## **Dean's Colloquium**

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When: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 Time: 3:00 – 3:20 pm, Q&A: 5 min

## Title: Cultivating Excellence: Utilizing Labs to help Bridge Gaps in AAC Education

**Abstract:** This presentation features my trajectory in the field of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) and outlines my strategic initiative to establish an AAC laboratory and resource room within the Communicative Sciences and Disorders Department. The establishment of this resource will serve to enhance the exposure of both undergraduate and graduate students to diverse AAC modalities, fostering a comprehensive understanding and practical application of these technologies with a hands-on approach.

**Bio:** Mrs. Safiya Ferryman M.S., CCC-SLP TSSLD, received her Master of Science degree in Speech Pathology from Howard University. Additionally, she received her bachelor's degree in Speech pathology and a minor in Psychology from Howard University. Mrs. Ferryman has worked in numerous professional settings such as charter, public and private schools, private practice, home health and early intervention. She worked as the Manger of Speech Pathology department for a private school with multiple locations, where she also served as an Assistive technology Specialist for persons with Complex communication needs. Mrs. Ferryman has presented at the American Speech Language-Hearing Association Conference and looks forward opportunities to do more research of a collaborative nature. Safiya Ferryman joined Hampton University in August 2023 as clinical faculty in the Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders.