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In addition, Davis has served as the Director of Graduate Assessment. She has an interest in program assessment and analyzes the effect of cognitive learning styles on significant learning in academic and clinical activities related to speech-language pathology. Davis is published in professional journals and has co-authored chapters on TBI. She is the inaugural Chair of the Committee on Race, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in the Academy of Neurologic Communication Disorders and Sciences. Lastly, Davis conducts webinars and trainings on brain injury and hosts the podcast, "Life, Language, & Lyrics."