

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Population Hearing Healthcare conference committee, we are pleased to announce that we will hold our annual conference on February 11-12, 2025 in Scottsdale, Arizona, just prior to the American Auditory Society (AAS) conference.

WEBSITE:

For more information, please visit: www.pophearing.org

2025 SELECTED CONFERENCE THEME:

"Breaking the Silence: Overcoming Barriers for People with Hearing Loss"

PROGRAM:

This year our meeting will be a 2-day in-person meeting (with virtual attendance options and post-meeting recordings for delegates). We aim to ensure that the conference is communication accessible.

PREVIEW OF KEYNOTE PRESENTERS:

Confirmed invited speakers include amazing inter-disciplinary and international experts who bring diverse insights into the life course experiences of people with hearing loss:

- **PopHHC 2025 Programmatic Scientific Chair – Dr. Gabrielle Saunders, PhD** Professor of Audiology, Division of Psychology Communication and Human Neuroscience, University of Manchester
 - <https://research.manchester.ac.uk/en/persons/gabrielle.saunders>
 - Dr. Saunders' research is broadly designed to optimize outcomes of auditory rehabilitation by furthering our understanding of hearing-related behaviors and individual differences that impact help-seeking and outcome. In recent work, she has been using big datasets examine connections between hearing-related outcomes and audiological clinical pathways, and other health-related diagnosis and procedures with a view to developing practice recommendations and illuminating potential issues and solutions specific to the exploitation of service-wide datasets in audiology.
- **PopHHC 2025 Keynote Speaker - Dr. Michael McKee, MD, MPH** Director, MDisability Co-director, Center for Disability Health and Wellness; University of Michigan Medical School
 - <https://medicine.umich.edu/dept/family-medicine/michael-m-mckee-md-mph>
 - Dr. McKee is a family physician with clinical and research expertise in disability health. As a physician with a hearing loss, he is especially interested in advocating for the rights of Deaf and hard of hearing patients to obtain equitable health care including accessible communication. His research focus includes health disparities for individuals with various disabilities, health information accessibility, health literacy, and telemedicine applications.
- **Dr. Danielle Powell, AuD, PhD** Assistant Professor, University of Maryland, Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences
 - <https://hesp.umd.edu/facultyprofile/powell/danielle>
 - Dr. Powell is a dual-trained Audiologist and Epidemiologist. Her research is at the intersection of hearing and hearing care, gerontology, epidemiology and public health, dementia, caregiving, health services and health systems-level care, consumer oriented health information technology, and implementation sciences or translation of research to clinical care.
- **Dr. Margaret Wallhagen, Ph.D., GNP-BC, AGSF, FGSA, FAAN**
 - <https://profiles.ucsf.edu/margaret.wallhagen>

- Dr. Wallhagen is a professor of Gerontological Nursing and a Geriatric Nurse Practitioner in the School of Nursing, University of California San Francisco (UCSF). Dr. Wallhagen's research and publications focus on how older individuals and their families manage chronic illnesses as well as changes that occur with age, including information caregiving, diabetes, and successful aging with a focus on hearing loss.
- The program details, including more information on these presentations and the presentations of more amazing experts, as well as information on a methods workshop and research breakout groups will be posted in early October.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

Abstract submission is now OPEN!

- **General Abstract Submission:** <https://forms.gle/xWGiGozcFo2i86SLA>
- **Student Travel Award Abstract Submission:** <https://forms.gle/XcbgmmP7F1hc4qUX9>

STUDENTS:

A limited number of competitive travel awards are available for students who submit abstracts for posters. The amount of these awards will be \$1,000 USD for those within North America and \$2500 USD for those living outside of North America.

Please reach out to our program committee if you have questions or suggestions.
We encourage you to spread the word to others.
Stay tuned for more details in early October.

All the best,

Gabrielle Saunders – 2025 Scientific Program Chair

and Michelle Arnold and Kelly Reavis on behalf of the PopHHC program committee

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