The 11th Annual Pacific Northwest Brain Injury Conference
2013

Living with Brain/Spinal Cord Injury & Disease:
Focusing on the Future

30th Anniversary Dinner
Friday, March 8

Dinner Keynote: Gary Busey,
Academy Award nominee for Best Actor in The Buddy Holly Story

On December 4, 1988, Gary Busey was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. Hear how the accident has affected his life.

Hosted By:

Brain Injury Alliance of Oregon &
The Brain Injury Association of Washington
Dear Conference Participants:

On behalf of The Brain Injury Alliance of Oregon, The Brain Injury Association of Washington and the Conference Planning Committee, I am pleased and honored to welcome you to the 11th Annual Pacific Northwest Brain Injury Conference.

We will be joined by attorneys, legislators, physicians, health care professionals, health agencies, business and education communities, VA from Oregon, Washington and Nationally, Brain Injury Association members, survivors, family members, advocates from 7 states, and leading health stakeholders. We have representatives from the Brain Injury Associations from Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

Our efforts are showing results: Washington and Oregon have once again united to provide up to 21.25 hours of continuing educational units. The Planning Committee has assembled an excellent program featuring keynote presentations, concurrent sessions, and networking opportunities that will promote partnerships and new relationships among professionals, non-professionals, survivors and family members in the brain injury community. Our program is focused on positive outcomes for those living with brain injury. I want to thank all of our outstanding speakers for donating their time and sharing their knowledge with us.

Please join me in thanking the committee members for their outstanding work: Lilleith Grand, Deborah Crawley, BIAWA, The BIAOR Board of Directors and many others: and our many volunteers including our AV volunteers: Steve and Laura Dehner.

The highlight of the conference is our 30th Anniversary Pioneer Awards Dinner featuring Keynote Speaker Gary Busey, well known actor. Local anchorman, Ken Boddie will be Master of Ceremonies. Please join us.

We also wish to thank our sponsors and exhibitors for making this possible.

Enjoy!
Sherry Stock, MS, CBIST
BIAOR Executive Director

The Brain Injury Association of Washington (BIAWA) is dedicated to increasing public awareness, support, and hope for those affected by brain injury. If you or someone you care about is living with brain injury, then you have come to the right place. Providing educational information about TBI and information about the free services offered through BIAWA.

1pm – 2:15 pm
Art Therapy and Brain Injury in Pediatric Rehabilitation -
Katie Dunn, MS, ATR, Clinical Pediatric Art Therapist, Randall
Children’s Hospital at Legacy Emanuel

This presentation will focus on the role of art therapy with pediatric patients suffering from anoxic and traumatic brain injuries within a multi-disciplinary team of therapists and medical professionals in an inpatient pediatric rehabilitation program. It will touch on the various origins of pediatric brain injury in an acute pediatric setting and specific impacts each may have on the art therapy counseling process. Challenges and factors of brain injury to be considered while providing art therapy counseling services will be reviewed as well. Five different art therapy mediums will be highlighted briefly in the context of the pediatric patient suffering from brain injury (drawing, painting, sand art, modeling clay and collage).

2:15 pm—2:30 pm Break

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm
How to Use Music Therapy for Increasing Positive Outcome -
Lillieth Grand, MS, MT-BC

Music is a powerful tool because it follows unique neural pathways and functions globally in the brain. Because of this, the music therapist is able to access neural function using music to assist their patients to achieve rehabilitative, habilitative and palliative goals. This presentation will introduce participants to the field of music therapy, how and when to access a music therapist as well as strategies for the appropriate use of music by those who are not board-certified music therapists.

3:45 pm - 4:00 pm Break

4 pm – 5 pm
How to Incorporate Music, Art and Physical Therapy into a daily routine to Increase Positive Outcomes -
Karen Campbell and Carol Altman

You have learned a lot today. Now how do you incorporate that knowledge into actual activities and programs. This will be an interactive presentation with survivors showing their skills and telling the audience how these multiple expressive therapy techniques have improved the quality of the their lives.

For Speaker’s bio-sketches, please see pages 10-14 where they are listed in alphabetical order.
Friday, March 8, 2013

7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.   Foyer
Registration and Check-in - Continental Breakfast

8:00 am - 8:15 am  Mt. Hood A & B
Welcome to BIA Conference 2013:
Ralph Wiser, President BIAOR, Sherry Stock, Executive Director, BIAOR, Deborah Crawley, Executive Director, BIAWA, Rep. Vic Gilliam

8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Mt. Hood A & B
Keynote Speaker: Look where we have come in 30 years - what is in the future? - Dr. Muriel D. Lezak
Moderator: Ralph Wiser
This review of the past and present of TBI rehabilitation in the U.S. and abroad begins with a brief history of TBI rehabilitations’ mostly wartime origins. A triad of issues critical for the development of effective TBI rehabilitation are traced from their origins to today: executive function disorders; the “awareness” problem; and outcome evaluation. Some future directions are suggested.

9:15 am – 9:30 am Break  Foyer

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Track 1 - Mt. Hood A:  Legal pitfalls of presenting a TBI Case: Common Mistakes Plaintiffs Attorneys Make When Representing a Traumatically Brain Injured Client - Arthur Lertiz
Moderator: Ralph Wiser
This presentation will focus on my experiences in defending TBI cases when I was a defense attorney and discussing some of the mistakes I used to see and identifying potential "red flags."

Track 2 - Mt Hood C: Brain Injury and the Returning Military 101 - Bronwyn G. Pughe, MA, MFA, TBI Program Education Specialist, Administrator Traumatic Brain Injury Program, Madigan Healthcare System
Moderator: Jeri Cohen
When traumatic brain injury (TBI) and its symptoms have happened to our Service members, the results are often misunderstood by both Military and community members. From her standpoint as an educator, Bronwyn G. Pughe, MA, MFA presents some of the basic facts of traumatic brain injury, the impact among the military, family, and community members, and how we can use reintegration and resiliency skills to make our communities stronger and healthier after one or more members have suffered a TBI.

10:00 am – 10:15 am Break  Foyer

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Track 3 - Cascade A & B: The Role of Music Therapy in Rehabilitation - Lillieth Grand, MS, MT-BC
Moderator: Nancy Holmes
Music is a powerful tool because it follows unique neural pathways and functions globally in the brain. Because of this, the music therapist is able to access neural function using music to assist their patients to achieve rehabilitative, habilitative and palliative goals. This presentation will define music therapy as it pertains to rehabilitation. Goals of music therapy as well as several case examples will be shared.

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Track 1 - Mt. Hood A: Brain Tumors—Why We Should Care -- Edward Allen Neuwelt, M.D., Professor of Neurology, Oregon Health
Moderator: Ashley Thompson
This presentation will identify and define different types of Brain Tumors and how they affect the brain. It will also cover cutting edge developments in new brain tumor procedures.

Track 2 - Mt Hood C: Assistive technology - low to high assistive devices to live life to the fullest with brain injury Susan Powell, MS/P, OTR/L, ATP Madigan
Moderator: Elizabeth Sosa
The Assistive Technology Act of 2004 defines assistive technology devices as items, equipment, or systems used in functional capability of individuals with disabilities. Participants at this presentation will be able to describe low and high technology devices and systems to maximize self-care and organizational skills. Resource information will be available for consumers, caregivers, and providers in diverse situations with emphasis on members of the military and veterans.

Objectives:
- Define "assistive technology" (AT)
- Give five examples of AT available for active duty service members (SMs)
- Describe options of a Veterans Administration prosthetics program
- Name three occupational therapy roles in providing AT to Military SMs, VA veterans, TBI-related assistance

By the close of this session, participants will be able to:
1) Define Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI);
2) Distinguish between the common myths and facts about TBI;
3) Summarize reintegration and resiliency skills for Service, family, and community members;
4) Take action towards healthier communities after one or more members have suffered a TBI.
Track 3 - Cascade A & B: Acupuncture and Complementary Medicine in the Management of Traumatic Brain Injury - Douglas Wingate, MAcOM, Lac

Moderator: Nancy Holmes

Americans spend around 34 trillion dollars a year on complementary medicine. A brief overview of what this includes and ways in which I have used Eastern Asian Medicine techniques including acupuncture and traditional herbal medicine in the treatment of traumatic brain injury will be discussed.

12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch Mt Hood C:

Video: Brain Injury: Voices of a Silent Epidemic

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm Afternoon Keynote Mt Hood A & B:

Breakthrough practical applications of brain plasticity principles in the recovery from Traumatic Brain Injury - Anat Baniel, clinical psychologist, dancer and leader in the field of NeuroMovement

Moderator: Nancy Holmes

In this experiential presentation Ms Baniel will introduce the importance of shifting focus during the rehabilitation process of the brain injured patient from repetitive attempts to perform lost functions - physical, cognitive or emotional - to providing the brain with the new information it needs to differentiate and create new connections and patterns leading to the recreation of the lost functions. “The brain is constructed, by its own nature, to change itself.” (Dr Michael Merzenich.) Repetition and forceful attempts by the patient to perform lost functions activate the plasticity of the brain to quickly groove in the patterns of the disorder and the disorganization that the brain damage caused. These patterns of limitation get deeply grooved in the brain and result in a restricted and asymptotic process of recovery. Any successful rehabilitation process depends on taking advantage of the power of the brain to change itself in a positive direction, i.e. resume the process of massive creation of new neural connection that took place the first time those functions were formed and are required for the formation of any new skill.

The Anat Baniel Method offers an innovative approach that provides a new understanding of the conditions the brain requires in order to “wake up” and resume creating new connections. It defines Nine Essentials, supported by contemporary neuroscience, that are principles and practical ways to leverage the remarkable potential of the brain to change itself to improve and often transform expected clinical outcomes. The Essentials can be easily integrated and applied by the clinician in their own practice. This presentation will include a short experiential movement process demonstrating the power of the brain to change, video of the work done with brain-injured patients, power point, lecture, and Q&A.

Objectives:
Objective 1: The participant will get deeper knowledge of the most current brain plasticity research and ways to translate this knowledge into practical applications with their patients.
Objective 2: The participant will acquire tools to be able to intentionally activate positive brain change and learning in their patients.
Objective 3: The participant will be able to recognize aspects of traditional rehabilitation practices that can limit their patient’s progress rather than enhance it and how to avoid those.
Objective 4: The participants will experience first hand the power of their brain to quickly change and clearly enhance their own movement coordination and flexibility.

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm Break Foyer

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Track 1 - Mt. Hood A: Successful Malingering During Neuropsychological Assessment: What, Where, and How - John DenBoer, PhD, Clinical Neuropsychologist/Psychologist, Casa Colina Centers for Rehabilitation

Moderator: Ralph Wiser

This presentation covers important information relating to dissimulation during neuropsychological assessment. Attendees will gain knowledge relating to different methods of faking bad behavior during cognitive assessment, as well as techniques for detecting sub-optimal effort..

Track 2 - Mt Hood C: Technology – Tomorrow & Today - Jonathan Gray

Moderator: Joyce Phelps

This presentation will include a live demonstration of hands free communication solutions and new technologies emerging on the market.

Track 3 - Cascade A & B: Learning to Talk Again with Music - Lillieth Grand, MS, MT-BC

Moderator: Nancy Holmes

Congresswoman Giffords is talking today after being shot on the left side of her brain. That she is alive is amazing, but she is also talking. She is talking because of music therapy. This presentation will highlight several techni2ues utilized by music therapists to assist those with brain injuries, like Congresswoman Gabriel Giffords, to talk again.

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm Break Foyer

3:45 pm - 5:00 pm Mt Hood A: Conducting Mental Status Examinations with a Traumatic Brain Injury Patient - John DenBoer, PhD, Clinical Neuropsychologist/Psychologist, Casa Colina Centers for Rehabilitation

Moderator: Ralph Wiser

This presentation will deal primarily with techniques for conducting mental status examination on patients with traumatic brain injury. Attendees will gain information on how to assess...
neurocognitive functioning in the acute phase of TBI recovery, including in-field mental status assessment.

Track 2 - Mt Hood C: When War Comes Home: The Emotional Trauma of Caregiving - Marilyn Lash, M.S.W. Moderator: Jeri Cohen

The aftermath of war comes home as wounded service members return from Iraq and Afghanistan. This session explores the impact on female family caregivers as they experience compassion fatigue, grief reactions, domestic violence and parenting conflicts related to post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury.

Objectives
1. Identify at least 4 symptoms of compassion fatigue among caregivers.
2. Discuss the overlap and interplay of TBI and PTSD symptoms.
3. Describe the impact of TBI and PTSD on marital relationships and parenting.

Track 3 - Cascade A & B: Using Improv/Theatre Activities with BI Survivors - Clinical Application of Improvisational Exercises - Ruth Jenkins, MS, CCC-SLP Moderator: Nancy Holmes

In this course, participants will have hands-on experience, backed by written instructions, in exercises that are challenging and engaging and yet require little planning/prep time. Many of the exercises address multiple goals, which make them particularly good for groups such as school aged students and stroke or head injury groups. They are most useful in the learning and generalization phases of skill acquisition. Each exercise will be explained regarding its format/rules and regarding its specific use in treatment. Discussion of modifications to most exercises will also be provided to allow for maximal use across varying skill levels of patients/clients/students. In no way is it necessary to have a performance background to teach or participate in these activities. Dress for light movement.

Client age range: 5-Adult. Topics: Use of Improvisational Exercises in TX to address goals in: cognition (memory and attention), word finding strategies, auditory comprehension, pragmatics (reading emotional cues, eye contact), articulation.

Learning Outcomes:
1) Understand the rationale for using humor and rapid thought processes in the treatment of speech/language and cognitive deficits
2) Be able to provide patients/clients/students/residents with challenging and engaging activities that can address a wide variety of goal areas
3) Be able to train caregivers and family in use of the above

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm Mt Adams Foyer
Reception (cash bar)
Music: Thom Dudley & Eddie Parente

6:30 pm – 9:30 pm Mt Adams

BIOR 30th Anniversary Dinner

Keynote: Gary Busey

Master of Ceremonies: Ken Boddie

Pioneer Awards Presentation

Lifetime Achievement: Dr. Muriel Lezak

Outstanding Medical Doctor: Dr. Danielle Erb

And many more. Don’t miss it!
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**Moderator:** Jill Keeney & John Botterman, PhD |
| 4 - 5 pm    | **Training Assistive Technology in the Environment** - Laurie Ehlhardt Powell, PhD  
**Moderator:** Elizabeth Sosa | **Using Martial Arts for Physical Therapy** - Ben Luskin and Tony Ellis  
**Moderator:** Ashley Thompson | **What I Wish I Had Known ...**  
The Positive Brain Injury Support group of Portland  
**Moderator:** Nancy Holmes |
Saturday, March 9, 2013

Objectives:
1. Information Capture: Paper day planner, key entering in Evernote, Awesome Note, smart phones, My Bionic Brain®, etc., voice-to-text note taking
2. Information Storage: Store in notebooks, day planner, sticky notes, smart phone, iPad, other tablets, various apps
3. Information Retrieval: Using color codes and visual cues at home, at school, at work, key word using prosthetic memory, searching within calendar, within Memory Notes, within projects, etc.
4. Information Use: Managing TO DO lists by checking off items as completed, transferring to schedule, using whiteboards, notebooks, software, computer, smart phones, apps

10:30 am – 10:45 am Break  Foyer

10:45 am - 12:00 pm
Track 1 - Mt Hood A: Electrodiagnostics in Brain Injury and Hidden Vision Problems - Dr. Bruce Wojciechowski, OD, FCBOVD
Moderator: Ralph Wiser

How state of the art technology, including the use of electrodiagnostics are being used in the overall treatment of vision disorders caused by brain injury.

Track 2 - Mt Hood C: Growing Through It® WHOLEistic recovery services for people who want to grow, especially after brain trauma - Bittin Duggan, MA, BFA
Moderator: Nancy Holmes

Being a young art student before her TBI in 1989, Bittin was gifted with the ability to use her artistic skills to deepen a balanced recovery. You will view reflective and colorful artwork of her “before, during and after” pieces showing her recovery process. A selection from the 65 completed Growing Through It® (GTI) art workshops will also be displayed. GTI workshops are one of the greatest fruits of Bittin’s trauma. A group of people co-create a visual and verbal expression of their shared life experience – living after brain trauma. By viewing Bittin’s & GTI art workshop images you will see the importance of WHOLEistic recovery for you, your family members, and your clients. Two original art pieces will be on display for viewing, reading, touching, and writing feedback in the accompanying books. Information about GTI Facilitator Training Seminars will also be available.

Each session participant will take home your own tree map – naming the pieces of your life in relationship to one another, from your core, through trauma, and up towards the light where you rebuild the branches and fruits of your personal tree. Bittin both practices and advocates to integrate the body, mind and spirit union toward self-love. You will feel inspired to also follow your heart and continue to explore and nurture your own unfolding path of personal growth and community service. Bittin believes that we each have the right to be WHOLE and
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to be a meaningful member of our communities - family, friends, neighborhoods, towns, nations & world!

Track 3 - Cascade A & B: Two Stories of Survival - Dr. James Meade and Gordon Viggiano
Moderator: Jeri Cohen

Making Your Own Miracles - James Meade was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, ten Air Medals, and other commendations. His helicopter was shot down three times during three months of combat. After being shot down May 8, 1967, in Vietnam and seriously brain injured, doctors told my family I would die or be a vegetable the rest of my life. My parents trained me to be a functional human being again. From being animal-like and tied down, I went to college, learning to read and write and earning a BS, MA and PhD in Psychology. I worked with TBI victims around the world.

My Brain Has a Hole in It - Gordon Viggiano was an expert sales consultant, specializing in building and developing sales teams in small to mid-sized companies. He had over 30 years of experience as a VP of Sales for a number of California Companies. On Gordon's 51st birthday, out of nowhere, a terrible thing happened: He suffered a massive stroke. Gordon will cover:
- Life before I had a stroke
- The grim realities of the stroke
- Death vs recovery
- I wake up
- The long road ahead of me
- What I discovered
- Looking forward to what is next

12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch Mt Hood C
Meeting of BIAOR Members and Updates

Video: Brain Injury: Voices of a Silent Epidemic

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm Mt Hood A

Afternoon Keynote
The Returning Veterans - What they need, what are they going through: Cultural, social, organizational sources of hindrance and support for returning veterans. - Eddie Black, Oregon National Guard Resiliency Program Manager
Moderator: Ralph Wiser

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm Break  Foyer

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Track 1 -Mt Hood A: Cognitive Curbcuts: Visual Scheduling, Video Modeling, and Personal Wellness supports for Self-Management - Dr. Tom Keating
Moderator: Elizabeth Sosa

This session presents the concept of "cognitive curbcuts" as a way to understand information accessibility challenges experienced by individuals who experience brain injury and other cognitive disabilities. Examples of simple user interface models demonstrate accessible IOS, desktop, and Web-based software applications that enhance the ability of individuals with cognitive disabilities to manage personal schedules, complete tasks at home, school, and work, and monitor their personal health and wellness.

Track 2 - Mt Hood C: Brain Injury: Voices of a Silent Epidemic - Cindy Daniel, BRAVE Publications, Andy Palumbo, Outside the Lab
Moderator: Jeri Cohen

Brain Injury: Voices of a Silent Epidemic guides viewers on a journey about brain injury – its causes and effects on people who are injured and those around them. Narrated by experts in the field and supported by interviews with people who live with brain injury, this video was created for a broad audience including students, clinicians, caregivers, attorneys, policymakers, people with injury, as well as others seeking information about brain injury.

Many survivors of brain injury can appear to be completely uninjured in their day-to-day lives, but the fact remains that altered brains often result in persistent hidden challenges that can have adverse and dramatic daily effects. Just as advances in neurology have improved the survival rate of those who sustain a brain injury, improved understanding of these injuries by laypersons and professionals will improve recovery and reintegration of brain injury survivors. By exploring the cases presented in this video and tying them back to today's understanding of the brain, this silent epidemic is given a new voice that can speak to people unfamiliar with brain injury.
Track 3 - Cascade A & B: Hope and Recovery Principles in the Treatment of ABI - Jacek A. Haciak, PsyD
Moderator: Jill Keeney & John Botterman, PhD

Recovery philosophy originated in the substance abuse field, but has, since the President’s New Freedom Commission Report in 2003, been broadened and adapted to mental health care. In this application, the emphasis is on relationships, hope, and self-determination as being key elements essential for the maximum growth potential.

I. The history of Recovery, and the more recent inclusion of hope and mental health wellness
   A. Alcoholism and substance abuse peer support origins
   B. President’s New Freedom Commission

II. The evolution of Recovery and Wellness principles in mental health care
   A. Strength-based “positive psychology”
   B. Self-determination and personal growth ownership
   C. Dignity and respect
   D. Relationship as the primary therapeutic variable
   E. Hope as the measure of therapeutic value

III. How to implement Recovery in a Medical Model world
   A. Sensitivity to provider roles and their training orientation
   B. Firm and compassionate expectations
   C. Model what qualities of the treatment relationship are desired

The presentation attendees will be able to:
1. Identify the 2 basic factors which drive patient motivation and treatment involvement
2. Elucidate the importance of “relationship” for successful social/coordinated task performance
3. Employ one new strategy for bridging the recovery and medical model philosophies

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm Break Foyer

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Track 2 - Mt Hood C : Using Martial Arts for Physical Therapy - Ben Luskin and Tony Ellis
Moderator: Ashley Thompson

We are skilled in some areas and challenged in others. Join Ben Luskin and Tony Ellis for this interactive presentation that will explore how we can amplify our strengths, and show up confident and able in all areas of our lives. By focusing on what works, rather than what doesn’t, you may be surprised to discover you’ve known the answers all along.

Track 3 –Cascade A & B: What I Wish I Had Known ...
The Positive Brain Injury Support group of Portland
Moderator: Nancy Holmes

This presentation will be survivors discussing the issues and things that they have learned over the last three years, feelings, acceptance, re-identifying and finding joy as well as navigating the system. This group has worked together for the last three years creating a bond of support as well.
Keynotes Friday

Gary Busey

GARY BUSEY is enjoying a 43 year career in Hollywood. In fact, 2013 marks the 35th Anniversary of “The Buddy Holly Story” which garnered Busey a BAFTA win and an Academy Award nomination for “Best Actor” both for his performance in the title role of Buddy Holly. He also returns to NBC this year for the new show -- “All Star Celebrity Apprentice,” playing for his non-profit charity, www.BuseyFoundation.com.

Busey's other notable film credits include his memorable roles in "The Firm," "Under Siege," "Point Break," "Big Wednesday," "Straight Time," and "Lethal Weapon." Busey became a household name and ratings sensation with TV audiences, too, in his recent starring roles on Celebrity Wife Swap and the 11th Season of Celebrity Apprentice. Busey's other TV roles of note are his multiple appearances on HBO's Entourage as well as a recurring role on the syndicated sitcom, Mr. Box Office, and a special guest-star role on "Two and a Half Men" when Busey played himself.

On December 4, 1988, Busey was severely injured in a motorcycle accident in which he was not wearing a helmet. His skull was fractured, and doctors feared he suffered permanent brain damage. This near-fatal motorcycle accident resulted in the enactment of stricter helmet laws in the state of California.

Anat Baniel, clinical psychologist, dancer and leader in the field of NeuroMovement has developed a revolutionary movement based clinical approach that is supported by recent brain plasticity research. Her work with Brain Injury patients, both adults and pediatrics, is supported by leading experts in the field of neuroplasticity such as Norman Doidge, MD (author The Brain That Changes Itself) and Martha Herbert, MD of Harvard Medical School (author The Autism Revolution) She is currently involved in a pilot study on TBI with Dr Michael Merzenich. She is the author of best selling Move Into Life and the highly acclaimed Kids Beyond Limits.

Keynotes Saturday

Dr. Larry Sherman is a Professor in the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology and in the Neuroscience Graduate Program at the Oregon Health & Science University. He is also the President of the Oregon Chapter of the Society for Neuroscience. He has over 80 publications related to brain development and neurodegenerative diseases including Alzheimer's disease and multiple sclerosis. He serves on a number of national scientific review panels for the National Institutes of Health, the Congressionally-Directed Medical Research Programs, and others. He has made numerous television appearances, discussing various topics related to neuroscience. He has also given hugely popular talks and performances (including playing the piano) around the globe on topics that include music and the brain, the neuroscience of pleasure and love, and a deeply personal presentation dealing with his recently discovered biological family and exploring the contributions of genes and environment to brain development and personality. The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry and Portland Monthly Magazine recognized Dr. Sherman as one of the most innovative people in the State of Oregon. He was also the 2012 Teacher of the Year at the Oregon Health & Science University School of Medicine.

Dr. Muriel D. Lezak - Dr. Lezak joined the staff of the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Portland, OR in 1966 where her work with brain damaged patients led to VA funded research on their cognitive problems. This evolved into a study of emotional/psychosocial consequences of traumatic brain injury for which she developed the precursor of the Mayo-Portland Adaptability Inventory (www.tbims.org/combi/mpai/M2Pi.pdt). In 1985 she moved to Oregon Health & Science University; she is now Professor Emerita (Neurology). She is the author of Neuropsychological assessment (NY: Oxford University Press), first published in 1976; the fifth edition (M.D. Lezak with D.B. Howieson, Erin Bigler, Dan Tranel) was published in 2012. She edited Assessment of the behavioral consequences of head trauma (AR Liss, 1989) and was book review editor of the Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society (1995-2004).
Mr. Dubats is a US Veteran, having served in the Logistics Deployment, training, and life. Mr. Dubats has spent the past 23 years helping people walk again following accident, illness, and injury. Many severely injured individuals who are using the GHS, and who were unable to walk in the 5, 10 and 20 plus years post their injuries, are now beginning to stand and walk again for the first time. Today, the GHS is used with clients living with a broad spectrum of medical conditions, including traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, stroke/CVA, developmental disability, lower extremity amputation, and other neurological disorders of the central nervous system. The GHS is used world-wide in a broad spectrum of out-patient, in-patient, and home enriched environments. Second Step is dedicated to high customer satisfaction by keeping users and caregivers safe, simultaneously facilitating healthy, functional therapy outcomes.

Bittin Duggan, MA, BFA, has expansive education in Whole Systems Design, combined with her personal recovery from TBI, makes her a leader in presenting on holistic rehabilitation methods – body, mind and spirit. Western medical practice can be augmented with healing modalities of creative expression, a whole foods nutritional practice, alternative healing methods, and more.

Kathryn Dunn, MS ATR, a Clinical Pediatric Art Therapist at Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel in Portland, Oregon. She received a Master's of Science in Art Therapy from Eastern Virginia Medical School in 2004. Since then, Kathryn has worked with child and adolescent psychiatric patients, child victims of domestic violence, adult male perpetrators of domestic violence and with women seeking counseling surrounding pregnancy options and loss. Currently her primary focus, passion and expertise surround medically ill children and their families. For the past six years Kathryn has been a full time Pediatric Art Therapist at Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel in Portland, Oregon. She works with Hematology and Oncology patients, children suffering from chronic illness, eating disorders, burns, acute psychiatric episodes, brain injury, acute trauma and paralysis as well as any other medical condition, episode or hospital experience that may

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Dr. Aaron DeShaw, Esq. is a trial lawyer in Portland Oregon, primarily handling traumatic brain injury cases. He has individually, and in cooperation with other law firms, obtained settlements and verdicts for his clients in excess of $400 million. He was named as one of Oregon's Superlawyers, a peer reviewed selection of the top 5% of all lawyers in a state. DeShaw is author of several books and videos on traumatic injuries and insurance. He is a resource for national media such as CNN, MSNBC, BusinessWeek, A.M. Best, and others on the topic of insurance. He has lectured for both physician and legal professionals including AAJ, ATLA, OTLA, the Spine Research Institute of San Diego, and the Brain Injury Association of Oregon, as well as private seminars before the nation's top insurance bad faith lawyers. He is a former Doctor of Chiropractic, and uses his education on the brain, and nervous system in trying serious personal injury cases. DeShaw handles serious personal injury cases including brain injury cases, catastrophic injuries, and wrongful death claims.

John DenBoer, PhD, Clinical Neuropsychologist/Psychologist, Director of Neuropsychology at Casa Colina Center for Rehabilitation, a rehabilitation hospital located in Pomona, CA.

David Dubats founded Second Step in 1989. He is the inventor of the Gait Harness System®, holds four US and International Patents on the System®, and is an advocate for “Helping People Walk Again" ™. The Gait Harness System® is 100% made and manufactured in the USA.
Veterans Administration. veterans and their families through a contract with the disorder, and has provided outpatient services to returning individuals experiencing symptoms of post-traumatic stress services at OSH. Dr. Haciak also provides services to he is currently developing a set of cognitive rehabilitation Center for Cognitive Rehabilitation in Washington State, and McKay Moore-Sohlberg and Dr. Catherine Mateer at the related neuropsychological practices first began with Dr. Jacek (Jack) A. Haciak, Psy.D.. His training and experience in cognitive rehabilitation and the psychologist practicing in Oregon at Oregon State Hospital Jacek (Jack) A. Haciak, Psy.D.. Anthropology from Florida State University. and marketing and earned his Bachelor's degree in perspective from both the manufacturing and consumer sides distribution program and relay service, giving him a unique Inc., administrator for the State of Florida's equipment distribution program and relay service, giving him a unique perspective from both the manufacturing and consumer sides of the industry. Jon has over 15 years of experience in sales and marketing and earned his Bachelor’s degree in Anthropology from Florida State University.

Lillieth Grand, MS, MT-BC, Executive Director, Milestone Music Therapy, has been a music therapist for over 18 years specializing in working with children who have neurological impairment, traumatic brain injury, autism, developmental disabilities, and chronic health conditions. She is passionate about the field and holds several regional and national positions with AMTA and WRAMTA. As a well-known speaker on music therapy, she has been keynote speaker at the Utah Brain Injury Association and presents at nearly every music therapy conference. Lillieth has been trained in neurologic music therapy, NICU music therapy, Music Together, level 1 of the Bonny Method of Music and Imagination and more. Her master’s degree is in special education. She has a vision of seeing that all persons in Oregon who suffer a brain injury have access to and use of a music therapist. Lillieth is the single mother of three boys, ages 12, 10, and 1. Her middle child being severely neurologically impaired and brain injured makes her appreciate them all the more. Her major instrument is voice.

Jonathan Gray is the Business Unit Manager for Clarity. Jon is responsible for the strategic planning, sales, & product development for State Equipment Distribution Programs, Special Needs Distributors and Hearing Healthcare Professionals in the U.S. and Canada. Jon joined Clarity in 2009 after spending 7 years as the Outreach Manager for Florida Telecommunications Relay Inc., administrator for the State of Florida’s equipment distribution program and relay service, giving him a unique perspective from both the manufacturing and consumer sides of the industry. Jon has over 15 years of experience in sales and marketing and earned his Bachelor’s degree in Anthropology from Florida State University.

Jacek (Jack) A. Haciak, Psy.D., is a licensed psychologist practicing in Oregon at Oregon State Hospital (OSH) and as a psychologist consultant in the community. His training and experience in cognitive rehabilitation and the related neuropsychological practices first began with Dr. McKay Moore-Sohlberg and Dr. Catherine Mateer at the Center for Cognitive Rehabilitation in Washington State, and he is currently developing a set of cognitive rehabilitation services at OSH. Dr. Haciak also provides services to individuals experiencing symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, and has provided outpatient services to returning veterans and their families through a contract with the Veterans Administration.

Nancy Irey Holmes, DPSY PHD CBIS practices Clinical Psychology in Portland and Madras OR

Ruth Jenkins, MS, CCC/SLP, received her Master’s degree from Portland State University in 1995. She completed her CFY in the public schools and has since been employed by the Providence Health System working in acute care, rehab, outpatient (both pediatric and adult) and for the last 14 years in home health settings with adults. She is a former President of the Oregon Academy of Speech Pathology and Audiology and has taught classes similar to this for that organization and for the Oregon Speech Language Hearing Association as well as to other groups of SLP’s including those involved in both pediatric and adult practices. She has also taught workshops relative to dysphagia in RCF/ICF settings, and speech/ language/cognitive workshops to Parkinson’s groups and to hospice volunteers. Prior to entering this field, Ruth had a BFA in acting and was employed as an actress with various repertory companies. For the last 25 years she has performed with ComedySportz, a national improvisational comedy troupe. She and her husband founded the ComedySportz troupe in Portland and she is an active player and workshop teacher for improvisational skills and group unity training seminars. She teaches improv and directs plays for elementary and middle school children as well.

Tom Keating, Ph.D. is Director of Eugene Research Institute and Cognitopia Software, in Eugene, OR, focusing on development of cognitively accessible software for community living support, including the Picture Planner™ visual scheduler and ScanDo! video modeling app. Dr. Keating is an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Computer and Information Sciences Department of the University of Oregon. Dr. Keating's work over the past fifteen years has focused on the role of assistive technology in the lives of students and adults with cognitive and physical disabilities, on human interface design and development of cognitively accessible software for activities of daily living, and on intelligent systems for remote caregiving.

Marilyn Lash, M.S.W. With over 35 years of experience working with persons with disabilities and their families in medical, rehabilitation, educational and vocational settings, her primary interests are supporting families and developing community programs. She works closely with Operation Homefront, Hope for the Home Front, and the Wounded Warrior Project to address the emotional trauma of the wounds of war among families. She is President of Lash and Associates Publishing/Training, located in NC, a leading publisher of information on traumatic brain injury; former Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Brain Injury Association of North Carolina; and former Chair of the Brain Injury Advisory Council for North Carolina.
Arthur D. Leritz received his degree in Political Science from the University of Washington in 1996, followed by his Doctor of Jurisprudence from Willamette University College of Law in 1999. Prior to joining ADLER GIERSCH PS, Mr. Leritz represented and defended insurers for nearly 11 years, handling a wide variety of complex insurance and personal injury cases. It was through his legal representation of at-fault defendants and insurance companies that Mr. Leritz realized his true calling was to advocate, protect, and defend those with traumatic injuries. Mr. Leritz is a contributor to From Injury to Action: Navigating Your Personal Injury Claim (2011), and is a contributor to the firm’s Advocate newsletter on insurance and injury issues. He has also lectured to attorneys and healthcare providers. Mr. Leritz is licensed to practice law in federal court and all jurisdictions in the state of Washington. He is a participating member of the Washington State Bar Association, the Washington State Association for Justice-Eagle, the American Association of Justice, and the Brain Injury Association of Washington. Mr. Leritz has been selected and served as court-appointed arbitrator in King, Snohomish, and Pierce Counties to resolve personal injury and insurance cases.

Kathy Moeller, BA, CBIS, experienced a TBI in 1990. After receiving 14 months of intensive cognitive rehabilitation, she applied what she learned in rehab to create and distribute the BRAIN BOOK® Life and Work Management System. In 2010, a team of graduate-level software engineering students at Seattle University selected her program for their “Cognitive Bionics” project and created the foundational software for My Bionic Brain®, which has since been turned into an iPad-delivered cognitive prosthetic that is distributed to Vocational Rehabilitation agencies and VA facilities across the country. Ms. Moeller was named “Clinician of the Year” in 1996 by the Oregon Brain Injury Association and her service to the community was most recently recognized when she was named a 2012 finalist in the Oregon Ethics in Business competition.

Edward A. Neuwelt, M.D., is a Professor in the Department of Neurology at the Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) and the Portland VA Medical Center and holds an appointment in the Division of Neurosurgery (Department of Surgery). He divides his time between the clinical and laboratory programs which constitute the Blood-Brain Barrier (BBB) program of which he has been director since coming to OHSU in 1981. Dr. Neuwelt’s clinical interest relates primarily to brain tumors and neuro-oncology. He has published over 200 peer reviewed articles and edited three books dealing with basic science and clinical aspects of the Blood-Brain Barrier. Dr. Neuwelt currently serves as the director of the Blood Brain Barrier Program and is the Sponsoring Physician for OHSU ThinkFirst Oregon Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Prevention Program.

Laurie Ehlhardt Powell, PhD, CCC-SLP, Associate Research Fellow, Center on Brain Injury Research and Training, at the Teaching Research Institute, a division of Western Oregon University. For more than 12 years, she has conducted research and trainings in the area of evidence-based instruction applied to assistive technology for cognition (ATC) for individuals with acquired brain injury (ABI). Dr. Ehlhardt Powell has published a number of papers on ATC and was lead author on a comprehensive literature review of research conducted in the area of instruction for individuals with ABI. She is also a speech-language pathologist with over 20 years of experience working with adults diagnosed with acquired cognitive-communication impairments due to ABI, across the continuum of care, including inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation and vocational settings.

Russell C. Spearman M.Ed. is the Project Director for Idaho’s Traumatic Brain Injury Partnership Implementation grant from the Health Resources Services Administration, Maternal and Children’s Health Bureau. Since August 2000 Russ has been employed by the Institute of Rural Health at Idaho State University, Boise. Prior to this Russ was responsible for developing and implementing all aspects related to Idaho’s 1915 C Medicaid Home and Community-based option (HCBS) waiver for adults with traumatic brain injury. His duties included managing a state and federal grant, coordinating interdisciplinary teams, and overseeing research and evaluation of current services for ID TBI clients. Russ is a 2006 graduate of the University of Idaho, M.Ed. in Public Administration with a concentration in Community Development and a dual concentration in Non-Profit Management and Public/Municipal Administration. Russ has a background in non-profit and public administration and public health with a focus on health outcomes for populations with chronic conditions. Russ has over 15 years' experience in the field of health care and public health. Russ is an avid traveler and enjoys being outdoors, hiking, and fly fishing. He also enjoys volunteering and giving back to a number of organizations that are important to him and our community.
Community Based Services Waiver for adults with a traumatic brain injury. He is the former Executive Director for Idaho’s Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities. He is the lead author of “The Use of Medicaid Waivers and Their Impact on Services”. Russ was instrumental in developing and transitioning Idaho’s nationally recognized Home of Your Own Initiative, a single family secondary mortgage program, that today has assisted over 75 people with disabilities realize their dream of home ownership and received national recognition for his vision and leadership in this area in 1997. Russ received his undergraduate degree from Manhattan College and his Master’s degree from the College of Idaho. He is married with two children, one who experienced a traumatic brain injury in 1993. Russ and his wife Terry have served as adult family home providers to a gentleman with a developmental disability who is competitively employed.

Bill Thornton, MPT, specializes in spinal cord and traumatic brain injuries, Clinical Director, Co-Owner of Level Eleven Physical Therapy, Holly, MI. and Director of Physical Therapy at Irvine Head Injury Clinic. Bill Thornton, a medically trained professional is two credits shy of a doctorate at Wayne State University. Level Eleven Physical Therapy offers neurological, orthopedic, physical, occupational and speech therapies. The facility promotes improvements by providing a positive, enriched environment for clients. The facility touts whole body vibration therapies, all-terrain ambulation and crawling, and sensory-evoked neuromuscular stimulation. Upon entering the 26,000-square-facility, people are greeted by bright blue decor, basketball nets and natural light from large windows. Workout equipment throughout the gym allows clients to practice everything from boxing to basketball. Level Eleven takes pride in removing the stigma that goes along with physical therapy being monotonous and medical. “Our clinic is really designed to move beyond what has always been known as a dry environment,” partner Brian Sheridan said. “If you’re going somewhere where you feel like an athlete, it makes you more energized,” he said. “If you can make it feel like it’s not even therapy, then you found the magic”. That fun approach promotes clients with the ability to continue their progress once treatment has completed.

Douglas Wingate, MAcOM,L.Ac, received his Masters Degree in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine from the Oregon College of Oriental Medicine and certification as a Natural Health Practitioner from the Alternative Medicine College of Canada. He draws from both the traditional and modern to create a personalized treatment to help rediscover your health and well-being. Having studied various styles of acupuncture he meets your needs with the approach that will best address your concerns, whether a direct trigger-point therapy or a more subtle Japanese meridian approach is best for you. His focus is on emotional and neuro-cognitive conditions in adults.

Bruce R. Wojciechowski, O.D, FCOVD, received his Doctor of Optometry in 1981 and has practiced in the Portland area since completing his education. He is a Fellow of the College of Optometrists in Vision Development (FCOVD) and is a member of the American Optometric Association (AOA), Optometric Extension Program (OEP), and the Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association (NORA). Dr Bruce serves as an executive board member for the Brain Injury Association of Oregon and is an adjunct professor for the College of Optometry at Pacific University. Dr. Bruce has lectured nationally to professionals involved in the treatment of head injured patients. He also lectures to non-professional groups, such as stroke support groups and other community organizations.

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