

Associate Professor Amy Hadley of Galloway, N.J. Selected for Stuttering Therapy Workshop

Hadley Chosen as One of 15 Speech-Language Pathologists to Attend

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Galloway, N.J. – Amy Hadley, associate professor and director of the Communication Disorders program at Stockton University, was one of only 15 speech-language pathologists chosen to attend an intensive workshop on stuttering therapy.

Hadley, of Galloway, N.J., attended “Treating Children and Adolescents Who Stutter,” in Philadelphia, Pa. from June 13-17, 2016. The workshop featured lectures and presentations on topics including individualizing therapy, speech efficiency and group therapy demonstrations.

“It was an honor to be selected for this experience,” Hadley said. “I learned so much from renowned experts in the field of stuttering. I am already disseminating the information to Stockton graduate students in the Communication Disorders program. I look forward to applying the new information and skills in Stockton's Speech and Hearing Clinic as well.”

“Since 1985, we have conducted intensive workshops in order to increase the pool of speech-language pathologists trained in the latest techniques for the treatment of stuttering,” said Jane Fraser, president of the Stuttering Foundation.

Joe Donaher, of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; Lisa A. Scott, of Florida State University; and Vivian Sisskin, of University of Maryland served as the workshop leaders.

“Those who are selected to participate already have professional experience and have demonstrated a special interest in children who stutter,” Donaher said. “They also are highly motivated. Although the Foundation provides full scholarships, many give up their vacations or part of their income to attend. Our task is to provide a forum where they can hone their skills.”

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The Stuttering Foundation, one of the workshop co-sponsors, estimates that over 3 million Americans stutter. Although no cure exists, a qualified speech clinician can help children and adults make significant progress toward fluent speaking.

The 172 past graduates of the workshop have created a “ripple effect” in their communities, the Foundation noted.

The workshop was sponsored by the Stuttering Foundation, Florida State University and Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia.

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