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**EDUCATION**

**2015-Present**

* PhD Candidate in Neurorehabilitation

Cyprus University of Technology

**2005**

* Master of Science (M.S.) in Communicative Disorders

University of Louisiana at Monroe, USA

**2003**

* Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Communicative Disorders
* University of Louisiana at Monroe, USA

**CURRENT RESEARCH**

1. *Brain Stimulation Efficacy on Working Memory on People with Aphasia*
2. *Working Memory Training Outcomes in People with Aphasia: A systematic review*

**TEACHING**

***Cyprus University of Technology***

**Fall 2016**

* SLT-440: Organization and Management in Speech Therapy Services – Special Scientist
* SLT-490: Clinical Practice III - Clinical Supervisor

**Spring 2017**

 SLT-370: Neurocognitive Rehabilitation – Teaching Assistant

**Fall 2017**

* SLT-310: Aphasia and Related Disorders – Special Scientist
* SLT-440: Organization and Management in Speech Therapy Services – Special Scientist
* SLT-490: Clinical Practice III - Clinical Supervisor

**Spring 2018**

* SLT-395: Clinical Practice II - Clinical Supervisor

**CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

**2006-Present**

* Certified Speech-Language Pathologist *at Speech-Language Pathology and Psychotherapy Center, Limassol, Cyprus.*

I work as a private-practice clinician and as an associate clinician at Ygia Polyclinic, providing individualized speech-language-swallowing (Dysphagia) diagnostics and therapy programs in children and adults. I work with children between the ages of 2 and 12, treating a variety of speech language disorders such as receptive and expressive language disorders, and articulation disorders. I have an extensive clinical experience of over 13 years in the area of rehabilitation of adults with various neurological disorders, including Stroke, Traumatic Brain Injury, Brain Tumour, Parkinson’s Disease, Alzheimer’s Disease, and Multiple Sclerosis. I have treated a range of Speech and Language Therapy Diagnoses such as: Dysarthria, Dyspraxia, Aphasia, Cognitive Communication Disorders, Voice Disorders, and Dysphagia. As a clinical specialist in adult Dysphagia diagnosis, I perform clinical bedside swallowing evaluations as well as Videofluoroscopic examinations - Modified Barium Swallowing Examinations, in adults with swallowing difficulties, followed by individualized therapy implementation. I work closely with Doctors, Therapists, Dietitians, Nurses, Psychotherapists, Assistants, and Families in order to achieve the best outcome for each individual. Educational sessions are provided on an as needed basis to other professionals and families.

**2005-2006**

* Speech-Language Pathologist at *Monroe City Schools, USA Education Department, Monroe, Louisiana, U.S.A.*

Performed standardized tests and clinical screenings in elementary-age children. Planned therapy activities and performed clinical treatment plans in elementary-age children with language, articulation, voice, and stuttering disorders, mostly with children with severe/profound disabilities and Autism.

**2005-2006**

* Speech-Language Pathologist at *Synergy Care Rehabilitation Services, Northeast LA, U.S.A.*

Organized and performed screenings, standardized tests, baselines, and treatment plans for swallowing and communication disorders in adults during post-acute care while residing at rehabilitation centers.

**2005**

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| * Clinical intern – Speech Therapist at *North Monroe Rehabilitation Center, Monroe, Louisiana, USA.*
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| Performed standardized tests in adults; performed and analysed Modified Barium Swallowing evaluations; planned therapy activities and performed clinical treatment plans in adults for language/aphasia, articulation, voice, and swallowing disorders. |

**2005**

* Clinical intern – Speech Therapist at *Berg Jones Elementary, Barkdull Faulk Elementary, and Pupil Appraisal Offices, Monroe, Louisiana, USA.*

Performed standardized tests and screenings in elementary-age children; planned therapy activities and performed clinical treatment plans in elementary-age children with disorders of language, articulation, voice, and fluency; planned and performed clinical treatment plans in the profoundly severe classrooms, including mental retardation, Traumatic Brain Injury, Down Syndrome, and Autism; participated in sign-language activities with children with Autism.

**PRESENTATIONS**

* Economidou, D. K. (2015, Dec.). ***Treatment Applications of Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation***. Oral resentation at 1st Mediterranean Science Festival, Limassol, Cyprus.

**CERTIFICATIONS**

**2015**

* *Certification in Neuromuscular Electric Stimulation (NMES) for Dysphagia*

**2013**

* *Certification in Oral Placement Therapy (OPT)*

**2010**

* *Certification in Comprehensive Management of Dysphagia*
* *Certification in Treatment and Education of Autistic and related Communication handicapped Children/adults (T.E.A.A.CH.)*

**2009**

* *Certified as a Brain Injury Specialist by the Brain Injury Association of America*
* *Certification in Lee Silverman Voice Treatment ("LSVT® LOUD")*

**2006**

* *Certification in Clinical Competence by ASHA*
* *Certification in DynaVox series 4*

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

* Cyprus Association of Registered Speech-Language Pathologists
* Cyprus Registration Council of Speech-Language Pathologists
* Cyprus Dyslexia Association
* American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

2015: Aphasia Research Writing Workshop - COST Action: IS1208, Glasgow, Scotland

2014: *5th International Conference of Language Disorders in Greek,* Limassol, CY

2012: 2-day Training Seminar *Get going with Fluency: The Swindon model,* London, UK

2011: 2-day Training Seminar - *Modified Barium Swallowing Impairment* *Profile*, Dr. Bonnie Martin-Harris, Edinburgh, Scotland.

2011: *Training Seminar on Speech Sound Disorders: The Basics and Beyond II*, Dr. Caroline Bowen, London, UK.

2009: Training Seminar - “*Colour, Sound, Movement, & Exercise in Acquiring Learning*”

2008: Training Seminar - “*Orofacial Regulation Therapy (ORT) within the Castillo Morales Concept*”

2007: *11th Panhellenic Association of Logopedists Conference*, Athens, Greece

2007: Training Seminar - *Speech Language Development for Children with Down Syndrome*, London, UK.

2007: Training Seminar - *Theories of Phonological Development and their Clinical Implementation*.

2005: ASHA National Convention – San Diego, California, USA

2005: International Dyslexia Conference, Limassol, Cyprus

2004: ASHA National Convention – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

2003: ASHA National Convention – Chicago, Illinois, USA