

SAVE THE DATE!!

19th Eleanor M. Saffran Conference on the Cognitive Neuroscience of Language and Communication Disorders

*Language and Communication Disorders Related to Traumatic Brain Injury
Friday and Saturday September 26-27, 2025*

Preliminary Program

Friday September 26, 2025

8:45-9:45 AM Registration

9:45 AM Introduction

10-11 AM **Melissa Duff Collins, Ph.D. Vanderbilt University**

How memory deficits in adults with traumatic brain injury impact language processing and communication in group settings.

11-12 **Lyn Turkstra, Ph.D. McMaster University**

Communication developments in adolescence and the need for a true lifespan approach to rehabilitation of language and cognitive-communication disorders.

12-2:30 Lunch and Poster Session – 2:00 Break

2:30-3:30 **Peter Meulenbroek Radford University**

Challenges of returning to work for individuals with traumatic brain injury.

3:30-4:30 **Karen Le VA Connecticut Healthcare System**

Discourse analysis following traumatic brain injury.

4:30 to 5 PM **Wrap up discussion of Day 1.**

Saturday, September 27, 2025

8:45-9:45 AM Registration

9:45 AM Introduction

10 PM **Leanne Togher, Ph.D. University of Sydney**

Impact of training communication partners to improve social communication skills of people with traumatic brain injury

11-11:30 AM **Panel Discussion and Audience Q & A**

11:30 AM to 1PM **Lunch and Networking**

1PM – 3 PM **Workshops on TBI** (attendees sign up for one of these two workshops)

Workshop 1: Counseling and coaching persons with TBI

Peter Meulenbroek, Ph.D. Radford University &

Jerry K. Hoepner, Ph.D. University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire

Workshop 2: Barriers and facilitators to implementing cognitive communicative interventions

**Sheila MacDonald M.Cl.Sc. Clinical Director, Sheila MacDonald & Associates
Adjunct Lecturer, Dept. of Speech-Language Pathology, University of Toronto**

3-3:30 PM **All group meeting for wrap-up discussion of conference.**