Early Announcement

2013 Van Riper Lectures

Cognition and Communication: Working with Children and Adults with Traumatic Brain Injuries

- Nancy Helm-Estabrooks from Western Carolina University
- Roberta DePompei from University of Akron

The Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology at Western Michigan University, together with Psi Iota Xi, and the College of Health and Human Services are pleased to announce the 2013 Van Riper Lecture Series. This year’s conference will be held on Thursday, October 3 and Friday morning, October 4, 2013. It is anticipated that a total of 9.5 hours toward CEUs can be earned by attending the entire conference.

These distinguished speakers will focus on best practices for integrated communication and cognitive assessment and intervention with children and adults living with acquired brain damage. After presenting new models of the chronicity of brain injury and its implications, the speakers will use a case conferencing format to discuss assessment and treatment for individuals with trauma-induced brain injuries across the lifespan. A focus of the lectures will be on the various demands placed upon survivors who are transitioning back to school, returning to civilian life after military service, and meeting other demands of adulthood. The complex mixture of cognitive-communicative sequelae will be discussed, including recommendations for differential diagnosis and comprehensive treatment.

Registration will be opening August 1, 2013. More information on the speakers and the agenda will be coming soon! Look for on-line registration during the summer. Contact Mrs. Paula Armstrong (paula.armstrong@wmich.edu) or 269.387.8045 if you wish more information. We hope to see you at the Van Riper Lectures this fall!