

About the Author



David A. Shapiro, PhD, CCC-SLP, ASHA Fellow, is Western Carolina University's first Robert Lee Madison Distinguished Professor. Affiliated with WCU since 1984, Dr. Shapiro teaches undergraduate and graduate courses, provides clinical service and instruction to people who stutter and their families, engages in research related to stuttering and professional preparation, and serves the university community.

Now in his fourth decade of providing clinical service, Dr. Shapiro is a regular presenter at national and international conferences and has taught, provided clinical service, and conducted research in six continents. In addition to being the author of the present text, Dr. Shapiro researches multinational approaches to stuttering intervention and has numerous publications in international journals. Dr. Shapiro serves as an editorial reviewer of manuscripts submitted for publication and was appointed as an external reviewer for the Australian Stuttering Research Center (University of Sydney, Australia) and as a member of the editorial board for *Specialusis Ugdymas* (*Special Education*, a journal published by the Research Centre of Special Education of Šiauliai University, Šiauliai, Lithuania).

Dr. Shapiro is actively involved in numerous organizations, including the International Fluency Association (IFA) and the International Stuttering Association (ISA). He is a Board Recognized Specialist in Fluency Disorders and received IFA's Award of Distinction for Outstanding Clinician (Dublin, Ireland, 2006). Other recognitions include Fellow of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, the University of North Carolina Board of Governors' Award for Excellence in Teaching, and the University (WCU) Scholar Award.

Dr. Shapiro remains actively engaged in continuing education and served as an elected member of the Inaugural Specialty Board on Fluency Disorders. He has participated in all of the World Congresses of the International Fluency Association and the African Stuttering Conference in Cameroon (2005) and Burkina Faso (2008); he was the only representative from North America and, with a colleague from France, provided clinical service and instruction to people who stutter from 20 African nations. At IFA's 4th World Congress, Dr. Shapiro presented "A Multinational Investigation of Stuttering Intervention," representing a commitment of 17 coauthor/clinician-researchers from 15 countries across six continents. His current research into stuttering intervention is expanding to former Soviet-bloc countries and to the assumptions and practices of indigenous healers.

Dr. Shapiro and his wife, Kay, live in Cullowhee, North Carolina, near the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. They have two children, Sarah and Aaron, who are now young adults. Dr. Shapiro enjoys spending time with his family and hiking, camping, fly fishing, bicycling, and traveling.