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## **EDUCATION**

2002 MA, Applied Linguistics, Northern Arizona University  
1994 MS, Speech and Hearing Sciences, Arizona State University  
1991 BS, Communication Disorders, Colorado State University

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2009–present Clinical Associate Professor (2024), Clinical Assistant Professor (2012), Lecturer (2009)  
Speech-Language Pathology Prerequisites (SLPP) Program Director (2009-present)  
Interim Co-Director of Clinical Education (2023-2024)  
University of Colorado Boulder Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences  
2001–2011 Speech-Language Pathologist, Consultant, Reading Manipulatives  
1997–2001 Clinical Instructor, Northern Arizona University Department of Communication Disorders  
1996–1997 Speech-Language Pathologist, American Transitional Hospital, Phoenix Memorial Hospital  
1996 Lecturer, Arizona State University  
1994–1996 Speech-Language Pathologist, NovaCare Arizona

## **LICENSURE & CERTIFICATIONS**

1995-present Certificate of Clinical Competence, ASHA  
2014-present Speech-Language Pathology License, Colorado DORA  
2010-present LSVT LOUD  
2024-present Foundations in Compassion & Mindfulness Micro-Credential  
2022-present Online Teaching Micro-Credential

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2009–present SLHS 5898: Clinical Practicum  
2016–present SLHS 5332: Voice & Resonance Disorders  
2010–present SLHS 4512: Speech Disorders Across the Lifespan  
2011–present SLHS 3006: Phonetics  
2018–present SLHS 5112: Introduction to Clinical Practice  
2020–2021 SLHS 4100: Intro to Clinical Observation  
1998–2000 CSD 602: Clinical Practicum (NAU)  
1999–2000 CSD 510: Clinical Methods (NAU)  
1998–2000 SPH 599: Evaluation and Management of Swallowing Disorders (NAU)  
1996 SHS 574: Feeding and Swallowing Disorders (ASU)  
Guest lectures SLHS 2000: Introduction to Communication Disorders (2025, 2015)  
SLHS 4100: Journal Club (2019, 2020)  
SLHS 4918: Introduction to Clinical Practice (2025, 2024, 2023, 2022)  
SLHS 5332: Voice Disorders and Cleft (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)

## **GRANTS & AWARDS**

2025 VOICES Project, Imagining Sustainable Futures Grant, Jen Lewon (PI), Blair Whiteside (Co-PI),  
Application Submitted: \$1000  
2024 Gender-Affirming Voice Training Seminar, CU President's Diversity Equity Inclusion Grant, Marie  
Jette (PI), Jen Lewon (Co-PI), Funded: \$8000  
2022 Gender-Affirming Voice Training Seminar, CU President's Diversity Equity Inclusion Grant, Marie  
Jette (PI), Jen Lewon (Co-PI), Funded: \$6000  
2019 ASSETT Excellence Award  
2018 Transgender Voice Training Seminar, CU Diversity Inclusive Excellence Grant, Marie Jette (PI),  
Jen Lewon (Co-PI), Funded: \$3000

2017	Vocal Empowerment for Young Women, CU Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP), Jen Lewon (PI), Neeraja Sadagopan (Co-PI), Funded: \$3000
2017	Faculty Fellow Award, CU ASSETT, Funded: \$3000
2016	Voice Quality Instrumentation for Dysphonic Voices, CU ASSETT Development Award, Jen Lewon (PI), Funded: \$3970
2016	Young Women's Vocal Empowerment, Outreach and Engagement Grant, University of Colorado, Beth Osnes (PI), Jen Lewon (Co-PI), Funded: \$24,000
2016	Young Women's Vocal Empowerment, CU Innovation Seed Grant, Beth Osnes (PI), Jen Lewon (Co-PI), Not funded: \$58,000
2015	Hybrid Course Design Seminar Award, CU ASSETT, Funded: \$2000
2013	Teaching with Technology Seminar Award, CU ASSETT, Funded: \$2000

## RESEARCH ADVISING

2024	Collin Eagen, The Impacts of Testosterone on Transmasculine Voices, Chair Christine Brennan
2023	Jacqueline McCurdy, The Effects of Airflow and Constriction of Vocal Tract in the Production of Aerosols from Speech, Chair Allison Hilger
2022	Amanda Sebestyen, Efficacy of LSVT in Multilingual Patient with Hypokinetic Dysarthria and Comorbid Unspecified Dementia, Chair Alison Hilger
2021	Kate Bertelli-Wilinski, Choral Voicing in The Secondary School Choral Ensemble: Teacher Perceptions and Procedural Evaluation, PhD Vocal Music Education, Chair David Rickels
2020	Tanner Shioshita, Cameron Stupansky, Jennifer Kracha, Reece Jones, Daniel Rahn, Soulutions Assistive Device for People with Parkinson's Disease, New Venture Challenge
2018	Annalise Hannah, Perception of Voice Gender by Members of the LGBT+ Community, Chair Christine Brennan
2017	Devon Harger, The Effects of Sleep Deprivation on the Acoustic and Perceptual Characteristics of Voice, Chair Neeraja Sadagopan

## PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS (\*student author)

\*Eagen, C., Brennan, C., Hilger, A., Lewon, J. (2024). Beyond Pitch: The Effects of Testosterone on Voice Features. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, Seattle.

Brennan, C, Lemke, A., Kleiber, H., Lewon, J., Meyers, C., Pollard, R., Kan, P., Conkey, E.\*, Hardy, A.\*, Laff, E., Ubieta, C.\* (2024). Portfolio-Based Comprehensive Exam: Components, Procedures, and Faculty/Student Outcomes. Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders, New Orleans.

Brennan, C., \*Hannah, A., \*Romick, J., Lewon, J., Meyers, C. (2022). Differences and Similarities in the Perception of Voice Gender for Individuals Who are or are not Members of the LGBT+ Community, *Journal of Voice*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jvoice.2022.11.020>.

Lewon, J., Wainscott, C.\*, Sease, M. (2022 October). Gender Voice Care: Creating Safe Spaces for Voice Exploration. Colorado Speech-Language-Hearing Association State Convention, Denver.

\*Sebestyen, A., Hilger, A., Kleiber, H. (2022 November). Efficacy of LSVT in Multilingual Patient with Hypokinetic Dysarthria and Comorbid Unspecified Dementia. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, Washington D.C.

Lewon, J. (2020 October). Gender-Affirming Voice and Communication Training. Colorado Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, Denver.

\*Fahmy, S., Kan, P., Lewon, J. (2020 November). Theatre-based intervention study of bilingual young women's vocal efficacy in Egypt. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, San Diego, CA.

Osnes, B., Hackett, C., Walentas Lewon, J., Baján, N., & Brennan, C. (2019). Vocal Empowerment Curriculum for young Maya Guatemalan women. *Theatre, Dance and Performance Training*, 10(3), 313-331.

\*Hannah, A., Brennan, C., Lewon, J. (2018 November). Perception of voice gender by members of the LGBT+ community. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, Boston.

\*Schwartz, L., \*Essler, J., Ramig, L., Whitney, A., Lewon, J., \*Carter, L. (2011 November). Effects of intensive voice treatment on cluttering: a case study. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, San Diego.

Lewon, J., Hite, S. (1996 April). Quantifying dysphagia treatment outcomes in skilled nursing facilities. Arizona Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, Phoenix.

Lewon, J., Hite, S. (1995 April). Dysphagia: a continuum of care. Arizona Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, Phoenix.

Walentas, J. & Wilcox, M. (1994 November). Young children with developmental disabilities: Communication status and joint attention. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, New Orleans.

### **INVITED (NON-PEER-REVIEWED) PRESENTATIONS** (\*student author)

2025 Oct	SLP Services for College Students, CU Wardenburg Health Center
2023 Sep	Lewon, J. Get Creative with Padlet, ASSETT Award Ceremony
2022 Oct	Lewon, J., *Sheppard, N. *Wainscott, C. *Eagan, C. Wyoming Equality Gender-Affirming Voice
2022 Jun	Lewon, J., *Sheppard, N. *Wainscott, C. Gender-Affirming Voice Training, Univ of Wyoming
2021 Apr	Lewon, J., Gleason, T. Gender-Affirming Voice Training, UC Health ECHO Series
2021 Mar	Lewon, J., *Naftel, K. *Burgess, M. Gender-Affirming Voice Training, TRUE Center
2021 Mar	Linguists at Work, CU Department of Linguistics
2020 Nov	Colorado CSD Graduate Programs NSSLHA Statewide Networking Event
2020 Apr	SLP Services for College Students, Counseling and Psychiatric Services (CAPS) Staff Training
2020 Apr	Assistive Devices for People with Parkinson's disease, CU Boulder New Venture Challenge
2020 Feb	LSVT LOUD, Broomfield Parkinson's Support Group, Broomfield Senior Center
2020 Jan	Lewon, J. Voice, Communication, Gender Expression, Out Boulder County
2019 Nov	Halpern, A., Lewon, J. CU LSVT Patient Demonstration
2019 Oct	Lewon, J. *Laughren, S., *Christiansen, M. LSVT LOUD, UCH Movement Disorders Symposium
2019 Mar	Lewon, J. *Szfranski, S. *Hilliard, S., *McClenaghan, C. Voice, Communication, Gender Expression, CU Transforming Gender Conference
2019 Feb	SLHS Journal Club. The Unheard Female Voice, Giving Voice to Gender Expression
2018 Aug	Gusé, L., Halpern, A., Lewon, J. LSVT Training and Certification Options for University Programs
2018 Jun	Ramig, L. Lewon, J. LSVT Connect Conference Implementing LSVT in a University Clinic
2018 Apr	Lewon, J. SLHS Faculty Learning Community, CU ASSETT TWT Symposium
2018 Mar	Lewon, J. *Beckelhymer, L. *Carson, T., *Su, J. Bode, K. Voice and Communication Training, CU Transforming Gender Conference
2017 Nov	Halpern, A., Lewon, J. CU LSVT Patient Demonstration
2017 Oct	Lewon, J. University of Colorado SLPP Vision committee
2017 Mar	Lewon, J. Voice and Communication Training, CU Transforming Gender Conference
2017 Feb	Communication and Gender, Queer Asterisk Boulder
2016 Oct	Professional Voice, CU Boulder Vocal Performance and Pedagogy masterclass
2015 Nov	Care of the Professional Voice, Centaurus High School
2015 Sep	CU Boulder SLPP Faculty Training Best Practices and Tools in Online Education
2015 Mar	Professional Voice, CU Boulder Vocal Performance and Pedagogy Masterclass
2015 Jan	Keeping it LOUD During Exercise and Beyond, YMCA Boulder Parkinson's Boot Camp
2014 Dec	Osnes, B., Lewon, J. Empowering Guatemalan Girls' Voices, CU Women & Gender Studies
2014 Nov	Partners in Parkinson's, Colorado Convention Center
2014 May	Osnes, B., Lewon, J. Vocal Empowerment for Young Women, Private Fundraising Event
2014 Apr	Lewon, J. Building a Learning Community with Google+, Teaching with Technology Symposium
2013 Nov	Care of the Professional Voice, Fairview High School
2012 Nov	Think LOUD, Parkinson's Association of the Rockies (PAR)
2012 Apr	Care of the Professional Voice, Fairview High School
2012 Mar	Lewon, J. Voice and Communication Training, CU Transforming Gender Conference
2011 Nov	Lewon, J. Voice and Communication Training, CU GLTBQ Transgender Awareness Week
2011 Oct	Vocal Health for the Professional Voice User, Boulder High School
2011 Apr	Think LOUD, Parkinson's Association of the Rockies (PAR)
2010 Nov	CU Boulder GLTBQ Transgender Awareness Week Panel
2010 Oct	LSVT LOUD, Grand Junction Davis-Phinney Foundation Victory Summit
2010 Mar	Enhancing Communication Effectiveness, The Academy Boulder
2009 Jun	Voice and Parkinson's, Highlands Ranch Parkinson's Support Group
2008 Oct	Managing Speech, Language, & Cognitive Impairments, Boulder County Ombudsmen

## POPULAR PRESS

Evans, C. (2020). Claiming their voices: CU Boulder researchers create vocal empowerment curriculum for young women. CU Arts and Sciences Magazine.

Dedrick, J. (2019). Workshop to train professionals in gender-inclusive communication. CU Connections.

Trueheart, S. (2016). Teacher training helped me find my voice: 4 ways to warm up the vocal cords. Yoga Journal.

Childers, O. (2014). CU helps rural schoolkids with hearing, speech issues. CU Arts and Sciences Magazine.

Lewon, J. (2014). Building a learning community in an online class with Google+. ASSETT Magazine.

Lewon, J. (2011). LSVT clinician self-evaluation checklist. LSVT Global.

Talbott, C. (2010). With CU help, people with Parkinson's reclaim their voice. CU Arts and Sciences Magazine.

## SERVICE

### DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2009-present	SLPP Committee *Chair
2021-present	Online Teaching Committee *Chair
2023-2024	Interim Co-Director of Clinical Education
2016-present	MA-SLP Admissions Committee
2016-present	MA-SLP Comprehensive Exam Evaluator
2021-2024	MA-SLP Committee
2023-present	PUEC Committees (chair, member)
2015-present	SLHS Faculty Interviews
2019-present	Electronic Health Record (EHR) Selection & Implementation
2019-present	Outreach: Grad Program Information Sessions, CU Admitted Students Day
2017-2018	SLHS Faculty Learning Community, Clinical Faculty (CLIF) Learning Community
2009-present	SLHS 4918 Guided Observations

### UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2017-present	Center for Teaching & Learning (CTL) Board, ASSETT Board
2024-present	Boulder Faculty Assembly (BFA)
2009-present	Departmental Liaison: ASSETT, Theater, Vocal Performance, Gender Diversity Center
2018-2021	Academic Technology Advisory Group (ATAG)
2024	Retired Faculty Association (RFA) Lecture Lori Ramig LSVT
2020	Singing Vocal Health Certificate
2020	New Venture Challenge Advisor
2019	Aphasia Theater Program Advisor
2016-2018	CU Boulder Outreach and Engagement Project

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2018-present	Kristina Johnston Memorial Lecture (partnership with National Jewish)
2023-present	Colorado Speech & Hearing Foundation (CSHF) Board
2022-present	Mountain West Voice Collective (MWVC) Founder, Board
2009-present	Outreach: Gender-Affirming Voice, LSVT, Otolaryngology, Acoustic Instrumentation