

# MAKING COMMUNICATION HAPPEN WORLDWIDE

## PRESENTERS – VENDORS – EXHIBITORS

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### PRESENTERS

**Max Barrows** – Outreach Coordinator, Green Mountain Self-Advocates

Since 2007, Max Barrows has worked for Green Mountain Self-Advocates (GMSA) as the Outreach Coordinator. Max provides training and technical assistance for a statewide self-advocacy organization. He is a founding member of his local self-advocacy group. He is a peer sexuality educator who teaches a variety of sexuality and self-advocacy workshops. Max has been a peer facilitator for Hire Up, a group for self-advocates looking for a job or interested in improving their work status. Max loves meeting new people and learning more about the world. In 2008, Max was elected to be on the board of Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE), the national self-advocacy organization. Just recently, he was elected Vice President of SABE. Max also has good knowledge of and a strong interest in severe weather.

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**Douglas Biklen, Ph.D.** – Dean of the School of Education, Syracuse University

Douglas Biklen, Ph.D., Dean of the School of Education, Syracuse University, is internationally known for his research on whole school reform, autobiographies of autism, disability policy and educational inclusion. His most recent book, *Autism and the Myth of the Person Alone* was published by NYU Press (2005). He was Co-Producer of the Academy Award Nominated documentary *Autism Is A World* for CNN Presents (2004) and produced (with Rossetti) the documentary *My Classic Life as an Artist: A Portrait of Larry Bissonette* (2005) an official selection at multiple international film festivals (Vail, Sprout, Munich, Vermont). He was executive producer of the documentary *Regular Lives* (1988), one of the first U.S. documentaries about school inclusion, seen on PBS, and was educational advisor to the HBO Academy Award winning documentary *Educating Peter* and its sequel *Graduating Peter* (HBO). He has published a dozen books including; *Schooling without Labels*; *Communication Unbound*; *Access to Academics* (with Kluth and Straut) and *Achieving the Complete School*.

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## **Larry Bissonnette – Artist and Advocate**

Larry Bissonnette is an advocate and artist who lives in Milton, Vermont. He has been drawing and painting since he was a young child. He is one of the featured artists of the GRACE (Grass Roots Art and Community Effort) project based in Hardwick, Vermont. He has had his work exhibited regularly both locally and nationally. His work is in the permanent collection of the Muse de L'Art Brut, Lausanne, Switzerland and in many private collections. His work was most recently featured in the Hobart William and Smith Disability and the Arts Festival in April, 2010. He is both the subject and writer of an award winning film about his life, called, *My Classic Life as an Artist: A Portrait of Larry Bissonnette* (2005). In 1991, Larry learned to communicate through typing and began combining words with his art to express his thoughts and ideas. Over the past 15 years, he has been a featured presenter at many educational conferences and has written and spoken on the topics of autism, communication and art. He and Tracy Thresher are the subject of a new documentary film and have traveled the world visiting Sri Lanka, Japan, and Finland.

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## **Jamie Burke – Student, College of Arts and Science at Syracuse University**

Jamie Burke, 23, is a Senior at Syracuse University in the College of Arts and Science. Jamie has used facilitated communication since age five, and has progressed from supported typing to independent typing, and typing with two hands. In recent years, he has become able to read his typing out loud as well as unfamiliar text. Jamie has been able to begin to develop useful and reliable speech. He is a frequent presenter at Syracuse University School of Education and is a presenter at conferences throughout the United States. He has traveled to England, Wales, and Germany, speaking about inclusion, and what it has meant to his life. In 2001, Syracuse University produced a video, *Inside the Edge, A Journey to Using Speech through Typing*, written and narrated by Jamie. This video won the TASH Image Award in 2002, which honors those who challenge stereotypical beliefs of those with disabilities. Jamie is a regular attendee of the Syracuse Symphony, enjoys reading, movies, vintage movies, swimming, bowling and was a participant of the Young Actors Workshop of Syracuse Stage. In his senior year in high school, he was voted "Most Respected Student" by his peers of the senior class and is a member of the National Honor Society. Jamie has appeared in a feature article in PEOPLE Magazine, as well as Time magazine, and on CNN, and was a guest on National Public Radio this year. Jamie continues to advocate for Facilitated Communication as a gateway to speech and literacy. He attributes much of his life's success to years of innovative therapies and to full access of regular education classrooms.

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**Abbey Carl** – Service Coordinator, Lincoln Street Incorporated

Abbey Carl has been a Service Coordinator at Lincoln Street Incorporated for four years. She has focused on the area of communication, taking part in the Communication Mentoring Project with Linda Gould and is a member of the Vermont Communication Task Force.

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**Marilyn Chadwick** – Speech and Language Pathologist

Marilyn Chadwick is a speech/language pathologist who has worked with non-speaking individuals of all ages for over twenty-five years. In her work with families, school districts and agencies, she has used the principles of Augmentative and Alternative Communication, Facilitated Communication, Prompt, Feldenkrais, Floortime, and neurologic music therapy. From 1992 to 2010, she directed the training initiative for the Facilitated Communication Institute (now called the Institute of Communication and Inclusion) at Syracuse University. For the last five years, she has taught a graduate course focusing on the use of AAC and other technologies in the inclusive classroom. She is currently developing a private practice initiative based in Syracuse, New York.

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**Pascal Cheng** – Educational and Communication Specialist

Pascal Cheng is currently an educational and communication specialist for HowardCenter in Burlington, Vermont, providing training and technical assistance for communication and literacy in both school and community settings. He is a member of the Vermont Communication Task Force, an organization which is working to improve communication supports and services for adults with developmental disabilities in the state of Vermont.

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**Mary Alice Favro, MA, CCC-SLP** – Clinical Director, VT-ILEHP, University of Vermont

Mary Alice Favro has worked with individuals with complex communication needs for over 25 years. She is a speech/language pathologist with a focus in Augmentative Communication. Mary Alice is clinical faculty at the University of Vermont, Clinical Director of the Vermont Interdisciplinary Leadership Education for Health Professionals (VT-ILEHP) and proud member of the Vermont Communication Task Force.

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### **Christian Georges**

Christian Georges was born in 1961 in Sherbrooke, Quebec. He moved to Swanton, Vermont when he was so small he didn't even know he was moving. Now he lives in South Burlington, Vermont with his Shared Living Provider, Julia, and his two cats, Benico and Chico. Christian has been going to literacy classes since the spring of 2000 and he loves it. He also loves surfing the web, music, movies, magazines, hanging out with his girlfriend, playing with his cats and art. He belongs to the Burlington Self Advocacy Club, volunteers every Monday at the ECHO Center, and teaches Religious Education to little kids at his church.

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### **Linda Gould, MS, CCC-SLP – Augmentative Communication Specialist**

Linda Gould, MS, CCC-SLP has worked in the areas of Augmentative and Alternative Communication and Assistive Technology for nearly 15 years. She is currently in private practice providing AAC evaluation, consultation and therapy services for children and adults and a wide range of disabilities.

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### **Brent Hewey – Service Coordinator, Champlain Community Services, Inc.**

Brent Hewey is a Service Coordinator at Champlain Community Services, Inc. (CCS) where he has worked for over 11 years. He specializes in Behavioral Support Coordination and is a certified trainer of Therapeutic Options. He is trained in Strategic Self-Regulation Therapy, Vermont Safety Awareness Training (VSAT) and Safety Mechanics. Brent started in the field doing direct supports and has seen the importance of communication in supporting people with behavioral challenges. Brent is trained in communication strategies and techniques and is a tireless advocate of supporting people with disabilities through understanding their skills, abilities and communication needs.

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**Eija Kärnä** – Professor, Special Education, University of Eastern Finland

Eija Kärnä works as a professor in Special Education at the Philosophical Faculty, University of Eastern Finland. In 1989-1993, she did her doctoral studies in Special Education at Syracuse University. During her career, she has worked in several international development and research projects and conducted multidisciplinary research with researchers from several fields of science (e.g., linguistics, psychology, nursing science, computer science). Her research interests are particularly related to the communication and interaction of individuals with severe developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorders and to the research and design of technology for and with individuals with special needs.

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**Maisie Lajeunesse** – Student, Spaulding High School

Maisie Lajeunesse, 17, is a Junior at Spaulding High School, in Barre Vermont. She started using Facilitated Communication (FC) the beginning of her 4th grade year at Barre Town School. Since using FC Maisie has been a straight A student, particularly enjoying classes that involve writing and, in her Sophomore year, wrote for the school newspaper through her Journalism class. Over the summer she continued with that interest by writing for the Green Mountain Self-Advocates Newsletter. Maisie enjoys riding her bike, going for motorcycle rides with her Dad, swimming, spending time with extended family and loves a good party. She is involved in numerous activities through the Central Vermont Special Olympics. Maisie's plans for the future include college and she would like to be involved in some sort of social/advocacy work helping individuals in situations similar to her own, giving them a voice. Maisie lives in Barre Town with her Mom and Dad, their two dogs, KC and OP, and two cats, Bageera and Holsteen.

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**Antti Lappalainen** – Writer and Advocate

Antti Lappalainen, 21, is a writer and advocate living in Finland. Antti started to use typing as a means of communication with his speech therapist in 2000. In the beginning, he was able to type only with his speech therapist at school. Two years later, he was able to communicate by typing with many other people including his father. During the week, Antti works in a rehabilitative employment setting. He lives part-time at home and part-time in a group home run by the Autism Foundation. For the last several years, Antti has been a columnist for the journal, *Autism*, published by the Finnish Association for Autism and Asperger Syndrome. His mission is to work as an advocate for people with disabilities, particularly for individuals who cannot speak.

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### **Henna Laulainen – Advocate**

Henna Laulainen, 23, lives in Espoo, Finland. She is an advocate for people with disabilities. At age 10, she began communicating by typing and was one of the first people with autism in Finland to communicate by typing. She completed her studies at Keskuspuisto Vocational College where she learned craftwork such as felting and weaving rugs, ryas and table cloths. Henna has talked about autism and communication at many different venues including teacher training courses, conferences on autism and children's hospitals. She has also made a training DVD with the city of Espoo, Finland about meeting the challenges associated with disabilities, and how to make everyday life easier. Henna spends her weekdays at the Käpylä Supported Employment Program and lives in a group home. In her leisure time, Henna enjoys swimming, hiking, reading and listening to music.

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### **Harvey F. Lavoy 3<sup>rd</sup> – Director, Communication Training and Resources, Washington County Mental Health Services**

Harvey F. Lavoy, 3<sup>rd</sup> has a B.S. in Special Education and has worked in Human Services for 30+ years. He has worked for Washington County Mental Health Services in Barre, Vermont since 1994 and is the Director of Communication Training and Resources. In 2006 he received a Certificate of Recognition as a Master Trainer in Facilitated Communication Training from Syracuse University. He provides training and technical assistance to adults and school age children with complex communication needs as well as their families, support staff and teams. He has been a member of the Vermont Communication Task Force since 2000 providing statewide trainings, workshops and conferences to enable adults in Vermont with developmental disabilities to communicate, make social connections and participate in community life more fully. In 2009, he traveled the world with partners-in-crime Tracy Thresher, Larry Bissonnette and Pascal Cheng to make the documentary; *Wretches and Jabberers and Stories from the Road*.

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Phyl T. Macomber, Assistive Technology Specialist and President of *PracticalATSolutions.com* and *Make a Difference, Inc.*, is a national speaker and author on topics of adapted curriculum, augmentative communication, collaborative team building and specialized software. Since completing a fellowship at Johns Hopkins Hospital's Kennedy Krieger Institute in 1988, Phyl has provided customized consultation and skill-building training to teams serving individuals with disabilities in New England and on a national basis. Phyl has authored an adapted curriculum framework called *T.H.E. P.A.C.T.<sup>TM</sup> – Technology Helps Easy & Practical Adapted Curriculum Teaching*, which outlines how to design *Learn About, Read About, Write About, and Talk About<sup>TM</sup>* modules

for special needs learners of any age. Phyl has also launched a book series in the field of assistive technology; with the first book titled *The Power of T.H.E. P.A.C.T.*, and is donating 50% of the profits of the entire book series to fund ovarian cancer research to honor the memory of her mother who passed away from ovarian cancer in 2007.

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**Kyle Moriarty** – Student, Montpelier High School

Kyle Moriarty, 19, is a registered voter in the state of Vermont and goes to Montpelier High School in Montpelier, VT where he attends regular classes with support from a facilitator. He is an honor student and an honorary member inducted into the National Honor Society. Kyle is a member of the facilitation task force of Washington County Mental Health Services – Community Developmental Services where he advocates for people with disabilities to have access to technology which allows them to have a voice to be active members of the community. He actively speaks on behalf of people with disabilities and program cuts before legislative committees at the State House that would impact their quality of life. Kyle is also a member of Rocking Advocates of Montpelier (RAM ), a student advocacy group under Green Mountain Self Advocates (GMSA) of Vermont. His goals are to one day become an advocate for people with disabilities and help them become productive members of society, and to become a contributing member of his community.

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**Maureen Nevers, MS, CCC-SLP, ATP** – Augmentative Communication Specialist

Maureen Nevers earned a B.S. in Communication Disorders from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, then earned a M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Vermont that included a comprehensive training grant in Augmentative and Alternative Communication. She worked for Easter Seals in Massachusetts for eleven years before joining the University of Vermont as an Augmentative Communication Specialist for their statewide Interdisciplinary Team.

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Deborah A. O'Rourke is a University of Vermont faculty member in the Department of Rehabilitation and Movement Science. She is also a faculty member in the Vermont Interdisciplinary Leadership Education for Health Professionals (VT-ILEHP) Program. Her educational background is in Physical Therapy and Psychology. The focus of her teaching and research is in the areas

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### **Chammi Rajapatirana – Advocate**

Chandima “Chammi” Rajapatirana, 35, is a poet and advocate who lives and works in Sri Lanka. Chammi started communicating by typing in 1991 while living in the United States with his family. Though he required physical support in the beginning, he is now able to type using both hands without any physical support. In his poetry, essays and presentations, he examines and explains his experience of autism, especially movement difficulties and anxiety. From 2003 to 2006, Chammi gave presentations and trainings on communication at Syracuse University. He is the co-founder and co-president of E.A.S.E. (Educate, Advocate, Support, Empower) Foundation in Sri Lanka. The foundation is dedicated to bringing alternative communication techniques to people who need them and to helping people with disabilities live productive stimulating lives.

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### **Beth Sightler – Training Coordinator/Senior Service Coordinator, Champlain Community Services**

Elizabeth Mead Sightler has worked in the field of Developmental Disabilities for over 20 years. She is the Training Coordinator at Champlain Community Service Inc. (CCS) and is a Senior Service Coordinator specializing in Behavior Supports. She is a certified trainer of Therapeutic Options and is trained in Strategic Self-Regulation Therapy, Vermont Safety Awareness Training (VSAT) and Safety Mechanics. Beth has been a member of the Vermont Communicate Task Force for the last 5 years and is trained in Facilitated Communication. She is devoted to any personal supports that emphasize supporting the personal abilities – especially in terms of communication.

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**Tracy Thresher** – Advocate, Activist and Consultant

Tracy Thresher is a native Vermonter who lives and works in Vermont. Tracy began using Augmentative Communication in 1990 and was one of the first individuals with Autism at Washington County Mental Health Services to be introduced to it. He has presented at local, statewide, and national workshops and conferences. He has consulted with local schools, is a member of the Vermont State Program Standing Committee for developmental disabilities services, worked part-time for Green Mountain Self-Advocates and most recently has worked with the Institute on Communication and Inclusion at Syracuse University as a lead trainer. He and his partner in crime, Larry Bissonnette, are the subjects of a new documentary film and have traveled the world visiting Sri Lanka, Japan, and Finland.

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**Karen Topper** – State Coordinator, Green Mountain Self-Advocates

Since 1999, Karen Topper has been the director of Green Mountain Self-Advocates (GMSA), a statewide self-advocacy organization for people with developmental disabilities. As an ally coordinating Vermont's self-advocacy organization for people with developmental disabilities, she is responsible for training, supervision and program development. Topper is co-author of *Sexuality Education for Adults with Developmental Disabilities*; the first of its kind curriculum designed for self-advocates and allies to teach a sexuality education series together as a team. Other accomplishments include developing and implementing train-the-trainer curriculums for self-advocates, providers and families on: Self-Determination, Abuse Prevention, Recognition and Response,

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### **Mark Utter**

Mark Utter lives with his mother in Colchester, Vermont. Literacy is important to Mark because it gives him the opportunity to express himself. He is in the process of writing a screenplay about his life. He has worked at Champlain College for many years in the dish room and gets to eat lunch there. He enjoys painting swimming and bowling and being with friends.

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### **Gerardine Wurzburg – Producer and Director**

Gerardine Wurzburg is an Academy Award<sup>®</sup>-winning documentary producer and director whose work addresses disabilities, contemporary history, social justice, education and health. Her films have had a major impact for social change. Major awards include an Academy Award<sup>®</sup> for the documentary *Educating Peter*, an Academy Award<sup>®</sup> nomination for *Autism is a World*, and the Cable ACE for Documentary Directing, among others. She is a recipient of three National Endowment for Arts grants, the Governor of Tokyo Prize and the Japan Prize. Her work is in the Broadcast Museum, the Lincoln Center Theater Library and the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences Library.

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## VENDORS

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### **Prentke Romich Company**

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## **Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP)**

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## **EXHIBITORS**

### **Center on Disability and Community Inclusion/UCEDD (CDCI)**

The Center on Disability and Community Inclusion, in collaboration and coordination with individuals with developmental disabilities, their families and communities, will promote opportunities for valued life outcomes for individuals with disabilities of all ages in all facets of community life.

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### **Global Campuses Foundation**

Global Campuses Foundation is a social profit organization that participates with and supports adults with differing abilities worldwide as they create, manage, and sustain campus environments of advanced learning to enhance their lives. The campus participants are the faculty, students and staff of their campus. There are currently 7 Global Campuses in Vermont and 3 in Thailand and more under development.

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### **Green Mountain Self-Advocates (GMSA)**

Green Mountain Self-Advocates is a Vermont self-advocacy organization run by people with developmental disabilities. Groups meet to listen to each other, make new friends, learn about their rights, and tell politicians and others why people with disabilities are important.

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### **Vermont Assistive Technology Program (VATP)**

The Mission of the Vermont Assistive Technology Program is to increase awareness and knowledge, and to change policies and practices to ensure assistive technology is available through all services to Vermonters with disabilities.

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### **Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL)**

VCIL believes that individuals with disabilities have the right to live with dignity and with appropriate support in their own homes, fully participate in their communities, and to control and make decisions about their lives. VCIL also provides practical assistance for interpreting and implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act and other civil rights laws.

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### **Vermont Communication Task Force (VCTF)**

The purpose of the VCTF is to improve supports for communication primarily for transition age students and adults with developmental disabilities so that they can communicate more effectively in order to participate more fully in community life, make decisions and better advocate for themselves. The Task Force provides information, education, training and resources to people with disabilities, family members, service providers and community members.

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### **Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council (VTDDC)**

The Mission of the Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council (VTDDC) is to help build connections and supports that bring people with developmental disabilities and their families into the heart of Vermont Communities

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### **Vermont Family Network (VFN)**

Vermont Family Network promotes better health, education & well being for all children and families, with a focus on children & young adults with special needs

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## **Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports (VASS)**

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