



At-a-Glance

2019 Penn-Del AER Conference
Charting Our Course: Together Toward Tomorrow
April 24 – 26, 2019



Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Conference Copy

Registration in the Central Hallway					
Pre-Conference 8:45 am – 12:15 pm	Penn-Del AER Professional Development Pre-Conference Workshop: Focus on Leadership — Heritage Rm Amy J. Armstrong , PhD, CRC — Chair and Associate Professor in the Department of Rehabilitation Counseling at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA				
Session I 1:00 – 2:30 pm	Opening Session and Welcome — Central Ballrooms A and B Angela Humbertson , Penn-Del AER Chapter President Rebecca Renshaw , Conference Committee Chair and Holly Russell , Assistant Chair				
	Keynote Address — “Moving Forward Together” Bernadette Kappen , PhD — Executive Director, New York Institute for Special Education				
Break 2:30 – 2:50 pm, Central Hallway					
Session II 2:50 – 4:05 pm	Central A	Central B	Central C	Central D & E	Harris
	Technology and Learning Media Assessment: A Comprehensive Team-Based... Douglas Williams Brenda Loughrey	Braille Tech Tools and Productivity: Opening the Braille Tech Tool Box Featuring the BrailleNote Touch Peter Tucic Kate Morrow	Fun Science Activities for Young Children: A Hands-On Approach Marilyn Winograd Lillian Rankel	ALL ABOARD: Discovering a Collaborative Pathway toward Independent Living ... Lachelle Smith Emily Vasile	Educational Rights and Realities of Blind Students Carlton Anne Cook Walker Anna Walker
Session III 4:15 – 5:30 pm	From Scooting to Cruising: Taking Small Steps to Help Students with Multiple Disabilities Achieve... Tessa McCarthy Staci Wills	Overbrook School for the Blind “VanGoghs for Art Education”: Making Art Accessible for Everyone Susan DiFabio Frank Irzyk	How It Took a Village to Help a Veteran Return to Work Katie McCormick Karen Shane Cote John Mc Mahon	Using a Universal Design in Learning (UDL) Model to Reach All Learners as a Starting Point for Creating Optimal Learning Environments Lisha Yochimowitz	Simplified Calculating Strategies for the Cranmer Abacus Using the Double-A Method Thomas Forrest, Jr

Wednesday Evening, April 24, 2019

◆ Dinner on your own ◆

◆ Silent Auction open from 5:30 – 7:00 pm, Cameron Room ◆

Come see the tempting wares that are up for grabs! Bidding starts at 5:30 pm on Wednesday and ends at 6:00 pm on Thursday.

◆ University Socials from 5:30 – 7:00 pm, O'Reilly's Tap Room ◆

Visit with fellow graduates of Kutztown University, Salus University, and University of Pittsburgh in an informal atmosphere.

◆ Meet-the-Board Reception from 7:30 – 9:00 pm, Lobby Bar ◆

Get to know your Penn-Del AER Chapter Board of Directors at this "end of the day café"!

◆ Penn-Del AER Hospitality opens 9:00 pm, McCormick Room ◆

Join the fun and games—literally— and enjoy snacks and a BYO night cap with conference friends.

Thursday Morning, April 25, 2019

◆ Continental Breakfast 7:00 – 8:00 am, Central Hallway ◆

◆ Vendor Exhibits, Heritage Room ◆

Session IV 8:15 – 9:30 am	Central A	Central B	Central C	Central D	Central E	McClay
	Bioptic Driver Training: Making a Difference for Persons with Visual Impairments Chuck Huss	CVi Connect in the Classroom Julie Kushman	Using Expanded Core Curriculum-Based Games to Maximize Educational Outcomes Marty Schultz	Changing Your World One Step at a Time: Practices for Making a Difference Dona Sauerburger Stephan Sauerburger	Using VoiceOver and Zoom Gestures for iOS Devices with Face ID Michael Bryant	We Taught the Law and the Blind Community Won Heather Dougherty Maria Lepore-Stevens

◆ Break 9:30 – 10:00 am, Heritage Room ◆

◆ Vendor Exhibits, Heritage Room ◆ Poster Session, Harris Room ◆

◆ Silent Auction opens at 9:00 am and ends promptly at 6:00 pm, Cameron Room ◆

Session V 10:00 am – 12:15 pm	General Session — Central Ballrooms A and B
	Midnote Address — "You Are Not Solely Who You Think You Are Anymore: Adjusting to New Expectations and Demands" Kevin E. O'Connor, MA, MS, CSP — Kevin E. O'Connor & Associates Ltd.
	Penn-Del AER Chapter Meeting Angela Humbertson, Penn-Del AER Chapter President

Thursday Afternoon, April 25, 2019

♦ Lunch Buffet 12:15 – 1:00 pm, Central Ballrooms C, D, and E ♦						
♦ Coffee and dessert will be served in the Vendor Exhibit Area, Heritage Room ♦						
Session VI 1:00 – 2:15 pm	Poster Session — Harris Room Exhibit Session — Heritage Room					
Vendor Exhibits open until 6:00 pm, Heritage Room						
Session VII 2:15 – 3:30 pm	Central A	Central B	Central C	Central D	Central E	McClay
	Charting Pathways to Tomorrow: The Power of Positioning and Movement Cortney Divito Melissa Kowalkowski	“So you’re a teacher of the visually impaired! Do you know sign language?” Christine Snellman	Creating Accessible PDF Documents and Forms Brenda Loughrey Debby Holzapfel	Game Their Gains: Mastering Motivation through Game Design Principles Stephan Sauerburger	Supporting Braille Users in High School Math and Science: Tips, Tricks, and Hacks Maria Baldwin Michele Resch	The Sweet Spot for Magnification: Functional Implications of Refraction and Its Impact on Magnification Karen S. Cote
Break 3:30 – 3:45 pm Vendor Exhibit Area, Heritage Room						
Session VIII 3:45 – 5:00 pm	Working with Challenging or Grieving Families: Am I a Teacher? Therapist? Pastor? Kevin O’Connor	Eyes on Demand: A Comparison of Be My Eyes and Aira Real-Time Visual Assistants Londa Peterson	SWIFT Braille Transcription: Using Microsoft Word Styles to Prepare a Document ... Brenda Loughrey Patricia D’Ascenzo	Using iOS Devices to Access Books and Literacy Activities for Students with Multiple Disabilities Including CVI Amanda Whelan	Vispero in Education: Affordable Software for All Students Michael Wood	“You Got Them Now?” Responding to the Public on Community O&M Lessons Maria Lepore-Stevens

Thursday Evening, April 25, 2019

♦ Kick-back Happy Hour with Exhibitors 5:00 – 6:00 pm, Heritage Room ♦
♦ Penn-Del AER Awards Banquet 6:30 pm, Central Ballrooms C, D, and E ♦
♦ Awards Reception 8:30 – 10:00 pm, Lobby Bar ♦ Join us as we toast our 2019 award recipients!

Continental Breakfast 7:00 – 8:00 am, Central Hallway						
	Central A	Central B	Central C	Central D & E	Harris	Heritage
Session IX 8:15 – 9:30 am	Blind in Pennsylvania and Delaware but Not in Virginia Rachel Schles	Blind Coding Academies: Overcoming Accessibility Barriers Anthony Candela	Data Analytics, Braille Innovations Damian Pickering Tyler Brown	Braille Challenge Mobile App: What Did We Learn about ... in Braille Reading? Frances Mary D'Andrea Tessa McCarthy	Ethical Dilemmas: How to Ethically Navigate through Situations Teachers of the Blind May Face Nicole Johnson Kathleen Stanfa	Double Session Painting with Visual Twists Maureen Army
Session X 9:45 – 11:00 am	At Your Beck and Call: Voice-Activated Home Assistants and Use by People *** Jule Ann Lieberman	Presenting Like a Pro: Getting Your Message across to One or One Hundred Kevin E. O'Connor	Show Your Stuff: Creative Equipment in Vision Professions Maria Lepore-Stevens	PA's Career Readiness Indicators and Their Connection to the ECC Jacki Lyster Jennifer Edgar	Helping Youth with Visual Impairments Accelerate Their Futures Anisio Correia	Limited to 25 participants Double Session
Break 11:00 – 11:30 am, Central Hallway						
Session XI 11:30 am – 12:45 pm	Closing Session – Central Ballrooms A and B					
	Footnote – “Whatdaya Say?” Father James Warnke, MSW, LCSW – Retired from Private Practice and Ministry					
	Conference Wrap-Up Angela Humbertson , Penn-Del AER Chapter President Rebecca Renshaw , Conference Committee Chair, and Holly Russell , Assistant Chair					
<p style="text-align: center;"> We hope to see you at next year’s conference in Harrisburg April 22 – 24, 2020 Best Western Premier Central Hotel & Conference Center </p>						