BAS Research Update Meeting

Wednesday 25th June 2025 held online

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Presenters

Virginia Brinkley, Clinical Lead Speech and Language Therapist (inpatient stroke rehab), Norwich Community Hospital, UK

"On the ward, I think I don't have a voice,"-MSc interview participant talking about her discharge home (with no partner).

Virginia Brinkley is an SLT and has been working in stroke since 2011, first in an acute hospital and now in inpatient stroke rehab. Her first inspiration was her mum, who had a stroke with aphasia 10 years before she was born.

In 2023 she completed a research project interviewing people with aphasia on how they felt their experience when they had their stroke could have been improved.

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Adithya Chandregowda, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Nova Southeastern University, Florida,

USA

Promoting Positive Psychology in support groups for care partners of individuals with aphasia.

Adithya Chandregowda, Ph.D., is an associate professor at the Nova Southeastern University, United States.   He has received interdisciplinary education spanning speech-language pathology, audiology/hearing science and cognitive neuroscience. He holds a certificate of clinical competence in speech-language pathology from the American Speech Language Hearing Association. His research interests include aphasia, fronto-temporal dementia, care-partner services, end-of-life communication, SLP curriculum and scope-of-practice issues, and optimum classification of acquired verbal issues to facilitate appropriate counseling and management.

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Fiona Menger, Newcastle University, UK

Researching Speech and Language Therapy for people living with Brain Tumours (RESuLT_BT).

Fiona Menger is a Speech and Language Therapist and Lecturer at Newcastle University. Her PhD focused on digital inclusion of people with aphasia. Fiona's post-doctoral research has largely been in the field of cancer survivorship, including post-traumatic growth after head and neck cancer. She is a mixed methods researcher who has ongoing interests in technology to support writing for aphasia and the SLT role in cancer care.

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Lotte Meteyard, University of Reading & Arpita Bose, University of Reading, UK

Lotte Meteyard   Arpita Bose

Database of Acquired Language Impairment Profiles (DALIP) – protocol and progress in collecting a shareable database of assessments data collected with People with Aphasia.

Lotte Meteyard is currently a Lecturer at the School of Psychology & Clinical Language Sciences, at the University of Reading and a Lead Research & Outcomes Consultant for the RCSLT. She completed training to be an SLT at UCL between 2008 and 2010, after completing a PhD and post-doctoral research. She worked in the Adult SLT clinic, principally with People with Aphasia, at the University of Reading between 2010 and 2019.

Arpita Bose is an Associate Professor at the University of Reading. She trained as a Speech-Language Therapist with research training in aphasia and other neurogenic disorders from the University of Toronto and University of Windsor, Canada. Her current research interests include: bilingualism/multilingualism in aphasia and dementia with specific focus in language-specific deficits in under-explored languages of South-East Asia, language production in bilinguals with focus on ageing and cognition, capacity assessment and decision making in aphasia, and multi-method exploration of language production difficulties in neurological populations. She uses multidisciplinary methodologies (psycholinguistics, experimental psychology, neuropsychology, neuroscience and speech-language therapy).

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Richard Talbot, UCL PhD student and independent SLT, London UK

Perspectives and experiences of UK speech and language therapists using synchronous telehealth with people with primary progressive aphasia and dementia.

Richard is a SLT with 18 years clinical experience, mainly in community teams working with people with aphasia and progressive neurological conditions. He currently works independently and as an honorary SLT in the cognitive disorders clinic at Queen Square. Richard has a decade of experience working as a researcher on aphasia telehealth (EVA Park), discourse (LUNA) and implementation (EVA Park Early Adoptors) projects. He is now at UCL doing a PhD on top of a research assistant role on the 'Better Conversations with PPA and Other Rare Dementias' project. His research focusses on implementation, telehealth and discourse outcome measures.

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Susie Williams, SLT East Suffolk and North Essex Foundation Trust

Communication and Wellbeing: Speech and Language Therapy for Acute Fluent Aphasia, PhD Proposal.

Susie Williams is a specialist speech and language therapist and clinical-academic. Her research interest is in fluent aphasia. She has recently completed a MRes in Speech, Language and Cognition at University College London, during which she researched speech and language therapists' experiences of assessing and treating Wernicke's aphasia. She is writing up a study into the support needs of carers of people with jargon aphasia. She has 15 years of experience working with people with aphasia across acute and community settings.

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