

Beyond Rehab: Succeeding at *Life*

A conference on brain injury

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**KU Edwards Campus
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**12604 Quivira Road
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Monday & Tuesday, April 24-25th, 2023

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About the Conference

The Brain Injury Association of Kansas and Greater Kansas City is pleased to present our 15th annual *Beyond Rehab: Succeeding at Life* conference for professionals working with those who have experienced brain injury.

Conference Objectives

- Describe traumatic brain injury as a chronic health condition
- Identify the core principles of experience-dependent neuroplasticity
- Distinguish different types of post-traumatic headaches and define post-concussive syndrome
- Understand current recommendations to improve walking for patients with stroke, incomplete spinal cord injury, and traumatic brain injury

Who Should Attend?

Any professional who works with people who have brain injury, or who is interested in brain injury. Sessions will be of interest to a range of rehabilitation professionals including physical therapists, nurses, occupational therapists, speech language pathologists, social workers, cognitive rehabilitation therapists, case managers, life care planners, vocational rehabilitation specialists, neuropsychologists, counselors, mental health professionals, physicians, special education teachers, and others who serve individuals with brain injuries and their families.

Current trends, research and therapy techniques will be discussed, including personal stories from survivors. Vendors representing a wide range of services, equipment and products will be available.

Conference Materials

To stay "green", participants will receive a link to handouts via email. Participants are encouraged to download these presentations to their personal computer or flash drive to access during the event or print online beforehand.

Sunday Evening Reception

All attendees are invited to a pre-conference reception on the evening of Sunday, April 23rd from 5:00pm-8:00pm at the DoubleTree Hotel. Please stop by our Hospitality Suite (room number tbd) for appetizers, beer and wine.

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Keynote Speakers

Gary Berger Memorial Lecture



Alexandra Arickx, MD

Dr. Alexandra Arickx is a board-certified physiatrist with sub-specialty board certification in Brain Injury Medicine who focuses on brain injury rehabilitation in the inpatient rehabilitation and outpatient healthcare settings. She completed residency training in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (PM&R) at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and fellowship training in Brain Injury Medicine at New York University Langone Health, Rusk Rehabilitation. She is an assistant professor at the University of Kansas Medical Center where she serves as the associate program director for the PM&R residency program and medical director for brain injury within the Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation. No relevant financial relationship exists. A nonfinancial relationship exists as a speaker is also employed by the University of Kansas Health System.



Jerry Hoepner, PhD, CCC-SLP

Dr. Jerry Hoepner is a Professor at the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire. He teaches courses in anatomy and physiology, neuroanatomy & neurophysiology, acquired cognitive disorders, dysphagia, and counseling. Jerry co-facilitates three community-based brain injury groups, a national poetry group for persons with brain injuries and aphasia, and the Chippewa Valley Aphasia Camp. His research addresses video self-modeling interventions for persons with acquired language or cognitive disorders and their everyday partners, aphasia camp outcomes for campers and students, motivational interviewing, counseling methods and training, undergraduate research outcomes, course-embedded clinical experiences, and instructional pedagogies. No relevant financial or nonfinancial relationship exists.

Keynote Speakers



Jeffrey Snell, PhD

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Continuing Education

This course is offered for up to 13.5 hours (both days attendance) of continuing education units.

Nurses

Pending approval from CMSA-KC, approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Kansas State Board of Nursing, approved provider number: LT 0206-0606

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Pending approval from KOTA

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Speech Language Pathologists

Pending approval from ASHA

Please note, all attendees are required to sign attendance rosters each day. Nurses must sign in both morning and afternoon.

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Conference Location

All conference activities will be held at the KU Edwards Campus, BEST Conference Center, located at 12604 Quivira Road, Overland Park, KS 66213.

Please note, KU currently has the following policies:

- Masks are optional.
- The most updated information regarding public health policies can be found here: <https://edwardscampus.ku.edu/protect>
- No smoking on campus.
- Please try to have appropriate physical distance between others.
- Please park in 'Lot B' off 125th Street - <https://edwardscampus.ku.edu/event-space-campus-map>
- Please dress in layers. Room temperature will be maintained at 69°F-72°F.

Lodging

A block of hotel rooms for conference attendees have been reserved at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 10100 College Boulevard, Overland Park, KS 66210 for April 22- April 25. These rooms have a reduced rate of \$139/night and include free parking & Wi-Fi.

To receive your discounted rate, please make your reservations by March 31st. Register online at: <https://group.doubletree.com/y62xkl>

You may also call the Reservations Phone Number at 913-323-1947 (DoubleTree Overland Park Reservations Agent Available Monday-Friday 8am to 4pm) or 913-451-6100 (After Hours – Ask for Reservations).



Conference Registration

Advance registration required. Fee includes materials, meals and breaks, and continuing education credit for those eligible. For a complete list of fee options please see the registration form. In an effort to keep costs down, written confirmations will not be sent unless requested in writing. To register, mail or fax the completed registration form with payment to the address listed on the form; fax to 1-913-754-8890 or register online at: <https://reg.bravuratechnologies.com/events/braininjury2022/cdb6f6d2-6191-6b50-e23b-906182159c4d/open>

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Registration for one day only: _____ \$175

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Postmarked after April 15:

Registration fee for both days: _____ \$250

Registration for one day only: _____ \$190

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Student discount: _____ \$125 both days

Must present ID; no CEUs will be awarded

Please complete form and mail it to:

Brain Injury Association of Kansas and Greater Kansas City
6701 W. 64th St., Suite 120
Overland Park, KS 66202

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Call 913-754-8883, x2 for more information.

Special Accommodations:

Check here if you will need special accommodation. You will be contacted regarding your needs. Additional fees may apply.



Conference Agenda

Monday, April 24, 2023

Up to 6.0 CEU's, pending approval

Lunch and Snacks Provided

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| 9:30-10:15 | Registration/Browse Exhibits |
| 10:00-10:15 | Welcome, Opening Remarks and Introductions
Robin Abramowitz
Executive Director, BIAKS
Vickey Bartel
President, Board of Directors BIAKS |
| 10:15-11:15 | Practical Implications of Neuroplasticity to Brain Injury Rehabilitation
Jerry Hoepner, PhD, CCC-SLP
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire |
| 11:15-12:15 | Video Modeling: A Tool for Improving Awareness and Self-Regulation for Individuals with Acquired Brain Injuries
Jerry Hoepner, PhD, CCC-SLP
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire |
| 12:15-1:15 | Lunch/Survivor Story/Browse Exhibits
Michelle Komm, BS.Ed, DC |
| 1:15-2:15 | High Intensity Gait Training for Individuals with Neurologic Conditions – Part 1
Amanda Britton-Carpenter, DPT, NCS
University of Kansas Health System |
| 2:15-3:15 | High Intensity Gait Training for Individuals with Neurologic Conditions – Part 2
Amanda Britton-Carpenter, DPT, NCS
University of Kansas Health System |
| 3:15-3:30 | Break/Browse Exhibits/Network |
| 3:30-4:30 | INCOG 2.0 Guidelines for Cognitive Rehabilitation Following Traumatic Brain Injury: What's New?
Eliyas Jeffay, PhD, C.Psych
Toronto Rehabilitation Institute |



Conference Agenda

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Up to 7.5 CEU's, pending approval

Breakfast, Lunch and Snacks Provided

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| 7:45-8:30 | Registration/Browse Exhibits/Breakfast |
| 8:15-8:30 | Welcome, Announcements and Introductions
Julie Luttmann , Program Director, BIAKS |
| 8:30-10:00 | Headache after Traumatic Brain Injury
Jeffrey Snell, PhD
QLI |
| 10:00-10:15 | Break/Browse Exhibits/Network |
| 10:15-11:15 | Post-Concussive Syndrome
Jeffrey Snell, PhD , QLI |
| 11:15-12:15 | Self-Advocacy after Brain Injury: An Evidence-based Model for Empowerment
Lenore Hawley, MSSW, LCSW
MindSource Brain Injury Network |
| 12:15-1:15 | Lunch/Survivor Story/Browse Exhibits
AmyRenee Sheldon, BA.Ed, BS.Ed |
| 1:15-2:15 | Gary Berger Memorial Lecture
Long-term Management Considerations after TBI
Alexandra Arickx, MD
University of Kansas Health System |
| 2:15-3:15 | Rehabilitation of Patients with Anoxic Brain Injury
Brad Steinle, MD
Saint Luke's Health System |
| 3:15-3:30 | Break/Browse Exhibits/Door Prizes |
| 3:30-4:30 | The Teenage Guidebook to Executive Functioning
Haley Elliott, MS, CCC-SLP , Ability KC
Katherine Hill, MOT, OTR/L, CBIS , Ability KC |
| 4:30-4:45 | Concluding Remarks/CEU Certificates |



Faculty and Disclosures

Alexandra Arickx, MD

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Amanda Britton-Carpenter, DPT, NCS

Amanda Britton-Carpenter graduated with her Doctor of Physical Therapy from the University of Kansas Medical Center in 2013. She completed a residency program in neurologic physical therapy in 2014 and became a board-certified clinical specialist in neurologic physical therapy in 2015. Amanda has been working on the Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit at the University of Kansas Health System since 2017. Her interests include optimizing care for individuals following stroke, best practice, and clinical research. No relevant financial relationship exists. A nonfinancial relationship exists as a speaker is also employed by the University of Kansas Health System.

Haley Elliott, MS, CCC-SLP

Haley Elliott, M.S., CCC-SLP is a speech-language pathologist at Ability KC as a part of the pediatric and adolescent medical rehabilitation team. She works with children birth through 18 with a wide variety of diagnoses including brain injury, stroke, speech and language disorders, feeding and swallowing, and rare neurologic diagnosis. Haley is also responsible for the language, social, and cognitive programming for Ability KC's Summer Transitions Program that focuses on developing critical life skills needed for successful transition from adolescence to adulthood. Haley holds a Masters in Speech-Language Pathology and Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders from the University of Central Missouri. No relevant financial relationship exists. A nonfinancial relationship exists as a committee member is also employed by Ability KC.



Lenore Hawley, MSSW, LCSW

Lenore "Lenny" Hawley, MSSW, LCSW, has served individuals living with brain injury and families for over 40 years through clinical treatment, program development, advocacy, and research. She is a consultant for MindSource Brain Injury Network, the Colorado Brain Injury program. Until her recent retirement, she served as the Brain Injury Education Counselor at Craig Hospital, providing community advocacy and education, group treatment, and program development. Lenny also served as a Research Clinician at Craig and was the Principal Investigator on Craig's TBI Model System funded randomized controlled trial investigating the Self Advocacy for Independent Life (SAIL) intervention. She was also PI on previous RCT investigating the effect of volunteering on well-being after BI, as well as an investigator on numerous other studies. Lenny is the author of A Family Guide to the Head Injured Adult, The Self-Advocacy for Independent Life Workbook, and co-author and developer of Group Interactive Structured Treatment - GIST: for Social Competence and has authored journal publications and book chapters related to brain injury rehabilitation. She is a member of the Executive Committee of the International Network of Social Workers in Acquired Brain Injury. No relevant financial or nonfinancial relationship exists.

Katherine Hill, MOT, OTR/L, CBIS

Katherine Hill is an occupational therapist at Ability KC as a part of the pediatric and adolescent medical rehabilitation team. She works with children birth through 18 with a wide variety of diagnoses including brain injury, stroke, amputee, spinal cord injury, and rare neurologic diagnosis. Katherine is also responsible for programming and leading Ability KC's Summer Transitions Program that focuses on developing critical life skills needed for successful transition from adolescence to adulthood. Katherine holds a Master of Occupational Therapy, Bachelor of Science in Occupational Studies, and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Kansas. No relevant financial relationship exists. A nonfinancial relationship exists as a committee member is also employed by Ability KC.



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Jerry Hoepner, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, ASHA Fellow

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Eliyas Jeffay, PhD, C.Psych

Dr. Eliyas Jeffay received his Honors B.Sc., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Toronto. He is an early-career Clinical Neuropsychologist in the Brain Discovery and Recovery Research Program at the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute. He conducts clinical assessments, provides interventions, and engages in research related to the rehabilitation of individuals after acquired brain injury. His research interests include exploring physical exercise, behavioral therapies, and new technologies to advance clinical neuropsychological assessment and treatment, as well as the ecological validity of neuropsychological assessment. His doctoral dissertation involved developing and validating an ecologically valid virtual reality measure for patients who were in the post-acute phase after sustaining a mild traumatic brain injury. His current work involves validating a novel allocentric visuospatial navigation intervention using Google Street View, which indirectly stimulates the hippocampi to ultimately reduce atrophy due to neurodegenerative processes following moderate to severe traumatic brain injury. He is the lead author of the Executive Functions rehabilitation clinical guidelines published in the Journal of Head Trauma and Rehabilitation special series INCOG 2.0 Guidelines for Cognitive Rehabilitation Following Traumatic Brain Injury. He will be presenting the updated information from all the articles in this series. No relevant financial or nonfinancial relationship exists.

Michelle Komm, BS.Ed, DC

Dr. Michelle Komm holds a B.S.Ed. with an emphasis in Sport Science from the University of Kansas and Doctor of Chiropractic from Cleveland Chiropractic College. Over the last 18 years, she has performed several roles within the allied health and medical field. She has extensive experience assisting in the facilitation of patient care including, but not limited to, patient evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment. Dr. Komm was a member of the American Academy of Professional Coders, a Certified Professional Coder (CPC), and a Certified Professional Coder Instructor (CPC-I) prior to her injury. She has considerable teaching experience within the fields of exercise science, anatomy, physiology, kinesiology, pathology, medical coding, electronic medical record keeping, and nutrition. She has been recognized for both her dedication and teaching excellence within higher education. On March 12, 2018, Dr. Komm was in a motor vehicle crash in which she sustained a traumatic brain injury. The two years following the crash, she tried several medications, procedures, and treatment options. Dr. Komm has post-concussion syndrome, post traumatic vision syndrome, PTSD, and has been in an intractable post traumatic migraine for almost four and a half years. Today, Dr. Komm uses meditation, breathwork, EMDR, and modified yoga to help with her symptoms. She is on track to complete the LoveYourBrain Level 2 Yoga & Facilitation Training. Her goal is to help raise TBI awareness in the community, as well as help those that have experienced TBI and their caregivers. No relevant financial or nonfinancial relationship exists.



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AmyRenee Sheldon, BAEd, BSEd

AmyRenee Sheldon is a Kansas State University graduate in Secondary Education, studied speech-language-hearing from the University of Kansas, and recently received her Bachelor's in Elementary Education from Wichita State University. AmyRenee currently works as a Paraeducator at an elementary school in Shawnee Mission School District. AmyRenee is a proud dog mom to her 4 year-old Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Story. Story passed her Canine Good Citizen test and has recently earned her Therapy Dog certification. Story accompanies AmyRenee to school and helps the students learn, control emotions, and turn awful days to great days. AmyRenee's hobbies include reading, learning Spanish, working as a para at Hebrew school, cooking, sewing, and performing as a cast member at the Kansas City Renaissance Festival. No relevant financial or nonfinancial relationship exists.

Jeff Snell, PhD

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Brad Steinle, MD

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No relevant financial or nonfinancial relationship exists.

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