**Natan Bauman, Ed.D., M.S. Eng**

Dr. Natan Bauman, audiologist, is the Founder of the Tinnitus Practitioners Association and Private Practice Owner of Hearing, Balance and Speech Center and the New England Tinnitus and Hyperacusis Clinic in Hamden, CT. Throughout his career he has been an inventor of numerous products which contribute to the practice of Audiology including the popular receiver-in-the-canal design. He frequently presents at national and international conferences on a variety of Audiology topics.

**Jaeline Jaffee, Ph.D.**

Dr. Jaffeeis a California Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in practice since 1976. Her doctorate is from USC. She works with individuals and couples dealing with relationship issues, and is co-author of *The Language of Emotional Intelligence* (McGraw-Hill, 2008) and of *The Heroic Journey: A Rite of Passage Program for Adolescents*(1996; rev 2001), in use in Montessori Middle Schools across the country, as well as charter and home school settings.

Over the past several years, Dr. Jaffe has developed a sub-specialization in working with the emotional aspects of medical conditions, including Tinnitus and Misophonia. Using CBT and DBT, Dr. J works in person or via SKYPE, FaceTime, or V-See to help patients manage the stress of their medical conditions, learn coping strategies, and improve the quality of their personal and family relationships. She also collaborates with audiologists to provide the most balanced approach to these conditions. Her website specifically for patients and other therapists,[www.SensitiveToSound.com](http://www.sensitivetosound.com/" \t "_blank), provides valuable information and resources about Tinnitus and Misophonia.

**Marsha Johnson, Au.D.**

Dr. Marsha Johnson is Director of the Oregon Tinnitus and Hyperacusis Clinic. She has over 15 years of experience working with sound sensitivity patients. She has developed a data base of over 3,000 patients that have misophonic complaints and is currently chairperson of a professional misophonia interest group which is developing evaluation procedures based on current knowledge of the misophonia condition.

**Michael Minnino, M.S. (Ph.D. Candidate)**

Michael Mannino has a BS in physics and a Masters in philosophy.   He was recently a full time assistant professor of philosophy at Miami Dade College in South Florida.  Michael taught courses in critical thinking, ethics, and introduction to philosophy.   Last year, Michael was accepted in to a PhD program at the Center for Complex Systems and Brain Sciences at Florida Atlantic University, for obtaining a doctorate in neuroscience.  Michael transitioned from being a full time professor to full time doctoral

student.   He is now a PhD Candidate and his research is in computational aspects of cognitive neuroscience and involves the investigation of large-scale brain networks by analyzing simulated data from The Virtual Brain Project using computational causality testing.

**Michael J. A. Robb, M.D.**

Dr. Robb is a neurologist and oto-neurologist in his eleventh year of private practice at the Robb Oto-Neurology Clinic in Phoenix, Arizona. He is one of approximately forty-five oto-neurologists in the USA. He training includes: the Fife fellowship in oto-neurology/medical neurotology at the Barrow Neurological Institute/St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix and a Diploma in Clinical Neurology from the Queen Square Institute of Neurology, National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery, London, UK; neurology residency at the University of Wisconsin in Madison; medical school at the University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines; and a Bachelor of Arts, major in Physics, at Washington University in St. Louis, MO. He has served as a board of director and member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the American Tinnitus Association. He co-authored *Tinnitus Retraining Therapy, Clinical Guidelines & Patient Counseling Guide, Parts I and II* with Drs. J. Henry, D. Trune and P. Jastreboff. Presently, he is a member of the American Auditory Society and American Balance Society and has presented clinical research at their annual meetings. He is a director of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, the voice for liberty in private medicine and the sanctity of the patient-doctor alliance.

**Christopher Spankovich, Ph.D.**

Christopher Spankovich is a Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences at the University of Florida (UF). Dr. Spankovich’s research program spans clinical and basic science domains and is directed at early identification of auditory pathology and prevention of acquired forms of hearing loss. Current projects include: 1) applications of thermal treatment on prevention of ototoxicity, 2) perceptual implications of noise-induced primary afferent damage, 3) influence of dietary quality on auditory function and tinnitus, 4) improving early identification of cochlear pathology with OAE fine structure, 5) and improving hearing conservation and prevention of hearing loss and tinnitus.  Dr. Spankovich is also a clinical audiologist. His clinical areas of interest include advanced diagnostics, electrophysiology, adult amplification, and tinnitus/decreased sound tolerance.

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