



NLASLPA 45TH CONFERENCE

CAPITAL HOTEL, ST. JOHN'S
SEPTEMBER 25TH - 26TH 2025

S-LP KEYNOTE

Thursday, September 25th

Dr. Lisa Archibald

Lisa Archibald worked as a clinical Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) for over 15 years providing services to children and adults, in schools, hospitals, and other facilities. Currently Professor and Director in the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of Western Ontario, Lisa studies links between memory and language processes in individuals with communication disorders. Lisa's work has also focused on SLP-educator school-based collaborations. She was part of an international team of researchers and others considering terminology and profile for children with an unexplained, persistent language disorder now known as developmental language disorder (DLD).



As a former member of the international committee of RADLD.org and a founding member of DLDandMe, Lisa has been active in advocacy campaigns for DLD. Recently, Lisa developed The DLD Toolbox, an online resource for SLPs to support diagnostic decisions regarding DLD.

AUD KEYNOTE

Thursday, September 25th

Dr. Bill Hodgetts

Bill Hodgetts, PhD, R.Aud. is a Professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of Alberta and Program Director for Audiology and Bone Conduction Amplification at the Institute for Reconstructive Sciences in Medicine (IRSM). With a background in psychology, clinical audiology, and rehabilitation sciences, his work sits at an intersection of hearing technology and human behavior. Bill's research focuses on improving outcomes with bone conduction devices through better assessment, prescription, and verification methods - most notably via the DSL-BCD framework. He also explores the psychological and identity-related barriers that shape how people engage (or don't) with hearing care.



Whether he's designing tools to make hearing more coherent or reimagining what it means to "help", Bill is passionate about bridging science, story, and real-world care.

SHORT SESSION SPEAKERS

Friday, September 25th

Emily Anctil -Lamarre

Emily Anctil-Lamarre is the Account Manager for Eastern Canada at Bridges, a leading Canadian distributor of assistive technology solutions. A trained speech-language pathologist and technology specialist, Emily combines her clinical background with technological expertise to support professionals in empowering individuals with disabilities, communication challenges, and learning differences to achieve greater independence. An overview of Bridges' main assistive technology categories, including communication aids, access tools, educational software, and curricula. The presentation will also address key factors influencing the adoption and abandonment of assistive technology in clinical and educational settings.

Dale Trenton

Dale is a proud Hearing Instrument Specialist graduate from Conestoga College. Since his H.I.S. completion, Dale has worked as the Clinic Manager and clinician at a busy retail hearing clinic in Ontario. He has developed his clinical skills working with a variety of patients and hearing aids over 3 years in a clinical setting. Dale has been with GN Hearing since 2019, where he held Sales and Training roles, and now he currently works as the National Field Trainer for GN Hearing.



David Ambrose

David opened Theraplay's doors in January 2005. David has dedicated his career to providing high quality individualized occupational therapy treatment. He has a special interest in using the responsive interaction style as a therapy tool to help individuals build skills and meet goals.

David completed a Bachelor of Medical Rehabilitation in Occupational Therapy from the University of Manitoba in 2000 and a post-professional Master of Science in Occupational Therapy from Dalhousie University in 2019. He is proud of the two research papers he has published in academic occupational therapy journals. He has completed advanced training in the area of sensory integration and in the use of developmental approaches to help children with autism.

David, originally from small town Manitoba, has lived in Saskatoon since 2001. He is married to Sherrie, and together they have two children, Nicholas and Julia. In his free time David enjoys reading and coaching his children's sports, much to their chagrin.

Dr. Janine Hubbard

Dr. Janine Hubbard is a Registered Psychologist based in St. John's Newfoundland. She works at the Janeway, runs a small private practice and is involved in graduate teaching in the PsyD program at MUN. Dr. Hubbard has been actively involved in Psychology provincially and nationally through her involvement with the fraternal psychology association (APNL) and the regulatory board (NLPB) and nationally with Canadian Psychological Association (CPA). She provides frequent interviews to local and national media on a variety of psychology-related topics including syndicated CBC radio and a weekly segment "Get Psyched with Dr. Janine" on the local evening tv news.



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