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For Your Information – July 16, 2015

## Audiology and Speech Pathology faculty members awarded new grants

– Over the past month, **Naveen Nagaraj** and **Sam Atcherson**, faculty members in the Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology, have been notified that their grant applications have been approved for funding.

- Beula Magimairaj, Natalie Benafield, and **Naveen Nagaraj**. *Central auditory processing disorder (CAPD): Moving the science forward through interdisciplinary collaborative research integrating hearing, language, and cognitive science*. Hearing Health Foundation, \$30,000

This project is an interdisciplinary effort to lay the foundation for a new assessment of Central Auditory Processing Disorder in children. The investigators will develop a test that includes the key and most sensitive measures that can help build an initial profile of a child's source(s) of difficulties. When developed, the test will serve as an important front-end tool for speech-language pathologists and audiologists for differential diagnosis and for directing parents towards appropriate management resources. Developing an assessment that will validly characterize the abilities of affected children is a multi-stage enterprise and this project is a critical first step. Dr. Magimairaj and Dr. Benafield are faculty members at the University of Central Arkansas

- Poorna Kushalnagar and **Samuel Atcherson**. *PROMIS-Deaf: Inclusion of Deaf Patients in Disability and Outcomes Research*. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development RO1 award, \$88,054 (sub-award)

This 5-year project will take materials from the National Institutes of Health's Patient Reported Outcome Measure Information System (PROMIS; [www.nihpromis.org](http://www.nihpromis.org)) and adapt them into American Sign Language for individuals who are deaf/hard of hearing with low English language proficiency. It combines two of Sam's research interests: health literacy and rehabilitation of people who are deaf/hard of hearing. Dr. Kushalnagar is on the faculty at the Rochester Institute of Technology.

Congratulations to Naveen and Sam on their funded projects that will add vitally important knowledge and products to science and clinical practice.

## Timely Matters

For College of Health Professions **Dates to Remember**, bookmark <http://healthprofessions.uams.edu/faculty-and-staff/dates-to-remember/>

**July 18** – Last Day of Ramadan (Islam); began June 18

**July 20** – Deadline to register for the CHP Faculty Showcase. [Click](#) here to register

**July 23-24** – UAMS Teaching with Technology Symposium. [Click](#) here for more information

**July 27** – First Reminder: Conduct Code Black Drill for fall semester

**July 30** – Last day to submit Non-Resident Diversity Scholarship applications to Provost

**July 31** – Grades for summer semester due to Registrar

**July 31** – Last day to remove "I" grade from spring semester grades

**July 31** – Grades for summer semester due to Registrar

**July 31** – Last day to submit outstanding documents for August graduation



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