



Susan Gray-Holland, Ph.D.



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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Dr. Susan Gray-Holland is the Director of the Division of Hearing and Speech at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles and Assistant Clinical Professor of Otolaryngology at the University of Southern California School of Medicine. She has been a certified speech-language pathologist and member of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association since 1971 and licensed in speech-language pathology in California since 1974. Dr. Gray-Holland was awarded two grants from the Research and Education Institute at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center to study the effects of tumor, surgical intervention and reconstruction on speech and voice functions in patients with oropharyngeal cancer. These grants have given her an opportunity to pursue her interests in studying the relationships among speech, voice, prosody and functional intelligibility in individuals with altered speech mechanisms. In 1990 Dr. Gray-Holland became a funded collaborator on a grant awarded by NIH to study the effects of oral uridine in patients with classical galactosemia. She has authored a chapter titled, Vocal Abuse, in Current Therapy of Communication Disorders, Thieme-Stratton, New York, 1981. Dr. Gray-Holland has been a guest lecturer and workshop leader at national and international conferences, hospitals and public school programs. She is Past-President and long term member of the CHIPS, a philanthropic group in Los Angeles dedicated to raising money to fund the Childrens' Institute International for abused and neglected children.

Most recently Dr. Gray-Holland has established a research based center at CHLA to diagnose and provide new treatment procedures to pre-school and school-age children who stutter. Clients and professionals from all over the world are enrolled or studying at this program which is the first of its kind.

Membership in SENTAC has provided her with the honor to serve in several offices of that esteemed organization, including the office of President in 1982. It was during that presidential year that SENTAC celebrated its tenth anniversary, re-visiting the city which hosted its first meeting and, at the suggestion of Dr. Peter Alberti, the same program topics and speakers from a decade-later perspective. It was a privilege to have been President during that special celebratory year. Involvement with the membership of SENTAC has offered an opportunity for service, collegiality and long-term friendship rarely found in a multidisciplinary organization. SENTAC has provided Dr. Gray-Holland with an anchor of professional and personal excellence she continues to value highly. The gifts of mentorship and intellectual stimulation continue to pervade SENTAC and contribute to the evolution of up-coming professionals interested in advances in care for children. She resides in Los Angeles with her husband Jim and three step-sons, Brady, Matthew and Brett.