

Amy Thrasher, MA, CCC-SLP

CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Current Position

Clinical Assistant Professor (2009-present)
(Previously Clinical Instructor, 6/2003- 12/2008)
Child Learning Center
Speech, Language Hearing Center (SLHC)
Department of Speech Language Hearing Sciences (SLHS)
University of Colorado Boulder

Clinical Foci: Early childhood intervention and assessment including child communication development, early literacy, social communication and peer interaction, inclusion; Autism Spectrum Disorders across the lifespan; family education and support; clinical pedagogy

Previous Academic Position

Preschool classroom teacher (6/2000-6/2001)
Child Learning Center
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Clinical Employment History

Speech-language pathologist, inclusive preschool classroom teacher
(6/1997-6/2000, 7/2001-5/2003)
Sewall Child Development Center, Denver CO
Developed toddler childcare and early intervention program

EDUCATION

M.A., Speech-Language Pathology: May 1997 **University of Colorado at Boulder**

Grant funding: Children with Low-Incidence Disabilities

University Affiliated Programs Initiative: Leadership, Collaboration and Consultation

Site: Denver Health and Hospitals Outreach

B.A., Psychology: January, 1993

Williams College

Funding: Thomas J. Watson Memorial Scholarship, NY Regents Scholarship, Rye High School Leadership Award

CLINICAL TEACHING

SLHS 5878/5898 Speech-Language Learning Appraisal/Intervention (clinical practica) (ongoing Fall and Spring semesters unless otherwise noted) *indicates new clinical practicum developed:

Child Learning Center Toddler Group: Inclusive toddler early education group

Child Learning Center Preschool: Inclusive preschool

*Child Learning Center Family Fridays**: Inclusive preschool program, parent education and support extension

Child Learning Center Summer Camp: Inclusive language and literacy intensive intervention group for preschool children. (Summers, 2004-2011)

*Story of Friendship**: Inclusive peer interaction and social communication intervention group for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their peers (Fall, Spring and Summer)

*Perspectives**: Social communication intervention for adolescents with Asperger's syndrome and similar learning profiles in collaboration with Temple Grandin School, (Fall and Spring since 2011, summers 2011 and 2012 also in collaboration with local radio station KGNU using radio interviewing as a medium for social communication experience)

Individual early childhood speech and language intervention: specializing in clients with global developmental delays (Summer 2003, Fall 2003, Spring 2004, Summer 2004, Fall 2004, Spring 2005, Summer 2009, Fall 2009, Fall 2012 – consult model within a local kindergarten, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014)

*Early Circles**: Family Education and Support Group for families of children with Down syndrome (Summer 2009, Fall 2009, Summer 2012, Summer 2013) (Summer 2010 with a family with a child with Autism)

Girl's Group: Social communication assessment and intervention for girls with Turner syndrome. (Summer 2013)

Individual Executive Function Intervention for adolescent and college age clients with Autism: service provision in direct application to educational experience, (Temple Grandin School for adolescent Spring 2012) (various sites on campus, CU undergraduate client Fall 2012)

*Space Camp**: Inclusive peer interaction and pragmatic language intervention summer camp for children with Asperger's syndrome/High functioning Autism/PDD-NOS and their typical peers in collaboration with the Sommers-Bausch Observatory (Summers 2007-2010)

Child Motor-Speech Disorders Intervention: Individual and group sessions for young children with a variety of motor-speech and mixed (motor speech and phonological) challenges (Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Summer 2011* - designed a new service delivery and clinical teaching model to maximize efficiency of both)

Early Childhood Speech and Language Assessments: With individual graduate clinicians or team approach (Spring 2007, Summers 2007-2011)

Responsive Communication and Interactive Storybook Reading: family education group with video coaching to use strategies that support language and early literacy (Fall 2005, Spring 2006, Summer 2006, Summer 2010)

*Next Stop – Kindergarten**: Inclusive language and social communication intervention for children entering kindergarten (Summer 2009)

School age articulation assessment and intervention: group and individual (Summer 2007, Spring 2008, Fall 2008)

School age stuttering therapy: group and individual intervention (Summer 2007)

PAL: Pathways to the Assessment of Learning: a transdisciplinary play-based assessment for young children and their families (Spring 2004, Summer 2004, consultant 2005- present)

Preschool Screenings: Speech-language and hearing screenings in community preschools and child care centers (Summer 2003, Fall 2004, Spring 2004)

Course Teaching:

SLHS 5849-906: Independent Study in SLHS- Assessment Methods in Autism Spectrum Disorders (Fall 2013)

SLHS 6000-300: Problems in SLHS- Social Communication and Autism Spectrum Disorders (1 credit) (Summer 2013)

SLHS 4000: Multicultural Aspects of Communication Differences and Disorders, undergraduate upper division critical thinking course (Spring 2010)

“Results Matter- Observation and Documentation Modules” with Carla Maestas, MA, and Barb Roscoe, Ph D. Collaborative grant initiative with Colorado Department of Education and Department of SLHS, course development and

trainings for early childhood education and child care professionals across the Denver-metro area (Fall 2005, Spring 2006)

ECE 101 (Equivalent): “*Expanding Quality in Infant Toddler Care*,” and participant coaching, Grant initiative through Colorado Department of Education: Aurora /Denver (Fall 2002, Spring 2003) Boulder County (Fall 2004, Spring 2005)

Invited Class Lectures:

SLHS 5602: “*SLP services for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families*.” (Fall semesters 2006-2012)

ECE/ECSE 5060 at UC Denver: “*Serving children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families*” (Spring semesters 2009-2013)

LING 6560 “*Language development in children with Autism Spectrum Disorders*” (Fall 2011)

Naropa University, EDU 393 (The Exceptional Child): “*Inclusion strategies in early intervention*” (Spring 2011)

SLHS 4918: “*Social communication intervention for adolescents with Asperger’s syndrome*” (Spring 2012)

SLHS 4502: “*Intervention approaches to Autism Spectrum Disorders*” (Fall 2007, Fall 2008, Fall 2010)

SLHS 4502: “*Language intervention in early childhood*” (Fall 2010)

EDUC 3023: “*Learning profiles in Autism Spectrum Disorders*” (Fall 2009)

SLHS 2000: “*Early intervention services in speech-language pathology*” (Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Spring 2011)

SLHS 2000: “*Autism Spectrum Disorders*” (Fall 2009, Fall 2012)

SLHS 5242: “*Serving school-age children with Autism Spectrum Disorders*” (Fall 2007)

PSYC 4072: “*The clinical neuroscience puzzle of Autism Spectrum Disorders*” (Fall 2007)

Clear Creek High School Senior English Literature Seminar:
“*Autism Spectrum Disorders: The Curious Puzzle of Being in the World*”
Evergreen, CO (Spring, 2007)

Peer-reviewed Conference Presentations:

Thrasher, A., Wilger, J. & Gyory, S. *Perspectives: Coaching Adolescents with Asperger's toward Social Competency*
ASHA National Convention, Chicago, IL November, 2013

Wilger, J. & Thrasher, A. *Perspectives on Social Competency: An Integrated Approach to Strengthening Social Communication and Executive Function Skills in Adolescents with ASD*
Council for Exceptional Children, Division of Autism and Developmental Disabilities
Kona, HI January 2013

Thrasher, A., Burke, H., Klaer, M., Schaller, S. *Video modeling and peer play in young children with Autism*
ASHA National Convention, Atlanta, GA November 2012

Thrasher, A., Hoffer, J., Cowley, S., Novak, N., & Faber, A. *Peer Interactions: Intervention Strategies for Children with ASD*
ASHA National Convention, Chicago, IL November 2008

Boudreau, D. & Thrasher, A. *Evidence-based Language Intervention for Preschoolers: A Journey Through Stories*
ASHA National Convention, Chicago, IL November 2008

Wetherby, A., Moore, S., Crais, E. & Thrasher, A. *Differentiating Between the Diagnostic Labels D'jour*
ASHA National Convention, Miami, FL November 2006

Thrasher, A. & Moore, S. M. *Story of Friends: Single Subject Design in Clinical Practice*
ASHA National Convention, San Diego, CA November 2005

Moore, S. M., Thrasher, A. & Roscoe, B. *Interactive Storybook Reading: a triadic approach to early literacy*
ASHA National Convention, San Diego, CA November 2005

Peer-reviewed Poster Sessions

Thrasher, A., Vargo, A. & Droy, L. *Evidence-based practices in language and literacy intervention: The Storybook Journey approach to curriculum*
ASHA National Convention, Boston, MA November 2007

Thrasher, A. & Harshfield, L. *Technology supports communication for children with cognitive disabilities at the Child Learning Center*

Coleman Institute, Broomfield, CO October 2006

Thrasher, A. *The Child Learning Center: 3 Levels of Technology Serving People with Cognitive Challenges*
Coleman Institute, Broomfield, CO October 2004

Thrasher, A. *Children's Growth Portfolios*
ASHA National Convention, New Orleans, LA October 2001

Invited Speaker Presentations

Thrasher, A. *Video Modeling and Peer Interaction in Young Children with Autism*
Frontiers In Hearing Symposium, Vail CO July 2013

Thrasher, A. Social Communication and Nonverbal Learning
Colorado Chapter of the Turner Syndrome Society, Lakewood, CO May 2013

Thrasher, A. *Intervention with Young Children with ASD: Social Communication*
2012 RiteCare Conference, Dallas, TX September 2012

Thrasher, A., Wilger, J. Hallesy, N. & O'Loughlin, A. *Perspectives: Social Communication Intervention for Adolescents with Asperger's syndrome*
Social Thinking Providers Conference, San Francisco, CA June 2012

Thrasher, A. & Wilger, J. *Perspectives: Social Communication Intervention for Adolescents with Asperger's syndrome*
Colorado Metro Speech/Language Symposium, Denver, CO February 2012

Thrasher, A. *The Storybook Journey: Supporting all kinds of learners*
The Rise School of Denver, Denver, CO August 2009

Thrasher, A. *Supporting peer interactions for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder*
Autism Society of Boulder County Lecture Series, Boulder, CO October 2008

Woloson, E. & Thrasher, A. *Promoting friendships for children with Down syndrome*
PEAK Inclusion Conference, Denver, CO January 2006

Thrasher, A. *Supporting Children's Communication Development*
Colorado Bright Beginnings Annual Conference, Denver, CO October 2005

Thrasher, A. Invited Keynote Speaker: *Inclusion strategies for young children with Down syndrome, Promoting acceptance of differences among young children*
Down Syndrome Association of Columbus, OH October 2005

Thrasher, A. & Moore, S. M. *Story of Friends: Single-Subject Design in Clinical Practice*

Alumni Institute sponsored by the Price Initiatives, Boulder, CO June 2005

Thrasher, A. Invited Speaker: *Interactive Storybook Reading in childcare*
Summit County Story Festival, Summit County, CO March 2005

Thrasher, A. Invited Speaker: *The Storybook Journey Approach to Curriculum*
Grant County Early Childhood Care Grant County, CO December 2004

Moore, S.M., Maestas, C. & Thrasher, A. *Reading to Groups of Young Children and Documenting Children's Learning Over Time* during the "Exemplary Practices in Early Childhood Education: Expectations & Strategies" workshop at the Early Childhood Symposium in Breckenridge, CO July 2004

Thrasher, A., Maybee, J. & Davis-Perkins, N. *Literacy through the eyes of the child*
Alumni Institute sponsored by the Price Initiatives, Boulder, CO June 2004

Thrasher, A. & McCord, S. *The Storybook Journey: Pathways to Literacy and Play*
University of Missouri Update Seminar, University of Missouri at Columbia.
February 2004

Thrasher, A. & Maybee, J. *Co-therapy using AAC in Natural Settings*
Alumni Institute, University of Colorado Boulder June 2003

Clark, C. & Thrasher, A. *Including Children With Special Needs in Childcare*
Family Star Montessori, Denver, CO September 2002

Thrasher, A. *The Role of the SLP in Infant-Toddler Care Trainings*
Alumni Institute, University of Colorado Boulder June 2002

Grant-related Workshops

Thrasher, A., Hyde-Smith, A. & Roscoe, B. *Child Learning Center Outreach: Optimizing Inclusion Strategies for Young Children*
Tiny Tim Center, Longmont, CO May 2011, August 2011

Pratt, C., & Thrasher, A. *Child Learning Center Outreach: Sensory-Motor Foundations for Learning*, presentation for families
Department of SLHS, CU-Boulder Spring 2010

Moore, S.M., Roscoe, B. & Thrasher, A. *Child Learning Center Outreach: Home Connections*, preschool provider workshop
Boulder Day Nursery Spring 2010

Thrasher, A. & Roscoe, B. *Child Learning Center Outreach: Supporting Early Language and Literacy at Home*, family workshops

First Presbyterian Co-operative Preschool and Boulder Day Nursery Spring 2010

Moore, S.M., Thrasher, A. & Roscoe, B. *Child Learning Center Outreach: Supporting Early Language and Literacy*, " preschool provider workshop
First Presbyterian Co-operative Preschool and Boulder Day Nursery Fall 2009

Thrasher, A. & Davis-Perkins, N. *Interactive Storybook Reading* workshop for families, childcare providers and service providers, Boulder, CO June 2004

SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVE WORK

Peer-reviewed Publications:

Thrasher, A., Wilger J., Goldman, M., & Whitlatch, C. (2011). Perspectives: A Process Approach to Social Communication for Adolescents with Asperger's Syndrome Using Radio Interviewing. *Perspectives in School-Based Issues*, 12(4), 110-121.

Other Scholarship and Publications:

Social Communication Research Bulletin Issue No. 7, Middletown Centre for Autism, Northern Ireland (2012) review of Thrasher, A., Wilger, J., Goldman, M. & Whitlatch, C. (2011). Perspectives: A Process Approach to Social Communication for Adolescents with Asperger's Syndrome using Radio Interviewing. *Perspectives on School-Based Issues*. 12, p. 110-120.

Thrasher, A. (2011). The Storybook Journey as an Evidence-Based Practice. In S. McCord (Ed) *The Storybook Journey: Pathways to Learning through Story and Play* (pp. 307-325). Charleston, SC: Create Space/Amazon.

Thrasher, A. (2011). The Storybook Journey as a Foundation for Intervention for Children with Autism: Story of Friendship. In S. McCord (Ed) *The Storybook Journey: Pathways to Learning through Story and Play* (pp. 341-346). Charleston, SC: Create Space/Amazon.

Contributing Author to "Results Matter" Observation and Documentation Modules, in collaboration with University of Colorado at Boulder, University of Colorado at Denver, and Colorado Department of Education Fall 2005, Spring 2006

Contributor/ Co-Producer of Educational Video: "*The Dance of Communication (INREAL II)*," Landlocked Films 2005

Author: "A Teacher's Guide To *My Friend Isabelle*,"
Woodbine House 2004

Contributor to Educational Video: *The Storybook Journey: The Stories We Live*
Landlocked Films 2004

Reviews

Article for *Young Exceptional Children*, Sign Language and Autism March 2010

Course: *Autism Subtypes, Feeding Issues and Nutrition Considerations*, Professional
Development Resources, Inc September 2007

Ibid; reviewed for resubmission August 2010

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Boulder Faculty Assembly Diversity Committee member, Fall 2012-Spring 2013

Volunteer interim Boulder Faculty Assembly Diversity Committee member
March- May 2012

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

MA-SLP Program Curriculum Committee Fall 2010- present

Academic Community and Diversity Committee
Fall 2009-Spring 2010, Fall 2012 - present

Comprehensive Exams Reader, MA-SLP program 2007-present

MA-SLP Faculty Advisor, averaging 5 MA-SLP students per year 2006-present

SLHS 4918 or Independent Study Undergraduate Internship Supervisor, 48 students
2004-present

MA Thesis Committee Member, Miranda Aragon Spring 2013- present

MA Thesis Committee Member, Margaret Morton Spring 2013- present

MA Thesis Committee Member, Sarah Zebrowski Spring 2013- present

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor, Jessica Hooker Fall 2012- Spring 2013

MA Thesis Committee Member, Elizabeth Kellogg Fall 2012- Spring 2013

MA Thesis Committee Member, Kerry Williamson Spring 2010- Spring 2011

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee Member, Elizabeth Handing (Psychology)
Fall 2010

MA Thesis Committee Member, Amanda Vargo Spring 2007-Spring 2008

MA Thesis Committee Member, Jenny Carper-Walsh Spring 2007-Spring 2008

Freshman Engineering Projects: Design Expo Collaborating project supervisor with Bev
Louie and Melinda Piket-May, Fall semesters 2004-2006, 2008, 2010, 2014

SLHS Faculty Search Committee Fall 2009- Spring 2010

Faculty Advisor, Local Chapter of *National Student Speech Language Hearing
Association* (NSSLHA) 2006-2009

Panel discussion coordinator and moderator, "People-first Language" 2007, 2008

Board member, Price Initiatives Alumni Advisory Committee 2004-2010

Event Support, Price Initiatives Conference and Alumni Institute 2003-2006

SLHC Liaison and Guest Lecturer, Boulder County Early Childhood Education Council
(BCECEC) 2004-2007
SLHC Classroom Host: BCECEC's Parade of Classrooms 2005
Volunteer, NSSLHA Fundraising Events and Professional Panel 2005

TRAININGS AND CERTIFICATIONS

LSVT
The Hanen Program: It Takes Two to Talk
The Hanen Program: More Than Words
The PROMPT Institute

AWARDS

ACE Award for Continuing Education, Awarded by ASHA 2011
ACE Award for Continuing Education, Awarded by ASHA 2009

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Speech Language Hearing Association
Special Interest Divisions 1, 10, 16
Autism Society of Boulder County
Autism Society of Colorado
Council for Exceptional Children
National Association for the Education of Young Children
Zero to Three

PUBLIC SERVICE

Member, Eldorado Springs Community Association Fall 2011- present

Advisory Board Member, One Mom on a Mission (non-profit raising funds for
services for families with children with special needs) Fall 2008- Spring 2011

Event volunteer, Walk for Autism Research, Autism Speaks/ National Association for
Autism Research, Denver, CO October 2006, October 2007, May 2009

Event volunteer, Puppet Shows for Diversity Awareness, Louisville, CO April 2009

Event volunteer, Rocky Mountain Down Syndrome Association presents the Anna
and John Sie Foundation Center for Down Syndrome, Boulder, CO September, 2008

Event volunteer, Cub Scout Marshlands Willow Harvest, Aurora, CO May 2008

Event volunteer, Denver FIDOS: Cheesman Park Clean-up Spring 2003

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CV

Event volunteer, Golf Classic, Sewall Child Development Center Spring 2002

Event volunteer, Colorado Marathon, Denver, CO Fall 2001

Mural designer, painter and volunteer coordinator, Sewall Child Development Center
playground wall Spring 1999