



# 2007 RESNA Awards Ceremony

Monday  
June 18, 2007



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# Student Scientific Paper Competition

- Chair – *Lisa Simone, Ph.D.*
- Thanks to all the reviewers!
- Special thanks to our generous sponsor – *Paralyzed Veterans of America*

# Student Scientific Winners

- ***Sean Bennett***
- Nova Scotia Rehabilitation Centre  
Dalhousie University
- Wheelchair Curb-Climbing: Randomized  
Controlled Comparison of Highly Structured and  
Conventional Training Methods

# Student Scientific Winners

- *Erin E. Mishey*
- Human Engineering Research Laboratories  
University of Pittsburgh
- The GAMECycle Exercise System: Feature Improvement

# Student Scientific Winners

- *Zdravko Salipur*
- Injury Risk Assessment and Prevention (iRAP) Laboratory  
University of Louisville
- Wheelchair Tiedown and Occupant Restraint System Loading Associated with an Adult Manual ANSI WC19 Transit Wheelchair with a Seated 50th percentile ATD Exposed to Rear Impact

# Student Scientific Winners

- ***Brooke A. Slavens***
- Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Engineering Center  
Marquette University
- Dynamic Model of the Upper Extremities for  
Rehabilitation Analysis of Crutch-Assisted Gait in  
Children with Myelomeningocele



# Student Scientific Winners

- *Michelle L. Sporner*
- Human Engineering Research Laboratories  
University of Pittsburgh
- Psychosocial Impact for Individuals with Disabilities: Do Service Dogs Help?

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Recognizes a RESNA member or non-member for a special one-time activity benefiting either RESNA or the fields of rehabilitation or assistive technology

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# **Certificate of Appreciation Awardees**

- **Outgoing SIG and PSG Chairs:**
  - SIG-17 - **Jamie Noon**
  - PSG-02 - **Tina Roesler, PT, MS, ABDA**

# Certificate of Appreciation Awardee



**Jamie Noon**

for his efforts and contributions as SIG-17 Chair  
(International Appropriate Technology)



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**Tina Roesler, PT, MS, ABDA**

for her efforts and contributions as PSG-02 Chair  
(Physical Therapists)

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- **Outgoing members of the RESNA Board of Directors:**
  - **Glen Ashlock, MS, ATP**
  - **Richard Simpson, PhD, ATP**

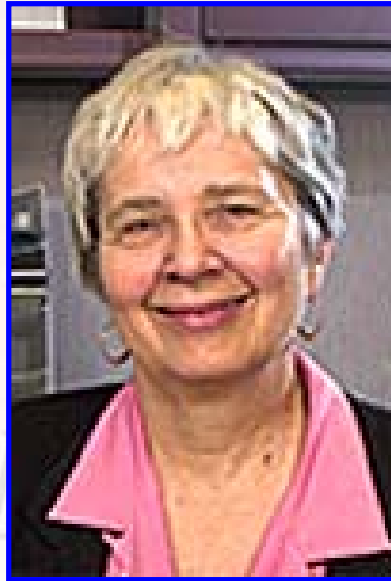
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**Glen Ashlock, MS, ATP**

for his efforts and contributions as a RESNA  
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**Katherine D. Seelman, PhD**

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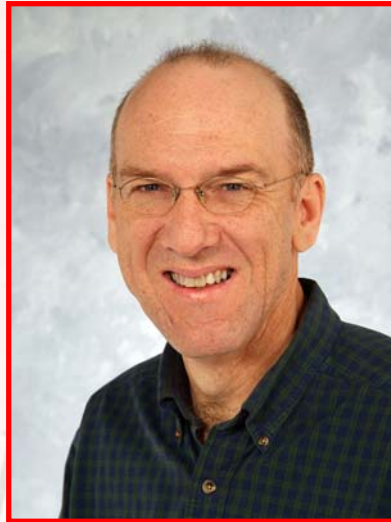


**Richard Simpson, PhD, ATP**

for his efforts and contributions as a RESNA  
Board Member



# Certificate of Appreciation Awardee



**Paul J. Schwartz, MSIE, ATP, RET, CPE -**  
for his efforts and contributions over  
6 years including Vice Chair on the  
Professional Standards Board

# Certificate of Appreciation Awardee



**Mark R. Schmeler, PhD, OTR/L, ATP** - for the high quality of his efforts and contributions as Committee Leader on the Seating and Mobility Specialty Credential Ad Hoc Committee



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**Julianna Arva, MS, ATP** - for the high quality of her efforts and contributions on the Seating and Mobility Specialty Credential Ad Hoc Committee

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**Kendra Betz, MS, PT** - for the high quality of her efforts and contributions on the Seating and Mobility Specialty Credential Ad Hoc Committee

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**Barbara Crane, PhD, PT, ATP** - for the high quality of her efforts and contributions on the Seating and Mobility Specialty Credential Ad Hoc Committee

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**Kimberly Davis, MSPT, ATP** - for the high quality of her efforts and contributions on the Seating and Mobility Specialty Credential Ad Hoc Committee

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**Gerry Dickerson, ATS, CRTS** - for the high quality of his efforts and contributions on the Seating and Mobility Specialty Credential Ad Hoc Committee

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**Ken Kozole, BSME, OTR** - for the high quality of his efforts and contributions on the Seating and Mobility Specialty Credential Ad Hoc Committee

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**Michelle L. Lange, OTR, ABDA, ATP** - for the high quality of her efforts and contributions on the Seating and Mobility Specialty Credential Ad Hoc Committee

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**Brenda Sposato, MEBME, ATP** - for the high quality of her efforts and contributions on the Seating and Mobility Specialty Credential Ad Hoc Committee



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**Barbara Sweet-Michaels, OTR, ATP** - for the high quality of her efforts and contributions on the Seating and Mobility Specialty Credential Ad Hoc Committee

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**Kelly Waugh, MA, PT** - for the high quality of her efforts and contributions on the Seating and Mobility Specialty Credential Ad Hoc Committee

# **Leadership Award**

Recognizes an agency, company, association, or university that has significantly contributed to the advancement of assistive technology and has provided recognition and support for RESNA

# Leadership Award Awardee



**Louisiana Assistive Technology Access Network (LATAN)** - for their efforts in responding to the needs of people with disabilities in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Accepting – Frank D. Puckett, PhD, ATP

# Accomplishments

- LATAN collaborated with local centers for independent living and other organizations to create an infrastructure to collect used, donated devices and distribute them to residents in need.
- LATAN raised funds through grants and donations, hired staff, coordinated shipments of donated equipment from other states, secured storage space, and advertised the effort.
- LATAN and its partners provided AT devices to over 1200 Katrina survivors.

# Accolades

- “I’m not aware of any precedent by a statewide AT program to respond to a crisis in such an effective and sustained manner, and with such significant results for residents with disabilities. We were so inspired by LATAN’s efforts that we contributed \$5,000 to the project.”  
Maryland Technology Assistance Program
- “LATAN continues to demonstrate commitment, expertise, and excellence in the delivery of assistive technology devices and services to all individuals with disabilities, and deserve to be recognized for their leadership.”  
Pennsylvania’s Initiative on Assistive Technology
- “The respect that LATAN has earned amongst organizations in Louisiana and the national AT Program network is the foundation for building successful collaborations and having colleagues that will react on a moment’s notice to help.”  
Assistive Technology Act Programs - NY

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# Distinguished Service Award

Recognizes a RESNA member for their sustained contributions and service





# Distinguished Service Awardee



**Christine L. Appert, EdD, ATP** - for her efforts, dedicated service, leadership, and enthusiasm in many capacities over 9 years including two terms as Chair of the Professional Standards Board

# Contributions and Accomplishments

- Served on the PSB for 3 terms - 9 years
- Participated in an exam update in 2002 and chaired an exam update in 2005
- Served on the PSB executive committee for a long time, perhaps 5 years

Christine says: “I've seen the certification program grow and start to bloom from PSB ‘toddlerhood’ to ‘restless adolescence’!”

## **Accolade by Paul Schwartz**

“I think Christine Appert has done more for credentialing in the last ten years than anyone in RESNA - with tact, grace, and the resolve to make things happen. For all those who proudly hang ATP, ATS, or RET after their name, please recognize that there is a ton of volunteer work that needs to be done behind the scenes to make sure that those letters actually mean something.”

“Christine has always been willing to do a lion's share of work for the PSB, even though things like exam question validation, test blueprints, and responding to continual appeals from applicants are not on anyone's top ten list of exciting things to do in your spare time.”

“Christine is a star and I'm glad that she is getting recognized as such.”

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**Jeffrey Jutai, PhD, C.Psych** - for his exemplary leadership as the Editor-in-Chief of Assistive Technology

## Accolade by Rory Cooper

“Jeff Jutai is deserving of the RESNA Distinguished Service Award for his exemplary leadership as the Editor-in-Chief of Assistive Technology. Jeff brought a struggling journal at the brink of closure to a healthy, viable journal. Under Jeff's tenure AT was published on-time twice a year, he cleared a back-log of unprocessed manuscripts, and he greatly increased the pipeline of new submissions. He established an effective editorial board committee that reviewed manuscripts in a timely manner. Jeff was successful in getting AT listed in the major archival databases including MedLine. Jeff also transitioned AT to e-mail based electronic submission and review and electronic archival. This saved file space, reduced publication costs, and allowed for the on-line viewing of journals for members. Jeff's scientific strengths and dedication created a journal that RESNA can be proud of.”

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**Susan Johnson Taylor** - for her continuing contributions of experience and wisdom in serving on the Meetings Committee and coordinating the Instructional Course Program for over 6 years



## **Accolade by Ray Grott**

“Susan has devoted a significant amount of time and energy to RESNA over many years, evidenced by her receiving her first Distinguished Service award in 1991 and being selected RESNA Fellow in 2005. However, she has not rested on her laurels but has continued working to pull together the Instructional Course Program, a key part of the annual conference. Not only has she worked to build it into a strong component of the conference, she has also maintained an interest in other aspects of the conference planning, contributing her ideas and energy towards their implementation. This contribution of her experience and wisdom has provided important support to the various Meetings Committee Chairs that she has served under.”

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# Hall of Fellows

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- Photographs in the registration area
- On the RESNA website



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 <a href="#">Mary D. Brown, MEd</a>	 <a href="#">Clifford E. Buchler, PhD</a>	 <a href="#">Raymond C. Curren</a>	 <a href="#">DeWay S. Gaulton, PhD</a>
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# Dave Law's Reflections

“To be perfectly honest, until the Fellow Award presentation was made, I had truly not even stopped to count up my contributions! As Dave Jaffe so wittingly pointed out, I was "accused" of having been involved in a fair number of ground-breaking endeavors, but I honestly had not even realized them as such, at least not until they were collectively mentioned. I have had only one true desire throughout my career: to be a good employee, and a good steward of the gifts that I have been blessed with. However, to be accepted, and acknowledged by my professional peers, for a lifetime of service, means more than mere words could ever describe.”

“Thank you my dear friends.”

Sincerely,  
Dave Law

# **Fellow Award**

Recognizes a member who has made long term and substantial contributions to the fields of rehabilitation or assistive technology as well as significant contributions to RESNA

# Fellow Awardee



**David M. Brienza, PhD** - for his significant contributions to the field of Assistive Technology through education, mentoring, and research as well as his service to RESNA in many capacities

# Accolades

"As chair of the **RESNA Standards Committee on Wheelchair and Related Seating**, Dr. Brienza provided instrumental leadership for the direction that pioneered standards within an industry that previously lacked standards."

Peter Axelson



# Accolades

"I believe that Dr. Brienza deserves the Fellow award for his significant contribution to the field of Assistive Technology. I fully expect that he will continue his work to improve the quality of life for people with disability through research and development of new technology and educating clinicians and junior researchers."

Rory Cooper

# Accolades

"In his work on the Board of Directors, Dave was a champion for Standards activities. When other Board members did not adequately understand the importance of the Standard's Board activities, Dave was always there with important, timely information, which was critical to Board action. "

Jean Minkel

# David M. Brienza

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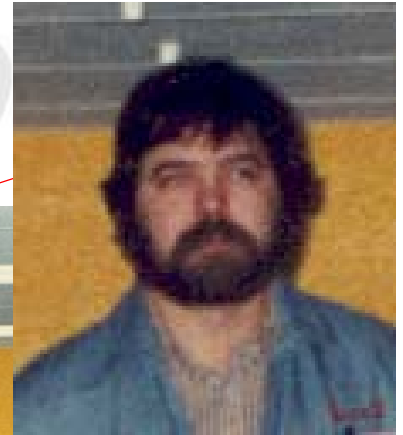
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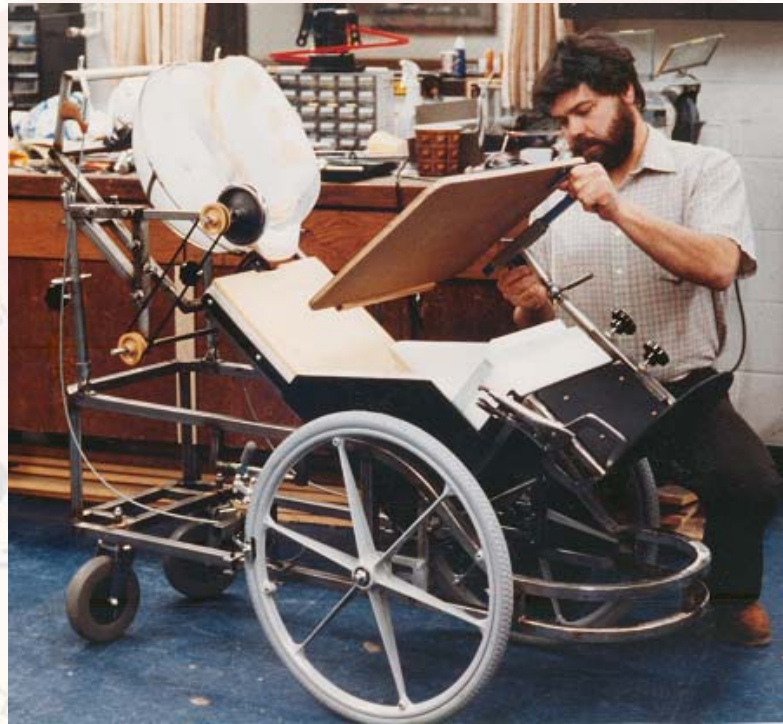
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# Gillette



David started at Gillette in 1980.

# Seating and Adaptive Equipment Service



David has been involved with the **Seating and Adaptive Equipment Service** at Gillette. Here he is working on client's chair.

# Upholstered Sitting Support Orthosis



David developed easily modified components for the **Upholstered Sitting Support Orthosis**, which is x-ray transparent.

# Modified Commode Chair





# Gillette SureFit Seating System



David is one of the developers of the patented **Gillette SureFit Seating System**. Its flexible design allows the wheelchair seat to be adjusted as the child grows.

# Mankato Outreach Clinic



Although David primarily did seating, here he is working on a child's Reciprocating Gait Orthosis!

# Nick's Custom Bike



# Gillette Mobile Outreach Clinic



Here are David and his wife Carol with the motorcycle that started the **Gillette Mobile Outreach Clinic.**

# Motorcycle Upgrade



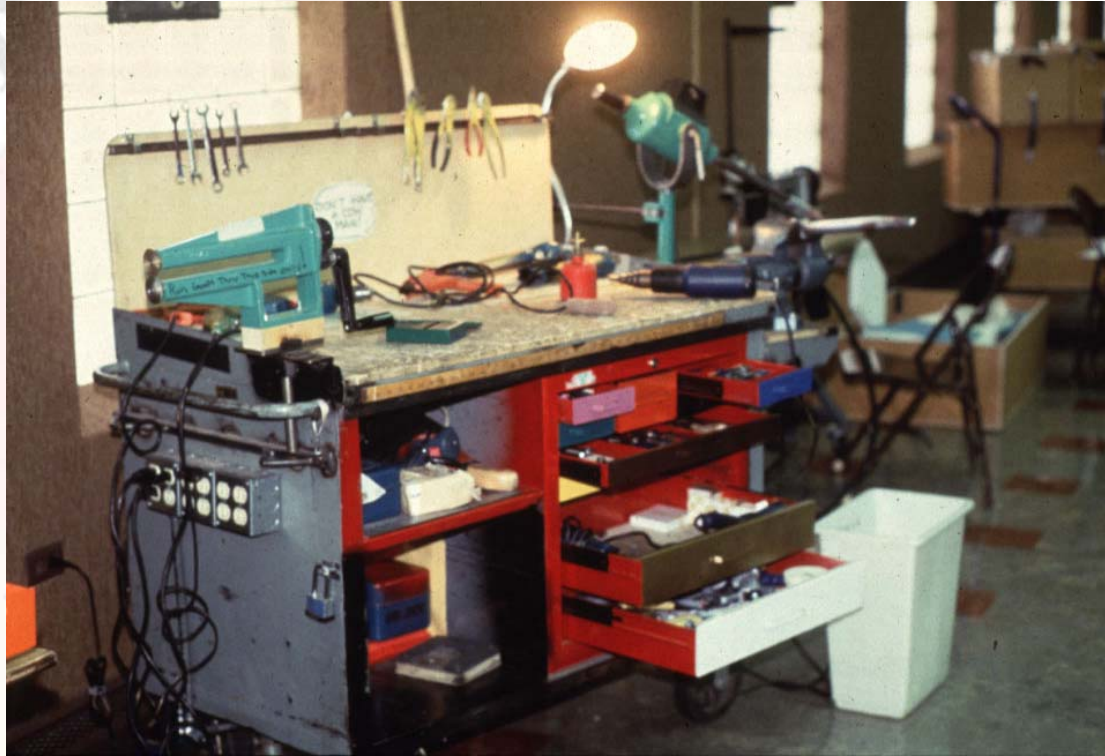
Today David has upgraded the motorcycle with the sidecar to this **BMW**.

# Fergus Falls Regional Treatment Center



David wears RESNA's ceremonial beaver hat at the **Fergus Falls Regional Treatment Center**, the site of Gillette's first contracted Mobile Outreach Clinic.

# Gillette Outreach Clinics



David designed workbenches on wheels for the **Gillette Outreach Clinics**. They are unloaded and set up in whatever space is available in the community - here in a church gymnasium.



The **Mobile Outreach Clinic** program was established in 1985, initially as a repair service for wheelchairs. The program, coordinated through the **Gillette Technology Center**, now uses a specially equipped van to bring services to people who have disabilities in greater Minnesota and western Wisconsin. The program offers more than 60 clinics a year, serving nearly 600 patients.



# Gillette Assistive Technology Laboratories



David helped to develop several of the **Gillette Assistive Technology Laboratories** with over 40,000 combined square footage.

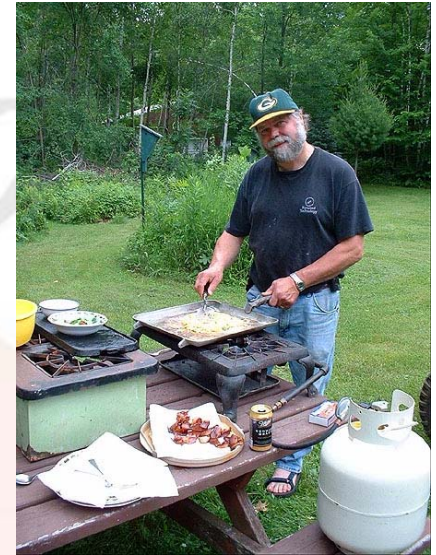
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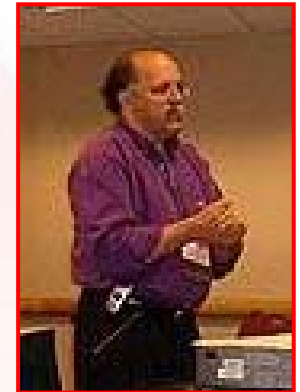


# My Personal Thanks



## Awards Committee:

- Heidi Koester
- Ken Kozole
- Caren Sax
- Brenda Sposato
- Jerry Weisman



## Past Awards Committee Chair:

- Glenn Hedman



## RESNA Office:

- Marybeth Leongini



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