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Dear Colleagues,

Please join me in congratulating **Dr. Elizabeth Simmons**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication Disorders, upon receipt of an NIH grant for her research entitled, “Behavioral and Neural Measures of Spoken Word Recognition in Late Language Emergence”.

This NIH grant mechanism is designed specifically to include (and support) student participation, and is one of the few NIH mechanisms that makes student involvement in research central to the goals of the grant. This is a true accomplishment for Dr. Simmons to have achieved NIH funding this so early in her career, when fewer than 20% of submitted grants are typically awarded by NIH. This project involves nationally recognized collaborators from UConn and Haskins Laboratory, using cutting edge technologies including eye-tracking and electrophysiology, opening doors to new methodologies and collaborative opportunities for others in the College.

Congratulations Professor Simmons!

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