



Pennsylvania - Delaware Chapter

Association for the Education and
Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually
Impaired

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2018 Penn-Del AER Conference

Lead from Where You Are: Embrace Your Opportunities!

April 25-27, 2018

Best Western Premier Central Hotel

Harrisburg, PA

You Are Invited

The Pennsylvania-Delaware Chapter of AER invites you to participate in our annual conference as we focus on our theme **Lead from Where You Are: Embrace Your Opportunities!** Our nationally respected conference offers a notable line-up of professionals who will present 3 general sessions, 38 concurrent sessions that include roundtables, along with vendor exhibitors, poster sessions, Penn-Del AER awards banquet, and a silent auction. The 2018 Penn-Del AER Conference will be held at the Best Western Premier Central Hotel & Conference Center in Harrisburg, PA. The conference will open on Wednesday, April 25, at 1:00 PM and will conclude on Friday, April 27, at 12:45 PM.

General Sessions

Our general sessions are presented by experienced, nationally respected leaders whose sessions provide inspiration and insights into ways that we can embrace our opportunities to lead from where we are as professionals to benefit the individuals we serve!

Keynote Address, Wednesday, April 25: Adam Blank — Student, Consumer, Motivational Speaker, Pittsburgh, PA

Midnote Address, Thursday, April 26: Amy Armstrong, PhD, CRC — Chair and associate professor in the Department of Rehabilitation Counseling at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA

Footnote Address, Friday, April 27: Christine A. Reid, PhD, CRC — Full professor in the Department of Rehabilitation Counseling at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA

Concurrent Sessions

Participants will have opportunities to attend a wide array of sessions in which professionals in the field of visual impairment provide information about new programs, products, research, methods, and other current topics. Participants will be able to choose from sessions focused on education and rehabilitation, including Vision Rehabilitation Therapy (VRT), Orientation and Mobility (O&M), technology, early intervention, transition, Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI), the Expanded Core Curriculum (ECC), and many other areas of interest.

Poster Sessions

On Thursday, April 26, presenters will exhibit more than a dozen posters on new programs, innovative techniques, research, and more. Poster presenters will be on hand to answer questions and provide additional detail in the afternoon.

Vendor Exhibit Hall

Vendors from across the country will exhibit their products and services on Thursday, April 26. Come see the latest in assistive technology, training programs, adapted products, available services, and much more!

Penn-Del AER Awards Banquet

The Penn-Del AER Awards Banquet on Thursday evening will honor the recipients of the Penn-Del AER Richard L. Welsh Service Award and the Elinor Long Educator of the Year (ELEY) Award.

This dinner event provides an opportunity for our AER Chapter to publicly recognize the contributions of outstanding professionals and for us to celebrate the work we do and the differences we can make.

Silent Auction

There's a spot at the Silent Auction waiting for you! If you are interested in donating an item, please send an email to Susan Neff at suneff@pa.gov, telling her what the donated item will be with the approximate value and then simply bring the item to the registration desk at the conference. If you would like to make a monetary contribution that will be used to purchase items to be auctioned, please include a separate check in your registration. Make the check payable to Penn-Del AER and note that it is for Silent Auction. Thanks, in advance, for your help in making your Silent Auction a success!

Conference Registration

To register for the conference, access the registration form available on the Penn-Del AER website. Complete the form and send it with a check payable to Penn-Del AER to the name and address listed on the form. Conference registration fee varies depending on membership type and the postmark date the completed registration form and check are mailed.

Professional Development Credits

Penn-Del AER offers certificates of completion for conference participants to apply for professional development credits.

Hotel Information

Make your hotel reservations directly with:

Best Western Premier Central Hotel & Conference Center
800 East Park Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17111
Phone: (717) 735-9397
www.bestwestern.com

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Pictures will be taken for publicity purposes.

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