Area: Learning

**Objective:** develop an ongoing lab practice for continuing to educate ourselves and others on how to improve diversity, equity and inclusion

#### Fall Semester Action Step:

Identify cultural responsiveness learning and discussion opportunities

(e.g., introduction from Read Exploring Cultural Responsiveness: <u>Guided Scenarios for Communication Sciences and Disorders Professionals)</u>

### Collaborating Lab Members:

# Spring Semester Action Step:

Identify Deaf culture learning and discussion opportunities and lab meeting to discuss (e.g., Far From the Tree, Chapter 2)

Individuals in the lab will contribute to a working Box folder of resources to increase capacity to pursue social justice, cultural responsiveness, etc. (e.g., pronouns resource; violence prevention; and others)

# Collaborating Lab Members:

## Summer Semester Action Step:

Identify Disability culture learning and discussion opportunities (e.g., podcast Ableism and Racism: Roots of the Same Tree, Be Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi)

Individuals in the lab will review working Box folder of resources and reflect on what has been helpful and what should be added, removed, changed, etc.

# Collaborating Lab Members:

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#### Area: Learning

**Objective**: identify policies that can hold back individuals from historically marginalized groups and hinder the lab's progress towards diversity, equity, and inclusion

### Fall Semester Action Step:

Audit lab policies, identify whether or not policies are accessible and equitable for discussion and action steps

(e.g., Do No Harm: Graduate Admissions Letters of Recommendation and Unconscious Bias; and other resources)

## **Spring Semester Action Step:**

Research specific policies at the department level at UW-Madison, identify whether or not policies are accessible and advance diversity, equity, or inclusion for discussion and action steps

## Summer Semester Action Step:

Evaluate progress on policies, create guide to lab policies and procedures

Collaborating Lab Members:

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Objective: to develop lab mem	bers' skills with interpersonal re	spect and communication
Fall Semester Action Step:	Spring Semester Action Step:	Summer Semester Action Step:
Schedule training/reading for		
active listening	Schedule training/reading for conflict management skills	Schedule training for unconscious biases and
Lab members read material		follow-up steps
on	Identify learning resources	
https://www.mypronouns.org/ and discuss any reflections and questions at lab meeting	focused on conscious and unconscious biases	Collaborating Lab Members:
and questions at las meeting	Collaborating Lab Members:	
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### Area: Communication

**Objective**: to create opportunities to discuss culture and communication, including communication backgrounds, styles, expectations, preferred conversation topics, boundaries, and conflict management approaches

and conflict management approaches			
Fall Semester Action Step:	Spring Semester Action	Summer Semester Action	
	Step:	Step:	
Lab members fill out and			
share Work Style Self	Reflect on questionnaire	Reflect on questionnaire	
Evaluation questionnaire (or	used in Fall semester. Is it a	used in Spring semester. Is it	
another questionnaire that is	good fit? Is there a better	a good fit? Is there a better	
identified as a better fit for the	option?	option?	
lab); pair with questions	New members complete the	New members complete the	
about your communication	selected questionnaire and	selected questionnaire and	
boundaries and preferred	members who have	members who have	
communication topics	completed it in the past (if	completed it in the past (if	
	using the same one) update	using the same one) update	
	as needed; pair with	as needed; pair with	

Collaborating Lab Members:	questions about how our different backgrounds have informed our norms of	questions about our communication values for conversations about DEI
	communication	(e.g., not expecting a lab member or lab members to
	Collaborating Lab Members:	act as representatives of a race or ethnicity)
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Area: Recruitment			
<b>Objective</b> : to engage a	wider community in study recruitment to expa	and the diversity of our	
participant population			
Fall Semester Action	Spring Semester Action Step:	Summer Semester	
Step:		Action Step:	
	Pursue steps to increase cultural		
Reach out to other	responsiveness during expanded	Pursue expanded	
researchers at the	recruitment (e.g., pursue learning	recruitment with	
Waisman Center to	opportunities such as Culturally	ongoing reflection	
identify learning	Responsive Research Relationships	scheduled for lab	
opportunities	https://earthpartnership.wisc.edu/spencer-	meeting	
	webinar-resources/)		
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Importance: Reflect and document here how the action steps we agree on will further DEI			
work in our lab			

Area: Data Dissemination			
Objective: Recognize and advocate for increased DEI in our data dissemination			
Fall Semester Action Step:	Spring Semester Action Summer Semester Actio		
	Step:	Step:	
Draft and review a paragraph			
to be used in the limitations	If included in submitted	Not needed unless issues	
section of our papers, if	manuscripts, collect feedback	arise with paragraphs	
relevant and when	on how reviews responded.		
appropriate, to address the		Collaborating Lab	
impact of the lack of diversity	Collaborating Lab	Members:	
in our listeners and more	Members:		
broadly in the CI literature,			

Literature review for other studies that address this limitation in our research

Collaborating Lab Members:

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work in our lab

**Area**: Community Engagement

**Objective**: acknowledge that the land on which we work and study is located on occupied ancestral land of the Ho-Chunk Nation

#### Fall Semester Action Step:

Provide information to lab members during lab meeting about the following organizations:

1. Wunk Sheek

https://win.wisc.edu/organization/wunksheek

https://www.facebook.com/WunkSheek/

https://www.facebook.com/events/65820277136 6196/?ref=newsfeed

2. Native American Center for Health Professions

https://www.med.wisc.edu/education/native-american-center-for-health-professions/

https://open.spotify.com/show/3idYEIUP9H0LV OK5eZzijW?si=QrNMcs10TpyVP-fK-\_FPAQ&dl\_branch=1&fbclid=lwAR2-Kv71bsE\_UMSCvgboqBW3VtQR95TyqsMQ2v RcddpF6\_IWWRe-YYhLcJE&nd=1

https://www.facebook.com/nativeamericancenterforhealthprofessions

3. Indigenous Arts and Sciences

https://earthpartnership.wisc.edu/

Watch social accounts (FB, IG) for upcoming events and forward to lab members

# Spring Semester Action Step:

Provide information to lab members during lab meeting about the following resources:

1. Spirits of the Earth: The Effigy Mound Landscape of Madison and the Four Lakes by Robert A. Birmingham

https://uwpress.wisc.edu/books/3734.htm

2. Tribal Histories – Ho-Chunk History https://wisconsinfirstnatio ns.org/tribal-histories-ho-

chunk-history/

3. The Ways,
Language
Apprentice:
Bringing Back the
Ho-Chunk
Language

### Summer Semester Action Step:

Reach out to the Ho-Chunk Nation to inquire about scheduling a cultural speaking engagement

https://hochunknation.co m/speaker/

Collaborating Lab Members:

work in our lab

Importance: Reflect and document here how the action steps we agree on will further DEI

Area: Community Engagement			
Objective: participate in forums related to diversity, equity, and inclusion			
Fall Semester Action Step:	Spring Semester Action Summer Semester Action		
	Step:	Step:	
Create working group to			
identify local groups and	Identify opportunities and	Identify opportunities and	
opportunities for forums and	share with lab members;	share with lab members;	
community events	reflect on last semester's	reflect on last semester's	
	learning opportunities	learning opportunities	
Collaborating Lab			
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Area: Community Engagement		
Objective: Continue contributing to the Day with Experts events on topics of Cochlear		
Implants and Down Syndrome		
Fall Semester Action Step:	Spring Semester Action	Summer Semester Action
	Step:	Step:
Review major community		
stakeholders (e.g., for DWE:		

DS – GiGi's Playhouse Down
Syndrome Achievement
Center, Madison Area Down
Syndrome Society, Waisman
Center Down Syndrome
Clinic)
DWE of question
Collaborating Lab

Members:

Identify quality improvement project focused on equity (e.g., diversity of speakers and audience accessing DWE content? Content of DWE presentations and/or questions for panelists that address components of DEI?)

Planning for quality improvement project focused on equity and DWE events.

Collaborating Lab Members:

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Area: Access			
Objective: Increase accessibility of communications			
Fall Semester Action Step:	Semester Action Step: Spring Semester Action Summer Semester		
	Step:	Step:	
Use of live captioning during			
hybrid/Zoom lab meetings	Use of live captioning during	Use of live captioning during	
and use of live captioning	hybrid/Zoom lab meetings	hybrid/Zoom lab meetings	
during CRASH; Identify other			
opportunities to improve		Consideration of interpreter	
accessibility	Collaborating Lab	services for outreach events	
,	Members:	(e.g., DWE: DS in 2021 had	
Collaborating Lab		live Spanish language	
Members:		interpreting service for the	
		first time)	
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Importance: Reflect and document here how the action steps we agree on will further DEI			

**Importance:** Reflect and document here how the action steps we agree on will further DE work in our lab