



Speech and Hearing Research: Tales from Texas

October 7, 2015 (Wednesday)

11:00am – 12:30 pm

Room 802, Meng Wah Complex, HKU

(Chair: Prof. Bradley McPherson)

About the speakers:

Drs Sumalai Maroonroge and Melissa Garcia are based at the Texas A&M International University, Laredo. Both have established research interests: Dr Maroonroge on the effects of diabetes on hearing and balance and Dr Garcia on bilingual issues in speech language pathology. The researchers will give an overview of current speech, language and hearing research being carried out at Texas A&M International University. TAMIU is a rapidly expanding institution with very large Hispanic and international student groups. Drs Maroonroge and Garcia will include in their presentation information on job opportunities now available for recent and future HKU doctoral graduates at TAMIU.

Schedule for University of Hong Kong visit

- **Melissa Garcia 20 min plus 5 min comments**
- **Sumalai Maroonroge 20 min plus 5 min comments**
- **Information about job opportunity at TAMIU 15 min**
- **Krisna Lertsukprasert and Kalyanee Makarabhirom on Thai Tonal Language System 15 min**
- **Comment 10 min**
- **Total 90 min**

Developing Intercultural Competence in Undergraduate CSDO Students

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Abstract

This presentation reports on the importance of the development of intercultural competence in speech language pathology and audiology students. Globalization and internationalization are essential new professional issues for higher education and American Speech-Language Hearing Association due to the needs to provide services to multicultural populations. Deardorff (2006) defines intercultural competence as “the ability to communicate effectively and appropriately in intercultural situations based on one’s intercultural knowledge, skills and attitudes. It is composed of experiential learning and reflective thinking pedagogical methodologies. This presentation will discuss and provide examples of courses and course activities that were designed to develop intercultural competence in Communication Disorders undergraduate students who are being prepared to work with multicultural and multilingual populations.



Effects Of Diabetics On Auditory And Vestibular Functions

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Diabetes is a devastating disease that affects over 200 million people worldwide and the incidence of diabetes is increasing dramatically. Within the field of audiology, research on the relationship between diabetes and hearing loss has been controversial; there are many associated factors within diabetic patients such as race, gender, age, hypertension, high cholesterol, tinnitus, and dizziness that may affect hearing sensitivity. The purpose of this presentation is to describe diabetic research at TAMIU and LBJ Hospital in the last 5 years. Our goal is to seek collaboration in multiple countries in Asia to further study the relationship. Asians are more likely to have diabetes than Caucasians. Diabetes affects about 10 % of Asian population with 90-95 % related to type 2 diabetes. The higher rate of diabetes in Asians are likely resulted from a combination of genetic and environmental influences.

Job announcement and opportunity at TAMIU

15 min presentation

Comments on Thai Tonal Language

15 min by Krisna Lertsukprasert and Kalyanee Makarabhirom, Faculty from Mahidol University in Bangkok, Thailand

10 min exchange comments

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