



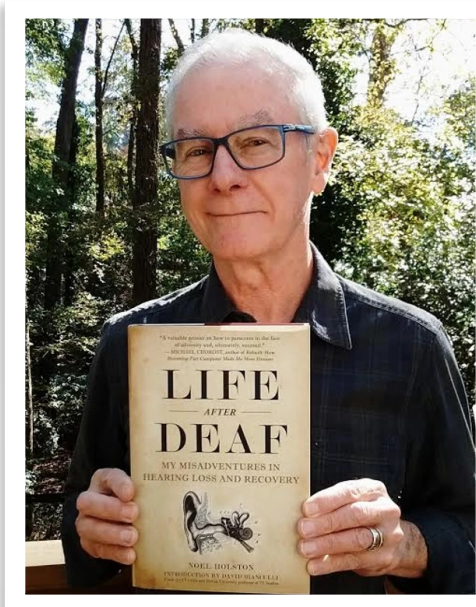
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Wednesday, February 17th at 6:30 pm (EST) Zoom with us and Noel Holston, author of *Life After Deaf.* Q & A to follow!

One morning, Noel Holston, a journalist and musician, rose and found that he couldn't hear the toilet flush - or anything else.



His book, which is a great read, tells the story of his odyssey through two cochlear implants and his return to the world of music - and what happened in between.

You can buy the book at local bookstores or borrow it at the library. If you've read it, come to discuss it. If you haven't read it, come find out what its about! Please join us - it's a fascinating story for everyone.

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<https://albanypubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/7443072>

Did you know? If you are a member of HLAA National, you're also a member of the New York State HLAA. It's free! See the letter below from Dan Brooks, President, to find out what the State Association is doing!

HLAA New York State Association (NYSA) - Update. *By Dan Brooks, President, HLAA-NYSA*

Hello! I hope everyone is well! Most of the HLAA chapters throughout New York State are working to continue to meet only doing so virtually. If your chapter has not gone virtual please feel free to join other HLAA Chapters' virtual meetings in NYS and other parts of the country. The meetings are all free, open to the public and captioned!

Here are a few updates from the HLAA NYSA. We held our first ever virtual HLAA NYSA Annual Meeting. If you missed the meeting and would like to view the captioned recording, you will find it on our New York State website: www.nyhearingloss.org.

We had almost 40 people attend the meeting! We had the opportunity to meet the members of the board and share information with many of the great people throughout New York State who took time out of their busy schedule to attend. It was impressive to be able to "see" everyone.

Now, let's get to updates: **HLAA New York State Association (HLAA NYSA)**. Our next board meeting will take place one Saturday in the month of February. In the month of March we will be hosting our very first HLAA NYSA Seminar titled "Hearing Access and the Law." The speakers' focus will be your rights as a person with hearing loss, and how to obtain them. This seminar will be open to anyone that pre-registers and will be captioned by C.A.R.T. Please continue to check our website for the

latest information on this event along with other events that being hosted at various chapters throughout New York State!
(www.nyhearingloss.org).

The guest speakers at the seminar will be

John Waldo - *disability rights attorney,*

John Herrion – *Director of Disability Rights for NYS Dept. of Human Rights,* and

Marc Fliedner *Director of PAIR (Protection and Advocacy for Individual Rights).* They will be speaking on "Hearing Access (for those with hearing loss) and the Law." The speakers' focus will be your rights as a person with hearing loss, and how to obtain them.

There is more exciting news to share that was not mentioned at the Annual Meeting. A new HLAA NYSA Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) was formed. Currently we have four dedicated PAC Members. In alphabetical order they are:

1.) **Joseph Montano**, Ed.D. Chief of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology at NY Presbyterian Hospital-Weill Cornell Medical Center.

2.) **Katrina R. Stidham**, M.D. Chief of Neurotology and Director of the Balance Center and Cochlear Implant Program at Westchester Medical Center, Valhalla, NY.

3.) **Donna Wayner**, Ph.D., Professional Advisor to HLAA ALBANY and former Director of The Hearing Center at the Albany Medical Center Hospital, Albany, NY.

4.) **Joseph Zesski**, Program Manager for the Northeast ADA Center in Delmar, NY.

There is so much more to mention about our State Association, but for now please visit our website often for the latest information and updates! We can also be reached at: hlaa.newyorkstate@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support and we all wish you the best!! **-Dan**

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IN THE NEWS: WHAT DO YOU SAY?

THE NEW YORK TIMES recently had an article on the deaf vs. the Deaf experience in tv and on air shows: <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/27/arts/television/deaf-tv-representation.html>. WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE PORTRAYAL OF PEOPLE WITH HEARING LOSS ON TV?

DEAR ABBY <https://www.uexpress.com/dearabby/2021/1/25/1/man-turns-deaf-ear-to-wifes> had a letter about a husband who wouldn't wear his hearing aids. Abby said "This may not be a matter of your husband "tuning you out." Have you asked him why he doesn't wear the hearing aids? Could it be they are uncomfortable and need adjusting? Is inserting the batteries difficult because they are so tiny? Is he bothered by the amplified background noise? Once you know why he is resistant, you can consult the doctor who prescribed the devices." WHAT COULD ABBY HAVE SAID? WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Do you know Instagram? Check out these 10 deaf and HOH instagrammers who may have something to say to you: <https://www.hearinglikeme.com/10-deaf-instagrammers-to-follow/>

On the HLAA Leaderboard (a Group some of us belong to) someone posted the following: I am trying to help my grandfather. He went to the emergency room and they put his hearing aid in one of those plastic cups on his food tray- it was thrown out! The hospital said that there is nothing they can do . I am wondering how I can help my grandfather get a new hearing aid as he is unable to afford one. Are you able to offer any insight on any potential help that I may contact ? Responses ranged from "sue the hospital" to contact the VA or your local Lions Club. Some hospitals have special containers for hearing aids and dentures. What do you think? Could this happen to you or someone you know?

Send the Editor a note at mkohome@gmail.com and tell me what you think!

RENEWAL TIME! Please don't forget to renew your membership in HLAA ALBANY. See the form on the final page of this newsletter. If your address says "RENEW NOW...."!

We don't want to lose track of you!

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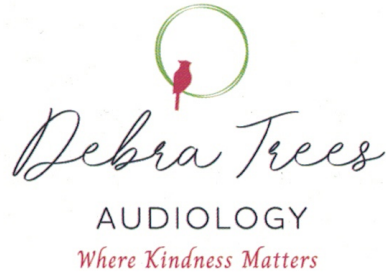
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February 17th 2021 6:30 pm - Join us with Noel Holston zooming about Life After Deaf - register at <https://albanypubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/7443072>

February 23, 2021 2:00 pm National HLAAL sponsoring a Zoom on “Good Enough” <https://www.hearingloss.org>

Sudden irreversible hearing loss post COVID-19 (BMJ)

- [Foteini Stefania Koumpa^{1,2}](#), [Cillian T Forde²](#) and [Joseph G Manjaly²](#). **Author affiliations**

Abstract

Sudden onset sensorineural hearing loss (SSNHL) is frequently seen by otolaryngologists. The exact pathophysiology of the disease is still unknown, with the most likely causative factor being following a viral infection. Immediate steroids are the best treatment to improve prognosis. Despite a plethora of papers in the literature describing SSNHL, there are only a few reported cases of hearing loss following COVID-19, none of which have been reported in the UK. This paper presents the first UK case of SSNHL following COVID-19. Physical examination and imaging excluded any other cause of hearing loss. A literature review showed that four other cases have been previously described. Hearing loss can be a significant cause of morbidity and can easily be missed in the intensive care setting. Being aware and screening for SSNHL following COVID-19 enables an early course of steroids, which offers the best chance of recovering hearing.

<https://bmj.com/coronavirus/usage>

INFORMATION YOU CAN USE

(Note: See www.hearinglossalbany.wordpress.com for more details)

- Albany Law School Civil Rights & Disabilities Law Clinic — www.albanylaw.edu
- American Tinnitus Association — www.ata.org
- Career & College Advice for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Students — www.affordablecollegesonline.org/college-resource-center/deaf-student-college-career-advice
- Hands and Voices — www.handsandvoices.org
- Hearing Like Me — www.hearinglikeme.com
- Hearing Loss Association of America — www.hearingloss.org
- Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center — <https://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu>
- National Deaf Center on Postsecondary Outcomes — nationaldeafcenter.org
- Office of the NYS Attorney General, Civil Rights Division — www.ag.ny.gov
- Young Adults - www.hearingloss.org/content/young-adults-and-hearing-loss

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- Resource Center for Independent Living, 347 W. Main St., Amsterdam, NY 12010 (518) 842-3561
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- Barrington Stage (Barringtonstage.org) —first six rows of Main Stage are looped
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- Capital Repertory Theatre (capitalrep.org) — Loop
- Christ Community Reformed Church, Clifton Park (<https://www.ccre-cpny.org>) — Loop
- Christ Our Light Catholic Church, (christourlightchurch.org) Loudonville, NY — FM System
- Crandall Public Library (Glens Falls) Christine L. McDonald Community Room (<https://www.crandalllibrary.org>)
- Delmar Reformed Church (drchurch.org) — Loop
- First Presbyterian Church (firstpresalbany.org) 362 State Street, Albany—perimeter Loop on the right side of the sanctuary
- Gloversville Public Library's Carnegie Meeting Room (<http://gloversvillelibrary.org>)
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, (www.gscl.org) 510 Albany Shaker Rd, Loudonville, 12211— Loop
- Loudonville Community Church (www.lcc.org) — FM Receivers
- Our Lady, Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Princetown Rd, Schenectady (www.olaprotterdam.org) — Loop
- Proctors Theater — Loop in the Main Stage and the Addy
- Regal Cinemas (regmovies.com) —Clifton Park, Crossgates, Colonie Center, East Greenbush, Wilton Mall and Aviation Mail — Captioning and Captioned Glasses
- Schenectady Light Opera Company, Schenectady, NY—FM Assistive Listening System
- Spectrum 8 (landmarktheatres.com) — Infrared and CCR-100 Captioning
- St. Mary's Catholic Church, Hamilton, NY— Loop
- St. Mary's Crescent Catholic Church Clifton Park (www.stmaryscrescent.com) — FM System
- Unitarian Universalist Society of Schenectady (uuschenectady.org) — Loop
- Universal Preservation Hall (<https://universalpreservationhall.org>) Saratoga Springs, NY loop

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