

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
- September 18, 2026

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\$110 for professionals
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its entirety and at course conclusion,
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evaluation.

The lecture will be held in the
Student Union, Ballroom C, North
Oak Street, Valdosta, GA

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Oak Street parking lot. A parking pass
is not required to park in one of the
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I-75 to Exit 18 and travel east to
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Student Union. Turn right onto Oak
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11th Annual
Dr. Robert A. Hull, Jr
Memorial Lecture Series



September 25th, 2026

**From Clinic to Real Life:
Embracing a Life Participation Approach
to Aphasia (LPAA)**

Presenter:

Dr. Fabiane Hirsch Kruse, PhD, CCC-SLP



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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

8:15-8:50	Registration
8:50-9:00	Welcome and Introductions
9:00-10:15	What is Life Participation Approach to Aphasia (LPAA)? Introduction to evidence-based treatment approaches for aphasia and methods for incorporating LPAA into practice
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-12:00	Continuation of evidence-based treatment approaches for aphasia and LPAA implementation
12:00-1:00	Lunch break
1:00-2:15	Aphasia groups and their value in improving communication and quality of life
2:15-2:30	Break
2:30-3:30	Specialized aphasia group programming and ARFF (Aphasia Reading with Furry Friends) program

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Define the Life Participation Approach to Aphasia (LPAA)
2. Implement evidence-based aphasia treatment approaches in clinical practice
3. Recognize aphasia group approaches as valuable complements to traditional treatment
4. Embrace and incorporate patient-centered techniques designed to maximize communication and quality of life

About the Presenter



Dr. Fabiane "Fabi" Hirsch Kruse, PhD, CCC-SLP is a Speech-Language Pathologist with almost 35 years of experience helping people recover communication

skills after strokes, brain injuries, and other neurological conditions. She earned her master's degree from the University of British Columbia and her doctorate from the University of Arizona. She works clinically in a hospital-based outpatient neurorehabilitation program in addition to running a small private speech pathology practice that provides both individual and group therapy services. She has affiliations with several local and national organizations that champion improved communication and quality of life for people living with aphasia. She has had the honor of working with former US congresswoman Gabby Giffords for over 12 years.

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