This 2-day conference will examine Discourse in Dementia and Aphasia.

Day 1 – Course Description
Dr. J.B. Orange will address discourse issues in dementia, including an overview of the profiles of language & discourse in common types of dementia, a review of standardized & non-standardized assessments of discourse, and a discussion of theoretically grounded, empirically sound, clinically relevant discourse-based interventions designed to enhance communication for individuals with dementia and their caregivers.

Course Objectives
Participants will be able to:
1. Describe representative language, discourse, and cognitive-communication features of common types of dementia.
2. Summarize language and discourse assessment procedures appropriate for persons with dementia.
3. Explain the reasons for measuring discourse in persons with dementia.
4. Describe micro- and macro-level communication enhancement interventions for individuals with dementia and their caregivers.

Agenda
Thursday, May 3, 2012
7:45 - 8:15 Registration and Breakfast
8:15 - 8:30 Welcome and Introductions
8:30 -10:00 Profiles of Language and Discourse in Common Types of Dementia
10:00 -10:20 Refreshment Break
10:20 -12:15 Assessment of Language and Discourse in Dementia
Day 2 - Course Description
Dr. Leora Cherney will address discourse issues in aphasia, including an overview of clinically relevant methods for assessing discourse in persons with aphasia, a review of the theoretical background, procedures, and current evidence supporting treatments, and a discussion of issues affecting recovery and rehabilitation such as treatment intensity and alternative methods of service delivery.

Course Objectives
Participants will be able to:
1. Summarize discourse elicitation tasks appropriate for persons with aphasia.
2. Describe practical methods for measuring discourse outcomes in aphasia.
3. List procedures for administering at least four discourse-based aphasia treatment techniques.
4. Discuss implications of neuroplasticity for rehabilitation and recovery of discourse in aphasia.
5. Describe ways in which technology can assist in the delivery of discourse-based treatments to individuals with aphasia.

Friday, May 4, 2012
7:45 - 8:15  Registration and Breakfast
8:15 - 8:25  Introductions
8:30 - 9:30  Assessing Discourse in Persons with Aphasia
9:30 - 10:30 Linguistic Approaches: Targeting Syntax
10:30 - 10:50 Refreshment Break
10:50 - 12:15  Discourse and Dyads
               Constraint-Induced Language Therapy
12:15 – 1:15  Lunch (provided)
1:15 – 2:45  Functional Approaches
               Conversational Scripting
               Response Elaboration Training
2:45 -3:05  Refreshment Break
3:05 – 4:05  Discourse and Group Therapy
4:05 – 4:15  Wrap up
Faculty

**Dr. J.B. Orange, PhD.**
Dr. Orange is an Associate Professor and Director in the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Western University, and Associate Scientist with the Lawson Health Research Institute in London, Ontario. His peer-reviewed publications and funded research address language and cognitive-communication disorders of adults and older adults. His research has a special emphasis on discourse, conversation, and communication of individuals with various forms of dementia. His current research projects include the analyses of language, discourse, and conversation of individuals with Alzheimer’s disease, frontotemporal lobe dementia, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, aphasia, and Parkinson’s disease. Other on-going studies include communication enhancement education and training programs for family caregivers of individuals with dementia.

**Dr. Leora Cherney, PhD.**
Dr. Cherney is a Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Northwestern University and the Feinberg School of Medicine, and a Senior Clinical Research Scientist at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. She has had more than 30 years of clinical experience working with adults with neurogenic communication disorders and presently directs the Center for Aphasia Research and Treatment at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. Dr. Cherney is board-certified in neurologic communication disorders by the Academy of Neurologic Communication Disorders and Sciences (ANCDS) and a Fellow of both the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and the Illinois Speech-Language Hearing Association. She has co-authored four books and has more than 70 publications in journals, textbooks, and other periodicals. She regularly presents at workshops and conferences nationally and internationally. Dr. Cherney’s research interests have focused on treatment approaches for aphasia and on attention and discourse problems in adults with cognitive-communication disorders.

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