



**CSUEB—Communicative Sciences & Disorders
Aging & Cognition Research Clinic
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Ongoing Projects

- Studying the efficacy of computerized cognitive interventions for older adults with memory impairments
- Documenting effects of presentation modality on episodic recall in young and old adults, as well as those with dementia
- Screening sensory and cognitive functions in community-dwelling older adults
- Investigating cultural and linguistic barriers to accessing SLP services

Funding

- Alzheimer's Association (2006-2009)
- American Speech Language Hearing Association (2006-2008)
- Office of Research and Sponsored Programs—CSUEB (2006-2007)

Currently Participating Sites

- Masonic Home for Adults—Union City

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Some Recent Publications (highlighted names-student authors)

Mahendra, N., Apple, A. (2007). Human memory systems: A framework for understanding dementia. The ASHA Leader, 12 (16), 8-11

Mahendra, N., Arkin, S., Kim, E. (2007). Individuals with Alzheimer's disease achieve implicit and explicit learning: Previous success replicated with different stimuli. Aphasiology, 21(2), 187-207.

Zientz, J., Rackley, A., Chapman, S. B., Hopper, T., Mahendra, N., Kim, E., Cleary, S. (2007). Evidence-based practice recommendations for dementia: Educating caregivers on Alzheimer's disease and training communication strategies. Journal of Medical Speech Language Pathology, 15(1), liii-lxiv.

Some Recent Presentations (highlighted names-student authors)

Mahendra, N., Apple, A., Reed, D. (February 2008). Computer-assisted training of face-name associations in persons with dementia. Poster presentation, 2008 International Neuropsychological Society Meeting, Hawaii.

Battle, D. E., Payne, J. C., & Mahendra, N. (April 2007). Using evidence to support cultural competence in adult neurogenics. 2007 Annual Convention of the National Black Association for Speech Language and Hearing (NBASLH), Charlotte, North Carolina.

FORTHCOMING PROJECTS

- Rate of learning information in persons with mild and moderate dementia**
- Reading speed and reading comprehension in persons with dementia.**

