



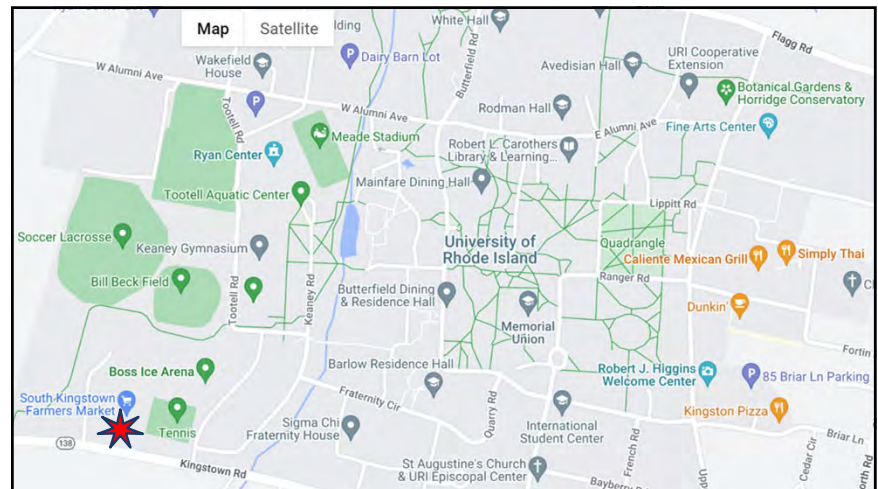
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# Department of Communicative Disorders (CMD)


**Undergraduate Programs**



**Bachelor of Science in Communicative Disorders**

The B.S. program teaches you the science behind communication problems and their development, and how to treat children and adults with speech, language and hearing issues.

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**Accelerated B.S.-M.S. Program**

The accelerated Bachelor's to Master's degree in speech-language pathology offers highly qualified students the opportunity to complete both the B.S. in Communicative Disorders and the M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology in five years rather than six.

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**Graduate Programs**



**Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology\***

The M.S. program prepares you to become a licensed and certified speech-language pathologist in a variety of work settings including schools, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, and private practice.




**PhD in Health Sciences**

Health Sciences is a rapidly changing and evolving discipline, requiring highly trained, critical thinkers to solve some of society's most important health-related problems.

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# College of Health Sciences


o Interdisciplinary environment



**Health Sciences (Ph.D.)**


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**Graduate Programs**




**Human Development and Family Studies (M.S.)**

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**Kinesiology (M.S.)**

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**Nutrition and Food Science (M.S.)**

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**Psychology (Ph.D.)**

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**Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)**

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**Speech/Language Pathology (M.S.)**

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# Teaching Faculty



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**Alisa Baron**  
Assistant Professor



I am an Assistant Professor and am in my 6<sup>th</sup> year here!

What I like most about the CMD department is the people. Everyone is super helpful and supportive of each other and here to see that all of our students succeed!


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## Teaching

- CMD 492 Fluency Disorders
- CMD 493G Cultural and Linguistic Diversity
- CMD 563 Language Disorders in Infants & Toddlers
- CMD 495 Snapshots of Experimental Methods in Neuroscience



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## Research


- Bilingual child language and literacy development
- Audiovisual integration of persons with ASD and their parents
- Cognitive load in children with ADHD





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### Michelle Flippen Assistant Professor




- Teaching: language development & disorders, autism
- Research: social communication in neuro-developmental disorders



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### Jean K. Gordon Professor, Department Chair



I just started here as Department Chair, and I love it!

I came from the University of Iowa and am originally from Canada.

What I like most about Rhode Island is... SEAFOOD (all of it).

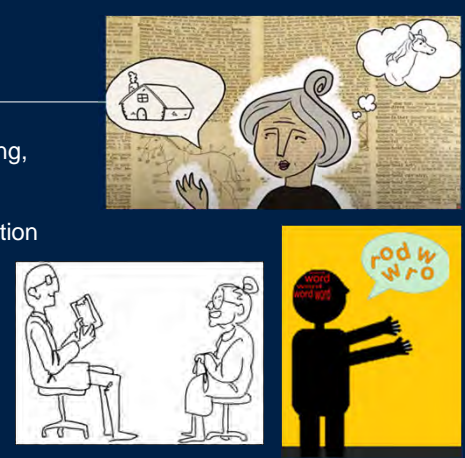
What I like most about the department is the collegiality among the faculty.

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## Research in my lab

- word retrieval in typical aging, aphasia and dementia
- fluency of language production
- age-related stereotypes & "elderspeak"



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## Vanessa Harwood Assistant Professor




I am currently an Assistant Professor in the department. I enjoy both teaching and research!

What I like most about the CMD department is our dedicated faculty and staff! What I like most about Rhode Island are the Westerly Meatballs ;)

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## Mikyong Kim Associate Professor



I am currently the **Graduate Program Coordinator** for our SLP program so I am the advisor for most of the graduate students.

What I like most about the CMD department is that we have a great relationship with our students.

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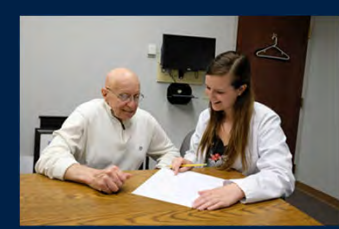
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## A little bit about my work

I teach Adult Language Disorders (Aphasia) and Research Methods for graduate students.

I enjoy interacting with students and seeing the friendship they form in the graduate program.

My favorite time of the week is when I supervise the Aphasia Book Club on Mondays.



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**Bethany Milner**  
Teaching Professor



I have been on the faculty here at URI for 19 years. I teach the graduate course CMD 550 – Audiology for Speech Pathologists as well as several courses in the undergraduate curriculum.

One word I would use to describe the CMD department is: collaborative. Faculty and students work together toward professional and personal growth in a supportive and positive environment. Also, URI is in a beautiful location!

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**FT Clinical Faculty (+ adjuncts)**



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**Sharon D'Antuono**  
Clinical Assistant Professor



I am currently the Child Clinic Supervisor and Instructor for Pre-Practicum (CMD 565)

What I like most about Rhode Island/URI/the CMD department is the close-knit community and supportive environment (Not to mention, we are in probably one of the most beautiful places :)

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**A little about me ...**

- I love working with graduate students and watching as they grow and gain confidence with their clinical skills.
- I work hard to assure you have a well-rounded in-house clinical experience which includes:
  - ◆ The importance of interprofessional collaboration
    - Working with Early Intervention
    - Working with the Education Department to help children with Dyslexia
    - Working with URI's Child Development Center
    - The Autism Project
- I am extremely interested in research that has to do with:
  - ◆ Language & Literacy
  - ◆ The Language of Math
  - ◆ Interprofessional Collaboration
  - ◆ Multicultural awareness







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**Karen Houle**  
Clinical Assistant Professor,  
SLP Clinic Director



Speech & Hearing

I have been the **Clinic Director** for 2 years.  
I am a Medical SLP and have been practicing here in RI for over 30 years.

What I like most about Rhode Island ... **THE BEACHES!**

What I most like about URI - CMD is.... the small size allows me to really get to know my students.

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**Clinical Practicum**

Direct graduate student's clinical education.  
Administer the URI Speech & Hearing Center.  
Secure External clinical affiliations for Pediatric and Adult populations.  
My Speciality.....

Developing varied clinical programs and experiences for both on campus Clinic and External Clinical Affiliations!



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**Rachel Smith**  
Clinical Associate Professor,  
Audiology Clinic Director



I have worked in our Speech and Hearing Center for over 7 years focusing on audiology patient care and student clinical education.

I like the CMD department so much, I just kept coming back!

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**Audiology Opportunities**

Special Olympics of Rhode Island

- Students are invited to participate in hearing screenings for athletes and their families

URI Speech and Hearing Center

- Hearing screenings
- Aural rehabilitation group




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## Staff


**Christine Daylor**



**Carolyn Evangeline**



**Jane Schmitz**



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### Christine Daylor

#### Administrative Assistant



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I handle all fiscal and financial matters for the department, including purchasing and hiring.


I have been with the CMD Department since August of 2022, but previously worked in Undergraduate Admission at URI for 5 years.

Speaking as a native Rhode Islander and URI Alum, we have a tight knit community that supports our students, and the small department allows students and faculty to forge great relationships!

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### Carolyn Evangeline

#### AUD & SLP Clinic Coordinator



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**Hi!** For nearly the past 3 years, I see to it that both the Audiology and the SLP clinics' processes & procedures run smoothly, and that our community of patients & clients receive our optimal customer service!

**"Little Rhody"** may be the smallest state in the union but what it lacks in size, **we make up for it in heart!** And you will witness that in CMD! Come and join us!

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## Useful links

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- About the department: <https://web.uri.edu/cmd/>
- Grad school orientation: <https://web.uri.edu/graduate-school/academics/academic-calendar/orientation/>
- About Rhode Island: <https://www.visitrhodeisland.com/>
- About grad school assistantships: <https://web.uri.edu/graduate-school/funding/assistantships/hiring-department-resources-graduate-assistantships-hourly-payroll/>

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