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Salus University Welcomes Two New Faculty Members



Eileen Hunsaker, MS, CCC-SLP, of Hartsdale, New York, and Gabriel Fickett, OD, FAAO, of Perkasié, Pennsylvania.

Elkins Park, Pa. — This fall brings two new faculty members to Salus University and the school's clinical learning facilities. **Eileen Hunsaker, MS, CCC-SLP**, is the new director of Clinical Education at the Speech-Language Institute (SLI) and **Gabriel Fickett, OD, FAAO**, is an assistant professor in the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO) at Salus and seeing patients at The Eye Institute (TEI).

Hunsaker, of Hartsdale, New York, earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Brigham Young University and her Master of Science degree in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Utah. She was formerly an assistant professor at the New York Medical

College, Department of Speech and Language Pathology. With more than 25 years of experience as a clinical speech-language pathologist and educational professional, her area of expertise is in the acute rehabilitation of adults, post CVA (stroke) and Traumatic Brain Injury. She also specializes in Interprofessional Education (IPE) and the use of simulation in the education of healthcare professionals. As director, she will guide the day-to-day management of SLI including clinical operations, speech-language clinical education and patient care.

“I am excited to meet and get to know the students, faculty and staff here at Salus,” Hunsaker said. “I am committed to the education of future Speech and Language Pathologists and hope to make a positive impact on student’s clinical and academic experiences.”

After receiving his bachelor’s degree from Messiah College — now called Messiah University — in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, Dr. Fickett, of Perkasie, Pennsylvania, earned his Doctor of Optometry degree from the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tennessee. After graduation, he completed his optometry residency at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, where he received training in the diagnosis and management of ocular diseases, contact lenses and vision rehabilitation. Dr. Fickett is a U.S. Air Force Reserve optometrist and he served in two concurrent former roles as an instructor in ophthalmology at Harvard Medical School and a staff optometrist at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. As a member of the Contact Lens Service at TEI, Dr. Fickett has extensive experience fitting specialty contact lenses. He focuses on fitting contact lenses for adults and children with corneal disease, post penetrating keratoplasty, keratoprosthesis, aphakia and ocular trauma.

“Working with people who are learning new concepts and sharing my knowledge and my excitement for their learning has always been really exciting to me,” Dr. Fickett said. “So, having the opportunity to circle back to that at this point in my career and to get into the learning environment was something that I wanted to do.”

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