



**Program in Audiology and  
Communication Sciences**  
COMMENCEMENT  
RECOGNITION CEREMONY

MAY 20, 2022







# COMMENCEMENT

## ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI • MAY 20, 2022

Welcome . . . . .	Amanda Ortmann, Ph.D., Assistant Professor and Director of Audiology Studies, Program in Audiology and Communication Sciences
	Casey Reimer, Ph.D., Assistant Professor and Director of Deaf Education Studies (Interim), Program in Audiology and Communication Sciences
Presentation of Awards . . . . .	Casey Reimer, Ph.D. Amanda Ortmann, Ph.D.
Antoinette Frances Dames Award . . . . .	Katherine Linnea Zawislak
The Antoinette Frances Dames Award recognizes outstanding scholarship in teaching the hearing impaired, as judged by the faculty.	
Max A. Goldstein Award . . . . .	Courtney Lynn Kroeger
The Max A. Goldstein Award recognizes excellence and professional promise, as judged by the faculty.	
Presentation of Degrees . . . . .	Casey Reimer, Ph.D.
Master of Science in Deaf Education (M.S.D.E.)	
Presentation of Degrees . . . . .	Amanda Ortmann, Ph.D.
Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.)	
Congratulations/Closing . . . . .	Amanda Ortmann, Ph.D. Casey Reimer, Ph.D.

Presentation of Degrees

## Master of Science in Deaf Education (M.S.D.E.)

Casey Reimer, Ph.D.

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### **Rachel Virginia Bailey**

**Hometown: Opelika, Alabama**

Bachelor of Science in  
Communication Disorders

Auburn University

### **Lexi Nicole Newman**

**Hometown: Atlanta, Georgia**

Bachelor of Arts in Communicative  
Disorders

University of Alabama – Tuscaloosa

### **Addison Jane Durbin**

**Hometown: Vandalia, Illinois**

Bachelor of Science in Speech-  
Language Pathology and Audiology

Southern Illinois University –  
Edwardsville

### **Hannah Thomas**

**Hometown: Cedar Hill, Missouri**

Bachelor of Health Science in  
Speech, Language, and Hearing  
Science

University of Missouri – Columbia

### **Chloe Christine Foppe**

**Hometown: Bartelso, Illinois**

Bachelor of Science in Speech-  
Language Pathology and Audiology

Southern Illinois University –  
Edwardsville

### **Katherine Linnea Zawislak**

**Hometown: Oakdale, Minnesota**

Bachelor of Arts in Speech-  
Language-Hearing Sciences

University of Minnesota – Twin  
Cities

### **McKenzie Brianne Gard**

**Hometown: Hermann, Missouri**

Bachelor of Science in  
Communication Sciences and  
Disorders / Education of the Deaf  
and Hard of Hearing

Missouri State University

### **Emma A. Zimmer**

**Hometown: St. Charles, Illinois**

Bachelor of Arts in Communication  
Disorders

Truman State University

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Presentation of Degrees

**Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.)**

Amanda Ortmann, Ph.D.

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**Sarah Elizabeth Box**

**Hometown:** Lexington, Kentucky

Bachelor of Science in  
Communication Sciences and  
Disorders

University of Mississippi

**Gretchen May Calachan**

**Hometown:** Renton, Washington

Bachelor of Science in Speech and  
Hearing Sciences

University of Washington

**Amanda Marie Demas**

**Hometown:** Naperville, Illinois

Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Loyola University Chicago

**Lauren Jacobs**

**Hometown:** El Cerrito, California

Bachelor of Science in Clinical  
Psychology and Music

Tufts University

**Courtney Lynn Kroeger**

**Hometown:** St. Louis, Missouri

Bachelor of Science in  
Communication Sciences and  
Disorders

Saint Louis University

**Rachelle Aline Levasseur**

**Hometown:** Hebron, Connecticut

Bachelor of Arts in Speech,  
Language, and Hearing Sciences

University of Connecticut

**Tylar McDaniel**

**Hometown:** Colorado Springs,  
Colorado

Bachelor of Science in Speech,  
Language, and Hearing Sciences

University of Colorado – Boulder

**Emily Anne Merten**

**Hometown:** Jonesboro, Arkansas

Bachelor of Science in  
Communication Disorders

University of Arkansas

**Helen Katherine Newport**

**Hometown:** Blue Springs, Missouri

Bachelor of Science in Speech-  
Language Pathology

University of Central Missouri

**Lauren Elizabeth Obstarczyk**

**Hometown:** Atlanta, Georgia

Bachelor of Science in  
Communication Sciences and  
Disorders

University of Mississippi



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**Victoria Horea Shihadah**

**Hometown: Jeddah, Saudi Arabia**

Bachelor of Arts in Speech and  
Hearing Science

University of Iowa

**Avital Westreich**

**Hometown: Montclair, New Jersey**

Bachelor of Arts in Communication  
Sciences and Disorders

College of Wooster

**Abigail Rose Windisch**

**Hometown: Basking Ridge, New  
Jersey**

Bachelor of Science in  
Communication Sciences and  
Disorders

James Madison University

**Veronica Zieba**

**Hometown: Lindenhurst, New  
York**

Bachelor of Arts in Speech and  
Hearing Science

University of Buffalo – SUNY

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## Recognition and Awards

# Departmental Student Recognition and Awards

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## **Antoinette Frances Dames Award**

Katherine Linnea Zawislak

## **Max A. Goldstein Award**

Courtney Lynn Kroeger

## **Student Marshal, Doctor of Audiology**

Courtney Lynn Kroeger

## **PACS Scholarships**

Rachel Virginia Bailey

Sarah Elizabeth Box

Gretchen May Calachan

Amanda Marie Demas

Addison Jane Durbin

Chloe Christine Foppe

McKenzie Brienne Gard

Lauren Jacobs

Courtney Lynn Kroeger

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U.S. Department of Education  
Scholarship

## **Deaf Educators and Pediatric Audiologists: Interdisciplinary Personnel Development Project Serving Infants, Toddlers, and Preschool-Age Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing**

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Lauren Jacobs

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