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4/23/2014

Douglas Biklen

Douglas Biklen recently retired as Dean of the School of Education at Syracuse University and is founder of the Inclusion Institutes at Syracuse University.

He has authored numerous books, including: *Autism and the Myth of the Person Alone* (2005), *Communication Unbound* (1993), *Contested Words*, *Contested Science* (1997), *Schooling Without Labels* (1992), and *Achieving the Complete School* (1985). In addition, his research articles have

appeared in such journals as the American Education Research Journal; Teachers College Record; Mental Retardation; the International Journal of Inclusive Education, the Harvard Educational Review; the Journal of Social Issues; and the Disability and Society and Topics in Language Disorders. News accounts of his work have appeared in The New York Times Magazine, Newsweek, U.S. News & World Report, The Washington Post Magazine, People magazine, El Pais, and on the CBS Evening News, NOW, Frontline, CNN News, ABC's Primetime Live, and NPR's Talk of the Nation.

Doug is a member of the International Advisory Board of the International Journal of Inclusive Education. He has lectured worldwide on Disability Rights, Inclusive Education and Disability Policy, in Japan, Australia, Germany, Kuwait, England, Finland, Italy, Costa Rica, China, Oman and many other countries.

Biklen was the co-producer of the Academy Award nominated documentary, *Autism is a World* (2004), and served as an advisor on the HBO films *Educating Peter* and *Graduating Peter*. He was the Executive Producer of *Regular Lives*, and the Producer/Director with Zach Rozetti of *My Classic Life as an Artist: A Portrait of Larry Bissonette*. He was also co-producer with Geradine Wurzburg, on the film *Wretches and Jabberers* (2010).

He has won numerous awards including most recently the UNESCO/Emir Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah Prize to promote Quality Education for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (2012). In 2000, he was awarded the Honorary Doctorate of Pedagogy, Jyvaskyla University, Jyvaskyla, Finland.

For more information about Doug Biklen, please visit <http://disabilitystudies.syr.edu/who/dbiklen.aspx>.

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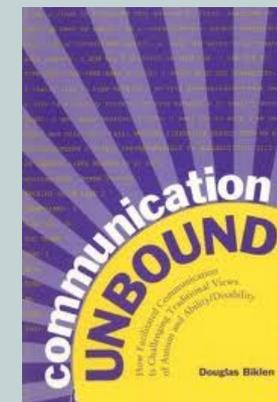
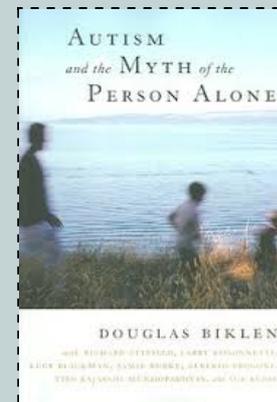
Why We Should Abandon the Metaphors of Mental Retardation and Intellectual Disability

Over the past 10 years, we have corresponded with and worked with people labeled autistic who type to communicate. In their writing can be found fundamental questions

about the relationship of communication to intelligence, about disability to participation and self-definition, and about autism and mental retardation as social constructs. The research and our experience directly question the very definition of intelligence, autism and mental retardation.

This interactive webinar presentation will discuss the research results and applied practices of Inclusive Education, Community Integration and Communication Rights and why the data suggests that the concepts of mental retardation and intellectual disability discourage opportunity. This discussion will explore the idea of 'presuming competence' as an alternative framework to the deficit model implicit in the label of intellectual disability.

To participate in Douglas Biklen's live video webinar, please register at 2014revolutionaryleaders.eventbrite.com



4/30/2014

Mark Johnson

Mark Johnson is the Director of Advocacy at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, GA and has been a leader in the Disability Rights Movement for nearly 30 years. He is a founder of ADAPT, as well as, the past president of the Fund for Southern Communities



Mark has been recognized for his ground floor work with the Americans Disabled for Accessible Public Transportation (ADAPT); and for his visionary work planning the ADA Torch Relay, which celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). He is a recipient of several awards including: the Georgia Trend Healthcare Hero (2009); the Betts Award (2007); the Justin Dart Jr., Spirit of ADA Award (2001); and the New Mobility Person of the Year (2001).



Mark Johnson is passionate about changing attitudes. "Unless there is emotional change, no intellectual persuasion will work. Normalizing disability is central to an inclusive community," Johnson emphasizes. "And you have to take it personally."

For more information about Mark Johnson, please visit <http://www.shepherd.org/resources/advocacy>

Webinar Topic

The 25th Anniversary of the ADA, The ADA Legacy Project

The 25th Anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) represents a milestone in the creation of opportunities for the full citizenship for individuals with disabilities in the United States. The full scope of the movement to enact this historic legislation and its impact represented a cultural shift in our nation's understanding of the need for universal civil rights. In anticipation of the upcoming 25th anniversary, the ADA Legacy Project was created to honor the contributions of people with disabilities and their allies.

This interactive webinar presentation will highlight the activities of the Project in preparation for the anniversary along with goals for:

Preserving and promoting the history of the Disability Rights Movement;

Celebrating the impact of the ADA, as well as other milestones in disability history; and

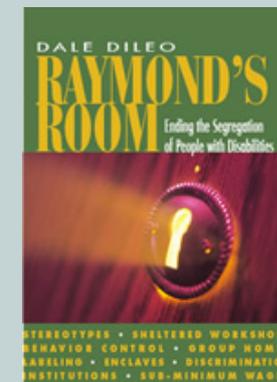
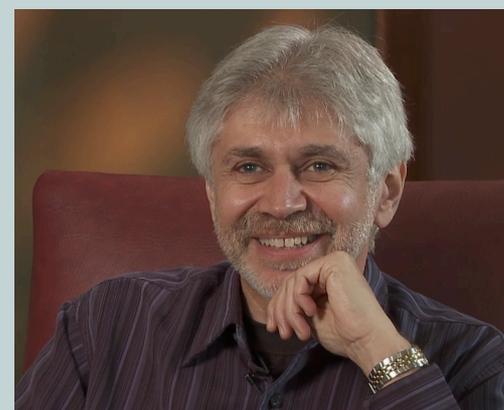
Educating the public and future generations of advocates.

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5/7/2014

Dale Dileo

A well-known advocate for people with disabilities, Dale DiLeo has provided training in *community inclusion* for persons with disabilities throughout the U.S., Canada, Australia, and Europe. He has consulted with state and private agencies, universities, professional associations, corporations and has developed several innovative web courses and sites in supported employment and transition. In addition, Dale has authored several books and manuals including his acclaimed book, *Raymond's Room*, which focuses on ending the segregation of people with disabilities.



Over the past thirty years he has trained over 150,000 people and delivered numerous conference keynotes for the Association for Persons Supporting Employment First ("APSE"), Canadian Association for Supported Employment, and the European Union of Supported Employment Conferences in Norway and Spain. Dale is the former president of the APSE and lead author of their highly respected *Ethical Guidelines in Supported Employment* guidebook

For more information about Dale Dileo, please visit www.daledileo.com



Webinar Topic

Ending Employment Segregation through Employment First

Perceived as incapable of leading full and productive lives, historical practices led to the creation of segregated lives for individuals with disabilities. These practices limited access to full participation in the nation's workforce as well as the community. Segregated work options resulted in poverty, lack of opportunities for career development, and the perpetuation stigma and marginalization.

This interactive webinar presentation will explore the roots of these practices and trace the national milestones and current innovations that are breaking down these historical barriers. Ideas for changes in policy and practice will be covered, as well as strategies for confronting common objections to abandoning segregated environments.

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5/7/2014

Mariette Bates

Mariette Bates is the Academic Director of Disability Studies programs at the City University of New York's school of Professional Studies. She began her career as the program director of One to One, the foundation created by Geraldo Rivera after his exposé of Willowbrook State School. From 1983 to 2008 she was vice president of the Maidstone Foundation, where she worked with over 600 parents' groups and emerging community organizations, specializing in systems change advocacy for underserved populations and strategic planning, board development and fundraising.

Mariette is a graduate of Empire State College, the Columbia University Institute for Not-for-Profit Management, and the Union Institute, where she was awarded her doctorate in philanthropy and developmental disabilities.

She has received the Sussman Dissertation Prize, Outstanding Alumna awards from Empire State College and the Union Institute, several leadership awards from parents' groups and the Self-Advocacy Association of New York State, and the 2007 Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award from the City College Center for Worker Education. She serves on several local and national non-profit boards of directors.

For more information about Mariette Bates, please visit <http://sps.cuny.edu>

Webinar Topic

Low Incident Disabilities: Organizing Grass Roots Parent Groups to Effect Change

In the 1980's, as a member of the Maidstone Foundation's staff, Dr. Bates worked organizing and assisting several groups of parents of children with rare or multiple disabilities. Maidstone worked closely with parents of individuals who were deaf/blind and multiply handicapped; who had Prader-Willi syndrome; neurofibromatosis; tuberous sclerosis; narcolepsy; were blind, developmentally disabled or had mental illness; Marfan syndrome; or many other low-incidence disabilities. Maidstone also began assisting immigrant groups who had cultural and language barriers.

This interactive webinar will describe the importance of the Grass Roots Parent Groups and how parents of people with disabilities who had been left out of the system organized and advocated for supports and services. Dr. Bates will share examples from her experience organizing parents with family members with so called "low incidence" disabilities such as: Prader-Willi syndrome, Deaf-Blind, Mental Illness,



Rubella syndrome, Neurological Issues, Tourette's syndrome and Narcolepsy. She will also discuss cultural and language issues encountered in working with Russian immigrant groups. Additionally, you will hear about her current work creating one of the pre-eminent University based Disability Studies programs at the City University of New York recently featured in the New York Times (<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/disability-studies>).

To participate in Mariette Bates' live video webinar, please register at 2014revolutionaryleaders.eventbrite.com

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Curt Decker

As Executive Director of the nations largest non-governmental enforcer of disability rights (NDRN), Curt oversees all activities related to training and technical assistance, membership services, and legislative advocacy.



Curt was introduced to the disability community in 1979 from a background in legal advocacy for vulnerable children and adults. As Executive Director of the Maryland Disability Law Center, he became one of the founding members of the national association of protection and advocacy agencies, now known as the NDRN. From

beginning as the first consultant and eventually the first Executive Director, Curt has guided the growth of the program to 10 distinct federally funded programs totaling \$140 million in federal funds. Within this role, he has also participated in every major piece of disability legislation before Congress since the 1980's.

Before founding NDRN with other P&A Directors, Curt served as Director of the Maryland P&A and the Maryland Disability Law Center. Curt also served as Director of the H.E.L.P resource project for abused and neglected children for four years, and was a VISTA worker prior to working as a senior attorney for Baltimore Legal Aid Bureau for five years.

Curt is the immediate past chair of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD), a coalition of over 100 national disability groups, and serves on the board of Friends of Research. In his career, Curt also served as a legislative consultant for numerous groups, including the American Association on Mental Retardation, the National Public Law Training Center, and the Maryland Academy of Physicians Assistants. He is a graduate of Hamilton College and Cornell Law School.



For more information about Curt Decker, please visit <http://www.ndrn.org>

Webinar Topic

Restraint and Seclusion: Taking Action

"Whenever we open a newspaper, turn on the television, or go on the Internet these days, we hear about another child dying or being injured in school while being restrained or secluded. Some may think these are isolated incidents, but, when Protection and Advocacy agencies across this country report that school children have been killed, confined, tied up, pinned down, and battered, this is clearly more than an isolated issue - it is one of national concern." (NDRN.org)

This interactive webinar presentation will define the pervasive use of restraint and seclusion across disabilities, age groups, and facilities, with a particular focus on school settings. It will describe current calls for swift action to ban the use of prone restraint and seclusion in schools, increased teacher training, and efforts parents and advocates can join in order to eliminate unintentional tragedies.

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Liz Weintraub

Liz Weintraub has a long history of leadership in self advocacy, and has held many board and advisory positions at state and national organizations. In addition to her part-time position with AUCD, Liz also works for the Council on Quality & Leadership (CQL) and consults for National Children's Center in Washington, DC. Her work with both of these organizations focuses on improving quality of life for people with disabilities.

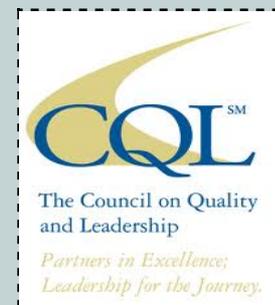


Liz is the immediate past chair of the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council. Liz a faculty member of The National Leadership Consortium on Developmental Disabilities at the University of Delaware and is the President of the Board of Directors for Shared Support Maryland, a progressive provider organization.

For more information about Liz Weintraub, please visit <https://www.aucd.org>

Webinar Topic

A History of Self Advocacy and Self Determination



The rise of the self-advocacy movement began with the empowerment of local groups led by and for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The grassroots nature of this effort obscured much of its development and left the development of its historical record largely in the hands of individuals who were not involved in its growth.

This interactive webinar presentation will explore the history of the self-advocacy movement from the perspective of a recognized leader in its evolution. And it will explore the different pieces of the puzzle necessary to become a self-determined advocate and professional.

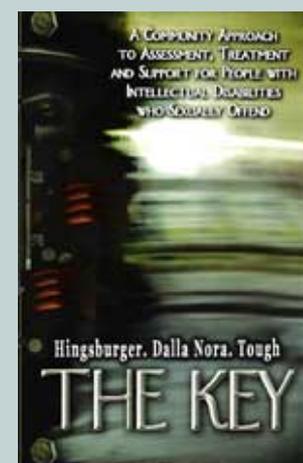
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6/4/2014

Dave Hingsburger

Dave Hingsburger has worked directly with people with disabilities for over 30 years. Presently, Dave is the Director of Clinical and Educational Supports for Vita Community Living Services but over the years he has been a behavior therapist and a sexuality consultant. He began working direct care and, through all incarnations in his career, he has maintained direct support contact with those with disabilities.

Dave earned his B.A. from the University of Victoria and his M.Ed. from the University of Toronto, however he credits his direct support work as the primary source of his understanding of services and services systems. Dave has focused his work on a variety of areas including but not limited to self advocacy, behavioral approaches, sexuality, abuse prevention and communication.



For more information about David Hingsburger, please visit <http://davehingsburger.blogspot.com>

Webinar Topic

Building Friendships and Relationships: The First Hello

Community living is more than living in the community. In support of people with disabilities, effort has been made to facilitate connections and make opportunities for friendships. In doing so, we sometimes miss the obvious.



This interactive webinar presentation will explore the fundamental importance of community and human connection. Before we become involved with friendships and other relationships, there is a need for 'The First Hello.' Participants will learn how to encourage people with disabilities to begin the journey into a life full of friendship and reciprocal relationships.

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6/11/2014

Barbara Ransom

Barbara Ransom has more than 20 years experience as a plaintiff's attorney in disability rights. She has represented individuals, classes and organizations in litigation relating to the U.S. Constitution, Americans with Disabilities Act, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and various state constitutions and civil rights provisions.

Ransom formerly served as Senior Attorney for Disability Rights California.



Webinar Topic

Transition Services in the Wake of Recent Activity by the U.S. Department of Justice

The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) has a critical role in the enforcement of the integration mandate of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Supreme Court's 1999 decision in *Olmstead v L.C.* The enforcement of these mandates can be used as a tool to ensure that transition plans are developed and implemented with the goal of preparing students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) for life in the community.

This interactive webinar will explore and develop strategies to assist families and students to obtain the supports and services they need to have an effective transition into an integrated life that take advantage of the DOJ's work. All of which are consistent with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act's (IDEA) mandate of a free, appropriate, public education in the least restrictive environment.

To participate in Barbara Ransom's s live video webinar, please register at 2014revolutionaryleaders.eventbrite.com

6/18/2014

Ruby Moore

Ruby Moore is the Executive Director of the Georgia Advocacy Office, the designated Protection and Advocacy System for People with Disabilities in Georgia and the host organization for Employment First Georgia, a statewide policy change and employment technical assistance initiative.

Ms. Moore is nationally known for her work in the disability field over the past 38years, particularly in the areas of employment, augmentative communication, disability rights, and the design and implementation of supports necessary for people with significant disabilities to live, work, play, and go to school in the community.

Her experience includes growing up with family members with disabilities and she has worked in both institutional and community settings, within and outside government bureaucracies. Ruby has over 30 years of experience helping people who have been labeled "unemployable" due to type and level of disability, to get jobs and build careers. She was one of the original architects of the national supported employment initiative

and served on the core team of consultants providing technical assistance to the original 27 states engaged in statewide change from segregated systems to supported employment.



Ms. Moore ran an employment institute in Massachusetts and was an employment provider for 16 years. She helped to set up statewide employment institutes in New Hampshire, Connecticut and New Mexico. She ran a federally funded model demonstration program in New England securing high quality employment for young adults with dual sensory impairments ("deaf-blindness") making transition from school to work that was replicated in California.

She has 35 years of non-profit management experience and continues to directly support individuals with disabilities to obtain employment, housing, and other supports necessary to live in the community, and is working to improve local, state and national disability policy.



For more information about Ruby Moore, please visit <http://thegao.org>

Webinar Topic

Advances in Employment from a Best Practice and Legal Framework

Recently, integrated employment of people with disabilities has been elevated as a focus at the Federal level and in the court system. These initiatives challenge current policies and practices that have relegated individuals with disabilities to lifetimes of segregated employment earning sub-minimum wages.

This live interactive webinar presentation will address best practices in employment and the potential impact of current initiatives on advancing employment of people with disabilities nationally. The presentation will highlight some of the work being done at the local, national and international levels advocating toward change in policy and practice to more fully include people with disabilities into the regular workforce as well as other broad-scale employment initiatives.

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6/25/2014

Daniel Fisher

Dr. Fisher obtained a PhD in biochemistry, to discover the so called chemical basis of mental health conditions. While carrying out neurochemical research at NIMH, Dan was diagnosed with schizophrenia.

He recovered, and to humanize the mental health system, became a psychiatrist and worked for 25 years as a community psychiatrist, founded the National Empowerment Center, was a member of the New Freedom Commission on Mental Health, helped organize the National Coalition for Mental Health Recovery, and is on the faculty of U. Mass Dept. of Psychiatry. He is one of the developers and trainers of emotional CPR.

For more information about Daniel Fisher, please visit <http://www.power2u.org>



Webinar Topic

Implementing Recovery through Helping People find their Voice and Engage in Dialogue

"I had a dream that a group of those of us with lived experience were sitting in a circle, sharing, and emotionally supporting each other. All around us, members of society who had not yet been labeled were frantically rushing about, each trapped in

their own world. Occasionally some member of the "normal" world would peer into our group and ask us why we were so calm. They would bring TV cameras to record what we were doing. They would urgently quiz us, "What is your program? What drug are you taking? Is it a special diet? Is there a manual we can follow?" At first they could not believe that what enabled us to be calm despite the helter skelter they were experiencing was that we were being together and with ourselves in a new way. We explained that our centeredness was emanating from our being there for each other in a dialogically-based manner. Gradually the "normal" ones asked us to teach them how to be together in such a manner." Daniel Fisher, Mad in America.

This interactive webinar will describe the National Empowerment Center's call for a community dialogue campaign to bring recovery and wellness to the mental health system and society at large through learning the principles of dialogue:

- * **Respecting** the whole person with their differences by;
- * **Suspending** one's own beliefs; through
- * **Listening** deeply together; and
- * **Voicing** one's authentic thoughts and feelings on the
- * **Heart-to-heart** basis of
- * **Sharing our equality as humans** in the present moment.

Dialogue is an effective means of building loving, wellness communities at all levels. Learning to participate in genuine dialogue is a profound act of understanding and caring at the deepest spiritual levels.

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