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On the Road Again ASHA 2005 Convention

AAC-RERC partners will be very busy at the 2005 ASHA convention. Check out all of the presentations they are involved with...

- **9th Annual Edwin & Esther Prentke AAC Distinguished Lecture** (Mich Williams)
- **AAC & Interactive Play: Language Learning in Children With Autism** (Kathryn Drager, Janice Light, Erinn Finke, Heather Larson, Lisa Venzon)
- **AAC Facilitators for Persons With Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis** (Laura Ball, Dav Beukelman, Gary Pattee, Kim Schardt)
- **Effect of Alphabet Supplementation & Word Prediction on Speech Intelligibility** (Elizabeth Hanson, David Beukelman, Jana Kahl, Erin Shutts)
- **Electronic Screen Media for Persons With Autism Spectrum Disorders** (Howard Shane, Patti Ducoff)
- **Facial Kinematics of Speaker With Palatal Lift Following Brainstem Impairme** (Susan Fager, Jordan Green, David Beukelman, Mark Hakel)
- **Improving Access to AAC Technologies Through a Multimodal Recognition Interface** (Janice Light, Kathryn Drager, David McNaughton, Rajeev Sharma, Ingmar Rauschert, Laura Scaven, Kelli Sellnow)
- **Maximizing Language Development for Young Children Who Require AAC** (Jani Light, Kathryn Drager, Jennifer Curran, Elizabeth Hayes, Line Kristiansen, Wendy Lew Holly May, Rebecca Page, Elizabeth Panek, Sarah Pendergast, Melissa Witte)
- **Maximizing the Literacy Skills of Individuals Who Require AAC** (Janice Light, Da McNaughton, Jennifer Jansen, Line Kristiansen, Jennifer May, Leora Miller, Christina Weaver, April Yorke)
- **Performance in Chronic Aphasia Using Visual Scenes Interface With AAC** (Miecl McKelvey, David Beukelman, Karen Hux, Aimee Dietz, Kristy Weissling)
- **Practice Guidelines for Dysarthria: Treatment of Rate, Loudness, or Prosody** (Kathryn Yorkston, Mark Hakel, David R. Beukelman, Susan Fager)
- **Social Networks & AAC: Does What We Do Matter?** (Sarah Blackstone, Mary Hun Berg, David P. Wilkins)
- **The AAC-RERC Writers Brigade: Years 1 & 2** (Sarah Blackstone, Johana Schwartz)
- **Use of Safe-Laser Technology to Train Head Movement in LIS** (Susan Fager, Da Beukelman, Renee Karantounis, Tom Jakobs)
- **User centered intervention model for social communication: a case study** (Jill Pitaro, Jeff Higginbotham)
- **Using Aided AAC Modeling to Support Children's Multi-Symbol Utterance Development** (Cathy Binger, Janice Light)
- **Video Technology for Language Instruction for Children With ASD** (Howard Shar James Sorce, Sharon Weiss-Kapp)

- **Visual Scenes: An AAC Prototype for People With Aphasia** (Aimee Dietz, David Beukelman, Karen Hux, Miechelle McKelvey, Kristy Weissling)

Congratulations to Michael Williams! The **Edwin & Esther Prentke AAC Distinguishe Lecture** is an annual invited lecture sponsored by Special Interest Division 12: AAC, the Prentke Romich Company, and Semantic Compaction Systems. Michael will discuss using A systems through his lifetime. Audio examples tracing his years using various AAC interventions will highlight his comments about the changes to technologies. The lecture concludes with a question-and-answer period and dialog with the audience.

Congratulations also to AAC-RERC partner **Janice Light**, who was invited to present at th annual meeting of the **American Academy for the Advancement of Science** in St Louis February 2006. The AAAS publishes the journal **Science** and is an extremely well recogniz international association dedicated to advancing science and technology around the world. annual meeting is attended by leading scientists/researchers from around the world as wel by a huge contingent from the press.

Janice is excited about presenting and stated that "This invitation will be GREAT visibility fc the AAC-RERC and for the AAC field generally! It is exciting to see how far we have come a field!"

Looking Ahead: Two of the RERC partners will be presenting at the **ATIA annual confere** to be held January 18-21, 2006 in Orlando, Florida. **Frank DeRuyter** will present "AT Outcome Data Collection Tools: Platform Independent and Web-Based" and **Jeff Higginbotham** will present "Visual Consideration for Individuals with Complex Communica Needs."

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