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Accomplishments

- Awarded the “Board Certified Specialist in Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders” September 2023 by the American Board of Swallowing Disorders
- Recognized as an “ASHA Innovator” March 2023 by American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- Board of Trustee Member, Communication Disorder Foundation of Virginia, 2023-Present
- Awarded “State Clinical Achievement Award” November 2021 by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association’s Foundation for establishing the first pediatric feeding/swallowing clinic within a graduate speech-language pathology program in SC.
- Author of “[Chasing the Swallow: Truth, Science, and Hope for Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing Disorders](#)” Peer reviewed and published June 2021
- Awarded “Louis M. DiCarlo Award for Outstanding Clinical Achievement” May 2021 by the South Carolina Speech, Language, and Hearing Association (SCSHA) for establishing the first pediatric feeding/swallowing clinic within a graduate speech-language pathology program in SC.
- Featured Speech-Language Pathologist of “[On the Ear: An Audiology Podcast](#)” February 2021
- Featured Speech-Language Pathologist for “[Swallow Your Pride](#)” Podcast November 2020
- Awarded “Pediatric Feeding Awareness Champion” January 2020 by Feeding Matters, LLC
- Past President of SCSHA 2019-2020
- Awarded “2019 Phenom” April 2019 from Columbia Regional Business Report
- President of SCSHA 2018-2019
- Council of State Association President’s Treasurer (CSAP) 2018-2020
- ASHA Leadership Development Program (LDP) Graduate 2016-2017
- Featured Speech-Language Pathologist for “[SLPs Wine and Cheese](#)” Podcast October 2018
- Featured Speech-Language Pathologist for “[The \(Speech\) Path Less Traveled](#)” August 2018
- President Elect of SCSHA 2017-2018 and Convention Chair 2018
- President Elect-Elect of SCSHA 2016-2017 and SCSHA Convention Co-Chair 2016-2017
- VP of Governmental Affairs SCSHA 2015-2017
- Recipient of American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) ACE Award for Continuing Education: May 2023, November 2022, May 2022, June 2021, September 2020, November 2019, January 2019, March 2018, February 2017, January 2016
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Education

Master of Science: Communicative Sciences and Disorders December 2009

James Madison University - Harrisonburg, VA
Graduated Magna Cum Laude 3.75 GPA

Bachelor of Science: Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology December 2005

Old Dominion University - Norfolk, VA
Graduated Magna Cum Laude with 3.84 GPA

Work History

Director of Clinical Education, Assistant Professor 7/2023-Current

James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA

- Serve on the Interprofessional Education and Interdisciplinary Education Program Committee
- Serve on the Institute for Innovative in Health and Human Services committee for JMU Council

Adjunct Professor 10/2022-6/2023

University of South Carolina, Columbia SC

- COMD 725: Pediatric Feeding Disorder and Dysphagia (Instructor for the graduate speech-language pathology distance program)
- COMD J725: Pediatric Feeding Disorder and Dysphagia (Instructor for the graduate speech-language pathology on-campus program)

Part-Time Speech-Language Pathologist 08/2022-03/23

Midlands Therapy Services, Home Health and Telehealth, Columbia, SC

- Served as Chair of the “*BabyNet Committee*” for the South Carolina Speech-Language and Hearing Association (SCSHA).
- Co-Chaired “*Town Hall on Early Intervention*”.
- Supervised two speech-language pathology graduate student clinician in their external clinical practicums with specific emphasis on teaching current evidenced-based practice for evaluation, treatment, and interprofessional practice of pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) and oropharyngeal dysphagia, routines-based early intervention, as well as total communication approach for language acquisition that includes SGD AAC evaluation and implementation.

- Established contracts for clinic long-term trial devices with Control Bionics and Talk to Me Technologies and led seven SGD AAC trials within the family-guided routines-based intervention approach, through Talk to Me Technologies, (LAMP on Wego 10A and Touch Chat).
- Evaluated and treated medically complex pediatric patients from NICU discharge to 10 years of age within their natural environments with emphasis on routines-based intervention via Caregiver coaching. Conditions include pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) and oropharyngeal dysphagia secondary to cerebrovascular accident (CVA), intraventricular hemorrhage (IVH), hydrocephaly, rare genetic conditions, complex gastrointestinal conditions (gastroparesis, delayed gastrointestinal motility, eosinophilic esophagitis (EOE)), Cerebral Palsy (CP), Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), congenital cardiac conditions (hypoplastic left heart syndrome, patent ductus arteriosus, etc), Celiac disease, and craniofacial abnormalities (submucous cleft, velopharyngeal insufficiency (VPI), etc).
- Additionally, evaluated and treated pediatric hospice and palliative care patients for quality-of-life pleasure feeding with specific emphasis on caregiver coaching and interprofessional practice with home-health interpreters and nurses.

Part-Time Speech-Language Pathologist 01/2022-08/2022

Therapeutic Design and Services, Clinic and Telehealth, Hartsville, SC

- Co-Authored the inaugural “*Pediatric Feeding Disorder (PFD)*” chapter of the “*Speech-Language Pathologist Companion Guide*” for South Carolina Department of Education (SC DOE). With this chapter’s addition, it is the first time in SC history that all children, ages 3-21, will receive evaluation and treatment for pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) and oropharyngeal dysphagia within the framework of the local education agency (LEA).
- Established first “Kid’s Café” for evaluation and treatment of pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) and oropharyngeal dysphagia at the clinic. Prior to this, there were no speech-language pathologists engaged in evaluation/treatment of pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) or oropharyngeal dysphagia at this clinic.
- Established and led first speech-generating augmentative and alternative communication (SGD AAC) trials at the clinic. Established contracts and two staff in-services with Control Bionics and Talk to Me Technologies. Led/supervised over 38 individual SGD AAC trials/acquisitions at the clinic. Completed extensive Caregiver trainings on patient’s SGD AAC devices. Led development of/and utilization of non-speech generating AAC boards throughout the clinic to embed a total communication approach for non-speaking individuals. Led adoption of and correct utilization of CPT codes within EMR system, as well as staff trainings on how to appropriately bill for AAC.
- Formally mentored two speech-language pathologists (CCC-SLP) and two occupational therapists (OTR/L) in current evidenced-based practice for evaluation and treatment of pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) and oropharyngeal dysphagia, as well as utilization of SGD AAC devices, with emphasis on interprofessional practice between professions and appropriate medical referrals for improved patient outcomes.
- Supervised three speech-language pathology graduate student clinicians in their external clinical practicums with specific emphasis on teaching current evidenced-based practice for evaluation and treatment of pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) and oropharyngeal dysphagia.
- Evaluated and treated medically complex pediatric patients from NICU discharge to 10 years old in an interprofessional practice setting that focuses on collaboration with occupational therapists (OTR/L). Conditions include: pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) and oropharyngeal dysphagia secondary to cerebrovascular accident (CVA), intraventricular hemorrhage (IVH), hydrocephaly, rare genetic conditions, complex gastrointestinal conditions (gastroparesis, delayed gastrointestinal motility, eosinophilic esophagitis (EOE)), Cerebral Palsy (CP), Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), congenital cardiac conditions, and craniofacial abnormalities.

Coordinator for Clinical Education and Clinical Assistant Professor 06/2020-12/2021

Francis Marion University (FMU): Masters of Speech-Language Pathology Program (MSLP), Florence, SC

- Established the first *Pediatric Feeding Disorder and Dysphagia* training program/clinic at the graduate speech-language pathology program/university level in South Carolina history. This afforded graduate students an opportunity to learn and implement current evidenced-based practice for evaluation and treatment of pediatric feeding and swallowing disorders within the Francis Marion University Center for Speech, Language, and Hearing.
- Awarded “*Louis M. DiCarlo Award for Outstanding Clinical Achievement*” May 2021 by the *South Carolina Speech, Language, and Hearing Association (SCSHA)* for the aforementioned work.
- Awarded “*State Clinical Achievement Award*” November 2021 by the *American Speech-Language-Hearing Association’s Foundation* for the aforementioned work.
- Successfully led a team of three graduate clinical educators/supervisors within the on-campus Francis Marion University Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinic, while concurrently growing patient caseloads for each supervisor, ensuring adherence to best practice via modeling use of evidenced-based practice across the life continuum, accuracy in record keeping (CALIPSO for students and practicum sites, patient records, etc), appropriate utilization of The One Room School House (TORSH) training program, and community outreach via hosting/participating in ongoing community screens of swallowing voice, speech, and hearing across the Pee-Dee region of SC.
- Led team members from the Francis Marion University School of Health Sciences to create the first electronic medical record system for the FMU Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinic, ensuring accuracy in ICD-10 Codes, CPT codes, goal examples, use of evidenced-based practice quotes in on-campus evaluations and plan of cares to bridge the divide between academic/research and clinical practice via the art of implementation science. Additionally, interprofessional practice partner referral requests/recommendations for management of pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) and dysphagia were emphasized.
- Recovered and grew Off-Campus clinical practicum sites for MSLP Graduate students by gaining an additional 20+ practicums from North and South Carolina, while concurrently updating and maintaining memorandums of understanding (MOUs) with existing sites.

Specific emphasis on acquisition of medical sites for students to learn current evidenced-based practice for dysphagia management across the life continuum.

- Established “Medical SLP Orientation” with Dr. Kellie Middleton, Nursing Educator and Mr. Benjamin Johnson, Simulation Laboratory Specialist, to equip the MSLP Graduate Students with interprofessional medical education for success in their medical off-sites, with specific emphasis on orienting to terms/procedures for cardiopulmonary and dysphagia management within adult populations.
- Led faculty initiative to establish first “AAC Palooza”. This served as a hands-on experience for graduate students, clinical faculty, academic faculty, as well as community partners (external clinical supervisors, community-based speech-language pathologists, AAC consumers), to trial and engage in various levels of augmentative and alternative communication devices from numerous organizations. Additionally, established AAC contracts for the university clinic for long-term loans of varying levels of speech-generating devices, (eye gaze, head tracking, EMG activation, direct access with/without keyguards), with Talk to Me Technologies and Control Bionics. Further, I led clinical educators and students through the process of SGD AAC acquisition/utilization with patients receiving services in the university clinic. Additionally led initiative to train MSLP graduate students for evaluation and treatment of dysphagia across the life continuum in all settings via incorporation of advanced trainings into the curriculum such as the MBSImP™.
- Successfully taught:
 - SLP 550: Clinical Practicum I
 - SLP 580: Clinical Practicum II
 - SLP 601: Clinical Practicum III
 - SLP 620: Clinical Practicum IV
 - SLP 621: Clinical Practicum V
 - SLP 645a: Speech-Language-Hearing Guided Clinical Elective
 - SLP 645b: Speech-Language-Hearing Guided Clinical Elective

“First Bite: Fed, Fun, Functional” A Speech Therapy Podcast 06/2018-Current

Speech-Language Pathologist Podcast Host

SpeechTherapyPD.Com, Virtual, Columbia, SC and Staunton, VA

- Established and host the first podcast in the world eligible for American Speech-Hearing Association (ASHA) continuing education. Published weekly.
- The purpose of the podcast is to serve as a bridge to expedite research to practice, infuse current evidenced-based practice, and engage in vital conversations with medical and allied health interprofessional practice partners to grow our evidenced-based triangle to best serve the medically complex pediatric patients on a speech-language pathologist’s caseload. The primary focus is on evaluation and treatment of pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) and pediatric dysphagia.
- Over 250+ episodes, published weekly, over 1.6 million and counting individual downloads, downloaded in over 100 different countries, currently averaging 40,000+ downloads a month.

Member-Manager and Speech-Language Pathologist 09/2016- 07/2020

HeartWood Speech Therapy, LLC, Home Health, Columbia, SC

- Established and managed private practice for four years with a reputation for clinical excellence in continuity of care and interprofessional practice for evaluation and treatment of medically complex pediatric patients, specifically those with complex pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) and oropharyngeal dysphagia.
- *Awarded* “2019 Phenom” April 2019 from Columbia Regional Business Report, for the aforementioned work.
- Served as Past President, President, President-Elect, and President Elect-Elect, VP of Governmental Affairs for *SC Speech, Language, and Hearing Association (SCSHA)*. During this time, I offered regular subject matter expert testimony to the *SC Department of Health and Human Services (SC DHHS)* on current evidenced-based practices with respect to billing, coding, and process improvement opportunities for interprofessional practice for patients’ birth to three years of age with pediatric feeding and swallowing disorders within *Babynet* (IDEA Part C for SC). Because of this volunteer work, *SCSHA* was able to advocate to have the current procedural terminology codes (CPT codes) 92610 (evaluation of swallowing disorder) and 92526 (treatment of swallowing disorder) added to the state CMS Manual, have the diagnosis of oropharyngeal dysphagia recognized as an “automatic qualifier” for early intervention speech therapy services within *Babynet*, as well as protect our scope of practice from non-licensed “Music Therapists” who were advocating at the state level for a license that included “evaluation and treatment of swallowing disorders”. Concurrently, as *SCSHA* Convention Chair and Co-Chair, I led the addition of current evidenced-based practice evaluation and treatment of pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) and pediatric oropharyngeal dysphagia for Call-for-Papers at our state convention for the first time, and created the first fall mini-workshop ASHA CEUs for current evidenced-based practice evaluation and treatment of pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) and pediatric oropharyngeal dysphagia. Additionally, I led the initiatives to reestablish *SCSHA Legislative Day*, an opportunity for our members to meet and greet with our state legislators and advocate face-to-face for improved policy and procedures at the state level for pediatric feeding disorder and dysphagia across the life continuum.
- *Awarded* “Pediatric Feeding Awareness Champion” January 2020 by Feeding Matters, LLC, for the aforementioned volunteer and advocacy for pediatric feeding and swallowing disorders at the state level.
- Supervised eleven speech-language pathology graduate student clinicians in their external clinical practicums with specific emphasis on teaching current evidenced-based practice for evaluation, treatment, and interprofessional practice of pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) oropharyngeal dysphagia.
- Evaluated and treated medically complex pediatric patients from NICU discharge to 14 years old in an interprofessional practice natural environment (home-health) that focused on collaboration with occupational therapists (OTR/L) and physical therapists (PT). Conditions included: pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) and oropharyngeal dysphagia secondary to cerebrovascular accident (CVA),

intraventricular hemorrhage (IVH), hydrocephaly, rare genetic conditions, complex gastrointestinal conditions (gastroparesis, delayed gastrointestinal motility, eosinophilic esophagitis (EOE), Cerebral Palsy (CP), autism spectrum disorder (ASD), congenital cardiac conditions, and craniofacial abnormalities.

Lead Speech-Language Pathologist 11/2015-09/2016

Sprout Pediatrics, LLC, Clinic and Home Health, Lexington, SC

- Supervised three speech-language pathology graduate student clinicians in their external clinical practicums with specific emphasis on teaching current evidenced-based practice for evaluation, treatment, and interprofessional practice of pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) and oropharyngeal dysphagia.
- Evaluated and treated medically complex pediatric patients from NICU discharge to 12 years old in an interprofessional practice out-patient clinical setting and natural environment (home-health) that focused on collaboration with occupational therapists (OTR/L) and physical therapists (PT). Conditions included: pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) and oropharyngeal dysphagia secondary to cerebrovascular accident (CVA), intraventricular hemorrhage (IVH), hydrocephaly, rare genetic conditions, complex gastrointestinal conditions (gastroparesis, delayed gastrointestinal motility, eosinophilic esophagitis (EOE), Cerebral Palsy (CP), autism spectrum disorder (ASD), congenital cardiac conditions, and craniofacial abnormalities.
- Accepted into the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's (ASHA) Leadership Development Program (LDP). The program allows 30 enrollees per cohort for an intensive yearlong mentorship and training program on leadership development within our field. My direct outcome was the establishment of the Sharon Coleman-Singleton Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was founded to honor our colleague who lost her life in the tragic Mother Emanuel massacre in Charleston, SC. The recipient of this scholarship is a minority graduate speech-language pathology student in good academic standing, with a history of active participation in their faith community, and has served as a student athlete. So far, this has been awarded to 8 graduate students, many of whom have gone on to work with patients who have a pediatric feeding and swallowing disorder.

Speech-Language Pathologist 01/2014-11/2015

Newberry County Memorial Hospital, In-patient and Out-patient Newberry, SC

- Led initiative with Rehab Management team to update *Aspiration Precautions* and *Oral Care* Protocols regarding current-evidenced based materials to be used in oral hygiene care, automatic utilization of propylitic thickening agents in liquids to be discontinued after initial cerebrovascular accident (CVA) unless indicated on instrumental examination, (prior to this update, if a patient had a CVA, then the hospital had a standing order for all liquids to be "honey-thick").
- Supervised two speech-language pathology graduate student clinicians in their external clinical practicums with specific emphasis on teaching current evidenced-based practice for evaluation, treatment, and interprofessional practice of pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) and pediatric and adult oropharyngeal dysphagia.
- Evaluated and treated a wide range of conditions for adult In-patients including: acute adult dysphagia, aphasias, apraxia, s/p cerebrovascular accident (CVA), as well as Dementia, Parkinson's Disease, traumatic brain injury (TBI). In an interprofessional practice Out-patient setting, evaluated and treated adults for sub-acute oropharyngeal dysphagia, aphasias, apraxia, cognitive support strategies for Dementia, Parkinson's Disease. Evaluated and treated Out-patient pediatrics ages 15 months and older: pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) secondary to autism spectrum disorder (ASD), articulation, phonology, expressive/receptive language impairments.

Speech-Language Pathologist 01/2013-11/2015

Jumpstart Pediatrics Pediatric Home Health, Chapin/Columbia, SC

- Supervised two speech-language pathology graduate student clinicians in their external clinical practicums with specific emphasis on teaching current evidenced-based practice for evaluation, treatment, and interprofessional practice of pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) oropharyngeal dysphagia.
- Evaluated and treated medically complex pediatric patients from 3 months and older to 10 years of age within their natural environments with emphasis on routines-based intervention via Caregiver coaching natural environment and focused on collaboration with occupational therapists (OTR/L) and physical therapists (PT). Conditions included pediatric feeding disorder (PFD), oropharyngeal dysphagia, and neurogenic based mixed language disorders secondary autism spectrum disorder (ASD), rare genetic conditions, cerebral palsy (CP), cerebrovascular accident (CVA), craniofacial abnormalities, and seizure disorders.

Speech-Language Pathologist 01/2012-01/2013

Columbia Speaks Pediatric Home Health, Columbia, SC

- Supervised one speech-language pathology undergraduate student clinician in their external clinical practicums with specific emphasis on teaching current evidenced-based practice for evaluation, treatment, and interprofessional practice of pediatric speech and language therapy.
- Evaluated and treated medically complex pediatric patients from 5 months and older to 10 years of age within their natural environments with emphasis on routines-based intervention via Caregiver coaching environment and focused on collaboration with occupational therapists (OTR/L) and physical therapists (PT). Conditions included pediatric feeding disorder (PFD), oropharyngeal dysphagia, and neurogenic based mixed language disorders secondary autism spectrum disorder (ASD), rare genetic conditions, cerebral palsy (CP), and seizure disorders.
- Participated in a *WIS-TV* interview during the summer of 2012 regarding importance of natural environment-based therapy for children with complex seizure disorders regarding treatment of feeding and language.

Speech-Language Pathologist 02/2010 to 01/2012

RWRH Riverside Walter Reed Hospital, Gloucester, VA

- First Full-Time speech-language pathologist in hospital History.

- Created all clinical documentation for speech-language pathologist: In-patient and Out-patient evaluations, plan of cares, daily notes, discharge.
- Worked with Nursing Management team to update *Aspiration Precautions* and *Oral Care* Protocols. Created and implemented new-hire nursing orientation on these topics. Led these orientations twice quarterly.
- Designed and implemented *Head & Neck Cancer Dysphagia* referral program with *RWRH Hospital Oncology Board*.
- Supervised four speech-language pathology undergraduate student clinicians in their initial 25 observation hours with specific emphasis on teaching current evidenced-based practice for evaluation, treatment, and interprofessional practice of oropharyngeal dysphagia secondary to cerebrovascular accident (CVA) and head and neck cancer.
- Evaluated and treated a wide range of conditions for adult In-patient including: acute dysphagia, aphasias, apraxia, s/p CVA, as well as Dementia, Parkinson's Disease, TBI. In the Out-patient setting evaluated and treated adult patients with: sub-acute aphasias, apraxia, dysphagia, Dementia, Parkinson's Disease. In the Out-patient setting evaluated and treated pediatric articulation, phonology, expressive language impairments secondary to autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Emphasis placed on World Health Organization (WHO) model of therapy and activities of daily living (ADLs).

Speech Therapist 08/2006 to 01/2010

Gloucester County Public Schools, Gloucester, VA

- Concurrent to attending James Madison University's graduate speech-language pathology program, I worked full-time within a local education agency (LEA).
- Treated a caseload of 50+ students from 3 years to 12 years of age with various mixed language disorders, phonological disorders, articulation impairments.
- Co-Author of an educational grant for "*Speech Back-Packs*" to assist with home carryover of therapeutic intervention/activities.
- Co-Led "*Get Fit*" and "*Girls on Track*" for 4th and 5th grade girls at Abingdon Elementary School.

External Clinical Supervisor

- **James Madison University** Graduate Speech-Language Pathology Clinical Educator/Director of Clinical Education: Summer 2023, Fall 2023
- **University of South Carolina** Graduate Speech-Language Pathology Student Clinical Supervisor: Spring 2023, Fall 2022, Summer 2022, Summer 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Summer 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Summer 2018, Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Summer 2017, Spring 2017, Summer 2016, Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Summer 2015
- **Francis Marion University** Graduate Speech-Language Pathology Student Clinical Supervisor: Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Summer 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020
- **Columbia College** Undergraduate Speech-Language Pathology Student Clinical Supervisor: Summer 2012

Publications

Dawson, M. (May 2021). *Chasing the Swallow: The Truth, Science, and Hope for Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing Disorders*. Columbia, SC. Independently Published.

Presentations-Invited

Dawson, M. (November, 2023). *Chasing the Swallow: Current EBP for Pediatric Dysphagia*. Presented to Dysphagia Graduate Course with MS Speech-Language Pathology Program at Tennessee State University. Virtual Presentation.

Dawson, M. (October, 2023). *Chasing the Swallow: Current EBP for Pediatric Dysphagia*. Presented to Dysphagia Graduate Course with MS Speech-Language Pathology Program at SC State University. Virtual Presentation.

Dawson, M. (August 2023). *Domestic Abuse: A Survival Guide*. Presented to NaviHealth. Virtual Presentation.

Dawson, M. (June, 2023). *Troubleshooting PFD for School-Based SLP Eval and Case Studies*. Presented to Maryland Speech-Language-Hearing Association: Dysphagia in the Public Schools Subcommittee. Virtual Presentation.

Dawson, M. (May, 2023). *Caregiver Coaching for Home Health Early Intervention*. Presented to Clinical Methods Course with MS Speech-Language Pathology Program at A.T. Still University. Virtual Presentation.

Dawson, M. (April, 2023). *Chasing the Swallow: Current EBP for Pediatric Dysphagia*. Presented to Dysphagia Graduate Course with MS Speech-Language Pathology Program at Tennessee State University. Virtual Presentation.

Dawson, M. (January, 2023). *Recommendations for Interprofessional Practice for a Pediatric Feeding/Clinical Swallow Evaluation*. Presented to Solace Pediatric Healthcare. Virtual Presentation.

Dawson, M. (October, 2022). *Chasing the Swallow: Current EBP for Pediatric Dysphagia*. Presented to Dysphagia Graduate Course with MS Speech-Language Pathology Program Guest Speaker at SC State University. Virtual Presentation.

Dawson, M. (September, 2022). *Feeding Tubes: Friends Not Foes for Pediatric Feeding Disorder*. Presented to Pediatric Dysphagia Graduate Course with MS Speech-Language Pathology Program at Edinboro University. Virtual Presentation.

- Dawson, M.** (September, 2022). *EBP for PFD: Planting a Seed*. Presented to Advanced Dysphagia Graduate Class with MS Speech-Language Pathology Program at University of Maryland. Virtual Presentation.
- Dawson, M.** (May, 2022). *EBP for PFD: Planting a Seed*. Presented to Cicero Therapies as part of their Monthly Clinical Roundtable Series. Virtual Presentation.
- Dawson, M.** (April, 2022). *Chasing the Swallow: Current EBP for Pediatric Dysphagia*. Presented to Dysphagia Graduate Course with the MS Speech-Language Pathology Program at Francis Marion University. Florence, SC.
- Dawson, M.** (October, 2021). *Pediatric Feeding Disorders in the Local Education Agency*. Presented to Lex-Richland 5 School District. Virtual Presentation.
- Dawson, M.** (April, 2020). *Chasing the Swallow: Current EBP for Pediatric Dysphagia*. Presented to Dysphagia Graduate Course with the MS Speech-Language Pathology Program at Francis Marion University. Florence, SC.
- Dawson, M.** (March 2019). *Chasing the Swallow: Current EBP for Pediatric Dysphagia*. Presented to Dysphagia Graduate Course with the MS Speech-Language Pathology Program at Francis Marion University. Florence, SC.
- Dawson, M.** (October 2018). *Chasing the Swallow: Current EBP for Pediatric Dysphagia*. Presented to Dysphagia Graduate Course with MS Speech-Language Pathology Program Guest Speaker at SC State University. Orangeburg, SC.
- Dawson, M.** (October 2017). *Chasing the Swallow: Current EBP for Pediatric Dysphagia*. Presented to Dysphagia Graduate Course with MS Speech-Language Pathology Program Guest Speaker at SC State University. Orangeburg, SC.

Scholarly Presentations- Invited

- Dawson, M.** (March, 2024). *Pediatric Feeding Disorder: Dynamic Assessment and Meaningful Goal Writing from EI to LEA*. Presented to the Speech-Language-Hearing Association of Virginia (SHAV) Convention. Richmond, VA.
- Dawson, M.** (March, 2024). *Feeding Tubes: Friends Not Foes for Pediatric Feeding Disorder*. Presented to the Speech-Language-Hearing Association of Virginia (SHAV) Convention. Richmond, VA.
- Dawson, M.** (January, 2024). *Pediatric Feeding Disorder: Dynamic Assessment and Meaningful Goal Writing from EI to LEA*. Presented to the Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association (GSHA) Convention. Athens, GA.
- Dawson, M.** (September, 2023). *Pediatric Feeding Disorder: Dynamic Assessment and Meaningful Goal Writing from EI to LEA*. Presented to the Mississippi Speech-Language-Hearing Association (MSHA) Convention. Jacksonville, MS.
- Dawson, M.** Gonzalez, T. (May, 2023). *Pediatricians and Speech-Language Pathologists: Dynamic Duos for PFD!* Presented to The Med SLP Collective. Virtual Presentation.
- Dawson, M.** (April, 2023). *Chasing the Swallow: A Pediatric Feeding Disorder Crash Course*. Presented to the University of Central Oklahoma. Oklahoma City, OK.
- Dawson, M.,** Forward, E. (March, 2023). *LEA Based Interventions for Pediatric Feeding Disorders*. Presented to Westmoreland Intermediate Unit School District, Pennsylvania. Virtual Presentation.
- Dawson, M.** (February, 2023). *Empowering Early Intervention SLPs and Caregiver with AAC*. Presented to the South Carolina Assistive Technology Expo. Columbia, SC.
- Bowers, L. **Dawson, M.** (January, 2023). *IPE/IPP Information Exchange: Community-Based Pediatric Solutions*. Presented to Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders. Virtual Presentation.
- Dawson, M.** (December, 2022). *Ethics for Social Media*. Presented to SpeechTherapyPD.com. Virtual Presentation.
- Dawson, M.** (December, 2022). *Research to Practice: Caregiver Coaching for Pediatric Feeding Disorder*. Presented to The Med SLP Collective. Virtual Presentation.
- Dawson, M.,** Garcia, R. (October, 2022). *Connecting the Dots: How Etiologies & Referrals Drive EBP Treatment for Pediatric Feeding Disorders*. Presented to Westmoreland Intermediate Unit School District, Pennsylvania. Virtual Presentation.
- Dawson, M.** (October, 2022). *Escaping the Silo: IPP for PFD*. Presented to The Ohio School Speech Pathology Educational Audiology Coalition (OSSPEAC). Elyria, OH.
- Dawson, M.** (October, 2022). *Connecting the Dots: Etiologies Driving EBP for PFD Therapy*. Presented to The Ohio School Speech

Pathology Educational Audiology Coalition (OSSPEAC). Elyria, OH.

- Dawson, M.** (August, 2022). *Pediatric Dysphagia: Establishing the Brain/Mouth/Gut Connection*. Presented at Nazareth College. Rochester, NY.
- Dawson, M.** (June, 2022) *Feeding Tubes and Pediatric Feeding Disorders: Friends Not Foes*. Presented at Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (LSHA). New Orleans, LA.
- Dawson, M.** (June, 2022) *Escaping the Silo: How to Embrace Interprofessional Practice for Pediatric Feeding Disorder*. Presented at Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (LSHA). New Orleans, LA.
- Dawson, M.** (June, 2022) *Connecting the Dots: How Etiologies Drive Evidence-Based Treatment of Pediatric Feeding Disorder*. Presented at Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (LSHA). New Orleans, LA.
- Dawson, M.** and Romeo, C. (April, 2022). *Caregiver Empowerment*. Presented at Feeding Matters: 9th International Pediatric Feeding Disorder Conference. Virtual Presentation.
- Dawson, M.** (February, 2021). *Pediatric Feeding Disorder for the School Based SLP*. Presented at the South Carolina Speech Language Hearing Association (SCSHA) Convention. Myrtle Beach, SC.
- Dawson, M.** (September, 2021). *Pediatric Dysphagia: Establishing the Brain/Mouth/Gut Connection*. Presented at the Alaska Speech Language Hearing Association (AKSHA) Convention. Anchorage, AK.
- Dawson, M.** (September 2021). *Pediatric Dysphagia: Establishing the Brain/Mouth/Gut Connection*. Presented at the Mississippi Speech, Language, Hearing Association (MSHA) Convention. Jackson, MS.
- Dawson, M.,** Muzio, D., Tomerlin, N., & Wetzel, D. (November, 2020). *CPR (Critical Professional Replenishment) for Supervision as part of Signature Series SIG 10*. Presented for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). Virtual Presentation.
- Dawson, M.** (October, 2019). *Pediatric Oropharyngeal Dysphagia: A Tour of the Brain/Mouth/Gut Connection*. Presented at the New Mexico Speech Hearing Association (NMSHA). Albuquerque, NM.
- Dawson, M.** (July, 2019). *Pediatric Oropharyngeal Dysphagia: A Tour of the Brain/Mouth/Gut Connection*. Presented at MTS Kids. Greenville, SC.
- Dawson, M.** (April, 2019). *Pediatric Oropharyngeal Dysphagia: A Tour of the Brain/Mouth/Gut Connection*. Presented at the Arizona Speech Hearing Association (ARSHA). Phoenix, AZ.
- Dawson, M.** (April, 2019). *Chasing the Swallow: Best Practices for EI Pediatric Dysphagia*. Presented at the Minnesota Speech Association (MSHA). Virtual Presentation.
- Dawson, M.** (April, 2019). *EI Best Practices for the Medically Fragile and Complex Child*. Presented at the Minnesota Speech Hearing Association (MSHA). Virtual Presentation.
- Dawson, M.** (February, 2019). *Chasing the Swallow: Best Practices for EI Pediatric Dysphagia*. Presented at the South Carolina Speech Language Hearing Association (SCSHA). Greenville, SC.
- Dawson, M.** (July 2018). *Pediatric Oropharyngeal Dysphagia: A Tour of the Brain/Mouth/Gut Connection*. Presented at the Florida Speech Hearing Association. Naples, FL.
- Dawson, M.** (March, 2018). *Chasing the Swallow: Best Practices for EI Pediatric Dysphagia*. Presented at the Speech Hearing Association of Virginia (SHAV). Williamsburg, VA.
- Dawson, M.** (March, 2018). *EI Best Practices for the Medically Fragile and Complex Child*. Presented at the Speech Hearing Association of Virginia (SHAV). Williamsburg, VA.

Scholarly Presentations- Peer Reviewed

- Dawson, M.,** Forward, E., et al. (June 2018-Current). *First Bite: Fed, Fun, Functional*. Presented at SpeechTherapyPD.com. Weekly virtual presentation with currently over 235+ episodes and counting.
- Dawson, M.,** Gonzalez, T., Justice, E., Larson, K., Scott, A., & Rosen, R. (November, 2023). *From the Cradle to the Classroom – Interprofessional Practice for PFDs*. Accepted for presentation at American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Annual Convention. Boston, MA.

- Dawson, M.** (February-April, 2023). *Pediatric Feeding Disorder: An Hors D'oeuvres of Current Evidenced-Based Practice*. Presented at SpeechTherapyPD.com. Virtual Presentation.
- Dawson, M.,** Forward, E., Richmond, M. (February, 2023). *SCSHA Praxis Bowl 2023: Students vs Faculty vs Clinicians*. Accepted for presentation at the South Carolina Speech-Hearing Association (SCSHA) Annual Convention. Charleston, SC.
- Caldwell, K., **Dawson, M.** (February, 2023). *Enthusiastic Ethics, Reporting, and Being Confidentially Confident*. Accepted for presentation at the South Carolina Speech-Hearing Association (SCSHA) Annual Convention. Charleston, SC.
- Dawson, M.** (February, 2023). *Empowering Early Intervention SLPS and Caregivers with AAC*. Accepted for presentation at the South Carolina Speech-Hearing Association (SCSHA) Annual Convention. Charleston, SC.
- Dawson, M.** (January, 2023). *Caregiver Coaching for Pediatric Feeding Disorder*. Presented at SpeechTherapyPD.com. Virtual Presentation.
- Dawson, M.** (November, 2022). *Feeding Tubes: Friends Not Foes for Pediatric Feeding Disorders*. Accepted for presentation at American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Annual Convention. New Orleans, LA.
- Barewal, R. and **Dawson, M.** (October, 2022). *Finding the Right Fit: Transitional Foods and Texture Preferences in Pediatric Feeding Disorders*. Presented at SpeechTherapyPD.com. Virtual Presentation.
- Dawson, M.** (August, 2022). *Escaping the Silo: How to Embrace Interprofessional Practice for Pediatric Feeding Disorders*. Presented at SpeechTherapyPD.com. Virtual Presentation.
- Dawson, M.** (July, 2022). *Connecting the Dots: How Etiologies Drive EBP Treatment of Pediatric Feeding Disorders*. Presented at SpeechTherapyPD.com. Virtual Presentation.
- Dawson, M.,** Forward, E., Garcia, R., Neal, A, West, K. (June, 2022). *Pediatric Feeding Disorder within the Public Schools*. Presented at SpeechTherapyPD.com. Virtual Presentation.
- Dawson, M.** (June, 2022). *Feeding Tubes and Pediatric Feeding Disorders: Friends Not Foes*. Presented at SpeechTherapyPD.com. Virtual Presentation.
- Dawson, M.** (May, 2022). *Quality Intervention with Infants and Toddlers via Caregiver Coaching and Empowerment*. Presented at SpeechTherapyPD.com. Virtual Presentation.
- Dawson, M.,** and Barewal, R. (November, 2021). *Finding the Right Fit: Transitional Foods and Texture Preferences in Pediatric Feeding Disorder*. Presented at the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) Annual Convention. Washington D.C.
- Dawson, M.** (June, 2021). *Chasing the Swallow: The Truth, Science, and Hope for Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing Disorders*. Presented at SpeechTherapyPD.com. Virtual Presentation.
- Dawson, M.** (November, 2020). *Functional Approaches to Evaluation and Treatment of Pediatric Feeding Disorders: A Seminar from First Bite*. Presented at Speechtherapypd.com. Virtual Presentation.
- Dawson, M.** and Ratz, M. (April, 2020). *Talking Teletherapy: How Do I Evaluate and Treat a Pediatric Feeding Disorder*. Presented at Speechtherapypd.com. Virtual Presentation.
- Dawson, M.** (February, 2020). *Infantile Spasms and Pediatric Swallowing Disorders*. Presented at the South Carolina Speech-Hearing Association (SCSHA) Convention. Columbia, SC.
- Dawson, M.** (October, 2018). *Pediatric Dysphagia: Establishing the Brain-Mouth-Gut Connection*. Presented at PESI, INC. Virtual Presentation.
- Dawson, M.** (May, 2017). *Quality Interventions with Infants and Toddlers*. Presented at Video Continuing Education, LLC. Virtual Presentation.
- Dawson, M.** (April, 2017). *A Closer Look at Down Syndrome and Pediatric Dysphagia*. Presented at Video Continuing Education, LLC. Virtual Presentation.
- Dawson, M.** (February, 2017). *Considerations for Feeding and Swallowing with Infants, Toddlers, and Young Children who have Down Syndrome*. Presented at the South Carolina Speech-Hearing Association Convention. Myrtle Beach, SC.

Nationwide Volunteer Work

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)

- Current Member and Member of Special Interest Group 13: Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders (Dysphagia)
- ASHA Convention Planning Committee:
 - 2024 Topic Chair for Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing Disorder Track
 - 2023 Topic Chair for Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing Disorder Track
 - 2022 Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing Disorder Track
 - 2021 Inaugural Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing Disorder Track
- ASHA Leadership Development Program Candidate Reviewer: 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020
- ASHA Early Career Professional Candidate Reviewer: 2023

American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation

- Graduate Student Scholarship Candidate Reviewer: 2022

Asian Pacific Island Speech-Language-Hearing Caucus (ASHA API Caucus)

- Current Member: 2023

Communication Disorder Foundation of Virginia (CDF)

- Current Board of Trustee Member: 2023

Dysphagia Outreach Project (DOP)

- Pediatric Feeding Disorder (PFD) and Dysphagia Application Reviewer: 2023, 2022
- Understanding Dysphagia: Hosted a nine-part podcast miniseries regarding dysphagia across the life continuum, during “Dysphagia Awareness Month” in June of 2021, as a fundraiser for Dysphagia Outreach Project.

Dysphagia Research Society (DRS)

- Current Member: 2022-present

Feeding Matters, LLC

- Course Moderator at International Pediatric Feeding Disorder Conference: 2022, 2021
- Digital Outreach Committee: 2023
- Invited Pre-Conference Speaker at International Pediatric Feeding Disorder Conference 2022
- Various Policy Reviewer/Volunteer Consultant: 2023, 2022, 2021
- Virtual Community Host: 2022, 2021

National Black Association for Speech-Language and Hearing (NBASLH)

- Current Member: 2023

National Foundation of Swallowing Disorders (NFOSD)

- Current Member
- Interactive Cookbook Planner: 2023, 2022
- Co-host of Pediatric Swallowing and Support Group: October 2022

Speech-Language-Hearing Association of Virginia (SHAV)

- Current Member: 2023-present
- Chair of Dysphagia and Pediatric Feeding Disorder Special Interest Group
- Convention Planning Committee for the 2024 Convention

South Carolina Speech, Language, Hearing Association (SCSHA)

- Current Member: 2014-present
- Co-Chair and Chair of Babynet Committee 2022-2023
- Past President of SCSHA 2019-2020
- President of SCSHA 2018-2019
- President Elect of SCSHA 2017-2018 and Convention Chair 2018
- President Elect-Elect of SCSHA 2016-2017 and SCSHA Convention Co-Chair 2016-2017
- Vice President of Governmental Affairs SCSHA 2015-2017

Licenses/Certifications

American Board of Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders (ABSSD)

- Board Certified Specialists in Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders
- Awarded Septer 2023

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) #140281715

- Valid through 12/31/2023
- Member of Special Interest Group 13: Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders (Dysphagia)

Virginia Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology # 2202005959

- Valid through 6/2024

South Carolina Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (SC LLR) #5011

- Valid through 03/31/2025

The Academy of Lactation Policy and Practice (ALPP) #316572

- Certified Lactation Counselor (CLC)
- Valid through 06/30/2025