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Education

Ph.D. in Special Education	2005 - Palacky University in Olomouc, Czech Republic Specialization: Speech Pathology <i>The Coincidence of the Phonemic Awareness and the Musical Competence in Elementary School Education</i>
M.S. in Psychology	2008 - Palacky University in Olomouc, Czech Republic Major: Psychology Area of Concentration: School Psychology, Diagnostics
M.Ed. in Special Education	2002 - Palacky University in Olomouc, Czech Republic Major: Teaching for Elementary Schools and Special Education Specialization: Speech Pathology

Professional Licensure and Certification

Certificate in Speech and Language Pathology	2015 - Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education in Prague, Czech Republic
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Teaching Experience

Fall 2019 – present	Full time faculty of the Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders Valdosta State University
Spring 2019 – Summer 2019	Part time faculty at South Georgia State College
August 2018 – Summer 2019	Part time faculty of the Department of Psychology, Counseling and Family Therapy, Valdosta State University
February 2017 – April 2017	Teacher in Elementary School in Kostelec na Hané, Czech Republic
2005 – 2015	Assistant Professor of the Department of Special Education, Palacky University in Olomouc. Specialization: Speech and Language Pathology,

Academic Issues, Special Education Diagnosis, Psychology of Communication, Counselling in Special Education

Clinical Experience

September 2020 – present

Co-supervisor of speech-language pathologists who are completing their fellowships in the Czech Republic

April 2017 – August 2017

Speech and Language Pathologist and Psychologist in a Private Clinic in Moravská Třebová, Czech Republic

2011 – 2015

Speech and Language Pathologist and Psychologist in a Private Clinic in Olomouc, Czech Republic

2009 - 2010

Speech and Language Pathologist in a Private Clinic in Prostějov, Czech Republic

Service

Fall 2023 – present

Advising graduate students (Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders). Fall 2023 COHORT.

Fall 2022 – present

Assisting students from Palacky University with assigning to classes, getting a tour of VSU speech-language clinic, visiting private speech-language clinic in Valdosta.

Fall 2021 – present

Mentoring assigned undergraduate and graduate students of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Fall 2021- Spring 2023

Advising graduate students (Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders). Fall 2021 COHORT.

2018-present

Providing supervision to teachers of pre-K and Kindergarten “Blanicka” in Olomouc, Czech Republic (an institution for kids with autism) - ONLINE. Providing consultation to parents of kids with autism attending this Pre-K and Kindergarten – ONLINE.

2018- present	Providing telepractice - Speech-Language Therapy for children speaking Czech living abroad – non profit
Summer 2019	Study abroad program in the Czech Republic (instructor, assistant to the director)
2006 – 2014	Directed the Study Program “Teaching for Elementary Schools and Special Education”
2006 – 2011	Co-ordinator of Help Centre for the Handicapped Students at Palacky University in Olomouc, Czech Republic. Specialization: Counselling, Advising Students, Writing Grants, etc.
2005 – 2015	Supervised Students with Bachelor’s, Diploma and Dissertation Theses
2005 – 2015	Organized Seminars for Students and Invited Guests to give Examples of Clinical Practice.
2005 – 2015	Coordinated Speech Therapeutic Practise for Teacher’s Study Program in the Field of Academic Issues
2005 – 2015	Participated in an International Conference held by the Institute of Special Education Studies of Faculty of Education Palacky University in Olomouc

Teaching Experience

Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Georgia, August 2018 – present

- PSYC 1101 - Introduction to General Psychology
- PSYC 1101 - Honors Fundamentals of Psychology
- PSYC 3300 - Behavior Modification (Study abroad in the Czech Rep.).
- CSD 3010 B - Introduction to Communication Disorders
- CSD 3010 IA - Introduction to Communication Disorders (online)
- CSD 3070 - Normal language acquisition
- CSD 4110 – Diagnostics in Communication Disorders
- CSD 4120A - Consultation in Communication Disorders
- CSD 4140 - Cultural and Dialectical Issues in Communication Disorders
- CSD 9230 - Advanced Clinical Practicum II
- CSD 9521 - Single Subject Design in Clinical Research
- CSD 9531 - Assessment and Management of Social and Cultural Aspects of Un-served and Under-served Populations
- CSD 9530 - Social and Cultural Aspects of Un-Served and Underserved Populations

South Georgia State College, Spring, Summer 2019 (online)

- EDUC 2130 - Exploring Teaching and Learning
- DVRS 1101 - Topics in Diversity
- PSYC 1101 - Introduction to Psychology

Palacky University in Olomouc, Czech Republic, 2005 – 2015

- Articulation and Phonological Disorders
- Auditory Processing Disorders
- Expressive and Receptive Language Delays
- Alternative/Augmentative Communication
- Fluency Disorders
- Aphasia
- Motor Disorders
- Feeding/Swallowing Disorders
- Oro – Facial/ Syndrome Disorders
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Special Education Evaluation
- Psychology of Communication
- Psychological Aspects of Communication with an Impaired Individual.
- Case Study
- Children's Drawing and its Application in the Diagnosis of Disturbed Communication Skills

National Institute of Further Education, Olomouc, 2012

- Communication Disorders and Preschool Age

Institute of Pedagogical-Psychological Consultancy, Prague, Czech Republic, 2011

- Approach to People and in the Field of Education of People with Specific Needs

University of Jana Evangelisty Purkyně, Ústí nad Labem, Czech Republic, 2010

- Academic Issues and University Students

Internship Programme

April 2015	Phoniatic Clinic, Prague, April 2015
August 2014	Department of Clinical Speech Therapy, University Hospital Olomouc, Czech Republic
May 2014	Clinical Practise in the Field of Speech and Language Therapy in Private Clinic Olomouc, Czech Republic
April 2014	Clinical Practise in the Field of Speech and Language Therapy of Hospital Ostrava, Czech Republic
February 2014	Clinical Practise in the Field of Speech and Language Therapy of Hospital Ostrava, Czech Republic

June 2012

Internship Programme at the University in Patras,
Greece, Erasmus Program

Membership in Committees and Professional Associations

2022 – present	Member of Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association
2021 – present	Member of Comprehensive Examination Committee (VSU – departmental level)
2021 – present	Member of Diveristy and Inclusion Committee (VSU – departmental level). Chair of this committee since March 2023 – present.
2020 – present	Member of SLP – D Committee (VSU – departmental level)
2019 – present	Doctoral Faculty member for COEHS
2020 – present	Member of Enviromental Committee (VSU)
2019 – present	ASHA member
2018 – present	Member of Psi Chi The International Honor Society in Psychology
2012 – 2015	Member of Slovak Association of Speech Therapists
2011 – present	Member of AKL (Association of Certified Speech and language pathologist in the CR)
2006 – 2010	Member of a Professional Team for International Conference on the Education of People with Special Education Needs organized by the Institute of Special Education Studies, Palacky University in Olomouc, Czech Republic
2005 - 2015	Member of Board of Examiners for Entrance Examinations for Specialization in Speech Therapy, Teaching for Elementary School and Special Education, Special Education in Early Age
2005 - 2015	Member of Board of Examiners for State Final Examination for Specialization in Special

Education and Speech Therapy (Palacky University in Olomouc, Czech Republic)

Community Service

Spring 2022	Open House at VSU
Spring 2022	Wellnes Fair at VSU (I represented the Department of Communication Sceinces & Disorders)
Spring 2022 – presnt	Collaboration with Dr. Steven Kohn (Study Abroad in the Czech Republic)
Fall 2022 – present	Collaboration with Palacky University, Pedagogical Faculty (Exchange Program for students from Palacky University at VSU)
November 2015	Hahira Middle School, Georgia
October 2015	Lowndes Middle and High School, Valdosta, Georgia
October 2015	Moulton Branch Elementary school, Valdosta, Georgia
October 2015	South Georgia Medical Center (Speech Therapy), Valdosta, Georgia
November 2014	Private Clinic of ENT and Phoniatry, MUDr. Lenka Kulichová, Šumperk, Czech Republic
November 2008	Internship Programme at the Workplace Tellur Group, Plymouth, United Kingdom
March 2008	Internship Programme at the Work Place Institut integriert Studieren (Linz, Austria)

Publications

Books:

SMECKOVA, G. Specific learning disabilities, Olomouc: Palacky University, 2013. ISBN 978-80-244-3742-2.

SMECKOVA, G. Specific disorders of school-attendance skills – introduction. Olomouc: Palacky University, 2012. ISBN 978-80-244-3718-7.

SMECKOVA, G. Specifics of Pragmatic Communication Disorders, Olomouc: Palacky University, 2010.

Articles:

SMECKOVA, G. The Challenges and Opportunities of Foreign-born Professors and their Students. *Journal of Exceptional People*. Olomouc: Palacky University, vol. 2021, no. 19, p. 49-66. ISSN 1805-4978.

SMECKOVA, G. The Process of becoming a certified Speech-Language Pathologist in the Czech Republic and the United States of America. Olomouc: Palacky University: *Journal of Education in Context*, vol. 2021, no. 1. P. 178-193. ISSN 1213-3809.

SMECKOVA, G. Cultural Competence in Speech-Language Pathology. *Special Education*. Prague: Charles University, 2020, vol. 1-2, pp. 113-121. ISSN 1211-2720. 1805-4978.

CHRASTINA, J., SMEČKOVÁ, G., IVANOVÁ, K. 2015. *Use of (auto)biographical-narrative approach in research of lifestyle limitations in chronically ill*. Proceedings of the 3rd CER Comparative European Research Conference – International Scientific Conference for PhD Students of EU Countries. London: Sciecee Publishing, 2015, vol. 2, no. 1, pp. 221– 224. ISBN 978-0-9928772-6-2.

SMECKOVA, G. Specific language impairment: A case study of a child. *Pneumology case studies*. Semily: Geum, 2015, vol. 4, no. 12, pp. 33-38. ISSN 1802-0518.
http://www.geum.org/pneumo/abst_2015-04.htm

SMECKOVA, G. Possibilities of opening study programmes for students with specific needs at PU in Olomouc (collection of papers from the 2nd International Conference, Technical University Liberec, 2007).

SMECKOVA, G. Reflexion on the theoretical preparation of students of special education at FE PU in Olomouc (collection from the International Conference, University Of Bratislava, Bratislava, 2007).

SMECKOVA, G. Accents of therapeutic approaches in speech therapy (collection of papers from 5th International Conference on the education of people with specific needs, FE PU in Olomouc, 2005).

SMECKOVA, G. Learning difficulties symptomatology reflected in physical education (collection of papers from 6th Scientific Conference of doctorates and young scientists, Nitra, 2005).

SMECKOVA, G. Evaluation of phonematic hearing in children with mental retardation (collection of papers from the 4th International Conference on the education of people with special needs, FE PU in Olomouc, 2004).

SMECKOVA, G. Introduction to the results of research examination in the field of evaluating phonematic hearing in children diagnosed with mental retardation (magazine E-pedagogium, 2004).

SMECKOVA, G. Precautionary therapeutic approaches in intervention in pupils with specific learning disorders (collection of papers from the International Conference – Experience with Precautionary Operations at Local Level, Vsetín, 2004).

SMECKOVA, G. Application of multimedia in the individual education of people with specific developmental learning disorders (collection of papers from the International Conference on “The Physically Impaired”, University Hradec Králové, 2003).

SMECKOVA, G. Application of modern instrumentation in studying communication disorders (collection of papers, International Conference Didmatech, FE PU in Olomouc, 2003).

Conferences and Talks

- March, 2023 “The process of becoming a SLP in the USA (comparison with the Czech Republic)”. A requested talk for Palacky University, Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders, Olomouc, Czech Republic.
- May, 2023 “Considering cultural and linguistic variables when working as a speech-language pathologist with multicultural students” (ICCC 2023: XVII. International Conference on Communication and Culture), Prague, 2023.
- June, 2022 “Multilingualism from a perspective of a speech-language pathologist and a parent” (International Conference Future Challenges in Early Language Learning and Multicultural Education (ELLME2022), Granada Spain.
- May, 2021 “The Challenges and Opportunities of Foreign-born Professors and their Students” (Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic, Faculty of Education, Conference “Uncertainty in Education”, May 27th 2021)
- May, 2021 Leading a workshop “Specific Language Impairment and Literacy Disorders” (Education – Inspiration, Czech Republic, May 2021).
- May, 2021 “The process of becoming a SLP in the USA (comparison with the Czech Republic)”. A requested talk for Palacky University, Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders, Olomouc, Czech Republic.

Grants

- 2022 Graduate Faculty Scholarship Fund (Valdosta State University).
- 2020 Graduate Faculty Scholarship Fund (Valdosta State University).
- 2011 Developmental Programme of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports – *Support of Applicants for the Study and Students of PU in Olomouc with Health Impairment or Health and Social Disadvantages*, Co-Author
- 2010 – 2012 Creation and Realization of Courses Focused on Working with Pupils with Special Education Needs for Educators of Middle Schools, Professional Assistant – Member of Realisation Team
- 2010 Developmental Programme MEYS – *Maximization of the Support for Disadvantaged People in the Course of Entrance and Study at PU in Olomouc and Removing Architectural and Information Barriers*, Co-Author
- 2008 Developmental Programme of MEYS – *Support of Equal Opportunities for Studying at Palacky University for Individuals with Health Impairment or from Socially Disadvantaged Environment with the objective to Integrate them into the majority Society*, Co-Author
- 2008 Project Funds for the Development of Universities – *Innovation in the Study Subject of Special Speech Therapeutic Seminar Focusing on Reflecting the Current Requirements of the Speech Therapeutic Practice in the Czech Republic*, Author
- 2007 Developmental Programme of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MEYS) – *Equal Approach to Studies at PU in Olomouc for Students and Applicants with Health Impairment, other Disadvantages and from Socially Disadvantageous Environment with Focus on Removing Technical, Architectural and Information Barriers*, Co-Author
- 2007 Project Funds for the Development of Universities – *Enhancement of Professional Competencies of Students of Palacky University in Olomouc Focusing on Modern Trends in the Field of Approaching People with Special Education Needs*, Co-Author
- 2004 Project Funds for the development of universities – *Enhancement of Professional Preparation of Students of Special Education*, main Author

2003 – 2005

Harmonization of the Approach to People with Specific Needs within the Context of EU Regulations, Member of the Team

Professional Continuing Education

2023	HANDLE (Holistic Approach to neuro-Development and Learning Efficiency), Level 1
2021	Prevention of Orofacial Myofunctional Disorders in the 0-3 Population
2020	Protecting Youth: Abuse and Neglect Prevention
2019	Building Executive Function Across the Age Span: Building a Bridge from Theory to Practice
2019	Creating a Healthy Clinical Learning Environment
2019	Exploration of Diveristy – Introduction
2019	Exploration of Diveristy – Advenced
2019	Evidence-Based Principles in Clinical Education
2019	IRB Basic - Basic Course
2019	Learning and Teaching Styles in the Clinical Education Environment
2019	Maintaining Positive Relationships
2019	Methods of Clinical Education
2019	Roles and Responsibilities in the Clinical Education Process
2019	Through the Looking Glass: How Personal Perspective influence Relationships
2017 – 2018	Speech and Hearing Clinic, Valdosta State University, Georgia, articulation sessions.

2017 Neuro-development Therapy, Prague, CR

2015 Voice disorders, rehabilitation, MUDr. Kučera, Rychnov nad Kněžnou, CR

2014 Course on Children's Drawing, Testcentrum Prague CR

2014 Intensive English Language Course at the Language School EC Docent Garden 30+, London, UK

2014 Hearing Defects and Disorders, AKL CR, Prague, CR

2014 Neurogenic Disorders of Adult Communication, AKL CR, Prague, CR

2014 Palatolalia (cleft palate), AKL CR, Prague, CR

2014 Course in Clinical Speech Therapy, IPVZ, Prague, CR

2014 Voice, AKL CR, Prague, CR

2013 Aphasia I, AKL CR, Department of Clinical Speech Therapy of University Hospital Olomouc, CR

2013 Aphasia II, AKL CR, Department of Clinical Speech Therapy of University Hospital Olomouc, CR

2013 Fixed Stuttering, AKL CR, Prague, CR

2013 Incipient Stuttering, AKL CR, Prague, CR

2012 Aphasiology A – Basics of Clinical Aphasiology, AKL CR, Brno, CR

2012 Articulation disorders, AKL CR, Praha, CR

2012 Course on WISC III, Testcentrum Prague, CR

2012 Developmental Dysphasia, AKL CR, Prague, CR

2009 – 2010 Principles of Life I, II – Auto-reflexive Seminar with Intense Focus on Identifying One's Own Strength and Weaknesses and Strengthening the Weaknesses Coaching Techniques (Brno, CR)

2009 Select your Psycho-Therapeutic Training (Fokus, Prague, CR)

2006 Telephonic Crisis Intervention (Remedium, Prague, CR)

2005 - 2006	Basic Course on Crisis Intervention (Remedium, Prague, CR)
2005	Orofacial Stimulation, Association of Clinical Speech Therapists of the Czech Republic
2004	Dysphagia, Association of Clinical Speech Therapists of the Czech Republic
2003	Course of Inner Child III (IPIPAPP, Olomouc) – experience, focused on discovering one's own individual history
2001 – 2002	Course on Searching and Treatment of the Inner Child I, II (IPIPAPP, Olomouc)

Languages

Czech Language: native speaker

Slovakian Language: fluent

English Language: advanced

German Language: intermediate

Spanish Language: beginner