

Name	Session & Presentation Title	Financial Disclosure	Non-Financial Disclosure	Biography
Kathryn Dowd	Keynote #1: Diabetes, Audiology, & Interprofessional Collaboration	None.	None.	<p>Dr. Kathy Dowd received her undergraduate BA in French Education from Spalding University, MEd in Audiology from University of Louisville and AuD from Salus University. In the last few years Dr. Kathy Dowd has worked to raise the awareness of chronic disease and ototoxic medications and the comorbid impact on hearing loss and risk of falls. Her work on these emerging issues has focused on diabetes educators, state agencies for chronic disease, hearing loss and fall prevention, as well as federal agencies such as Centers for Disease Control and Healthy People. Her background over the past 40 years is varied: educational audiology at the school system and state levels, as well as private practice in ENT and proprietary clinics. Dr. Dowd is presently the executive director of the Audiology Project (TAP), a nonprofit organization working with national audiology professional organizations to define a medical management model of audiological care. She is assisting formation of TAP state cohorts to educate and collaborate with state agencies and local diabetes care medical professionals.</p>
Alicia Spoor	Short Course #1: Telehealth Applications in Audiology	Employee of Designer Audiology, LLC and Gallaudet	President, Consortium Committee Member, Political	Alicia D.D. Spoor, Au.D. is the Audiologist and President of Designer Audiology, LLC in Highland, MD. She earned her Doctor of Audiology degree

		University; speaking fee provided by Amphifon Elite and Maryland Academy of Audiology.	Committee Member, HCEC Representative for the Academy of Doctors of Audiology; Legislative Chair for the Maryland Academy of Audiology, Alternative Representative for the Audiology Quality Consortium, Advisory Board Member for the Osborne College of Audiology, Salus University.	from Gallaudet University in 2006. After being employed at the Mayo Clinic Arizona and two Maryland-based private practices, she opened her own practice in 2014. Dr. Spoor is currently the President for the Academy of Doctors of Audiology, adjunct faculty at Gallaudet University, and Legislative Chair for the Maryland Academy of Audiology. Dr. Spoor was named the first recipient of the Craig W. Johnson Advocacy Award from the Academy of Doctors of Audiology in 2015.
Douglas Beck	Short Course #1: Pragmatic Noise Reduction Issues and Outcomes	Employee of Oticon	None.	Dr. Beck earned his master's degree at the University of Buffalo (1984) and his doctorate from the University of Florida. He began his career in Los Angeles at the House Ear Institute in cochlear implant research and intraoperative cranial nerve monitoring. By 1988, he was Director of Audiology at Saint Louis University. In 1996, he co-founded a multi-office dispensing practice in St Louis. In 1999, he became President and Editor-In-Chief of AudiologyOnline.com, SpeechPathology.com and HealthyHearing.com. Dr. Beck

				<p>joined Oticon in 2005 as Director of Professional Relations. From 2008 through 2015, he served as Web Content Editor for the American Academy of Audiology (AAA). In 2016, Beck became Senior Editor for Clinical Research at the Hearing Review and was appointed adjunct Clinical Professor of Communication Disorders & Sciences at the State University of New York at Buffalo. In 2017, he became the Executive Director of Academic Sciences for Oticon. Dr. Beck is among the most prolific authors in audiology with 170 published articles and more than 1200 abstracts, interviews and op-eds written for the AAA (2008-2015) and Audiology Online (1999-2005) addressing a wide variety of audiology and professional topics.</p>
Michael Brown	Speed Dating with Vendors/Financial Support	Employee of Audigy Group.	None.	<p>Michael Brown boasts a strong background in both retail and banking, with a proven track record for driving results in multiple leadership positions. He brings with him experience in facilities management, application support, vendor risk management, fraud protection, and business-continuity planning. Mike holds his degree in marketing from Washington State University. For more than seven years, Mike has had a passion for the families of Nicaragua. He has raised over \$5,000 and has traveled to Nicaragua on six humanitarian trips (and counting). He enjoys fitness</p>

				and recently placed in the top five at the Northwest Royal Natural Bodybuilding Competition in Issaquah, Washington. He loves to travel and learn new things.
Sarah Steele	Speed Dating with Vendors/Financial Support	None.	None.	Sarah Steele is a Clinical Territory Manager for Cochlear Americas. She serves the MD/DC area. In her role, Sarah provides clinic and surgical support, as well as training and education, for professionals and candidates/recipients for both CI and Baha. She earned her Doctorate in Audiology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.
Sun Young Lee	Speed Dating with Vendors/Financial Support	Commission from GSI, Interacoustics, Micromedical, MedRx, and Audioscan (E3).	None.	Sun Young Lee is a licensed audiology with about 10 years of clinical experience.
Ryan Horan	Speed Dating with Vendors/Financial Support	Employee of Widex.	Has received in-kind donations of hearing aids for colleagues.	Ryan Horan graduated from Salus University in 2009 and has since held audiological positions ranging from clinical audiologist, trainer and sales representative. He currently is the Regional Sales Manager at Widex USA and covers Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and Washington, DC. Ryan is passionate about hearing loss, as he suffers from a severe to profound hearing loss himself. He served as the President of the Pennsylvania Academy of Audiology in 2015. When not working, Ryan enjoys golf, Penn State football and spending time with his wife, Zoe and their two sons, Henry and Harrison.
Matt	Speed Dating with	Employee of	None.	Matt Swieczkowski graduated

Swieczkowski	Vendors/Financial Support	Fuel Medical.		from the University of Maine with a focus in Business and Communications. He got his start in the Audiology industry in late 2010 working with private practices across the country in a variety of roles.
Alexanna Rodgers	Speed Dating with Vendors/Financial Support	Employee of MED-EL Corporation.	None.	Alexanna Rodgers, MS, CCC-SLP graduated with her Master's in Speech and Hearing Sciences in 2013 from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. It was during her graduate studies that she developed a passion for working with infants and toddlers with hearing loss and their families. She's spent the majority of her career as an early intervention Speech-Language Pathologist, first in Chicago, IL with Child's Voice School and later with TEIS Inc. in Pittsburgh, PA her hometown where she currently resides. Mrs. Rodgers is now employed by MED-EL Corporation as Consumer Engagement Manager for the Northeast US. Alexanna travels extensively to train educators and therapists, support current MED-EL recipients and counsel cochlear implant candidates on MED-EL's technology and BRIDGE rehabilitation resources.
Jen Hutchinson	Speed Dating with Vendors/Financial Support	Employee of Oticon, Inc.	None.	Jen Hutchison is the Oticon Account Manager in Maryland, Washington D.C., and Northern Virginia. Her clinical experience includes working with children and adults, primarily in audiological diagnostics, balance evaluation and treatment and amplification. Jen earned her Au.D. from

				Gallaudet University after completing her bachelors in hearing and speech sciences at University of Maryland, College Park. With over twelve years working for Oticon, Jen brings clinical and industry knowledge to support the needs of the professional partners in the MD, DC and VA audiology communities.
Alison Sabbar	Speed Dating with Vendors/Financial Support	Employee of Oticon Medical.	None.	Alison received a Bachelor's degree in Communication Disorders from the University of Pittsburgh. She received her Master's degree in Audiology from the University of Virginia and her Doctorate of Audiology from the University of Florida. She has worked as a clinical audiologist for over 15 years in a variety of settings. She has extensive experience working with cochlear implants, auditory brainstem implants, and bone anchored hearing devices. She currently holds the position of Clinical Regional Territory Manager for Oticon Medical and lives in Pennsylvania.
Lauren Dickstein	Speed Dating with Vendors/Financial Support	Employee of Sivantos/Signia.	None.	Dr. Lauren Dickstein is a Clinical Educational Specialist for Sivantos, Inc. She trains customers on products, software, and services. She has 16 years of experience working in audiology clinics, including ENT and hospital settings. For 7 years, she supervised the outpatient audiology clinic and the newborn hearing screening program for Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C., prior to joining Sivantos. Lauren received both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the

				University of Maryland, College Park, and her doctorate degree from A.T. Still University's Arizona School of Health Sciences.
Jim Skjeveland	Speed Dating with Vendors/Financial Support	None.	None.	<p>Jim Skjeveland received a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) from Mankato State University in Minnesota and a Master of Business Administration from Mount St. Mary's University in Maryland. Mr. Skjeveland, who is hearing, wife is dead with a Cochlear Implant as well as his step-daughter has a progressive hearing loss. He is active in the community. He started his career teaching elementary-aged students with special needs at the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf (MSAD), and then began working for Sprint in 1993. In 1995, Mr. Skjeveland was hired by Communication Service for the Deaf as the Senior Vice President of Call Center Operations. In 2009, he returned to Sprint as a Senior Client Director. In total, Mr. Skjeveland has over 25 years of experience in the relay industry serving customers with a hearing loss.</p> <p>Mr. Skjeveland's current position includes working closely with government relay customers and others who could benefit from Sprint's broad range of accessibility products and services such as Sprint CapTel. Mr. Skjeveland works with Audiologists and other service providers to share the benefits of offering Spring CapTel as a communication</p>

				solution to those with hearing loss.
Ryan Malkiewicz	Speed Dating with Vendors/Financial Support	Employee of Starkey Hearing Technologies.	None.	<p>Ryan Malkiewicz, Au.D, joined Starkey Hearing Technologies in 2016 as a Field Sales Representative for the Maryland, DC, Virginia region.</p> <p>He graduated with B.A. degrees in history and political science from Virginia Tech and earned his Au.D from Nova Southeastern University in Florida. Prior to joining Starkey, Ryan practiced at the American Institute of Balance (AIB) in Largo, FL, under the direction of Richard Gans, Ph.D.</p> <p>While at AIB, he helped to lead workshops focused on vestibular assessment and management in addition to supervising several externs and collecting data for research conducted by Interacoustics.</p>
Jessica Dancis	Speed Dating with Vendors/Financial Support	Employee of Unitron.	None.	<p>Jessica Dancis, M.A., is the Senior Regional Sales manager for Unitron. Jessica graduated from the University of Maryland with a M.A. in Audiology in 1997. Jessica is licensed in Maryland and Virginia and also holds ASHA certification. Prior</p>

				to working at Unitron, Jessica worked in several practices where she conducted audiological evaluations of adults, elderly, and children.
Mary Neill	Speed Dating with Vendors/Financial Support	Employee of Audio Technology Specialists.	None.	Mary Neill is an Audiologist and works for Audio Technology Specialists an audiological equipment and supplies distributor. Dr. Neill received her Au.D. from the University of Florida in 2003 and her M.A. in Audiology from The Ohio State University in 1990. Before joining Audio Technology, she worked as a Clinical Trainer for Phonak based in Columbus Ohio. Prior to this she worked in audiological equipment distribution and training and as a Clinical Trainer for an equipment manufacturer. Mary worked for 13 years as a Clinical Audiologist in the Otolaryngology Division of Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. Her clinical experience includes audiological evaluation of all ages, including hearing aid evaluation and fitting with on-ear verification measures. She also performed electrophysiologic and vestibular evaluations.
Jenna Ferris	Speed Dating with Vendors/Financial Support	Employee of CaptionCall.	None.	<i>Jenna Ferris is an account manager for CaptionCall and services the the greater Baltimore Area, the Eastern shore as well as the Bethesda and Rockville areas. In this role, Jenna Promotes the</i>

				<p><i>CaptionCall phone and service by demonstrating the product, explaining how it enriches lives as well as building and managing Provider accounts. Prior to joining CaptionCall, Jenna managed three hearing aid centers--overseeing patient hearing aid repairs as well as facilitating and coordinating patient ENT needs and insurance billing. Being an account manager with CaptionCall allows Jenna to fulfill her passion for helping people with hearing loss communicate and stay active and healthy.</i></p>
Asia Johnson	Speed Dating with Vendors/Financial Support	None.	Contractor for Maryland Relay and employee of Hamilton Relay.	<p>Instructional personnel will be a Maryland Relay Outreach Coordinator. Maryland Relay was established in 1991 to serve Marylanders who have difficulty using a standard telephone. We provide a vast array of solutions to meet the diverse needs of our State, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calling Options- If you, or a loved one, is Deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened, DeafBlind, or has cognitive, mobility or speech difficulty, Maryland Relay offers many

				<p>free calling options that enable you to make and receive calls.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telecommunications Equipment Provided by the State - Maryland Relay provides assistive telecommunications equipment to qualified Marylanders. Free training may also be available. • Community Outreach - Maryland Relay staff members are active in educating the community about Relay services and assistive equipment through presentations, school programs, community events, business partnerships, and more. <p>Maryland Relay is administered by Telecommunications Access of Maryland and is guided by the Governor's Advisory Board of Telecommunications Relay. The services Maryland Relay provides are funded by the Universal Service Trust Fund (USTF).</p>
Alyssa Ricevuto	Speed Dating with Vendors/Financial Support	Employee of Phonak.	None.	<p>Alyssa Ricevuto is a Clinical Trainer at Phonak US. She joined Phonak in 2017, after working in the private practice/ENT setting for ten years. Dr. Ricevuto received an undergraduate degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders along with a minor in Gerontology from the University of Connecticut. She then received her Doctor of Audiology degree from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in 2007. Her clinical experience includes</p>

				<p>vestibular testing, VEMP, and ABR testing, as well as the selection and fitting of hearing aids and assistive devices. Dr. Ricevuto is also certified in tinnitus therapy using the Jastreboff method. Dr. Ricevuto is a member of the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association and is a fellow of the American Academy of Audiology.</p>
Katherine Pick	Speed Dating with Vendors/Financial Support	Employee of ReSound US.	None.	<p>Dr. Kate Pick holds a Doctor of Audiology degree from Gallaudet University in Washington, DC. She is a nationally certified audiologist by the American Speech and Hearing Association and is licensed in the state of Maryland. Dr. Pick has over 18 years of experience in the field. Prior to joining ReSound over 11 years ago, she worked in various clinical settings including fast-paced hospital clinics and a non-profit speech and hearing center caring for patients of all ages. She has experience working with all styles and levels of digital technology as well as cochlear implants, bone-anchored hearing solutions and educational assistive listening devices. Currently, she is the Pediatric Account Manager for ReSound.</p>
Regina Presley	Short Course #2: Who Knew? A Cochlear Implant Review	Employee of GBMC.	Principal Investigator of Cochlear	<p>Dr. Presley received her Bachelor of Science and Masters of Science degrees from Towson State University and her Doctorate of Audiology from A.T. Still University. She completed her Clinical Fellowship Year at the Kennedy Krieger Institute. She has directed audiological services for</p>

				<p>the Infants and Toddlers Program in Anne Arundel County and the Comprehensive Hearing Center, a division of Ear, Nose & Throat Associates. Dr. Presley has lectured and presented on Audiology topics, including hearing screening for infants, central auditory processing disorders and cochlear implant technology on a local and national level. Dr. Presley has developed tools to assess adult quality of life and expectations pre- and post-implantation. Research focus has included evaluating quality of life in cochlear implant recipients, hybrid cochlear implant technology, improving accessibility, usability and performance and development of a new CI delivery model. She is currently the Senior Cochlear Implant Audiologist and Program Coordinator for the Cochlear Implant Center at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center.</p>
<p>Juliette Sterkens</p>	<p>Short Course #2: Hey Doc! Do My Hearing Aids Have Telecoils?</p>	<p>Consulting fee provided by the Hearing Loss Association of America</p>	<p>Member of Hearing Loss Association of America, Member of the National "Get in the Hearing Loop" Taskforce, and she is convinced that hearing loops are the best public assistive listening</p>	<p>Juliëtte Sterkens has 35 years of experience in the field of audiology and hearing rehabilitation. Trained in the Netherlands as a Speech-Language Pathologist, she switched to study audiology in 1981 after moving to the U.S. After attending a Hearing Loss Association of Wisconsin event, she discovered how hearing loops made a huge difference to her patients in Oshkosh WI. In 2012 she retired from her private practice to become HLAA's hearing loop advocate. She has</p>

			system for users of hearing aids.	<p>lectured in Norway, the UK, Canada, Germany and extensively in the US, as well as authored articles on the topic of telecoils, hearing loops and hearing accessibility. Her efforts have led to nearly 700 loop installations in Wisconsin, including some 370 churches and many more around the county. For her work she received the Wisconsin Audiologist of the Year, Arizona School of Health Sciences 2013 Humanitarian of the Year and the American Academy of Audiology Presidential Awards.</p>
Richard Gans	Keynote #2: Vestibular Evaluation & Management Across the Lifespan	Honorarium from the Maryland Academy of Audiology.	None.	<p>Founder and executive director of The American Institute of Balance, one of the largest balance centers in the U.S.A. Dr. Gans received his Ph.D. from The Ohio State University in Auditory-Vestibular Physiology. For over 20 years has been a leader in the development of vestibular evaluation and rehabilitation techniques, including tests of oscillopsia and postural stability as well as BPPV treatment. He has presented or published over 150 programs and papers worldwide in the area of equilibrium disorders. He is the author of 8 textbook chapters and texts ranging from diagnostic vestibular testing, vestibular rehabilitation, BPPV treatments and pediatric vestibular evaluation. Thieme Medical Publishers will publish his upcoming textbook, Evaluation and Management of Balance Disorders in Children and Adults. His most current</p>

				<p>research is in the areas of pediatrics, migraine and psychiatric aspects of dizziness. Dr. Gans served as the President of the American Academy of Audiology (2004-2005) and continues to be active in professional and governmental issues. He is an adjunct professor at Nova Southeastern University and the University of South Florida.</p>
Ronna Hertzano	Short Course #3: Genetics & Hearing Loss	None.	Member of the Hearing Restoration Project.	<p>I am an otolaryngologist surgeon-scientist at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. My clinical practice focuses on the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the ear, with an emphasis on hearing restoration. As such, I see and treat patients of all ages that suffer from hereditary and non-hereditary auditory and vestibular dysfunction. Sixty percent of my time is dedicated to research, where my goal is to make significant contributions towards the treatment of congenital and acquired auditory and vestibular dysfunction. Towards hearing restoration, I work to unravel the regulatory signaling cascades that lead to the proper development of the ear and specifically the hair cells. My team develops and applies a variety of approaches for cell type-specific genomic analyses of the ear. We couple the results of these studies with informatics analyses to identify key regulators of gene expression in hair cell development, and cell type-specific signaling cascades in acquired hearing loss (e.g., noise</p>

				induced hearing loss). More recently, to facilitate dissemination, sharing and analysis of multi-omics data we developed the gEAR portal – gene Expression Analysis Resource (UMgEAR.org).
Nicholas Reed	Short Course #3: Hearing Loss & Cognitive Decline: A Public Health Perspective	None.	None.	Nicholas Reed is an asst professor of audiology on a National Institutes of Health K12 grant at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and core faculty at the Cochlear Center for Hearing and Public Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He received his clinical doctorate in audiology from Towson University and completed his clinical fellowship at Georgetown University Hospital. His interests include the interaction of hearing loss and cognition, the effect of amplification on gerontologic outcome measures, and novel hearing healthcare delivery.
Richard Gans	Short Course #4: Cortical vs. Labyrinthine Concussion: What Every Audiologist Needs to Know	Honorarium from the Maryland Academy of Audiology.	None.	See above.
Melissa Kokx-Ryan	Short Course #4: Low Gain Amplification for Mild Hearing Losses	None.	None.	Melissa Kokx-Ryan received her Au.D. from Gallaudet University and is an audiologist at the National Intrepid Center of Excellence (NICoE) at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC). She is a current Ph.D. candidate at Gallaudet University with a research focus on the study of auditory processing deficits, traumatic brain injury, hearing aid applications, and hidden

				hearing loss. She was previously a research audiologist at the National Military Audiology at Speech Pathology Center at WRNMMC, where she continues to collaborate and remains involved in several ongoing research protocols.
Melina Blasi	Short Course #5: Bone Conduction Implant System(s):Candidacy, Indications, & Applications	None.	Works exclusively with Cochlear Americas bone anchored implants systems.	Melina Blasi earned a Bachelor of Science degree with the double major of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology/Deaf Studies from Towson University in May 2008 and earned a Doctorate of Audiology degree from Towson University in May 2012. She completed her fourth-year externship at Ear, Nose and Throat Associates at GBMC and have continued working there as a clinical audiologist post-graduation. Her areas of interests include general diagnostics, bone conduction implant systems, digital hearing aids, and vestibular testing. She is a member of the American Academy of Audiology and is certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.
LaGuinn Sherlock	Short Course #5: Tinnitus Eval & Management - A Birds' Eye View	Employee of the Department of the Army.	Board Chair of the American Tinnitus Association.	LaGuinn Sherlock is a clinical and research audiologist with over 25 years of experience in the field of audiology. Her educational background includes a Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) from the University of Florida, a Master of Arts in Audiology from the University of Maryland, and a Bachelor of Science in Speech and Hearing from Arizona State University. She established expertise in the evaluation and management of

				<p>tinnitus by attending training courses in Tinnitus Retraining Therapy, Neuromonics Tinnitus Treatment, and Progressive Tinnitus Management and working with thousands of patients with a primary complaint of tinnitus. She currently serves as chair of the board of directors of the American Tinnitus Association. Prior to working for the Army Public Health Service as a research audiologist at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, where she conducts research studies on the efficacy of tinnitus management and the impact of tinnitus on concentration, she spent nearly 20 years working at the University of Maryland Medical Center, home of one of the first tinnitus specialty clinics in the country.</p>
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