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Jennifer Listenberger, AuD

Meet one of our West County Audiologists. Jennifer Listenberger is from Philadelphia, PA and earned her **Master's** degree in **Audiology** from **Temple University** and practiced in Baltimore, Maryland after receiving her degree. She earned her **Au.D.** from **George Osborne School of Audiology** in 2009. Jennifer moved to St. Louis in 2000 and has been with Washington University School of Medicine since 2001. Her practice interests include amplification and student supervision. She lives in Manchester, MO

with her husband and son. She enjoys travelling to the East coast as much as possible but also enjoys exploring the sites and beauty of Missouri. She is involved in Cub Scouts and when time allows, tries to keep her skills up in Scuba Diving.



Amanda Ortmann, PhD

STAFF NEWS:

- **Congratulations to Amanda Ortmann, PhD!** Mandy received her **Doctorate of Philosophy in Communication Science and Disorders** from the **University of Pittsburgh** on April 29, 2012. Her dissertation was titled: **“The impact of spectrally asynchronous delay on the intelligibility of**

conversational speech”.

- **Diane Duddy, AuD** presented on **“Hearing Looping”**, **March 2012** to the local chapter of the **Hearing Loss Association of America.**

SERVICES:

- Washington University and Barnes Jewish Hospital continue to offer Audiology services to the **inpatients of BJH.** If you or someone you know need hearing or hearing aid services while in the hospital, please let your physician know.
- Both **West County** and **Center for Advanced Medicine** sites offer a **free hearing aid orientation class** to any interested parties. Please call 314-362-7489 for more information.
- **Audiology newsletters** (current and previous issues) are available online at: **hearing.wustl.edu** Please call Jen Listenberger at: 432-4110 to add or remove your name from the newsletter.

- Visit our **Facebook page “Washington University Adult Audiology”** and “like” us—let us keep you up to date for current **hearing aid technology, hearing assistance devices, current legislation related to audiology, staff news, etc.**

DISCOUNTS:

- **5% BJC plus/Oasis member discount** on the purchase of new hearing aids (earmolds not included). Please tell us you are a member when ordering your new hearing aid(s) or call 314-362-7587 to become a member today.
- **Washington University faculty and family receive 15% discount** on the purchase of new hearing aids (earmolds not included). Please tell us if this discount applies when you are ordering your hearing aids.

BATTERY ALERT:

Recently, hearing aid battery manufacturers have switched to **mercury free zinc air batteries** in order to save the environment. These batteries all require a 1-2 minute start up time to reach their full charge. Once the tab has been removed, set the battery aside for **1-2 minutes** prior to inserting it. If you do not wait you will not harm the hearing aids; however, you may find the hearing aid doesn't seem to work or is intermittent.

RESEARCH NEWS:

The Washington University Hearing Aid Research Laboratory has been busy completing several projects this summer and fall. The projects have included examining new **BICROS** hearing aid technology to examine whether patients prefer the newer technology that now includes noise reduction and whether patients perform better in background noise.

The laboratory has been examining a new **bone anchored hearing aid by Oticon Medical** called the **Ponto Pro** to determine patient benefit in background noise and also perceived patient benefit.

If you are interested in learning more about our research projects please contact **Kristi Oeding** at **314-362-7496** or at loed-ingk@ent.wustl.edu.

NEW WEBSITE:

Check out our new website at: <http://hearing.wustl.edu>. **Alison Brockmeyer, AuD has been diligently working on updating the website to make it user friendly for our patients and prospective patients.** We hope you find it helpful.



TELEPHONES:



Are you experiencing difficulty hearing on the phone? We have many options for cell phone and landline telephones.

- **Illinois Telephone Assistance Program (ILTAP)** provides free land line amplified or TTY telephones to residents of Illinois with hearing loss.
- **Missouri Telephone Assistance Program (MOTAP)** provides free landline amplified or TTY telephones to Missouri residents with hearing loss that also meet income criteria.

Talk to your audiologist about options for cell phones and landline phones.

MISOPHONIA:

Do you struggle with annoyance to certain sounds? Often those with Misophonia describe **chewing, breathing, pencil tapping**, etc. type sounds as very difficult to tolerate. **Cognitive behavior therapy** along with **sound generators** to reduce the awareness of the sound may be beneficial. Call 314-362-7489 to schedule an appointment.