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THINKING AND FEELING

MATTERS OF THE BRAIN AND HEART

BIOGRAPHIES

PLENARY SPEAKERS

Frances E. Jensen, M.D.

Dr. Jensen is Professor and Chair of the Department of Neurology at the Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Jensen has researched brain development from the neonatal period through adulthood. She was Professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School, Director of Translational Neuroscience and Director of Epilepsy Research at Boston Children's Hospital, and Senior Neurologist at Boston Children's and Brigham and Women's Hospitals. She lectures widely about the teen brain at science museums, TEDMED, and high schools.

Matt Fuller

Matt Fuller discovered his passion and talent for storytelling early in life. While a Junior in high school, Matt began directing documentaries and public service announcements for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, local government agencies and national corporate clients. After graduating from the University of Central Florida, Matt began working for Sony Pictures Entertainment on the thriller, *VACANCY*. While on the Sony backlot, Matt went on to work for director Nelson McCormick as he directed two Sony feature films, *PROM NIGHT* and *THE STEPFATHER*.

Matt then transitioned to MBST Entertainment, working under seasoned producers Scott Kroopf and Larry Brezner as a Creative Executive. It was there that Fuller would ascend the executive ranks soon becoming the Director of Film and Television Development where he supervised the development and production of Warner Bros. *ARTHUR* and Relativities' *LIMITLESS*.

In the fall of 2012, Matt began his career as an independent filmmaker by directing and producing the soon to be released feature length documentary, *AUTISM IN LOVE*. Matt recently launched [The InSight Picture Company](#) where he continues to inspire individuals and communities with compelling, cinematic stories.

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

Manju Banerjee, Ph.D.

Manju Banerjee, Ph.D. is Vice President of Educational Research and Innovation, and Director of Landmark College Institute for Research and Training (LCIRT). Dr. Banerjee has over 29 years of experience in the field of learning disabilities, ADHD, and postsecondary disability services. She is a certified diagnostician and teacher-consultant on learning disabilities. She has published and presented extensively, both nationally and internationally, on topics such as, disability documentation and accommodations, technological competencies for postsecondary transition, online learning, and universal design. She has been and currently is PI/Co-PI on multiple federal, foundational, and NSF grants. She teaches a graduate level online course on *Universal Design: Principles and Practice*. Manju Banerjee is an editorial board member of the *Journal of Postsecondary Education and Disability; LD: A Multi-Disciplinary Journal*, Professional Advisory Board member to the *Learning Disability Association of America*, and a consultant to *Educational Testing Service*. She received her doctoral degree from the Neag School of Education, University of Connecticut, on the application of universal design to high stakes assessment. See Dr. Banerjee's clip on UDL at Landmark College:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_HHvRzemuHA.

Kirsten Behling

Kirsten Behling is the Director of the Office of Disability Services at Suffolk University and an adjunct professor in the NEAG School of Education at the University of Connecticut. Kirsten developed and manages the Office of Disability Services, working to ensure that both students are accommodated and the university is proactive in disability advocacy. She helped to develop the Graduate Certificate Program in Postsecondary Disability Services at the University of Connecticut. Kirsten is also heavily involved in New England AHEAD, a regional affiliate of AHEAD. Her research interests include, access in online learning, teaching the diverse learner, and educating current and future disability service professionals.

Loring Brinckerhoff, Ph.D.

Dr. Brinckerhoff is the director of the Office of Disability Policy at Educational Testing Service, (ETS) in Princeton, NJ. He is also the past president of the Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD). He has worked with college students with LD/ADHD for over 30 years. Dr. Brinckerhoff is a consultant to Columbia University, Harvard Medical School and Mass College of Art & Design.

J. Russell Ramsay, Ph.D.

Dr. J. Russell ("Russ") Ramsay is co-founder and co-director of PENN's Adult ADHD Treatment and Research Program and an associate professor of clinical psychology in the department of psychiatry in the PENN medical school. He has authored several books and has published numerous professional articles and book chapters. He is a CHADD Hall of Fame inductee, serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Attention Disorders*, and is on the Professional Advisory Boards of ADDA and CHADD, and on the Board of Directors of APSARD.

Anthony L. Rostain, M.D., M.A.

Dr. Rostain is Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics at the Perelman School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania where he is Vice Chair of Education for the Department of Psychiatry. He is “triple boarded” in pediatrics, adult psychiatry, and child and adolescent psychiatry and focuses his clinical work on “lifespans neurodevelopmental psychiatry.” Dr. Rostain is the Co-Director of the Penn Behavioral Health Adult ADHD Treatment and Research Program and the Adult Social Learning Disorders Program, and Director of The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Behavioral Health Center’s Developmental Neuropsychiatry Program. Dr. Rostain's research interests have focused on improving clinical outcomes for patients with ADHD and other neuropsychiatric disorders, and in creating effective service systems for high risk children, youth and families. He completed a study of combined medication and cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) for adults with ADHD which served as the basis of a textbook on this topic. He is co-author, with Dr. Russell Ramsay, of *Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy for Adult ADHD: An Integrative Psychosocial and Medical Approach, Second Edition*, and of *The Adult ADHD Tool Kit: Using CBT to Facilitate Coping Inside and Out* (Routledge Press, 2015). He is also Past-President of APSARD, the American Professional Society of ADHD and Related Disorders.

Marshall W. Thomas, Ed.D.

Dr. Thomas is the Director of Veterans Services at California State University, Long Beach. He is a six-year veteran of the United States Marine Corps where he attained the rank of Sergeant. Today, he serves as an advocate for veterans in higher education and speaks frequently at colleges and universities about military culture and the impacts of military service.

Marshall developed the VET NET Ally program to educate college and university faculty, staff and administrators about student veterans. The four-hour seminar, modeled after LGBT Safe Zone programs common on college campuses across the U.S., is designed to create welcoming campus environments and visible networks of allies to student veterans.

Steve Waller, M.S.

Steve Waller is the Assistant Vice President for Residential Life & Housing, Department of Residential Life at Louisiana State University. He has over 30 years of facilities management experience with the United States Air Force as well as Louisiana State University, where he served as Residential Life Associate Director of Facilities for ten years prior to assuming his current role in 2007. He was architect of the transformation of the LSU housing system, the development of the Residential College Program and, as Executive Director for the Nicholson Development Project, created a vibrant new mixed-use development with retail and student housing. Most recently, he served as Interim Associate Vice President for Student Life & Enrollment and Dean of Students at LSU.

Steve has been actively involved in the Association of College & University Housing Officers - International and served as chair of the housing facilities & services committee 2006-2008, executive board 2008-2010, chair of public policy advisory committee, 2011-2013 and is currently working on a task group addressing Affordable Care Act implications on student staff in on-campus housing with the Treasury Department. He served as President for the Louisiana Housing Officer Association in 2011.

Steve is a 1973 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy with a BS in Civil Engineering. He received his MS in Environmental Management from the Air Force Institute of Technology in 2002. He served for 23 years as a pilot and civil engineer in the USAF before retiring in 1996.