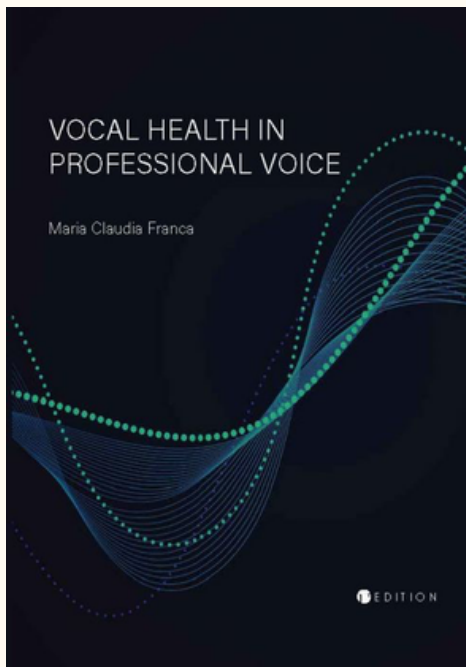


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Annual Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!



DR. FRANCA

Publication

Maria Claudia Franca successfully published her book titled “Vocal Health in Professional Voice.” This 92-page book is full of knowledge, training, and practical tips on how individuals can care for their voice, boost performance, and avoid developing preventable voice disorders. This amazing book is available in many different formats which can be found through the link below. Happy reading!

[Vocal Health In Professional Voice](#)

DR. BOYER & DR. FRANCA

Publication

Valerie Boyer and Maria Claudia Franca were co-authors in an article that was published on November 28th, 2023. Titled “Factors Associated with HPV-Associated Sexual Risk Behaviors Among Sexually Active College Students” was a collaboration between faculty from the school of Health Sciences and the SIU Medical School.



New Faculty!

DR. JUHI KIDWAI



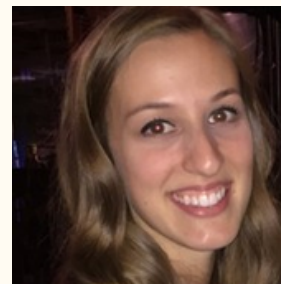
Dr. Juhi Kidwai is a new asset to the CDS team! Dr. Kidwai is an assistant professor and the director of the Aphasia Recovery with Technology Lab!

JAYMA STROUD



Jayma joined our CDS program during fall semester of 2023 as an instructor, clinical supervisor, and externship coordinator!

STEPHANIE NANTO



Stephanie is the newest faculty to join the CDS program. Beginning in spring 2024 Stephanie will be an instructor and a clinical supervisor!

WE ARE SO THANKFUL AND EXCITED TO HAVE YOU ALL!

New Faculty Roles!

DENISE CROFT



Denise is now officially the Director of the Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders.

ATHEANA MEADOWS



Atheana is now the Clinical Coordinator for Speech-Language Hearing Services at the Clinical Center

CONGRATULATIONS!

ISHA Leadership!

DR. FRANCA



Dr. Franca completed her year as president of ISHA in September of 2023.

DR. BOYER



Dr. Boyer is currently president elect of ISHA. She will begin her year as president in September of 2024.

WE ARE SO LUKCY TO HAVE YOU AS PART OF OUR DEPARTMENT!

Study Abroad

DR. KIDWAI



Dr. Juhi Kidwai led the first-ever Brazil Study Abroad 2023 program. This trip was very successful and allowed students to learn in a different environment while also gaining cultural experiences. Great work, Dr. Kidwai!

Collaborations

New collaborations are happening on campus. Interprofessional education day started in 2023. On this day programs consisting of occupational therapy, physical therapist assistant, nursing, and speech-language pathology, gather to present on areas of their field. This allows these related fields to collaborate and learn from one another. Ashton Northrop and Brooke Ward led efforts to present the results of survey data from that day at the ASHA convention.

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