



**Pennsylvania - Delaware Chapter**  
**Association for Education and Rehabilitation**  
**of the Blind and Visually Impaired**

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# **At-a-Glance**

**2023 Penn-Del AER Conference**  
**Our Professional Landscape:**  
**Cultivating Our Vision for the Future**  
**April 19 – 21, 2023**



## **Wednesday, April 19, 2023**

11:00 am, **Registration** in the Atrium

2:30 – 6:00 pm, **Silent Auction** in Cameron. Come see and bid on the tempting wares that are up for grabs!

## **Session 1: Opening Session – Wednesday Afternoon 1:00 – 2:30 pm**

**Opening Session and Welcome** – Central Ballrooms A and B

**Holly Russell**, Penn-Del AER Chapter President and Conference Committee Chair

**Maria Lepore-Stevens**, Penn-Del AER President-Elect, Assistant Conference Committee Chair

**Keynote Address** – ""

**Lee Sonnenberg**, Executive Director, Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired

## **Wednesday Afternoon Break**

2:30 - 2:50 pm, **Beverage Break**, Central Hallway

## **Session 2: Concurrent Sessions – Wednesday Afternoon 2:50 – 4:05 pm**

<b>Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services: Overview of Children’s and Transition Services</b> , Jamie Pressman, Karen Walsh-Emma, and Kiley Foley, in Central A
<b>Robots, Coding and the Brailenote Touch+</b> , Joel Zimba, in Central B
<b>Collaboration: Audiologist and TVI/COMS</b> , Christine Snellman and Lauren Fulton, in Central C
<b>Technology to Support O&amp;M: Meeting the Needs of the Student and the O&amp;M Instructor</b> , Jamie Maffit and Jule Ann Lieberman, in Central D & E
<b>Increasing Awareness of Professions Working in the Areas of Low Incidence</b> , Dana Vermilya, Allison Mertes, Abbe Heath, Mary Baumann, and Tracy Whitehead, in Keystone

### Session 3: Concurrent Sessions — Wednesday Afternoon 4:15 – 5:30 pm

**VA Adaptive Sports Programs: Miracles Do Happen**, John Hofmeister, in Central A

**High School Senior to College Freshman: Now What? A Guide to Low Vision Students**, Joanna Graham, in Central B

**Curriculum Adaptation to Help Learners Bloom**, Kelsey McGuire and Caroline Cacchio, in Central C

**Experiencing the Freedom of the Outdoors with the All-Terrain Cane**, Dave Epstein, in Central D & E

**Infant Mental Health Practices in Early Intervention**, Katherine Donahey, in Keystone

### Wednesday Evening Activities

**Dinner** on your own

Up to 6:00 pm, **Silent Auction** in Cameron

5:30 – 7:00 pm, **University Socials** — Visit with fellow students and graduates of Kutztown University, Salus University, and University of Pittsburgh in an informal atmosphere.

7:30 – 9:00 pm, **“Meet and Greet Reception”** — Meet our presenters, mingle with old friends, and meet new ones, in the Keystone Room.

### Thursday, April 20, 2023

7:00 am, **Registration** in the Atrium

7:00 – 8:10 am, **Continental Breakfast**, Central Hallway

8:30 am – 5:30 pm, **Silent Auction** in Cameron. Come see and bid on the tempting wares that are up for grabs! Bidding ends promptly at 5:30 pm.

9:00 am – 5:00 pm, **Exhibitor Hall** in Heritage (Exhibitor Hall closed during lunch)

### Session 4: Concurrent Sessions — Thursday Morning 8:15 – 9:30 am

**Increase and Improve Workflow in the Classroom with the Use of Braille Technology**, Earle Harrison, in Central A

**Beyond Hand’s Reach – The Root Cause and the Solution to Independent Walking Delays in Toddlers Born Blind**, Grace Ambrose-Zaken, in Central B

**Adult Services and VRT Roundtable**, Lachelle Smith, Moderator, in Central C

**Full Team Ahead: Collaborating on Accessible Instruction for Children with CVI**, Beth Ramella, Laura Stephan, and Melissa Brown, in Central D & E

**Getting a Feel for STEM: Tactile Exploration of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Materials**, Ken Quinn and David Hurd, in Keystone

### Thursday Morning Break

9:30 – 10:00 am, **Beverage Break**, Central Hallway

**Session 5: General Session – Thursday Morning 10:00 am – 11:15 pm**

**General Session** – Central Ballrooms A and B

**Mid-Note Address** – ""

**Marla Moon**, OD, FAAO

**Penn-Del AER Chapter Meeting – Thursday Morning 11:25 am – 12:00 pm**

**Penn-Del AER Chapter Meeting**— Central Ballrooms A and B

**Holly Russell**, Penn-Del AER Chapter President

**Thursday Lunch and Dessert**

12:00 – 1:00 pm, **Lunch Buffet**, Central Ballrooms C, D, and E

**Coffee and Dessert** near Exhibitor Hall in Heritage Room (Exhibitor Hall closed during lunch)

**Session 6: Exhibitors and Posters Session – Thursday Afternoon 1:00 – 2:15 pm**

**Poster Session** – Keystone Room

**Exhibitor Hall** – Heritage Room

**Session 7: Concurrent Sessions – Thursday Afternoon 2:15 – 3:30 pm**

**Work and Collaborate in Real Time, Google Docs and JAWS – Part 1 of 2**, Elizabeth Whitaker and Rachel Buchanan, in Central A

**Tips and Tricks Learned in Service to Blind Veterans from the Early 1990s to Present**, John Hofmeister, in Central B

**Education Roundtable**, Tracy Whitehead - Moderator, in Central C

**Uncontrolled Crossings – Let’s Keep it Simple!**, Jolene Troisi and Dona Sauerburger, in Central D & E

**Light Up the Night: Flashlight Filter Study Results**, Emily Vasile and Kerry Lueders, in Harris

**Thursday Afternoon Break**

3:30 – 4:00 pm, **Break**, near Exhibitor Hall in Heritage Room

**Session 8: Concurrent Sessions – Thursday Afternoon 4:00 – 5:15 pm**

**Navigate Google Classroom with JAWS – Part 2 of 2**, Elizabeth Whitaker and Rachel Buchanan, in Central A

**Tactile Graphics for STEM**, Cody Mitchell and Pete Andolina, in Central B

**Orientation and Mobility Roundtable**, Doug Williams - Moderator, in Central C

**CHARGE Syndrome: What Is It and How Can I Support My Student?**, Amanda Kutzura, in Central D & E

**How to Share YOUR Strategies and Successes through The New RE:view!**, Mary Nelle McLennan and Tessa McCarthy, in Harris

## Thursday Evening Activities, April 20, 2023

6:30 pm, **Penn-Del AER Awards Banquet and Ceremony**, Central Ballrooms C, D, and E  
Following the Banquet to 10:00 pm, **Awards Reception** — Join us as we toast our 2023 award recipients!

## Friday, April 21, 2023

7:00 am, **Registration** in the Atrium

7:00 – 8:10 am, **Continental Breakfast**, Central Hallway

**Penn-Del AER Spirit Day** – Wear your Penn-Del AER logo shirts to show support for our Chapter and be Penn-Del AER proud!

## Session 9: Concurrent Sessions — Friday Morning 8:15 – 9:30 am

**Feature Comparison of Wearable Technology: OrCam MyEye and Envision AI Glasses**, Jule Ann Lieberman, in Central A

**Medication and Diabetes Management for Blind Patients**, Andy Burstein and Alexandra Luzier, in Central B

**ABCs of PVC for AMDs, or Don't Get Stuck on the PVC**, John Lockard, in Central C

**Hold Everything! A Make and Take for Students with Sensory Impairments**, Amanda Whelan, Bethann Molinari, and Jody Vargas, in Central D & E

**Collaborating with APH Press**, Jess Bryant, in Keystone

## Session 10: Concurrent Sessions — Friday Morning 9:45 – 11:00 am

**Let's Talk about Sex**, Maria Lepore-Stevens, in Central A

**A Team Model for Deaf-Blind Transition**, Melissa Kenderes and Kim Uccellini, in Central B

**Guidance for Choosing Appropriate Technology for Students with Visual Impairments**, Autumn Booths and Carrie Livingston, in Central C

**The Implications of Cortical/Cerebral Visual Impairment (CVI)**, Ellen Mazel, in Central D & E

**Navigating the Divide: A Comparative Discussion of Mobility Innovations in the US and Germany**, Alicia Wood, in Keystone Room

## Friday Morning Break

11:00 – 11:30 am, **Break**, Central Hallway

**Session 11: Closing Session — Friday Morning 11:30 am – 1:00 pm**

**Footnote Address** — "" in Central Ballrooms A and B

**David Epstein**, Co-Founder, Awarewolf Gear and Developer of All Terrain Cane

**Conference Wrap-Up**

**Holly Russell**, Penn-Del AER Chapter President and Conference Committee Chair

**Maria Lepore-Stevens**, Penn-Del AER Chapter President-Elect, Assistant Conference Committee Chair

**2024 Conference:**

We hope to see you at our next Penn-Del AER Conference scheduled for **April 24 – 26, 2024** at the Best Western Premier Central Hotel & Conference Center.

The Pennsylvania-Delaware Chapter of the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (AER) supports professionals who provide education & rehabilitation services to people with visual impairments.

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