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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Post-Doctoral Fellow; University of Colorado, Center for Bioethics and Humanities; 2023 - Present
PhD, Clinical and Translational Sciences; University of Vermont; 2018-2023
MS, Speech-Language Pathology, minor in audiology; University of Hawaii at Mānoa; 2003-2005
BA, English; University of Hawai'i at Mānoa; 1997-2002

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY LICENSURE

Vermont	144.0115557	2015-present	Active
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RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- I am a health services researcher who examines the healthcare access barriers which contribute to disparate outcomes experienced by adults with communication-related disabilities (e.g. hearing, speech, language, voice and cognitive). In designing solutions to reduce health disparities for these populations, I use stakeholder-centered and implementation science methods.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Disability Equity Collaborative Academy Health		2021-present
Disability Interest Group		2019-present
American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA)		
Health Literacy and Health Outcomes Committee		2019-present
Special Interest Groups: Gerontology, Neurophysiology and Neurogenic Speech and Language Disorders, Voice and Voice Disorders, Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders		2009-present

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. **Oshita, J.**, Gell, N., Stransky, M., Reed, N., MacLean, C. (2023) Prevalence and Sociodemographic characteristics of US Community-Dwelling Older Adults with Communication Disabilities. *Journal of Communication Disorders*, 102, 106316.
2. Douglas, N., **Oshita, J.**, Schliep, M., & Feuerstein, J. (2022). Knowledge brokering in communication sciences and disorders. *Perspectives of the ASHA Special Interest Groups*, 1-6.
3. Douglas, N., Feuerstein, J., Schliep, M., **Oshita, J.**, & Danowski, M. (2022) Implementation Science Research in Communication Sciences and Disorders: A Scoping Review. *American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology: Special Issue on Implementation Science*
4. Davidson MM, Alonzo CN, Barton-Hulsey A, Davidson M., Alonzo C., Barton-Hulsey A., Binger, C, Bridges M., Caron J., Douglas N, Feuerstein J, Olswang L., **Oshita, J.**, Schliep M., Quinn E., Morris M. Prologue: Implementation Science in CSD and Starting Where You Are. *American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology*. (2022);31(3):1023-1025.
5. Stransky, M. L., **Oshita, J. Y.**, & Morris, M. A. (2021) Receipt of Treatment among a Nationally Representative Sample of US Adults with Communication Disorders. *Journal of Communication Disorders*
6. Stransky, M. L., **Oshita, J. Y.**, & Morris, M. A. (2020). Prevalence of behavioral health problems among adults with and without communication disabilities. *The Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine*, 33(6), 932-941.
7. Morris, M. A., **Oshita, J. Y.**, & Stransky, M. (2019). Advancing the delivery of communication sciences and disorders services through research: The promise of health services research. *Perspectives of the ASHA Special Interest Groups*, 4(1), 16-26

PRESENTATIONS

- **Oshita, J**, Couture A., Reep, L., Mulligan, M. “Healthcare Access for Individuals with Communication Disabilities.” *Diversity and Equity Healthcare Summit*, University of Vermont and University of Vermont Health Network – Acceptance. October 20, 2022
- Douglas, N, **Oshita, J.**, Schliep, M., Feuerstein, J. *Implementation Science Research in Communication Sciences and Disorders: A Scoping Review*. Dissemination and Implementation Conference
- Douglas, N, **Oshita, J.**, Schliep, M., Feuerstein, J. *Implementation Science Research in Communication Sciences and Disorders: A Scoping Review* ASHA Annual Convention 2021, Washington D.C.
- Davidson, M., Schliep M., Alonzo C., Douglas, N., Feuerstein, J., Barton-Hulsey. A., Binger, C., Morris, M., Olswang, L., and **Oshita, J.** *Framing Implementation Science in CSD: Determining & Developing Opportunities*- Panel Discussion ASHA 2020 - Presentation acceptance.
- Stransky M, **Oshita J**, Morris, M. *Rehabilitation Access and Outcomes among Persons with Voice, Speech, Language and Swallowing Disorders: A Nationally Representative Study*. Poster Presentation at Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, Washington D.C., June 3, 2019
- Stransky M, **Oshita J**, Morris, M. *Treatment Access & Providers for Communication Disorders & Dysphagia: Does It Make a Difference*. Presentation at ASHA, Orlando, FL, Nov. 22, 2019.
- Davidson, M., Schliep M., Alonzo C., Douglas, N., Feuerstein, J., Barton-Hulsey. A., Binger, C., Morris, M., Olswang, L., and **Oshita, J.** *Imagining More: An Open Discussion and Brainstorm on Implementation Science in CSD* Poster Presentation at ASHA, Orlando, FL, Nov. 22, 2019.
- **Oshita, J.**, Stransky, M., Morris, M, Gell, N, MacLean, C. *Prevalence of Speaking Disabilities in the U.S.: Functional Impact and Use of Rehabilitation Services in Older Adults*. ePoster Presentation at Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, Washington D.C., June 1, 2019
- **Oshita J**, Chait L, Courchia B, Patil U. *Impact of a Feeding Scale on Infant Driven Practice in the Elmhurst Hospital Center NICU*. Poster session at the Pediatric Academic Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, May 2016.
- **Oshita J**, Chait L, Courchia B, Patil U. NYC HHC Developmental Care Conference, Presentation: *Impact of a Feeding Scale on Infant Driven Practice in the Elmhurst Hospital Center NICU*, June 2015.
- **Oshita J**, Chait L, Courchia B, Patil U. *Impact of a Feeding Scale on Infant Driven Practice in the Elmhurst Hospital Center NICU*. Poster Presentation at NYC HHC, Elmhurst Hospital-Mount Sinai Resident Research Day 2015.

INVITED SPEAKER

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| 2022 | American Speech & Hearing Association (ASHA) <i>Effects of Social Factors on Use of a Communication Partner during Medical Visits among Persons with Communication Disabilities</i> , Oshita, J. , Gell, N., Stransky, M., Reed, N., MacLean, C. |
| 2021 | Schliep, Oshita, J. , M., Stransky, M., <i>Uniting Patients and Providers: How Health Literacy Can Improve Outcomes</i> . ASHA Annual Convention, 2021, Washington D.C. |

HONORS

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| 2023 | 2023 University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine Dean's Excellence in Research Showcase Award |
| 2023 | Society of General Internal Medicine Distinguished Professor of Health Equity Poster Walk award |
| 2023 | National Health and Aging Trends Survey Summer Trainee |
| 2023 | Accepted to the ASHA Lessons for Success Mentoring Program which provides intensive training to early career scientists in the grant preparation and funding opportunities, development and management of a successful research program, and advancement of professional competencies. |
| 2022 | Awarded an EDI scholarship to the 14 th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health conference in Washington DC |
| 2022-Present | Invited protégé to ASHA Pathways Mentoring Program. This ongoing program grooms early-career clinical scientists in developing strong foundations for independent research careers and grant funding. |
| 2022 | Selected to attend the LeaRRN Workshop in Implementation Science and Health Services Research, with Travel Award |
| 2021 | ASHA Research Mentoring Pair Travel Award (RMPTA) recipient with Dr. Nicholas Reed |
| 2004 | University of Hawaii Speech Pathology Department Masters Grant Recipient |
| 2002 | Dean's List, 3.96 GPA, Honors College |

2000-2001 University of Hawaii Division I Tennis Team Scholarship, Captain, Most Inspirational Player

GRANT FUNDING

“Healthcare Outcomes and Accommodations for Persons with Communication Disabilities”

PI: Oshita Funder: NIH, National Institute of Deafness and Communication Disorders Amount: \$77,020

F31 (Award Number: 5F31DC020118-02) Dates: 9/2021-8/2023 Mentors: Megan Morris, M.S., MPH, PhD (University of Colorado) and Charles MacLean, M.D. (University of Vermont)

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

<i>American Journal of Speech and Language Pathology</i>	Ad hoc reviewer	2020-2023
<i>Language, Speech, and Hearing Services in Schools</i>	Ad hoc reviewer	2022
<i>Journal of Communication in Healthcare</i>	Ad hoc reviewer	2022

POSITIONS AND EMPLOYMENT

Jan 2024 – Present **Post-doctoral fellow, Center for Bioethics and Humanities.** University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus

Sept – Dec 2023 **Research Associate, Center for Bioethics and Humanities.** University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus

2021-Aug 2023 **NIDCD F31 Doctoral Fellow.**

2023 **Advisor to University of Vermont Medical Center quality improvement efforts to provide communication aids to patients with disabilities.** Advise the Quality partner, Interpreter services, Call Center, and inpatient nursing leads on improving accommodations for patients with communication disabilities at the medical center.

2015 – 2022: FT & Part time. 2023-Present: Per Diem **Speech-Language Pathologist,** University of Vermont Medical Center. Provide acute care, inpatient rehabilitation, and outpatient rehabilitation services to patients with cognitive-communication, speech, voice, and swallowing disorders. Specialty areas include swallowing and communication sequelae in the geriatric, neurologic, and head and neck cancer populations.

2021- Present **Disability Equity Collaborative Research Team** – Participate in disability advocacy groups. Conduct research to move disability equity forward and participate in monthly meetings of disability stake holders (patients, clinical, researchers and policy).

2019 - 2023 **Subject matter expert, University of Vermont Medical Center (UVMHC) Communication Access Team.** Advise on increasing access to accommodations for persons with communication disorders for UVMHC. Serve as an advisor on a committee tasked with improving processes to identify, document and accommodate patients with communication difficulties entering the UVMHC health network; as mandated in a Voluntary Resolution Agreement between UVMHC and the Department of Justice; in compliance with requirements of the Americans with Disability Act, Section 1557 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and Section 504 of the Rehab Act of 1973.

2019 - Present **Implementation Science Study Group Co-coordinator:** Coordinate monthly meetings, learning topics and activities for a national group of faculty researchers in Communication Sciences Disorders leading implementation science in the field.

2016 **Lecturer** – *University of Vermont* – Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Graduate Course in Dysphagia

2013 - 2015 **Regional Chief Speech-Language Pathologist,** Mount Sinai-Queens Health Network (Part of the NY Health and Hospitals Corporation), NY. Managed the SLP department for two hospitals under the NY Health and Hospitals Corporation (NYC HHC) -Elmhurst and Queens Hospital Centers. Led the SLP department in incorporating evidenced-based and patient-centered care while balancing feasibility and sustainability within acute, rehab and outpatient settings. Managed staffing and productivity.

Trained and mentored new SLPs. Presented on Speech-Language Pathology services to the internal medicine and otolaryngology residents. Served on the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (NYC HHC) Epic Build team for all SLP departments in the NYC HHC network. Led a quality improvement project in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit regarding best practice in feeding.

2008 - 2012

Lead Inpatient Acute Speech-Language Pathologist, Tripler Army Medical Center, HI

2007 - 2008

Speech-Language Pathologist - Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific, HI

2006 - 2007

Speech-Language Pathologist Clinical Fellow - Kaweah Delta Inpatient Rehabilitation, CA

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