the beautiful Hyatt Regency at the Arch for just \$115/night. <http://acedhh.org/conference.htm> In order to keep up with conference updates, we've established Facebook and Twitter accounts. Follow us, and stay current with all that's happening with the conference.

Facebook 2015 Conference:

<https://www.facebook.com/ACEDHH>

Twitter 2015 Conference:

[https://twitter.com/ace\\_dhh](https://twitter.com/ace_dhh)

# DOCTORAL STUDENT GROUP

ACE-DHH Graduate Student Group  
December Newsletter – 2014

We are looking forward to seeing all of the graduate students in St. Louis for the 2015 conference! We have been collecting student information to keep our database updated, and would like to continue adding to the graduate student membership of ACE-DHH. If you have not added your information yet, you can do so at:

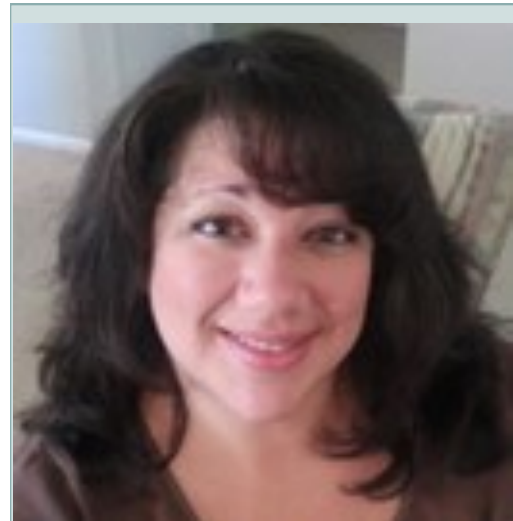
[https://docs.google.com/a/email.arizona.edu/forms/d/1KwLTZMTcz8gzX9RmxgKpYoAulxL\\_4qwIFb2T-sEON0I/viewform](https://docs.google.com/a/email.arizona.edu/forms/d/1KwLTZMTcz8gzX9RmxgKpYoAulxL_4qwIFb2T-sEON0I/viewform).

We want to thank those students who participated in the conference planning survey. We are working hard to plan our session according to the needs identified by the students. It should be a productive and informative session. During the session we will be choosing new student representatives for the 2015-16 academic year. Please consider volunteering for this position.

We would like to congratulate those who graduated or will graduate in 2014!

**congratulations**

Diedre Curle  
Meg Kemmery  
Michella Maiorana Basas  
Jessica Trussell  
Stacey Tucci  
Jenna Voss



M. Christina Rivera



Jennifer R. Kilpatrick

2014-15 Co-Student Representatives

# **PROPOSED SIG RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ACE-DHH**

INITIAL REVIEW AT THE FIRST BUSINESS MEETING WITH THE  
FINAL VOTE AT THE SECOND BUSINESS MEETING

## **ACEDHH SIG Rules and Regulations**

The purpose of a Special Interest Group (SIG) is to provide a forum for educators interested in a particular topic, or with a specific set of concerns, to exchange ideas. SIGs shall be governed by the bylaws and articles of the Association of College Educators- Deaf and Hard of Hearing. SIGs may develop their own governing by-laws following the ACEDHH by-laws. SIG bylaws shall not conflict with ACEDHH bylaws. SIG bylaws must be presented and approved by the ACEDHH Executive Board.

### **Contact Person**

Each SIG must have a designated contact person. Elections may be held to vote for this position and/or officers may be designated based on SIG by-laws. The chairperson shall be responsible for the general administration of the SIG and act as liaison between the SIG and the ACEDHH executive committee. The Chairperson shall preside at the annual SIG business meeting. The Chairperson shall report all SIG activities, including a financial report no later than 60 days following the annual ACEDHH conference. The chairperson reports directly to the ACEDHH president.



## **Membership and Annual Dues**

Membership in a SIG shall be open to any ACEDHH member who pays the specified SIG dues at the time that ACEDHH dues are paid. SIG dues are paid to the ACEDHH treasurer through ACEDHH membership/conference registration using the appropriate membership form. SIG membership expires conterminously with ACEDHH membership. SIG membership dues are set by each SIG. The amount of SIG dues may be modified by a majority of the SIG members voting at the annual SIG business meeting held during the ACEDHH conference. The money generated by dues is used to cover the SIG's operating expenses.

SIGs participate in the ACEDHH annual conference and pay an annual management fee to ACEDHH to defray the direct and indirect costs associated with the services provided to the SIG by the ACEDHH organization. The ACEDHH executive Board shall establish the amount of the annual management fee.

## **SIG Activities and Restrictions**

SIGs operate more or less independently as long as their activities are relevant to ACEDHH goals and are not detrimental to the ACEDHH organization or others. ACEDHH provides some basic services to SIGs to assist them in their activities:

- Meeting venue: ACEDHH provides SIGs with the opportunity to meet at the annual conference, as well as space and interpreters, resources permitting.
- Web space: on the main ACEDHH website
- ACEDHH newsletter

Restrictions: All Keynote presenters will be invited by the ACEDHH conference Chair in collaboration with the local arrangements chair.

The SIG chairperson may suggest names of individuals to be invited to present at the ACEDHH annual conference, but final selection of Keynote presenters is the responsibility of the ACEDHH president-elect in collaboration with the

local arrangements chair. All presenters at the ACEDHH annual conference must pay registration fees. SIGs may choose to pay presenter fees from their collected annual dues. SIGs follow the established presenter guidelines for proposal submission, acceptance, and presentation at the ACEDHH annual conference. SIGs will not have their own proposal submission. SIGs must keep its members and the ACEDHH Executive Board informed as to the SIG's activities. Information can be distributed electronically, in print and at SIG Business Meetings.

### **Other Issues**

SIGs are open to all ACEDHH members. Non-ACEDHH members may also attend a SIG meeting; however, anyone attending a SIG meeting

held in conjunction with the ACEDHH annual conference is expected to pay the conference fees. SIGs are free to meet at other times and places as voted on by the SIG membership. Only SIG members are allowed to vote at the SIG business meeting.

### **Dissolution**

A SIG may be dissolved by ACEDHH under the following circumstances:

- it becomes so numerous that it poses an administrative or financial burden to the ACEDHH organization.
- its activities are considered detrimental to the ACEDHH organization
- it shows no sign of existence for two years (e.g., contact person cannot be reached or reports no activity)
- the purpose of the SIG is fulfilled by another organization

# Special Interest Groups

## U.S. Department of Justice and Department of Education Issue Guidance on New Policy for Communication Access

On November 12, 2014, the Department of Justice and the Department of Education issued new policy guidance related to communication access for students with hearing, vision or speech disabilities in public schools. See the published guidelines and *frequently asked questions* in the links below:

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-effective-communication-201411.pdf>

Frequently Asked Questions on Effective Communication for Students with Hearing, Vision, or Speech Disabilities in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/dcl-faqs-effective-communication-201411.pdf>





## Here's a Sneak Peek at the ACE-DHH 2016 Conference...

**Pack your bags for NEW YORK CITY!!**

The 2016 International ACE-DHH Conference will be held on **February 11-13, 2016** at the historic **Roosevelt Hotel in downtown New York City**. Located on Manhattan's East Side, the hotel is close to Times Square, the UN, Park Avenue, the Waldorf-Astoria, Grand Central Station, and a host of other must-see places. The hotel is easily accessible by shuttle from both LaGuardia and JFK airports, and by train via Penn Station. New York City is home to five schools for the deaf and Hunter College. Conference hosts include Elaine Gale, Janet Jamieson, Sharon Baker, and Chad Smith. We look forward to seeing everyone there, and look forward to a fantastic conference!

The Roosevelt Hotel <http://www.theroosevelthotel.com/>

Hello everyone!

It's that time of year when we need to collect nominations for the committee positions that will open after the conference in February. Please consider volunteering or nominating one of your colleagues. It is an excellent way to contribute to the field and to join with a very congenial and dedicated group of individuals!

**Submitted by Pam Luft**

Please submit nominations to Pam Luft ([pluft@kent.edu](mailto:pluft@kent.edu)) by **December 15, 2014**. Elections will be held at the first ACE-DHH business meeting in St. Louis.

## Committee Positions

### **Secretary**

Current Officer: Karen Stein

2-year term: You serve as the official keeper of the records of the Association, including recording the minutes of executive Committee and annual Business meetings, tracking of corrections, filing and managing current and archived Association minutes, and managing official ACE-DHH correspondence.

**☐ Membership and Elections Committee: 1 chair, 2 additional members**

Current Committee: Pam Luft, Jennifer Beal-Alvarez, and Sarah Ammerman

2-year term: You recruit members, maintain and disseminate lists of current membership, solicit nominations from members for each office scheduled for elections, prepare the ballot and disseminate to members, and hold elections at the annual Conference's business meeting.

**☐ President-Elect**

Current Officer: Sarah Ammerman

1-year term: You plan the theme and the content of the program for the annual Conference and work collaboratively with the Local Arrangements Chair(s) to manage and oversee conference logistics. During the planning phase, you regularly report to the ACE-DHH President and attend the Executive Committee meeting held prior to the conference. At the close of the conference, you become President of the Association.

**☐ Awards Committee: 1 chair, 2 additional members**

Current Committee: Sandy Bowen, Sue Rose and Julie Delkamiller

2-year term: You solicit nominations for each award, determine award recipients, and present awards at the banquet held during the annual Conference.

## **Update from your CED Representatives!**

Much thanks goes to Pam Luft, who completed her two-year term as the CED President in August 2014 and will continue as one of the two ACE-DHH representatives on the CED board! The presidency role for CED moved to the next member organization, National Association of the Deaf (NAD), and Chris Wagner, NAD President, is now our CED President.

Joe Fischgrund continues as the CED Director with administrative responsibilities shared with Trina Schooley. Both the Certification process for teachers and the Accreditation process for teacher preparation programs continue to be updated and streamlined.

With the 2013 update of the CED Manuals for Accreditation, the process for university programs to submit, or for new programs to apply for accreditation, is electronic. To date, one program has completed this process and another is in progress. We will be presenting a workshop at ACE-DHH in St. Louis as we know many programs are due for accreditation review.

Finally, much thanks also goes to Debbie Hayden, our longstanding CED representative from ACE-DHH who retired as our CED representative. Her knowledge and guidance in the last many years has been invaluable to CED, and thus clearly to ACE-DHH too!

**Submitted by Deborah Stryker and Pam Luft, CED Board Member Representatives for ACE-DHH**



**Don't Let This Happen to  
You in St. Louis!**

**SOLD OUT**

Be sure and book your hotel room NOW because the ACE-DHH conference is on a very busy weekend in St. Louis—Valentine's weekend, St. Louis Mardi Gras Mayor's Ball, Bud Light Parade, and more. The beautiful Hyatt Regency at the Arch hotel expects to sell out. Reserve your room NOW using the link below:

[https://aws.passkey.com/event/11058131/owner/988/  
home](https://aws.passkey.com/event/11058131/owner/988/home)



Do you have any articles or information you would like to see in your ACEDHH newsletter? If so, contact Maribeth Lartz, ACEDHH Newsletter Editor, at [mdlartz@ilstu.edu](mailto:mdlartz@ilstu.edu).

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## The Early Bird Catches the Worm...And Saves Money!



ACE-DHH 2015 Conference Registration is now open! Save \$50 by registering PRIOR to December 31, 2014.

<http://acedhh.org/conference.htm>