



# 2025 CAA Annual Conference Agenda

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

12:45 - 4:00 PM

### **Pre-Conference**

#### **Tinnitus in Focus: New Insights, Connections, and Clinical Application**

Ben Thompson, Au.D., *Treble Health*

Hamid Reza Djalilian, Au.D., ABA, CH-AP, *UC Irvine Medical Center Otolaryngology*

Anusha Yellamsetty, Ph.D., *San Jose State University*

*An additional fee is required at registration to attend the Pre-Conference.*

4:00 - 6:00 PM

### **Poster Session**

6:00 - 8:00 PM

### **Welcome Reception**

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

7:00 - 7:45 AM

### **Breakfast / Exhibits**

*Manufacturer Exhibits Open*

7:45 - 8:00 AM

### **Welcome from CAA 2025 Conference Co-Chairs**

Kristine Dabu, Au.D., *Sutter Health*

Jo Powner, Au.D., *Kaiser Permanente Santa Rosa*

8:00 - 8:15 AM

### **President's Welcome**

Melissa Garafalo-Culmer, Au.D., CCC-A, PASC, *California State University, Northridge*

8:15 - 9:15 AM

### **Hearing Loss and Social Disconnectedness: What Audiologic Interventions Might Benefit Those at Risk?**

Brian Taylor, Au.D., *WS Audiology*

9:15 - 9:45 AM

### **Break / Exhibits**

*Manufacturer Exhibits Open*

9:45 - 10:45 AM

### **Future Forward AI and Hearing Aid Technology**

Dave Fabry, Ph.D., *Starkey*

10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

### **Legislative Session**

Cherise Burns, MPPA, *Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology & Hearing Aid Dispensers Board*

Amy E. White, Au.D., *Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology & Hearing Aid*

*Dispensers Board*

Charles Sanders, Au.D., *Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology & Hearing Aid*

*Dispensers Board*

Nick Brokaw, Esq., *Sacramento Advocates*

12:15 - 1:15 PM

**Lunch / Exhibits**

*Manufacturer Exhibits Open*

1:15 - 2:15 PM

**Sex Differences in Auditory Function: Perspectives from Basic Science and Clinical Research**

Celia Zhang, Au.D., Ph.D., *University of the Pacific*

2:15 - 3:15 PM

**Innovations in Speech-In-Noise Assessment: The Present and the Future**

Matthew Fitzgerald, Ph.D., *Stanford University*

3:15 - 3:45 PM

**Break / Exhibits**

*Manufacturer Exhibits Open*

3:45 - 4:45 PM

**Little Ears, Big Choices: Exploring Current Pediatric Amplification Trends Through Case Studies**

Melissa Tribble, Au.D., M.Ed., *Stanford Medicine Children's Health*

4:45 - 5:45 PM

**Increasing Veterans' Access to Audiology Services in Underserved VA Clinics Using Virtually Supported Same Day Cares**

Sunny Burdick, Au.D., *VA Northern California Health Care System*

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

7:00 - 7:45 AM

**Breakfast / Exhibits**

*Manufacturer Exhibits Open*

7:45 - 8:45 AM

**Student Research Forum**

**Age- and Sex-Based Analysis of Speech-In-Noise Performance: Insights from Clinical Population Data**

Melissa Wun and Alondra Mercado, *University of the Pacific*

**A Training Program for Early-Career Healthcare Professionals to Improve Communication with Hard-of-Hearing Patients**

Seline Schinke and Vicky Le, *University of the Pacific*

**A Hearing Conservation Educational Program for Early Career Professionals with Potential Occupational Noise Exposure**

Vicky Le and Seline Schinke, *University of the Pacific*

8:45 - 9:45 AM

**Issues, Innovation and Outcomes: OTC Hearing Aids in 2025**

Douglas Beck, Au.D., *EssilorLuxottica Inc*

9:45 - 10:15 AM	<b>Break / Exhibits</b> <i>Manufacturer Exhibits Open</i>
10:15 - 10:25 AM	<b>Conference Reminders and Student Award Presentations</b>
10:25 - 10:30 AM	<b>Platinum Sponsor Talk - Oticon</b>
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>2025: The Great Debate? Challenges, Opportunities, and the Path Forward for Audiology</b> Amit Gosalia, Au.D., <i>West Valley Hearing Center</i> Leigh Kjeldsen, Au.D., <i>Valley Audiology</i>
12:00 - 1:15 PM	<b>Lunch / Exhibits</b> <i>Manufacturer Exhibits Open</i>  <b>Student Lunch Panel Discussion</b> <i>Students must pre-register to participate in the student lunch.</i>
1:15 - 2:45 PM	<b>LGBTQ-Tips: Expanding Access to Audiology Through Inclusive Care for LGBTQ+ Patients</b> J. Riley DeBacker, Au.D., <i>Oregon Health &amp; Science University</i>
2:45 - 3:45 PM	<b>Enhancing Assessment of Auditory Disability</b> Laura Dreisbach, Ph.D., CCC-A, <i>San Diego State University</i> Lydia Abel, <i>San Diego State University</i>
3:45 - 4:00 PM	<b>Break</b>
4:00 - 5:00 PM	<b>Use of Artificial Intelligence Hearing Aids to Identify Fall Risk in Older Adults</b> Matthew Fitzgerald, Ph.D., <i>Stanford University</i> Jwala Rejimon, Au.D., <i>Stanford University</i>
5:00 - 5:15 PM	<b>Conference Closing Remarks</b>