

**Faculty**  
**New Mexico State University**  
**Communication Disorders Program**

**Marlene B. Salas-Provance, Ph.D., CCC-SLP**

Associate Professor  
CD Program Director

Dr. Salas-Provance currently serves as Director of the Program in Communication Disorders at New Mexico State. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from New Mexico State University, her doctorate in speech-language pathology from the University of Illinois and a second master's in Healthcare Administration from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and is licensed as a speech-language pathologist by the state of New Mexico. Dr. Salas-Provance joined the faculty at New Mexico State University in 2009 having served as a faculty member at the U of Montevallo, U of the Pacific, Southern Illinois University, St. Louis University and Fontbonne College. She is an ASHA Fellow and 2009 recipient of ASHA's Certificate of Recognition for Special Contributions to Multicultural Affairs. Her clinical and research interests are in the areas cleft lip and palate, bilingual medical interpreter training, multicultural issues and speech production of young children with cleft palate and of deaf children following cochlear implantation.

**Connie E. Stout, Ph.D., CCC-SLP**

Associate Professor

Dr. Stout earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of New Mexico and her doctorate in speech-language pathology from the University of Oklahoma. She holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and is licensed as a speech-language pathologist by the state of New Mexico. Stout joined the faculty at New Mexico State University in 2003 coming from a faculty position at Oklahoma State University. Previous positions include work as a clinical speech-language pathologist for the University of Washington Affiliated Hospitals and Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City and faculty positions at Tulsa University and the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Her clinical and research interests are in the areas of speech and language problems of adults and children related to brain injury and child language development.

**Deborah Rhein, Ph.D., CCC-SLP**

Assistant Professor

Dr. Rhein joined the NMSU Program in Communication Disorders in 2005. As a bilingual speech-language pathologist, she specializes in the areas of the assessment and intervention of language differences and disorders as they relate to literacy development and school success. She obtained her doctorate from the University of Arizona with a focus on bilingual special education and reading disabilities assessment and intervention. Prior to obtaining her doctorate, she provided consultative services to public schools in Tucson, Ariz., in the areas of bilingual language acquisition, language disorders and literacy. She holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and is licensed as a speech-language pathologist by the state of New Mexico. Dr. Rhein has a secondary interest and expertise in the assessment and intervention of fluency disorders (stuttering, cluttering). As part of her work at NMSU, she teaches undergraduate courses in language acquisition, graduate-level courses in assessment of communication disorders, school-age language disorders and fluency disorders.

**Alfred Valdez, Ph.D., CCC-SLP**

Assistant Professor

Dr. Valdez received his Bachelor of University Studies and Master of Science degrees at the University of New Mexico. His bachelor's degree emphasized studies in special education, psychology and communication disorders and he received his master's degree in speech-language pathology. He holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), and he is licensed by the state of New Mexico Occupational Licensing Board and the New Mexico Public Education Department. He served as a member on the ASHA Committee on Supportive Personnel and on the ASHA Task Force for the Improvement of Services for Minority Populations. He also served on the State of New Mexico Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Occupational Licensure Board. Dr. Valdez has over 25 years of experience as a speech-language pathologist practicing in a variety of settings including public schools, hospitals and clinics, and in private practice. He completed his Ph.D. in Educational Psychology with an emphasis in research methodology/statistics and cognitive science at the University of New Mexico. His interests include applying cognitive theories to educational technology, early language development/disorders, and basic/advanced statistical methods.

**Youkyung Bae, Ph.D.,**

Assistant Professor

Dr. Bae received her first BA degree in English Language and Literature at Ewha Womans University, Seoul, Korea and then received her BS, MA, and PhD degrees in Speech and Hearing Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her research interests are in the areas of anatomy, physiology, and acoustics of the human speech mechanism, with a special emphasis on the velopharyngeal mechanism in normal individuals and individuals with craniofacial anomalies. Her doctoral dissertation work involved real-time magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of the velopharyngeal area with simultaneous speech recordings and subsequent acoustic analyses. She has a wide range of teaching interests including phonetics, anatomy and physiology of the speech mechanism, speech science, and voice disorders/head and neck anomalies. She joined the Special Education/ Communication Disorders department at New Mexico State University in fall 2009.

**Aishah Ortega, Ph.D., CCC-SLP**

Assistant Professor

Dr. Ortega earned her bachelor's degrees from Indiana University Bloomington in Linguistics and Speech and Hearing Science. She obtained her master's and doctorate degrees in Speech and Hearing Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a research focus on the assessment of fluency disorders. Dr. Ortega is a licensed practitioner and holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). She has 3 years of clinical experience in the public school setting providing diagnostic and therapeutic services for grades K-12. Prior to joining the faculty at New Mexico State University in 2009, Dr. Ortega provided clinical supervision at the University of Illinois Speech-Language Pathology Clinic specializing in the area of adult accent modification. Dr. Ortega has strong teaching and research interests in the biological aspects of communication disorders as well as integrating technology into instruction and assessment. Clinical interests include multicultural and multilingual factors affecting total communication. Dr. Ortega teaches courses in aphasia, neurogenic communication disorders, and clinical methods.

**Robert G. Ivey, Ph.D., CCC-A, FAAA**

College Associate Professor (Adjunct)

Dr. Ivey received his bachelor's from the University of Florida with a major in psychology and minor in anthropology. He received his master's in audiology from Colorado State University and his doctorate in audiology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and is licensed as an audiologist by the state of New Mexico. Dr. Ivey works at NMSU on a part-time basis teaching courses in audiology and providing and supervising audiology services in the NMSU Speech and Hearing Center. He also maintains a private practice in Las Cruces. His clinical and research interests include the central auditory system, its evaluation using behavioral and electrophysiologic measures and management.

**Charlotte H. Mason, M.S., CCC-SLP**

College Assistant Professor

Coordinator of Clinical Services

Mrs. Mason has spent 20 years working in pediatric speech-language pathology settings, including public schools with particular focus in autism and early language development. Along with her experience in the public schools, she also has worked with the birth to three population conducting home evaluations and therapy, in outpatient facilities, and in home visitation serving adults and children with developmental disabilities. She holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and is licensed as a speech-language pathologist by the state of New Mexico. She joined the NMSU Communication Disorders Program in 2006 as coordinator of clinical services. In addition to her administrative responsibilities, she serves as a clinical supervisor and teaches undergraduate courses in clinical methods and procedures.

**Christine M. Newton, M.A., CCC-SLP**

Project Coordinator, Clinical Supervisor  
Southern New Mexico Autism Project (SNAP)

Mrs. Newton received her master's degree in Communication Disorders from NMSU in 1991, after having spent 10 years as a music therapist (University of Kansas, 1978). She holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence from American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA), and is licensed as a speech-language pathologist by the state of New Mexico. Mrs. Newton also holds the alternate assessment certificate for English Language Learners from Eastern New Mexico Univ. Her areas of interest include autism spectrum disorders, pediatric language disorders, and pediatric voice disorders. Mrs. Newton joined the staff at NMSU after serving as a school-based clinician for over 17 years. She serves as coordinator of the Southern New Mexico Autism Project (SNAP), which provides diagnostic, therapeutic, consultative, and individual and group training services to persons with autism spectrum disorders, families, and school personnel, throughout southern New Mexico. She also supervises student clinicians. In addition to her duties as specified above, Mrs. Newton serves as Executive Director of the Farmer Endowment, a supervision-based funding project created in honor of Dr. Stephen and Mrs. Judith Farmer, both former Communication Disorders specialists at NMSU.

**Kathy Masello, M.A., CCC-SLP**

Clinical Supervisor

Ms. Massello has spent 26 years working in a variety of public school settings, two years experience in an outpatient rehabilitation center and part time contract work for a private speech therapy clinic. She holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and is licensed as a speech-language pathologist in New Mexico and Texas. She joined the NMSU Communication Disorders Program in 2008 as a part time clinical supervisor.

**Maria Antoinette (Toni) Trujillo, M.A., CCC-SLP**

Project Coordinator, Clinical Supervisor  
Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Speech-Language Services for All Language Learners (CLASS)

Mrs. Trujillo has 20 years experience in New Mexico schools: first as a bilingual general and special educator and then as a bilingual speech-language pathologist. She has worked on the reservation in northern New Mexico and more recently has been a bilingual speech-language pathologist in Las Cruces. She has in-depth experience with assessing and intervening for children who spoke a language she did not (on the reservation in Northern New Mexico) and as well as working with bilingual children with familiar language backgrounds. She is currently working on her doctorate in Bilingual Special Education with an Emphasis in Language at New Mexico State University. She has completed all coursework and is ABD (All But Dissertation.) Mrs. Trujillo has provided workshops and staff development throughout the southwest and has additional expertise in the areas of the communication needs of the Deaf/Blind. She has always been active in the state organization, the New Mexico Speech-language Hearing Association (NMSHA) and is currently the president of NMSHA.