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**5th Annual
Dr. Robert A. Hull, Jr.
Memorial Lecture Series**

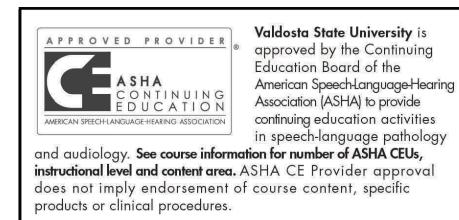


September 26, 2014

**Making AAC Decisions for Clients
with Aphasia: The AAC-Aphasia
Assessment Protocol**

Sponsored by The Department of
Communication Sciences and Disorders at
Valdosta State University

Presenter: Joanne P. Lasker, Ph.D., CCC-SLP



This program is offered for .5 CEUs
(Intermediate Level, Professional Area)

Dr. Robert A. Hull, Jr.



Dr. Robert A. Hull, Jr.'s foresight in academia led him to develop and teach undergraduate and graduate courses at Ball State University and Valdosta State University. In addition to his role as a beloved professor and advisor, Bob was a clinical supervisor, a clinic director, an off campus placement coordinator, and the parliamentarian and executive secretary of the university faculty senate.

His impact on the SLP profession spanned the country through his service to multiple state and national professional organizations, including being a member of GSHA for 23 years. Over time, he held every office in the association, including President for two terms. He also served on several ASHA committees and was the Publications and Technology Chair for the Council of State Association Presidents, an affiliation of ASHA. At the 2009 GSHA annual convention, he was awarded the Honors of the Association in recognition of his outstanding performance in clinical service, academic teaching, service to GSHA, and service to other local, regional, and national organizations.

Dr. Hull will always be remembered for his love for family, VSU, and his students. All proceeds from the Hull Memorial Lecture Series benefit the Dr. Robert A. Hull Scholarship Fund.

Course Overview

Proposed Schedule

8:15-8:50	Registration
8:50-9:00	Welcome & Introductions
9:00-10:00	Session 1: AAC and Aphasia Basics
10:00-11:00	AAC-Aphasia Assessment Protocol
11:00-12:00	Partner Dependent Communicators and Case Examples
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:00	Independent Communicators and Case Examples
2:00-3:00	Updates on AAC Decision-Making and Goal Formation

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the conference, participants will be able to:

- Identify 5 assessment questions and evaluation strategies to implement appropriate AAC interventions for people with aphasia
- Identify the basic characteristics of both partner-dependent and independent communicators with aphasia who use AAC
- Formulate AAC intervention goals for both partner-dependent and independent communicators with aphasia who use AAC

The lecture will be held in the **Magnolia Room of the VSU University Center**. Free parking is available at the University Center (marked as "conference parking") as well as across the street in the Martin Hall/Speech Clinic parking lot.

Directions from Interstate 75:
Follow I-75 to Exit 18 and travel east to Valdosta. Turn left at the second traffic signal onto Gornto Rd. At the next traffic signal, turn right onto Baytree Rd. Follow Baytree Rd. until it dead ends into the VSU campus. Turn right onto Oak Street. At the first traffic signal, turn left onto Brookwood Dr. At the next traffic signal, turn right onto Patterson Street. The University Center will be on your left.

About the Presenter



Dr. Joanne P. Lasker is an Associate Professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Emerson College. Her teaching and research focus on augmentative and alternative communication (AAC), specifically for adults living with

acquired neurogenic disorders. She has published numerous papers and chapters related to the assessment and treatment of adults with acquired communication disorders who may benefit from AAC techniques, in particular people living with aphasia. Her work has been published in several refereed journals, including Augmentative and Alternative Communication, Journal of Medical Speech-Language Pathology, and Clinical Aphasiology. In collaboration with Dr. Kathryn L. Garrett, Dr. Lasker created an on-line assessment tool entitled the Multimodal Communication Screening Test for People with Aphasia (MCST-A), designed for people with aphasia who may be suitable for AAC intervention. She received funding to investigate a treatment technique combining speech-generating devices and speech practice for adults with apraxia of speech. Dr. Lasker participated as a member of the Medicare Implementation Team panel – a group of professionals who advocated successfully for Medicare funding of AAC speech generating devices for adults with acquired communication disorders. In addition, she served for three years on the Steering Committee for the Division on AAC as part of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Disclosures: Financial— Dr. Lasker has no current relevant financial relationship to clinical materials that will be discussed as part of this presentation (including the on-line assessment tool) as it is available for free online. She received a past internal grant from Emerson College to investigate treatment techniques for clients with apraxia of speech. Nonfinancial— Dr. Lasker has no relevant nonfinancial relationships to disclose.