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Professional Experience

2014- Assistant Professor, Communication Disorders, Southern Connecticut State University
2014- Clinical Supervisor, Communication Disorders, Southern Connecticut State University
2010- Center of Excellence on ASD, Southern Connecticut State University
2014-2016 Associate, Yale Child Study Center, Autism Center, Yale University
2013-2014 Adjunct Professor, Communication Disorders, Southern Connecticut State University
2004-2013 Consultant, Eden Family of Services, Princeton New Jersey
2002-2004 Speech-Language Pathologist, Regional School District #14 Woodbury, CT
1994-1997 Speech-Language Pathologist, Brewster Central Schools, Brewster NY
Chair of the Preschool Committee on Special Education, Brewster Central Schools, Brewster NY

Education and Training

2014 Ed.D., Educational Leadership, Southern Connecticut State University
Dissertation: Cook, B. (2014). *Exploring how school staff support the development of self-determination in individuals identified with autism spectrum disorders in Connecticut Public High Schools*. Ann Arbor, MI: ProQuest.
1989 M.S., Communication Disorders, State University of New York at New Paltz
1984 B.A., Speech and Hearing Handicapped Education, State University of New York at Plattsburgh

Academic Awards and Honors at Southern Connecticut State University

2013 Golden Key International Honor Society

Courses Developed and Taught at SCSU

Fundamentals of Social Communication and Cognition (CMD 205)

Courses Taught at SCSU

Speech and Language Practicum (CMD 560, 561, & 564), Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism (CMD 317), Introduction to Developmental Communication Disorders (CMD 200), Communication and Developmental Disabilities (CMD 610), School Age Language Disorders (CMD 551), Research Methods (CMD 503), Augmentative and Alternative Communication (CMD 602), Clinical Practices in Mental Retardation/Intellectual Disabilities (SED 519), Curriculum Methods and Materials for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders and other Developmental Disabilities (SED 512)

Publications

Published

Cook, B. & Weiss, D. (2018). Peer mentors for students with ASD in college. In: Volkmar, F.R. (ed) *Encyclopedia of Autism Spectrum Disorders*. New York, NY: Springer

Cook, B., Weiss, D., & Hodge, V. (2017). A facilitated natural mentoring program. *The ASHA Leader*, 22(7), 40-42. doi:10.1044/leader.AE.22072017.40.

Irwin, J., Avery, T., Turcios, J., Brancazio, L., Cook, B., & Landi, N. (2017). Electrophysiological indices of audiovisual speech perception and social responsiveness in children. *Brain Science*, 7(6), doi: 10.3390/brainsci7060060

Bean, K., Cook, B., Eren, R., & Meers, K. (2017). Empowering parents: Caregiver support for youth and adolescents with ASD. *Autism Spectrum News*, 9(4), p. 23 – 26, http://www.mhnews-autism.org/back_issues/ASN-Spring2017.pdf.

Turcios, J., Cook, B., Irwin, J., Rispoli, T., & Landi, N. (2017). A familiarization protocol facilitates participation of children with ASD in electrophysiological research. *Journal of Visualized Experiments* doi:10.3791/55941

Cook, B. (2013). Interpersonal supports. In F. Volkmar (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of autism spectrum disorders*. Springer: New York.

Cook, B. (2013). Relationship enhancement methods. In F. Volkmar (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of autism spectrum disorders*. Springer: New York

Eren, R. & Cook, B. (2005). *Chapel haven program for transition into independent adulthood: adults with asperger syndrome, a curriculum*. New Haven, CT: Chapel Haven. Curriculum document in use by the Chapel Haven ASAT program since 2005.

Submitted

Cook, B. (Invited revision in Press). Interpersonal supports. (2nd) In: Volkmar, F.R. (ed) *Encyclopedia of Autism Spectrum Disorders*. New York, NY: Springer.

Cook, B. (Invited revision in Press). Relationship enhancement methods. (2nd) In: Volkmar, F.R. (ed) *Encyclopedia of Autism Spectrum Disorders*. New York, NY: Springer

Presentations and posters (last 5 years)

Cook, B. & Weiss, D. (Proposal submitted). Social networks: Supporting college/university students with high functioning Autism Spectrum Disorder: year 3 of a pilot study. Poster Presentation. INFAR (International Society For Autism Research), Netherlands, Belgium

Cook, B. & Weiss, D. (November 2017). Social networks: Supporting college/university students with high functioning Autism Spectrum Disorder: year 3 of a pilot study. 1 hour 15, minute seminar. OCALICON annual national conference on autism and low incidence disabilities, Columbus, Ohio.

Sassu, K., Eren, R., Loomis, J., Tilt, D., & Cook, B. (2017). Peer mentor training program pilot study. Poster presentation. OCALICON annual national conference on autism and low incidence disabilities, Columbus, Ohio.

Cook, B. (January, 2016). Supporting students with ASD on a college campus. Professional development presentation to staff from residence life, student life, first year experience, counseling services, academic success, health and wellness, conduct and civil responsibility. Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT.

Cook, B. & Weiss, D. (November, 2016). Social networks: Supporting college/university students with high-functioning Autism Spectrum Disorder. Poster Presentation. 3rd Annual Tapas Event: A taste of scholarship and creative activity across the disciplines. SCSU, Adanti Student Center, New Haven, CT.

Cook, B. & Weiss, D. (November, 2016). Social networks: Supporting college/university students with high-functioning Autism Spectrum Disorder. 1 hour seminar. ASHA Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA.

Lasto, C., Cook, B., Irwin, J., Avery, T., & Landi, N. (November, 2016). Audio-visual speech perception in autism: A behavioral & neurobiological correlational study. Presentation Poster. ASHA Annual Convention, Philadelphia, P.A.

Cook, B. (October, 2016). Supporting students with ASD on a college campus. Professional development presentation to the university Student Affairs Leadership Team, SCSU.

Cook, B. (June, 2016). School communication assessment. Invited guest lecture for SED 652. Summer Session A, Southern Connecticut State University.

Cook, B. (May, 2016). Self-determination: What, why, who, how, and where. Invited presentation to the staff at Chapel Haven, New Haven, CT.

Cook, B., Turcios, J., & Irwin, J. (November, 2015). Ethical application of EBP interventions during a research protocol supporting individuals with ASD. Presentation poster at ASHA November 2015 in Denver Colorado.

Weiss, D., Eren, R., & Cook, B. (November, 2015). Transdisciplinary practicum for Speech-Language Pathology and Special Education students. Presentation Poster at ASHA November 2015 in Denver Colorado.

Bean, K., Cook, B., & Eren, R. (November, 2014). Evaluating the efficacy of the SIT for Autism training program pilot study. Presentation poster at OCALI November 2014 in Columbus Ohio.

Cook, B. (October, 2014). Research in Communication Disorders related to the Psychology Journal. Invited panelist to “So you want to get published? Learn the ins and outs for scientific research” at SCSU.

Weiss, D., Eren, R., & Cook, B. (October, 2014). Transdisciplinary Teaming in a Summer Practicum for Children with ASD. Presentation Poster at SCSU Research Tapas.

Cook, B. & Eren, R. (March, 2014). Linking Assessment Results and Interventions. Presentation at the 24th Annual Northeast Regional Conference on Autism at SCSU.

Eren, R. & Cook, B. (January, 2014). The Connecticut Autism Training Initiative, Pilot Study Year 1: effectiveness and feasibility of implementation in two elementary schools. Presentation poster at the DADD Conference in Clearwater Florida.

Cook, B. (March, 2013) “Supporting the Transition of Individuals with ASD between levels”. 23rd Annual Northeast Regional Conference on Autism, New Haven, CT and through SERC.

Cook, B. (March, 2013) “Bullying and the impact on individuals with ASD”. SERC: Middletown CT.

Cook, B. & Eren, R. (November, 2012) “Connecticut Autism Training Initiative: Results of Feasibility Study” Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI) Columbus, Ohio

Eren, R. & Cook, B. (October, 2012) “Understanding and Supporting Individuals with ASD” ARC of Meriden, Meriden, CT.

Eren, R. & Cook, B. (August, 2012) “Theories and Strategies to Enhance Planning for Individuals with ASD” Howell Cheney Technical High School, Manchester, CT

Eren, R. & Cook, B. (May, 2012) “Overview of Methodology and Interventions for Educating and Supporting Students with Autism” State Education Resource Center (SERC) Middletown, CT

Research Support: External Funding

2014-2017 **Investigator**, “Neurobiological Signatures of Perception and Imitation in Children with ASD”. AREA Award National Institutes of Health, Division of Deafness and Communication Disorders (NIDCD). \$300,000.00

2012-2014 **Investigator**, “State Implementation Grant for Improving Services for Children and Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and other Developmental Disabilities (DD) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) through Combatting Autism

Reauthorization Act of 2011 Award to Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH).

2010-2012 **Co-Investigator**, U.S. Department of Education “Center of Excellence on Autism Spectrum Disorders” Institute of Educational Sciences
Amount of Award: \$300,000.00

Research Support: Internal Funding

2017-2018 **Primary Investigator:** CT State University (CSU) Research Grant, Social Networks: Supporting College/University Students with high functioning Autism Spectrum Disorder, year 3 pilot (\$7,425.00). Barbara Cook and Deborah Weiss

2017-2018 **Primary Investigator:** Faculty Development fund Grant, Yes and, Lets get engaged: The pedagogy of improvisation, (\$4000.00). Barbara Cook and Kevin McNamara.

2016-2017 **Primary Investigator:** CT State University (CSU) Research Grant, Social Networks: Supporting College/University Students with high functioning Autism Spectrum Disorder (\$5,000.00). Barbara Cook and Deborah Weiss

2015-2016 **Primary Investigator:** Southern Connecticut State University Curriculum Related Project Grant, Development of course in Foundations of Social Communication and Cognition (\$2000.00). Barbara Cook and Deborah Weiss

University Level Service

Coordinator of the Committee on Academic, Social, and Personal Supports for individuals with ASD

2017 –

Role: Organize and gather a group of stake holders from the Southern Connecticut State University Campus to respond to and implement recommendations from the Autism Task Force to increase supports for university students with Autism and other social communication challenges.

Coordinator of Task Force for University Supports for individuals with ASD

2017

Role: Organize and gather a group of stake holders from the Southern Connecticut State University Campus to identify recommendations to increase supports for university students with Autism and other social communication challenges. Developed a report with recommendations to the Provost.

Steering Committee Member, President’s Commission on Social Justice

2017 –

Role: Chair of the Campus Climate Survey group responsible for gathering information for the development and dissemination of a campus wide survey to support the university mission of social justice.

Undergraduate Curriculum Form

2016 –

At large Representative, voted member
LEPC, voted member

Faculty Development Advisory Committee

2016-

HHS Representative, voted member

Co-Advisor, The SCSU Student Autism Awareness and Advocacy Club

2014 -

Role: To support undergraduate students, in partnership with Dr. Kimberly Bean, to conduct activities to increase support, awareness and advocacy for individuals with autism spectrum disorders.

Steering Committee Member, President's Commission on Social Justice (previously on Campus Climate and Inclusion)

2016 – 2017

Roles: Chair of the Campus Climate Survey subgroup and a Co-Chair to the Disability, Accommodation and Mental Health Subcommittee responsible for gathering the committee to meet to develop activities to support the goals of the President's Commission.

Member, Graduate Advisory Council

2015 - 2017

Role: To provide advice and council to the office of Graduate Studies. Serve as a member on the subcommittee, Graduate Curriculum Committee and provide advice and council on the submission of proposed and revised graduate level courses.

Member, Search Committee for the Dean of the School of Education

2013 - 2014

Role: To actively participate in the search by reviewing application materials, interviewing and successfully hiring an applicant (Dr. Stephen Hegedus) for the position as Dean. Dr. Hegedus joined the President's cabinet Fall 2014.

School Level Service

Member School of Health and Human Services Continuing Education Committee

2014 - 2016

Role: To develop professional development activities to support current professionals in meeting their continuing education units requirements.

Faculty Representative, Undergraduate Open House

Fall 2017

Fall 2015

Fall 2014

Role: Respond to questions regarding the Communication Disorders program and assist the University in promotion of the various programs and opportunities offered here at SCSU. In Fall 2017, invited undergraduate students to assist and developed a color printed brochure to share.

Departmental Service

Department Curriculum Committee

2015 –

Role: A collaborative member of the committee responsible for analyzing and developing curriculum related policy, procedures and materials.

Member, Department Adhoc Committee on Assessment

2014 - 2015

Role: To develop direct and indirect assessment processes and tools to evaluate and monitor the progress of the undergraduate students with Communication Disorders as their declared majors.

Professional Service

National Affiliation

Voting Member, International Society for Autism Research

2016-

Requested to review ~ 50 presentation proposals for the May 2018 national conference

Requested to review ~ 70 presentation proposals for the May 2017 national conference

Member, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

1984 -

Regional

Ad Hoc Reviewer, New England Education Research Organization (NEERO) for presentation proposals

2014 - 2016

State

Connecticut Speech-Language-Hearing Association

School Leadership Council member

Purpose: Provide support to school based SLP's in areas of legislation and intervention.

Connecticut Speech and Hearing Foundation

2016 -

Secretary: maintain meeting minutes and correspondence with contributors to the foundation

**Active Participating Member, Department of Developmental Disabilities Workgroup:
Statewide training for professionals in understanding Autism Spectrum Disorders
2013-2015**

**Active Participating Member, Department of Developmental Disabilities Workgroup:
Development of statewide credential for professionals working with individuals with
Autism Spectrum Disorders.
2013-2015**

Professional Development

August 2017	Association of College and University Education (ACUE) Effective Teaching Practices
June 2017	New York Presbyterian Center for Autism and the Developing Brain Certification to conduct the ADOS in research
May 2017	UCLA Program for the Education and Enrichment of Relational Skills (PEERS)
November 2016	American Speech-Language Hearing Association Convention
August 2016	Faculty forum: Teaching unprepared students: Strategies for promoting success and retention. SCSU. Engleman Hall
June 2016	Writing Retreat sponsored by the Dean of HHS
May 2016	International Meeting for Autism Research, Baltimore, Maryland
April 2016	Testing Issues by Dr. Walter Stroup
November 2015	American Speech-Language Hearing Association Convention
May 2015	UCONN Lecture Series: Reflective supervision: The view from Speech- Language Pathology
April 2015	Faculty Senate Forum: Shared governance, balancing expectations, becoming engaged. SCSU, Conn Hall Seminar Room, participant and presenter.
April 2015	Connecticut Speech-Language Hearing Association Conference
December 2014	Pivotal Response Training, Introduction off site training

November 2014	Ohio Center for Low Incidence National Conference American Speech-Language Hearing Association Convention
October 2014	Connecticut Speech-Language Hearing Association Conference
April 2014	Connecticut Speech-Language Hearing Association Conference
January 2014	Council for Exceptional Children, Developmental Disabilities Division International Conference in Orlando, Florida