

BIAI 2011 FALL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

“It Takes a Village”



SPEAKER BIOS

George B. Brenner, M.S., LCSW, LMFT, LCAC

George Brenner has a M.S. in Psychology from the University of Evansville. George is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist, and Clinical Addictions Counselor in the State of Indiana. George has 38 years of clinical, supervisory and administrative experience in the areas of problem gambling, substance use disorders, mental health, and integrated care for Co-Occurring Disorders. He is a trainer and consultant in these areas and Motivational Interviewing. George was the clinical supervisor and administrator for Addictions Services from 1990-2011 for Community Health Network Behavioral Health Services and, since 2009, addictions specialist on the Psychiatric Consultation and Liaison Team for Community Health Network. George is a partner in Continuing The Care: A Recovery Monitoring Program providing professional wellness services, consultation and training. George is in private practice at Family Counseling Associates in Indianapolis. George was trained in Motivational Interviewing by William Miller, PhD; Theresa Moyers, PhD; and staff of the University of New Mexico. George serves on the Boards of Mental Health America in Indiana, and Indiana Council on Problem Gambling. He is the current Vice-Chair on the Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board of the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency as a representative of the Addictions Counselors section. George enjoys his family and being an avid marathoner.

Rebecca D. Eberle, M.A., CCC-SLP, BC-ANCDS

Rebecca currently serves in the role of Clinical Associate Professor at the Indiana University Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences. Her primary clinical teaching responsibilities are with graduate students working with individuals with acquired neurogenic speech, language and cognitive-linguistic disorders. Current classroom teaching includes **Medical Speech Pathology** and **Clinical Practice and Procedures**, and has previously included serving as guest faculty for **Traumatic Brain Injury** and **Aphasia**. Rebecca received her BA (1982) and MA (1984) from Indiana University in Speech and Hearing Sciences. Rebecca has worked in the adult rehabilitation arena for over 25 years, in the roles of therapist, administrator, clinical supervisor, and teacher. She has presented at local, state and national conferences, and has co-authored several research papers and book chapters in the areas of brain injury and aphasia. Rebecca served on the Board of Directors of the Brain Injury Association of Indiana for 10 years, serving as Chair for 2 years during 2008 and 2009. Rebecca served as a contributing author for the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine publication (in press), *Manual for Evidence-Based Cognitive Rehabilitation*.

Henry Feuer, MD, FAANS, FACS

Dr. Feuer is a semi-retired neurosurgeon in Indianapolis. His career has spanned over 40 years, including work at a Level 1 trauma center, gaining extensive experience in treating acute head injuries. With his passion for neurosurgical sports medicine, he has been at the forefront managing sports concussions. He has been the neurosurgical consultant for the Indianapolis Colts since their arrival 27 years ago, and was associated with Indiana University Sports Medicine for 38 years. He is also the neurosurgical sports medicine consultant for Purdue, Ball State, Indiana State, Anderson, DePauw, Wabash, the Indy 500, the Brickyard 400, and MotoGrand Prix. He presently serves on the Return to Play subcommittee of the NFL Head, Neck, and Spine Committee. With his four decades of sideline experience, seeing the most acute scenarios of TBIs in a true laboratory setting, the football field, he has amassed volumes of knowledge in the recognition and management of the acute injury and in the consequences of repetitive TBIs.

Gary Noel F. Galang, M.D.

Dr. Galang is Vice Chairman, Traumatic Brain Injury Medicine, and Clinical Assistant Professor at UPMC Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. From 2007-2009, he worked at Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation in West Orange, NJ, as Staff Psychiatrist and Member of the Credentials and Privileging Committee. Dr. Galang completed his B.S. in Zoology and his Doctorate of Medicine at the University of the Philippines, and Fellowships in both Spinal Cord and Traumatic Brain Injury Medicine at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He has published widely.

Flora Hammond, M.D.

Dr. Hammond is Covalt Professor and Chair of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Indiana University School of Medicine, and Chief of Medical Affairs at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana. From 1995-2009, she worked at Carolinas Rehabilitation in Charlotte, North Carolina, where she served as the Brain Injury Program Director and Research Director. Her research in the area of brain injury includes studying the mortality, aging with brain injury, outcome prediction, causes of and treatments for irritability, and quality of relationships. Since 1998 she has been serving as the Principal Investigator and Director of the Carolinas Traumatic Brain Injury Model System grant funded by the National Institute on Disability Rehabilitation and Research. Dr. Hammond's research on change over time post injury, combined with her extensive clinical experience as a psychiatrist, uniquely positions her to discuss the research and care supporting improvement and decline over time and translating these results into practice.

Holly Hons, MPT, CBIS

Holly Hons is a Physical Therapist at Hook Outpatient Rehab Services working with the neurologic population for over five years. She received her Masters of Physical Therapy from the University of Evansville. She has attended Vestibular Rehabilitation: Theory, Evidence and Practical Application through the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago Academy in 2008. She most recently attended Expanding Neurologic Expertise: Advanced Practice in Vestibular Physical Therapy through the University of Pittsburgh.

James F. Malec, Ph.D

Dr. Malec is Professor and Research Director in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Indiana University School of Medicine and the Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana. He is a Professor Emeritus of Psychology at the Mayo Clinic and is Board Certified in Clinical Neuropsychology, and in Rehabilitation Psychology through the American Board of Professional Psychology. He is active in both lay and professional groups involved with the concerns of people with brain injuries, including the Brain Injury Association, the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, and the International Neuropsychological Society. He has received a number of professional recognitions, including the Lowman Award from the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine for interdisciplinary contributions to rehabilitation, the Research Award of the North American Brain Injury Society, the Career Service Award from the Brain Injury Association of Minnesota, and the prestigious Robert L. Moody Prize for Distinguished Initiatives in Brain Injury Research and Rehabilitation. He has over 120 peer-reviewed publications as well as other professional publications, and continues to conduct research in brain injury rehabilitation and other areas of neuropsychology and behavioral medicine.

Brandy R. Matthews, MD

Dr. Matthews has been a Behavioral Neurologist at Indiana University School of Medicine for the past three years. She received her medical degree from the Indiana University School of Medicine, where she was awarded Alpha Omega Alpha honors her senior year. She completed her neurology residency training at the Mayo Clinic where she was chief resident and recipient of the Henry Woltman Award for excellence in clinical Neurology. She was trained in Behavioral Neurology at the UCSF Memory and Aging Center under the leadership of Dr. Bruce Miller via a T32 National Institutes of Health fellowship training grant. She currently serves as an Assistant Professor of Neurology, Associate Neurology Training Program Director, and Associate Education Core Leader for the National Institute on Aging funded Indiana Alzheimer Disease Center. Dr. Matthews has held several leadership positions within the American Academy of Neurology and has been engaged in teaching at a national level since her fellowship when she directed her first course, "Much Ado about Neurothings: Neurology and Shakespeare," in addition to authoring scientific reports of patient's experiences with the arts in the context of neurodegenerative illnesses. She has been recognized as one of the "Best Doctors in America" since 2009 for her clinical efforts, and is settling into a new academic role as Associate Editor for the New England Journal of Medicine's "Journal Watch Neurology." She currently resides in Carmel, IN with her husband, Geoffrey Palmer, and their two-year-old daughter Lexie, who is

anxiously awaiting the arrival of her baby brother in January. An avid reader and semi-retired performer, Brandy is the proud founder of her family's Mother-Daughter Book Club, and does her best to carve out time to enjoy live theatre and jazz/blues vocal performances while exploring the intersection of neurology and the arts.

Heidi Musgrave, PhD

Heidi Musgrave, PhD is a clinical neuropsychologist in Fort Wayne, IN. She obtained her PhD in Clinical Psychology from Illinois Institute of Technology with a specialization in neuropsychology. She is the Director of Behavioral Science at Fort Wayne Medical Education Program, teaching Family Practice residents. Dr. Musgrave has had a private practice conducting neuropsychological evaluations since 2000.

Rosanna C. Sabini, DO

Dr. Sabini grew up in New York City. She graduated with a BA at Clark University, and received her DO degree at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine. During medical school, she was selected as an Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Fellow. She completed her osteopathic traditional rotating internship at the Long Beach Medical Center in New York, and went on to complete her residency in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation at the Mount Sinai Medical Center in Manhattan. During her residency, she realized her new-found interest in traumatic brain injury and went on to complete a fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. During her time there, she performed a clinical research study using Osteopathic techniques in the treatments of headaches in post-concussion. She later moved out to Indianapolis as an Assistant Professor at Indiana University, and a Medical Director of Brain Injury at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana. She is now a private consulting physician and is a community advocate for brain injury education. Dr. Sabini testified in the state senate and was instrumental in the passage of concussion legislation in Indiana to protect youth athletes. She has been featured several times in *The Indianapolis Star* regarding her medical expertise in brain injury and concussion.

Nancy D. Schmidt

Nancy is a 30 year veteran in the field of rehabilitation. She began her career developing hospital and community based programs for persons with brain injuries, both in Indianapolis and the Greater Boston Area. Nancy's career expanded to include leadership positions in all levels of post acute care, including sub acute, outpatient, and home care. In 1999, Nancy provided consultative services to Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital and was instrumental in leading the organization from traditional discipline-based care to outcome-oriented care planning and care delivery following the guidelines in the text for which she was co-editor, *"Outcome-Oriented Rehabilitation."* Nancy joined the staff of Spaulding in 2000 as the Associate Director of Ambulatory Services and Director of Spaulding's Outpatient Campus in Boston. Nancy led the development of Spaulding's Outpatient Center in Braintree which opened in 2003. Later, she accepted the position of Senior Director of Admissions where she worked hand in hand with referring hospitals to optimize admission opportunities for patients requiring acute rehabilitation. In 2005, Nancy joined Partners Continuing Care as the Director of Referral



Relations and Admissions, and later was promoted to Vice President. Nancy's understanding of catastrophic illness, disability, and disability management has been integral to her work. This has led her to seek opportunities within healthcare systems to improve care delivery and outcomes for specific patient populations. Nancy's career began in 1978 at Hook Rehabilitation Center where she worked in the Department of Neuropsychology providing neuropsychological assessments. Under the direct of Dr. Lance Trexler, Nancy coordinated the Cognitive Rehabilitation Program. It was during this time that Nancy worked with Marilyn Spivack of the National Head Injury Foundation and a small group of families and professionals associated with Community Hospital to develop the Indiana State Chapter, the first chartered chapter of the NHIF.

Marilyn Price Spivack

In 1975, Marilyn Price was a wife, mother and business owner. Her life took a dramatic turn on March 15 when her youngest daughter, Deborah, sustained a serious traumatic brain injury (TBI) in a motor vehicle accident, resulting in prolonged coma and lifelong disability. Then, on August 15 of the following year, her son Jon was killed in a motorcycle accident. The family was forever changed, and life took on new meanings and directions. After five years of frustration and fear in trying to find appropriate post acute rehabilitation programs for Debby, Marilyn and her husband Dr. Martin L. Spivack became aware that, despite the fact that TBI was epidemic in this country, there was little recognition of this by federal, state and local government and all related agencies. Further, even the medical and rehabilitation community had few advocates as to the benefit of rehabilitation post TBI. On an April Sunday in 1980, Marilyn and Martin gathered together a few families and concerned professionals to form the National Head Injury Foundation (NHIF), now renamed the Brain Injury Association of America (BIA). The purpose of the organization being to provide support for individuals with TBI and their families, to educate and advocate for all methods of prevention and rehabilitation, and to bring the scope of this problem to national attention. Since then, Marilyn Spivack has been an untiring voice for the recognition of traumatic brain injury as a major public health issue in this country. From 1980 to 1990, she directed the NHIF as President and CEO. During that time, NHIF chapters and affiliates were developed in 50 states. Marilyn continues to serve on numerous task forces and boards, gives presentations nationally and internationally, and advocates tirelessly for federal legislation that positively impacts persons with disabilities, particularly those suffering the consequences of TBI. She is currently the Neurotrauma Outreach Coordinator at the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts.

Taryn Marie Stejskal, Ph.D., LMFT

Taryn Marie Stejskal, Ph.D., LMFT (pronounced Stay-Skull) is a licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT) in the state of Indiana, and the founder and president of Wellness Strategies, P.C., a private practice specifically developed to meet the unique needs of individuals, couples, and families after one person has sustained a neurological injury. Dr. Stejskal received both her master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy and her doctoral degree in Family Science, with a focus on health and relationships, from the University of Maryland, College Park. Taryn was also awarded an Advanced Rehabilitation Research Training fellowship, funded by the



National Institute of Disability and Rehabilitation Research to complete intensive pre- and postdoctoral fellowships in neuropsychology at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. As an ARRT fellow, Dr. Stejskal helped to implement and empirically validate the Brain Injury Family Intervention, a program designed to promote emotional and relational healing for brain injury survivors and their spouses and family members. Specifically, her interests rest in family and couple relationships after significant injury and illness, and in applying a systems perspective to recovery from injury, trauma, grief, and loss. She has written numerous peer-reviewed manuscripts, book chapters, and newsletter articles about the impact of brain injury on couple and family relationships. One of her professional goals is to educate the public about her present work on family intervention by presenting at the annual Technology, Entertainment and Design conference. Dr. Stejskal is in private practice, along with two associates, in the Keystone Crossing and Noblesville areas of Indianapolis. She is also a research consultant for Purdue University's Military Family Research Institute (MFRI), and is a frequent presenter at regional, national, and international conferences.

Lance E. Trexler, Ph.D.

Dr. Trexler is the Director, Department of Rehabilitation Neuropsychology, Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana; Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor of PM&R, Indiana University School of Medicine; Adjunct Assistant Professor of Speech and Hearing Sciences at Indiana University; and Adjunct Assistant Professor Psychological Sciences at Purdue University. He is Chairperson, Board of Directors, Brain Injury Association of Indiana; Chairperson, Board of Directors, Indiana Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Research Fund; Co-Chairs the Indiana Brain Injury Leadership Board; and is Chairperson Elect, Brain Injury-Interdisciplinary Special Interest Group of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine. He is a clinical neuropsychologist by training, and has long been involved in treatment and outcome research relevant to the long-term needs of people affected by brain injury. Dr. Trexler is an author on over 30 peer reviewed journal articles and book chapters, and he continues to conduct research in a variety of areas related to interventions for people with brain injury, including pharmacological, rehabilitative and social interventions.

Mariann Young, Ph.D

Mariann Young, Ph.D, is the Program Director/Director of Pediatric Services for Rainbow Rehabilitation Centers, Inc. She is a Licensed Pediatric Psychologist with a Masters degree and Ph.D in Clinical Psychology from Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Dr. Young has extensive experience in individual and group psychotherapy, family therapy, staff training, and supervision of psychology interns since 1977. She was a Behavioral/Clinical Psychologist at Children's Hospital, Stepping Stone Day Treatment Rehabilitation Program before coming to Rainbow. She is experienced in assessments, intervention, therapy, and care of traumatic brain injury, emotionally disturbed and abused children.