

22nd Annual Pacific Northwest & 41st Annual Medical Legal

# Brain Injury WEBINAR CONFERENCE

By Zoom

Rescheduled to:

April 27th & 28th

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WHAT DO MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT  
**BRAIN INJURY**



Hosted By:

Brain Injury Alliance of Oregon (BIAOR)

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# Speaker Bios

**Dr. Martin Nicholas Bomalaski, MD**, is a Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in Oregon. He attended and graduated from University of Washington School of Medicine in 2013, having over 7 years of diverse experience, especially in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Dr. Martin Nicholas Bomalaski also cooperates with other doctors and physicians in medical groups including Association of University Physicians.



**Claire Darling** has been a Licensed Massage Therapist for 15 years. Always searching for ways to enhance her own healing from multiple concussions, she uses TRE® for herself and private clients. She also teaches groups online regularly because sometimes we want to be with others even when we know how to help ourselves. Her primary delight is helping people access more healing in themselves than they thought possible. When not using her hands to listen to people's bodies, she likes to garden, camp and nap.



**David E. Dubats, Founder of Second Step and Inventor of the Therapeutic Gait Harness System ® in 1989**

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®, is an advocate for "Helping People Walk Again"™. The Gait Harness System® is 100% made and manufactured in the USA.

Mr. Dubats is a honorably discharged US Veteran, having served in the Logistics Division of the United States Air Force. Subsequently, Mr. Dubats worked several years in the Spacecraft Software Division – Mission Control Building, at NASA, Johnson Space Center, in Houston Texas. Mr. Dubats received a Partner in Research award from the APTA Foundation for Physical Therapy in 2005.

At Second Step, helping people walk again, more independently, is our passion and our mission. The most commonly reported goal that clients in rehabilitative programs report is to be able to walk again. Right now, there are hundreds of thousands of people who are confined to beds and wheelchairs that need to have proper healthcare equipment to walk and stand. Whether they can re-establish quality of life often depends on whether they have opportunity, and access, to break confinement and compensatory patterns, reaching effective therapy and equipment.

Mr. Dubats has spent the past 33 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.



**Nirmala Dhar, LCSW, ACSW** Older Adult Behavioral Health Initiative Project Director Oregon Health Authority Health Systems Division. **Nirmala Dhar** is a licensed clinical social worker with a Master's in Social Work from the George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri and Bombay University, India. She has over 30 years of experience in behavioral health in the public sector in Missouri, New Jersey and Oregon.

**Dr. Justin Kennedy** holds the position as professor of applied neuroscience and organizational behavior at UGSM-Monarch Business School, College & University, in Hagedorn, Zug, Switzerland. He is a Ph.D. professor of applied neuroscience and supervision with Canterbury Christchurch University and several other U.K. universities such as Queensland CQU, Australia where he functions as adjunct faculty and supervision professor.



His academic work recently defined the model of 'Organizational Wellbeing Neuroscience', and is a chapter in the academic textbook: The Handbook of Organizational Wellbeing. (SAGE publ.). His research informs his executive coaching processes, his licensed clinical practice in behavioral analysis and neuropsychology as well as his health and wellness consulting with various international organizations

His book, *Brain Re-Boot*, which was recently published, is an overview of applied neuroscience that proposes various applications from behavioral neuroscience, neuroeconomics, social neuroscience, and health neuroscience. The book offers brain-based tools and behavioral hacks that have been shown to build resilience to stress-related pathology and improve cognitive performance in organizational life.



**Arthur D. Leritz, JD**, 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 and Oregon. 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..

**Chris Rosin, JD**, was appointed as the Oregon Public Guardian & Conservator in September 2017 and was reappointed again in January of 2022. Chris has experience as a Deputy Public Guardian and Adult Protective Services Specialist. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon School of Law and is a licensed attorney in Oregon.



**Matthew Senn, MT-BC, NMT CEO** is the CEO and founder of NeuroNotes Music Therapy Services. He received his education in music therapy at the Berklee College of Music in Boston, MA. and has been certified in Neurologic Music Therapy (NMT). While completing his undergraduate program he was able to study at Spaulding Rehab Hospital in Cambridge, MA; utilizing NMT techniques while working with patients who had been diagnosed with TBI, ABI, Strokes, Parkinson's Disease, and other neurologic disorders. Matthew has also had the opportunity to work with individuals who have been affected by Alzheimer's disease, Cerebral Palsy, Development Disabilities, Autism Spectrum Disorder, and Early Intervention/Pediatric groups as well.

**Fred Steele, JD**, was appointed by Governor Kate Brown in September 2015 to be Oregon's Long-Term Care Ombudsman and Agency Director of the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman. Fred has focused his career on advocating for older adults and individuals with disabilities, with particular focus on enhancing infrastructure to maximize independence of Oregonians. He holds a J.D. From Willamette University College of Law and an M.P.H. from Portland State University. Fred relaxes in his free time by camping, hiking, and watching sports with his wife, two young sons, and their dog.



**Douglas Wingate, L.Ac**, is an acupuncturist and East Asian medicine practitioner whose focus is on neurological, emotional and neuro-cognitive conditions in adults & children, including post-stroke recovery, stress reduction, emotional balancing, PTSD, brain health and the complex effects of traumatic brain injury/concussion as well as acute and chronic pain. He 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. Douglas has been in private practice since 2011 and works part time as an

adjunct professor and providing acupuncture in Oregon Health & Science University's (OHSU) neurology department.

**Kayt Zundel** has worked in trauma prevention and community outreach for more than 15 years. Currently she works for Legacy Emanuel Medical Center as a Trauma Prevention & Community Education Coordinator. She has bachelor's degrees in psychology and communications, and a master's degree in public administration.

She has extensive experience creating content for webinars and presentations focusing on injury prevention topics. Additionally, Kayt has experiencing partnering with other organizations to share resources and reach larger audiences. She lives in Portland, Oregon with her Husband, two rescue cats, and four dogs.

# Vendors

**Brookhaven NeuroRehabilitation Network**—The NRI at Brookhaven Hospital (part of Brookhaven NeuroRehabilitation Network) is a post-acute neurocognitive and neurobehavioral rehabilitation program for patients with both TBIs and associated psychiatric/behavioral health needs.

**Jordan Hearod** [jhearod@brookhavenhospital.com](mailto:jhearod@brookhavenhospital.com)

**Online Brain Injury Support Group for Caregivers**—**THOMAS GALLUP** [tpgallup@comcast.net](mailto:tpgallup@comcast.net)



Time	Saturday April 27	Sunday April 28
	Title and Speaker	Title and Speaker
8am-8:50am	Brain Reboot—brain-based tools and behavioral hacks that have been shown to build resilience to stress-related pathology and improve cognitive performance in organizational life. - Dr Justin Kennedy	Choosing the Right Attorney For Your TBI Case -Arthur Leritz, JD Will discuss if and when you need an attorney , questions to ask during the interview process, of having an attorney, early on, and other issues to know about.
8:50-9 am	Break	Break
9-9:50 am	Why is Walking Again Important for YOUR Patient Populations? And why Walking Should be Important to You—David Dubats and Dr Justin Kennedy	How Chiropractic Treatment Can Help—Dr. Michael Hennes
9:50-10 am	Break	Break
10-10:50am	Abuse in Medical and assisted living facilities—Who is there to help Fred Steele—Kathy Moeller Herried—Lonnie	Are your medications interacting in a dangerous way? Kayt Zundel Find out how everyday food, vitamins, pain relievers, and prescription medications may be affecting your brain and increasing your risk of a fall.
10:50—11 am	Break	Break
11-11:50 am	Life with A Brain Injury—Brain Injury Support Groups and How They Can Help—Claire Darling	Life caring for a loved one with A Brain Injury—Brain Injury Support Groups and How They Can Help—Claire Darling
11:50-12 pm	Break	Break
12-12:30 pm	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
12:30-1:20pm	Ride The Rapids Michael Bergmann	How water walking and water aerobics can help in brain injury rehabilitation Jolene Cummings and Becki Sparre
1:30-1:30 pm	Break	Break
1:30-2:20pm	PTSD Following TBI—Suzanne Wood, Clinical Social Work/Therapist, MSW, LCSW.	Non-invasive brain stimulation and connectomic implications of brain network neuromodulation—Douglas Wingate
2:30-3:20pm	Mild Traumatic Brain Injury: An Interprofessional Focus-Shauna Smith, MS, CCC-SLP, speech-language pathologist and Brian Smith, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor  This presentation will address how to identify mTBI, how an interprofessional treatment team can provide holistic care, and how to effectively refer and collaborate with SLPs and counselors to ensure a mutually supportive treatment approach.	Rehab Without Walls and Progressive Rehab Associates and how we can serve you.  Christina Mariathan, PTA, Executive Director Oregon & SW Washington Rehab Without Walls Neuro Rehabilitation
3:20-3:30 pm	Break	Break
3:30-4:20pm	Ways to validate the client and reach a successful outcome for all involved. Karen Campbell, BA, Co-Owner Brain Logistics	Prognostication and Goals of Care Decision Making After Severe Acquired Brain Injury Dr. Martin Nicholas Bomalaski, MD
4:20-4:30 pm	Break	Break
4:30-5:30pm	Polyvagal theory and how it (can be- should be) involved with healing from brain injury Claire Darling	Vestibular Dysfunction in the Brain Injured Population—Dr. Becca Switzer PT, DPT, NCS, AIB-VR II, APTA Board Certified Neurologic

## Registration Form

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*Living with Brain Injury, Stroke and Other Neurological Changes*

**Register Now online at [www.biaoregon.org](http://www.biaoregon.org)**

*(Note: A separate registration form is needed for each person attending. Please make extra copies of the form as needed for other attendees. Members of BIAWA, BIAOR, BIAID, ABIN, VA and OVRS receive member rates)*

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Please check all that apply:  I am interested in volunteering at the conference. Please call me.  Call me about sponsorship/exhibitor opportunities.

### Virtual Conference Dates and Times

**April 27-28, 2024**

**8-8:50am 9-9:50am 10-10:50am 11-11:50am Lunch Break 11:50am-12:30pm  
 12:30-1:20pm 1:30-2:20pm 2:30-3:20pm 3:30-4:20pm 4:30-5:30pm**

Professional Registration fees include: webinars \$50 per session up to \$200 which covers all sessions including CEUs There are no refunds, but registration is transferable. Contact BIAOR, 800-544-5243 for more information or questions. The following fees are per person:

	Member	Non-Member	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>VIP Special (CEUs) — 2 Days of Conference April 27-28</b> Recording on Flash Drive included	\$200	\$300	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Professional (CEUs) 1 Class One Class   April 27-28</b>	\$50	\$75	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Professional (CEUs) 2 Classes: April 27-28</b>	\$100	\$125	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Professional (CEUs) 3 Classes: April 27-28</b>	\$150	\$175	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>One Class—Survivor/Family (no CEUs) April 27-28</b>	\$5	\$10	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Two Classes—Survivor/Family (no CEUs) April 27-28</b>	\$10	\$20	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Three or More Classes—Survivor/Family (no CEUs) April 27-28</b>	\$15	\$30	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Membership</b> Professional \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Basic \$35 <input type="checkbox"/> Survivor \$5 <input type="checkbox"/>			\$
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Scholarship Contribution</b> (donation to assist in covering the cost of survivors with limited funds)			\$

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CEUs applied for: AFH, CBIS, SW, OT, SLP, DC, DO, VA

Please contact us if you would like one that is not listed Total CEU Hours: 16 CEUs

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 Fill out form above and email, fax or mail to BIAOR  
 Call 503-740-3155 and register over the phone**