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INVITED SPEAKERS

Prof Barbara Wilson

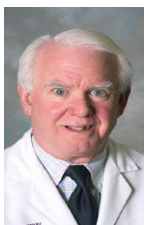


Barbara A Wilson, CPsychol, ScD., FBPSS, FMedSci, AcSS has worked in brain injury rehabilitation since 1979. From 1990- 2007 she worked at The Medical Research Council's Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit, Cambridge and still has visitor status there. In 1996, Barbara established The Oliver Zangwill Centre for Neuropsychological Rehabilitation in Ely. She has published 18 books, 8 neuropsychological tests and over 260 journal articles and chapters. Barbara is editor-in-chief of the journal *Neuropsychological Rehabilitation*. She has been president of the International Neuropsychological Society. She is currently, president of the Encephalitis Society, chair of the World Federation of Neuro Rehabilitation's Special Interest Group in Neuropsychological rehabilitation, on the management committee of the WFNR and vice president of the Academy for Multidisciplinary Neurotraumatology. Barbara has won several awards including The May Davidson award for outstanding contributions to Clinical Psychology within 10 years of qualification (1984), an O.B.E. for services to rehabilitation (1998), a distinguished scientist award from the British Psychological Society (2000), "Professional of the Year" award from The Encephalitis Society (2002), The British Psychological Society's annual book of the year award (2003) for her book "Case Studies in Neuropsychological Rehabilitation", honorary doctorate from The University of East Anglia (2004), the Robert L Moody prize from the University of Texas for outstanding contributions to rehabilitation (2006), lifetime achievement award from The British Psychological Society (2009), and lifetime achievement award from The International Neuropsychological Society (2009). A rehabilitation centre in Quito, Ecuador is named after her. The Division of Neuropsychology is to name a prize after her, the Barbara A Wilson prize for distinguished contributions to neuropsychology. She is a Fellow of The British Psychological Society, The Academy of Medical Sciences and The Academy of Social Sciences.

Keynote Address: Cutting Edge Developments in Neurorehabilitation and Future Directions

Workshop : The application of neuropsychological theory to clinical practice

Dr Robert T. Fraser



Dr Robert Fraser is a professor in the University of Washington's Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, joint with the Departments of Neurological Surgery and Neurology and consultant with Associates in Rehabilitation and Neuropsychology. He is an active counseling and rehabilitation psychologist, a certified rehabilitation counselor and a certified life care planner who directs Neurological Vocational Services within Rehabilitation Medicine. Within neurological rehabilitation, he has specialized in epilepsy, brain injury, and multiple sclerosis.

Dr. Fraser is author or co-author of more than one hundred publications and co-editor on four texts to include *Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitation* (CRC Press, 1999), *Multiple Sclerosis Workbook* (New Harbinger, 2006), and *Comprehensive Care in Epilepsy* (John Libbey, 2001). He has been awarded numerous Federal grants by the Department of Education (NIDRR and RSA) - four of which have been specific to traumatic brain injury rehabilitation, and, more recently, in epilepsy self-management by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). He was awarded two World Rehabilitation Fund fellowships to review, respectively, the post-acute traumatic brain injury programs in Israel and epilepsy rehabilitation advances in Scandinavia and Holland. He lectures



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nationally on TBI rehabilitation. Research emphases have included evaluation of innovative psychosocial rehabilitation strategies and prediction of vocational rehabilitation outcome across different neurological disabilities. He is the recipient of two American Rehabilitation Counseling Association Research Awards, and an Epilepsy Foundation of America Career Achievement Award. Dr. Fraser is a past-president of Rehabilitation Psychology, Div. 22 of the American Psychological Association and a Fellow in the Division, a former Board member of the Epilepsy Foundation of America (EFA), a current board member of the Epilepsy Foundation Northwest, and was recently elected to the Board of Governors for the International Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers.

Dr. Fraser has received master's degrees in rehabilitation counseling (University of Southern California) and public administration (Seattle University). His doctorate is in rehabilitation psychology from the University of Wisconsin–Madison, with a dissertation focused on the use of task analysis in the national classification and utilization of state agency vocational rehabilitation personnel.

Keynote Address: State of the science of vocational intervention

Workshop : Vocational assessment and choice of a placement model

A/Prof Carolyn Unsworth

Carolyn Unsworth, PhD, BAppSc(OccTher), AccOT, OTR is the Research and Higher Degrees Co-ordinator, and the Director of OT-DRIVE in the School of Occupational Therapy, La Trobe University, Australia. The OT-DRIVE unit auspices the research, clinical, and postgraduate teaching programs in the area driver assessment and rehabilitation.. Carolyn has taught occupational therapy undergraduate and post graduate students in the US (where she was an Assistant Professor at Tufts University between 1993-1995), Singapore, and Sweden where she currently holds a position as an Adjunct Professor at Jönköping University. Carolyn completed her PhD in 1993 (La Trobe) and her research interests include clinical reasoning and decision making, driver assessment and rehabilitation, outcomes research and evidence-based practice particularly in the area of stroke recovery, and development of functional assessments including the Australian Therapy Outcome Measures for Occupational Therapy (AusTOMs-OT). Carolyn has authored over 50 journal articles, 22 book chapters and a book on clinical reasoning with clients who have cognitive and perceptual problems.

Keynote Address: Innovations and challenges in driver assessment and rehabilitation.

Workshop: Using the Australian Therapy Outcome Measures (AusTOMs) to measure outcomes following brain impairment.

Dr Grahame Simpson



Dr Grahame Simpson is the Research Team Leader and a Senior Social Worker at the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit, Liverpool Hospital, Sydney. He is also a registered psychologist and full member of the Australian Psychological Society. He has worked clinically and undertaken collaborative research on the community-based management of people with high risk behaviours after traumatic brain injury over the past 23 years. He has recently completed a National Health and Medical Research Council Health Professional Research Fellowship at the Rehabilitation Studies Unit, University of Sydney. He serves on the editorial board of the journal *Brain Impairment*, the National Research Committee of the Australian Association of Social Workers, and was a previous member of the ABI special advisory committee of the NSW Disability Council.



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Keynote Address: The prevalence, course, co-morbidities and burden of challenging behaviour after traumatic brain injury: The experience of the New South Wales Brain Injury Rehabilitation Program

Workshop : Approaches to the assessment and management of sexual behavioural disturbance after brain injury

Dr David Copland



Dr David Copland is a Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Clinical Research & School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences, The University of Queensland. Since completing his PhD in 2000, his work has focussed on the neural substrates of language processing, adult neurogenic language disorders and language recovery after stroke. He has used neuroimaging to study the neural mechanisms of language processing, the pharmacological modulation of language, and treatment induced recovery of language after stroke. In addition to studying pharmacological and behavioural treatments of communication disorders, he has employed psycholinguistic methods to investigate language processing and cognition in Parkinson's disease, including the effects of deep brain stimulation. He has obtained over \$5 million in competitive research grant funding with colleagues, including consecutive ARC Discovery projects and he is a chief investigator on the NHMRC Centre for Clinical Research Excellence in Aphasia Rehabilitation. He is a Priority Area Leader of the ARC Human Communication Sciences Network, has been an invited speaker at numerous international conferences and meetings, and is Guest Editor of a forthcoming special issue of *Brain and Language*. He has published over 50 international journal articles including papers in *Brain*, *The Journal of Neuroscience*, *Cerebral Cortex*, and *NeuroImage*. He currently holds a NHMRC Career Development Award and has previously held an ARC postdoctoral fellowship and received an Australian Academy of Science International Visit Award. He was the recipient of the inaugural NHMRC Research Achievement Award in 2007.

Keynote Address: Enhancing neuroplasticity and language neurorehabilitation through brain stimulation and pharmacotherapy

Dr Philip Yates



Dr Phillip Yates is a Consultant Clinical Psychologist and leads the Clinical Health Psychology & Neuropsychological Rehabilitation Services in the Department of Psychological Medicine at the Devon Partnership NHS Trust in the U.K. He is a lead clinician scientist with the University of Exeter Centre for Clinical Neuropsychological Research (CCNR) and also a member of the research team with Doctorate in Clinical Psychology training programme. His current research interests include resilience and psycho-social functioning in children following ABI, psychological aspects of emergency medicine, resilience and psycho-social functioning in children following ABI, and the efficacy of memory rehabilitation

Keynote Address: Is there a case for resiliency-based interventions for children with an ABI?

Prof Cindy Gallois

Cindy Gallois (PhD, University of Florida) is a Professor in the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences at UQ. She is a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, International Communication Association, Society of Experimental Social Psychology, and International Academy of Intercultural Relations. Her research interests encompass intergroup communication in health, intercultural, and organisational contexts, particularly interactions between health professionals and patients, organisational health communication, and quality of patient care; she is a major contributor to Communication Accommodation



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Theory. Cindy was the foundation Director of the Centre for Social Research in Communication at UQ. She has published more than 150 books, chapters, and articles; her research has been funded continuously by ARC, NHMRC/CARG, and other agencies since 1987, and she has supervised 39 successful PhD students. She serves on the editorial boards of most major journals in her fields, and is past President of the International Communication Association, International Association for Language and Social Psychology, and Society of Australasian Social Psychologists.

From 1997 until 2009, Cindy had administrative and management roles at UQ: Deputy President and President of the University's academic Board, Associate Dean (Research), Deputy Executive Dean, and Executive Dean of her faculty. During this period (in late 1998), her partner suffered a stroke which caused aphasia, and together they embarked on a long and intensive rehabilitation program which has resulted in her partner recovering his language. She will discuss this experience and the role of therapy within it, as well as connections between social identity, social behaviour, and rehabilitation from ABI.

Opening Address: Rehabilitation, Identity, and Motivation in Recovery from Aphasia: A Personal Story