

2024 Assistive Technology Expo Information Guide

**OCTOBER 3, 2024
McKimmon Center, Raleigh NC**

NORTH CAROLINA ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM



#NCATPEXPO2024



AT Expo 2024 Presentation Schedule

8:50-9:00 am *Welcome*

9:00-10:00 am

1st Session: Teepa Snow

"The Art and Science of Supporting Elders with Changing Abilities"

10:00-10:10 am *Break*

10:10-11:10 am

2nd Session: Harchie Sagoo

"Just because I can't talk, doesn't mean I don't understand"

11:10 -12:00 pm *Expo Hall & Innovation Spotlight: New Solutions for Empowering Lives with Gabriel Munoz. (Presentation Room)*

12:00-12:30 pm *Lunch*

12:30-1:00 pm *Awards*

1:00-2:00 pm

3rd Session: AnnMarie Killian

"Navigating Aging and Technology: Rise of Artificial Intelligence"

2:00-2:10 pm *Break*

2:10-3:10pm

4th Session: Talia Wacherer

"Innovative Assistive Technologies: Empowering Lives and Breaking Boundaries to Employment"

3:10-3:20 pm *Break*

3:20-4:20 pm

5th Session: Cassie Lynch and Ray McCall

"Adapt3D PE: DIY Solutions through 3D Printing"

4:20-4:30 pm *Closing*

NCATP's AT Expo 2024 Presenter Bio



Teepa Snow, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA

The Art and Science of Supporting Elders with Changing Abilities

Teepa Snow, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA, is an Occupational Therapist with over forty years of rich and varied clinical and academic experience. Her experiences led her to the development of the GEMS® States of Brain Change and the Positive Approach® training strategies. Her company, Positive Approach to Care® (PAC), provides online and in-person education and products to support those living with brain change. She also co-founded the Snow Approach Foundation, a nonprofit organization based in Hillsborough, North Carolina. Teepa presents with extraordinary expertise and humor to audiences throughout the world.

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Hargie Sagoo

“Just because I can't talk, doesn't mean I don't understand”

Hi my name is Harchie. I am 18 yrs old. I am from the UK and live in Nottingham (where Robin Hood is from!) I have Cerebal Palsy, which means I have trouble with sitting and standing. It also affects my speech. I have a great sense of humour and like to have a laugh. I use an eyegaze device from SmartBox AT to help me communicate and for computer access. I use Assistive Technology not just to communicate, but also to control things around the house, like turning the shower off when my dad is having a shower! I also like gaming and use my eyegaze to play on the Xbox, and I like to access my social media on Instagram and send messages to friends and family on WhatsApp.

I have my own blog: www.allaboutcommunication.co.uk

I enjoy presenting and have presented at Communication Matters International Conference. They are the UK ISAAC chapter. It's important to me that I share my experiences and I hope that it will help people understand that being non speaking doesn't mean a person doesn't understand.



AnnMarie Killian, CEO of TDIforAccess

Navigating Aging and Technology: Rise of Artificial Intelligence

AnnMarie Killian is a trailblazing leader and advocate with over 20 years of experience championing accessibility and inclusion in information communication technology (ICT). As the first Deaf woman to lead TDIforAccess (TDI), she made history and continues to pave the way for greater representation and accessibility in the tech industry. Prior to her groundbreaking role at TDI, AnnMarie served as Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion and Chief Marketing Officer at ZP Better Together. There, she leveraged her expertise to drive impactful initiatives aimed at fostering a more inclusive workplace and marketplace. Her efforts not only earned recognition within the company but also set a standard for diversity and inclusion practices in the industry.

As CEO, AnnMarie is deeply involved in various organizations dedicated to accessibility and inclusion, including the FCC Disability Advisory Council (DAC), Coalition of Organizations for Accessible Technology (COAT), Deaf and Hard of Hearing Consumer Advocacy Network (DHHCAN), and the #SafeDeafAI Advisory Group. Her passion for advocacy extends beyond organizational boundaries, as she actively engages as a presenter at conferences and events, advocating for the importance of Communication Video Technology Accessibility (CVTA) and its profound impact on inclusivity in the tech industry.



Emily Wall

Innovative Assistive Technologies: Empowering Lives and Breaking Boundaries to Employment

Emily Wall is a doctoral candidate at UNC Charlotte in the Department of Special Education and Child Development. Her research focuses on improving postschool outcomes for individuals with extensive support needs, particularly in the areas of employment, postsecondary education, and independent living. As a licensed K-12 special education teacher and a registered behavior technician, Emily applies her knowledge both academically and in community-based projects. In 2022, she co-founded a business that provides community-based employment skill development for young adults with diverse disabilities through a vintage thrift shop. Her passion for special education is deeply rooted in her teaching experiences, driving her commitment to advancing best practices for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Adapt3D PE: DIY Solutions through 3D Printing



Cassie Lynch

Cassie Lynch, a native of Harnett County, graduated from Campbell University in 2011. She has dedicated 13 years to teaching Physical Education, currently at a separate setting, public school in Sanford, North Carolina. Her students, ages 3-22, have severe cognitive and/or 3 physical disabilities. In her adapted physical education classes, Cassie's mission is to ensure "everyone deserves the opportunity to participate."



Raymond McCall

After earning a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, I embarked on a 16-year career as a world-touring musician and tour manager. This unique journey allowed me to explore diverse cultures, connect with people globally, and hone my organizational and leadership skills. Transitioning from the dynamic world of music, I became a stretch practitioner which led to me pursuing my passion for helping others by attaining a doctorate in occupational therapy(OT) from Methodist University. My extensive experience in the music industry provided a strong foundation for my second career in healthcare. I am driven by a deep commitment to collaborating and assisting individuals across the lifespan. My innovative approach, through the scope and lens of OT, integrates 3D printing technology to create customized assistive devices, enhancing the quality of life for my clients. This fusion of creativity and technology within the scope of occupational therapy allows me to address unique challenges and provide tailored solutions. Throughout my career, I have remained dedicated to lifelong learning and adaptation, continually seeking new ways to improve and expand my skill set. My journey reflects a blend of artistic expression and compassionate care, underscoring my belief in the power of collaboration and innovation to make a meaningful impact on the lives of others.

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Continuing Education Credit Information

Important things to know in order to receive credit:

Continuing education credits will be provided this year for each session attended. No Continuing education credit will be provided for the vendor hall.



Each participant will need to sign the **sign-in sheet for each session.**



A survey will need to be completed for each session attended.

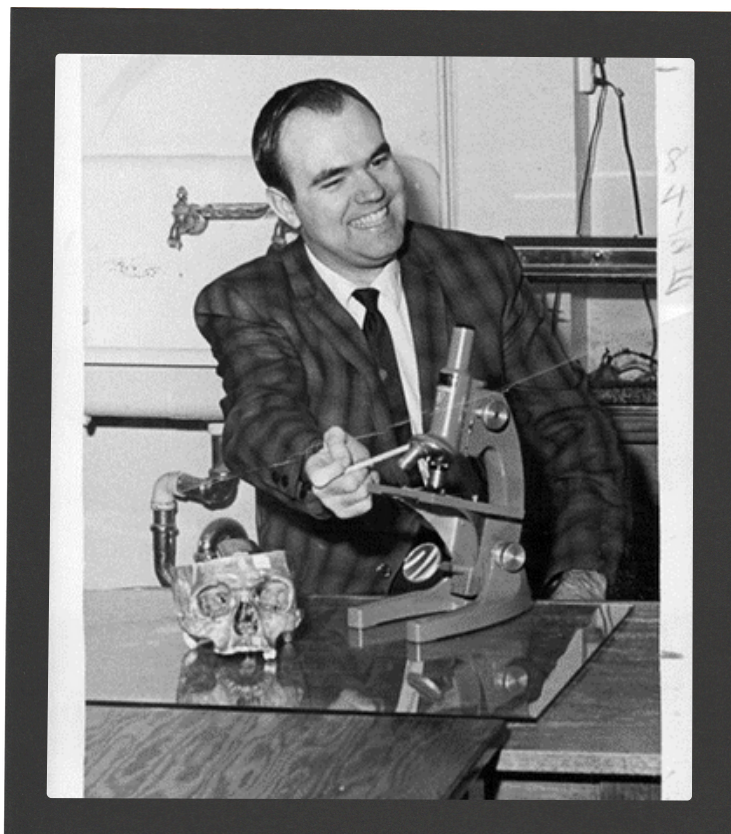


For participants requesting CRCC credit, 5 total credits can be obtained by attending all 5 sessions. **You will not receive partial credit.**

A CRCC “Verification of Completion Form” will be mailed after the expo and after verifying attendance at all 5 sessions.

Email will come from Del Savage at del.savage@dhhs.nc.gov.

STEPHEN E. SALLEE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



Purpose of the Awards:

To recognize individuals who have contributed significantly to the promotion of assistive technology services to North Carolinians with disabilities who need assistive technology.

Two Award Categories:

- 1) Professional, Volunteer, or Advocate
- 2) Assistive Technology User, Family Member, or Caretaker

Stephen E. Sallee – A Brief Biography

The Stephen E. Sallee Assistive Technology Awards of Excellence offers us a great way to recognize professionals, advocates, volunteers, and family members, caretakers or users of assistive technology (AT) for their support of North Carolinians who use assistive technology.

Stephen E. Sallee became a wheelchair user after a diving accident in 1962. Despite physical challenges, he received both his BS and MS degrees from the University of Oklahoma and his EDS from Appalachian State University. After a number of years of teaching, Steve decided that he needed to devote more time to maintaining his health. He moved to Winston-Salem, where he co-founded the Adaptables, a cross-disability support group that became a staple in the community. In 2001, The Adaptables applied for and were awarded the distinction of becoming a federally funded Center for Independent Living and in 2020, The Adaptables rebranded the organization as “Solutions for Independence”.

He began volunteering with the NC Assistive Technology Program and, later, became a part-time technologist with the agency. Steve’s interest in technology that assisted people with disabilities led to him helping to develop the assistive technology center in Winston-Salem, which serves the north central region of North Carolina. Steve died on May 10, 2002.

The Stephen E. Sallee Assistive Technology Awards of Excellence commemorates his contributions to the field and acknowledges our deep gratitude for his service to persons with disabilities.

THE 2024 AT EXPO HALL WILL HOST 45 VENDORS




FEATURING

APPLE ACCESSIBILITY PLAYGROUND



With 5 Accessibility Stations

Apple will be hosting an Accessibility Playground: a dedicated room full of the latest in Accessible Technology. Stop by and explore new features, hands-on, in iOS 18, iPadOS 18, macOS Sequoia, Apple Watch, and more. Apple will also have select third party peripherals on-hand as well, and Apple engineers will be in the room available to provide guidance, consultation, and best practices.



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