

Laura A. Droege, Au.D.
Curriculum Vitae

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Citizenship/Visa Information: USA

LANGUAGES

- English

EDUCATION

<u>Year</u>	<u>Institution/Location</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Field of Study</u>
2009-2011	A.T. Still Univ. Mesa, AZ 85206	Au.D.	Audiology
2000-2002	Northern IL Univ. DeKalb, IL 60115	M.A.	Audiology
1996-2000	Univ. of Iowa Iowa City, IA 52242	B.A.	Speech and Hearing Science

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Role</u>
6/2023- present	University of SC, Columbia, SC	Clinical Assistant Professor
<u>Year</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Role</u>
1/2003- 7/2019	Medical University of SC, Charleston, SC	Clinical Instructor

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Academic Title</u>
2018- 2019	Medical University of SC, Charleston, SC	Manager of Hearing Devices

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<u>Year</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1/2003-7/2019	Medical University of SC, Charleston, SC	Diagnose and treat adult and pediatric hearing loss. Manage cases of adult hearing loss. Tinnitus management. Implantable device programming and patient management (both

		cochlear implants and osseointegrated devices). Balance assessment. Auditory Brainstem Response testing.
7/2019-1/2022	Lexington Medical Center, W. Cola, SC	Diagnose and treat adult and pediatric hearing loss. Manage cases of adult and pediatric hearing loss. Tinnitus management. Balance assessment and treatment.
1/2022-6/2023	Palmetto ENT & Allergy, W. Cola, SC	Diagnose and treat adult and pediatric hearing loss. Manage cases of adult and pediatric hearing loss. Tinnitus management.
6/2023-present	University of SC, Columbia, SC	Diagnose and treat adult and pediatric hearing loss. Manage cases of adult and pediatric hearing loss. Cochlear implant candidacy evaluations and programming of cochlear implants. Supervision of audiology and speech-language pathology doctoral students.

INITIATIVES AND INNOVATIONS

- Developed a tinnitus treatment and management program within the Division of Audiology
- Initiated the move from a paper audiogram to an electronic audiogram-worked with various members of the EPIC team.
- Logged hearing aid sales per provider/per location (2006-2015).
- Super User for EPIC team (2019-2022)

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES/ASSOCIATIONS-LOCAL

<u>Year</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Role</u>
Feb. 2004- 2010; Dec. 2016- present	SC Academy of Audiology	Member
2019-2023	SC Academy of Audiology	Executive Board

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES/ASSOCIATIONS-NATIONAL

<u>Year</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Role</u>
January 2019-present	American Cochlear Implant Alliance	Member
May 2003-2020	American Academy of Audiology	Fellow
Sept. 1999- present	American Speech-Language Hearing Assoc.	Member

LICENSES HELD

<u>Year</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Type</u>
Jan. 2003-present	South Carolina Dept. of Labor, License and Regulation	Audiology
Oct. 2003-present	American Speech-Language Hearing Assoc.	Certification of Clinical Competency

HONORS AND AWARDS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Award</u>
2017	Tony Whitson Award for Outstanding Clinical Audiologist (SC Academy of Audiology)
2016	Voted Best of Charleston: Hearing Instrument Specialist
2013	Medical University of SC Applause Award

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name of Committee</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Institution</u>
2019	Hearing Aid Task Force: Third Party Payers and Discount Programs	Co-Chair	MUSC-ENT Division of Audiology
2018-2019	Audiology Retreat: Billing and Coding	Co-Chair	MUSC-ENT Division of Audiology
2018	Electronic Audiogram	Co-Chair	MUSC-ENT Division of Audiology
2018	MUSC Pediatric Audiology Planning Committee	Member	MUSC-ENT Division of Audiology
2016	Audigy On-Boarding	Chair	MUSC-ENT Division of Audiology
2016	MUSC Pediatric Audiology Planning Committee	Member	MUSC-ENT Division of Audiology
2014	MUSC Pediatric Audiology Planning Committee	Member	MUSC-ENT Division of Audiology
2010-2012	MUSC Pediatric Audiology Planning Committee	Member	MUSC-ENT Division of Audiology

TEACHING EXPERIENCE/CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Droege LA (2021) *Hearing aids, Vestibular Testing, and Tinnitus Management*. Lexington Medical Center- Nurse Practitioner Lecture.

Droege LA (2020) *Hearing aids, Vestibular Testing, and Tinnitus Management*. Lexington

- Medical Center- Nurse Practitioner Lecture.
- Droege LA** (2018) *Hearing aids, Osseo-integrated devices, and Tinnitus Management*. Medical University of South Carolina-Otolaryngology 2018 Resident Lecture, Charleston, SC.
- Droege LA** (2015). *Audiology and Hearing Aids*. Medical University of South Carolina-Otolaryngology 2015 Annual Literature Update, Kiawah Island, SC.
- Droege LA** (2013). *Tinnitus and Hyperacusis*. Medical University of South Carolina Adult Audiology Seminar-Communication Connection: Living with Hearing Loss, Mt. Pleasant, SC.
- Droege LA** and Poth EA. (2012). *Audiology and Hearing Aids*. Medical University of South Carolina-Otolaryngology 2012 Annual Literature Update, Kiawah Island, SC.
- Droege, LA** (2012). *Amplification and Tinnitus Treatment*. Medical University of South Carolina-Otolaryngology Resident Lecture, Charleston, SC.
- Droege LA** and Poth EA. (2011). *Audiology and Hearing Aids*. Medical University of South Carolina-Otolaryngology 2011 Annual Literature Update, Kiawah Island, SC.
- Droege LA**. (2010). *Hearing Aid Selection and Fitting*. Medical University of South Carolina Pediatric Audiology Conference: Diagnostic, Rehabilitative, and Educational Considerations for Managing Children with Hearing Loss, Charleston, SC.
- (2010-2014) Each MUSC ENT Resident Physician spent weeks with Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology to observe testing and clinical practice.
- Droege LA** (2005). *Hearing Loss and Hearing Aids*. Bishop Gadsen, Charleston, SC.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Bi-modal solutions for hearing-impaired adults