

BRAIN  
INJURYINTERDISCIPLINARY  
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

# BI-ISIG

## ABOUT BI-ISIG

The ACRM Brain Injury Interdisciplinary Special Interest Group (BI-ISIG) is the oldest and largest ACRM special interest group and is committed to promoting high standards of clinical practice, education, and research among rehabilitation professionals with common interests in brain injury.

This dynamic group holds two general meetings annually during the ACRM Mid-Year Meeting in the spring and the Annual Conference in the fall. BI-ISIG task forces meet routinely throughout the year via international conference calls.

## CONNECT

### CONNECT WITH ACRM BI-ISIG

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## MOVING AHEAD

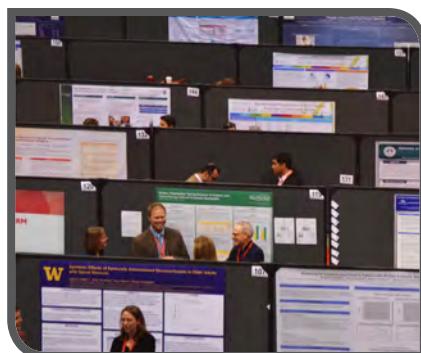
This newsletter of the ACRM BI-ISIG, reports the news, progress, and opportunities that spring from the group's many task forces and dedicated members.



NETWORKING • MENTORSHIP • COLLABORATION  
LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS • LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

## BI-ISIG MEMBER BENEFITS

- Participation in BI-ISIG Task Forces
- Opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration
- Grow your professional network of colleagues, mentors, and funders
- Gain recognition for your contributions to the field and to ACRM
- Boost your CV with opportunities to develop and demonstrate your leadership skills
- Opportunity to plan educational courses for the ACRM Annual Conference
- Collaborative research opportunities
- Networking and engaging with rehabilitation colleagues who share passions and challenges
- Increasing opportunities to publish your work
- Meet pioneers in the field and potential mentors
- Advancing the field by helping to translate and disseminate cutting-edge research into clinical guidelines and practice





# BI-ISIG ORGANIZATION



## CHAIR

**Jennifer Bogner, PhD, ABPP-Rp, FACRM**

Professor & Vice Chair of Research and Academic Affairs, Ohio Valley Center for Brain Injury Rehabilitation & Prevention Ohio State University



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Associate Professor, Mount Sinai Brain Injury Research Center



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Associate Director of Psychology - OP Services, Rusk Rehabilitation at NYU Langone Medical Center



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Institute Scientist, Moss Rehabilitation Research Institute



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Assistant Professor, PhDUniversity of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston



## COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR & INTERNATIONAL NETWORKING GROUP LIAISON

**Kristine Kingsley, PsyD, ABPP-Rp**

Clinical Assistant Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine, Senior Psychologist, Rusk Rehabilitation at NYU Langone Medical Center



## PROGRAM/AWARDS CHAIR

**Dawn Neumann, PhD, FACRM**

Associate Professor and Research Director, Indiana University School of Medicine

## BI-ISIG TASK FORCES

Active membership in the BI-ISIG includes collaborative and productive participation in its important task forces. Learn more about BI-ISIG task forces at [ACRM.org/bi-taskforces](http://ACRM.org/bi-taskforces).

### COGNITIVE REHABILITATION TASK FORCE

**CO-CHAIRS:** Keith Cicerone, PhD, ABPP, FACRM; Donna Langenbahn, PhD, FACRM; Lance E. Trexler, PhD, HSPP, FACRM

**FOCUS:** Develop/disseminate cognitive rehabilitation clinical practice guidelines.

### COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT TASK FORCE

**CO-CHAIRS:** Nina Geier, MS, MPT, PT, CBIS; Ann Marie McLaughlin, PhD

**FOCUS:** Explore community-based models of care and review methods of outcome assessment.

### DISORDERS OF CONSCIOUSNESS TASK FORCE

**CO-CHAIRS:** John Whyte, MD, PhD, FACRM; Risa Nakase-Richardson, PhD, FACRM

**FOCUS:** Conduct systematic reviews, develop clinical guidelines, disseminate materials, and advocate for persons with DOC and their families.

### GIRLS AND WOMEN WITH ABI TASK FORCE

**CO-CHAIRS:** Angela Colantonio, PhD, FACRM; Yelena Goldin, PhD

**FOCUS:** Develop standards of practice and advocate for the appropriate care of girls and women with ABI.

### CHRONIC BRAIN INJURY TASK FORCE

**CO-CHAIRS:** Kristen Dams-O'Connor, PhD; Flora Hammond, MD, FACRM

**FOCUS:** The mission of the task force is to work on a series of projects aimed at understanding and improving long-term (chronic) brain injury outcomes.

### MILD TBI TASK FORCE

**CHAIR:** Noah Silverberg, PhD, RPsych, ABPP

**FOCUS:** Enhance exposure to and knowledge of key issues in contemporary diagnosis and treatment of mTBI and concussion. Advance the quality of standards of care.

### PEDIATRIC/ADOLESCENT TASK FORCE

**CO-CHAIRS:** Julie Haarbauer-Krupa, PhD; Drew Nagele, PsyD, CBIST

**FOCUS:** Review research on childhood and adolescent ABI and disseminate information to professionals and consumers. This task force also sponsors the Mark Ylvisaker Memorial Pediatric Brain Injury Symposium at the ACRM Annual Conference.

### COMMUNICATION & PROGNOSIS AFTER TBI TASK FORCE

**CO-CHAIRS:** Rosette Biester, PhD; Chari Hirshson, PhD

**FOCUS:** Further the understanding of factors that influence long-term outcomes after TBI and influence how factors are communicated to TBI survivors and caregivers.

For names and contact details of current task force chairs, visit [www.ACRM.org/bi](http://www.ACRM.org/bi)

# GET INVOLVED

## WHY PARTICIPATE IN BI-ISIG TASK FORCES?

This is where you will find the dedicated researchers and clinicians driving today's advances in brain injury rehabilitation and opportunities to make your own contributions to the field.

- Contribute to scientific publishing for BI rehabilitation
  - Co-develop and present educational courses; earn CME/CEU credits
  - Participate in joint research
  - Develop position papers
  - Develop and exercise leadership skills
  - Influence high standards for rehabilitation research and practice
  - Advocate for appropriate access to high quality rehabilitative healthcare
  - Receive recognition for your contributions to the field and ACRM
  - Support the ACRM mission to **IMPROVE LIVES through interdisciplinary rehabilitation medicine**



# BI-ISIG AWARDS



The BI-ISIG proudly recognizes excellence in rehabilitation research with several prestigious awards. Find more information about these awards including history and criteria at [ACRM.org/bi](http://ACRM.org/bi).

## **DR. JOSHUA B. CANTOR SCHOLAR AWARD**

Presented to a BI-ISIG member to recognize outstanding research in the field of BI rehabilitation and life after TBI

## **EARLY CAREER ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

## **TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP** BI-ISIG Early

Career members are invited to apply for a travel scholarship to attend the ACRM Annual Conference held every Fall.

## **EARLY CAREER POSTER AWARD** Given to

**ACRM Young Investigator Award** given to an early career researcher as first author of an outstanding BI scientific poster presented at the ACRM Annual Conference

# DAVID STRAUSS MEMORIAL POSTER AWARD

Awarded to first author of the best scientific poster with a post-acute TBI recovery theme presented at the ACRM Annual Conference.

## **SOME BI-ISIG TASK FORCE PRODUCTS...**

The ACRM BI-ISIG is prolific. This is just a small sample of the recent products produced:

## **INFORMATIONAL PUBLICATIONS**

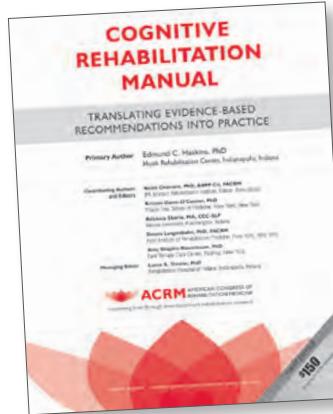
- 5 Evidence-based reviews of cognitive rehabilitation, 2000-13
  - 11 Papers on disorders of consciousness after TBI, 2013
  - *Cognitive Rehabilitation Manual*, 1st Ed., 2012
  - *Principles of Learning in TBI Rehabilitation*, 2011
  - Evidence-based review on assessment of disorders of consciousness, 2010
  - *Aging with Brain Injury*, 2005

## **INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES AT THE ACRM ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

- Coping-Skills Training Workshop: A Group Intervention Aimed to Improve Adjustment after Brain Injury
  - Integrative Cognitive Rehabilitation Psychotherapy for Brain Injury: An Overview
  - Holistic Neuropsychological Rehabilitation: International Updates, Debates and Resources

# COGNITIVE REHABILITATION TRAININGS

- 18+ workshops presented nationally and internationally, 2012 to present
  - Based on evidence-based treatments from *Cognitive Rehabilitation Manual*



Available for purchase at [ACRM.org/cog](http://ACRM.org/cog) and on Amazon.com, the ACRM Cognitive Rehabilitation Manual, the two-day live trainings, and the NEW online training are the result of many years of hard work from BI-ISIG members.



ACRM Brain Injury Interdisciplinary Special Interest Group (BI-ISIG) executive committee

# MEETINGS...



## ACRM Annual Conference



### PROGRESS IN REHABILITATION RESEARCH



#### MARK YLVISSAKER MEMORIAL PEDIATRIC BI SYMPOSIUM

In 2015, the BI-ISIG Pediatric & Adolescent Brain Injury Task Force, led by Julie Haarbauer-Krupa and Drew Nagele, started a Memorial Symposium to honor the work of Mark Ylvisaker, PhD and perpetuate his message. Dr. Ylvisaker

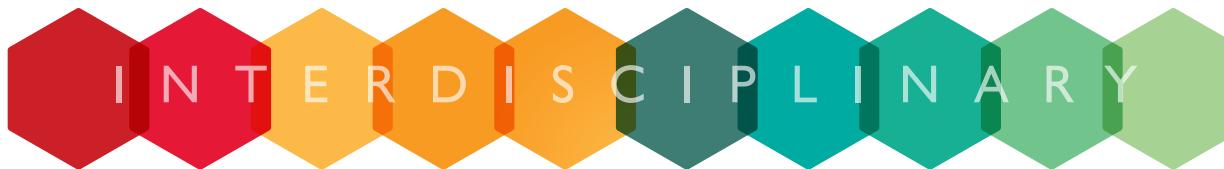
gained worldwide distinction for his ground-breaking approaches to brain injury rehabilitation and his clinical work with children with disabilities. Dr. Ylvisaker pushed colleagues to think about the person, their motivation, and surroundings. The power of his positive personality helped change untold lives for the better.



#### SHELDON BERROL MEMORIAL CHAUTAUQUA

Named in honor of Dr. Shelly Berrol's famous "Let's talk" invitation to his colleagues and friends, the Sheldon Berrol Memorial Chautauqua was inaugurated in 1994 by John Banja and Larry Cervelli. It is a BI-ISIG special event held yearly during the **ACRM Annual Conference** to explore topics that provoke questions of values, ethics, and humanism in brain injury rehabilitation — questions that reflect Shelly Berrol's intellectual passion and address timely and sometimes controversial issues.

EDUCATION > NETWORKING > PAPERS > POSTERS > EXPO > FRIENDSHIPS



## ACRM



### MID-YEAR MEETING (MYM)

Every SPRING

Smaller in scale and more casual, the ACRM MYM is another annual key gathering for BI-ISIG members. The MYM provides plenty of opportunities to jump in, get involved, meet and work with Task Force members face-to-face. This event is all about "getting things done" amidst a super-charged atmosphere and a friendly collaborative environment. All this and **FREE registration for ACRM members:** [www.ACRM.org/MYM](http://www.ACRM.org/MYM)



"ACRM is the only place where I can get cutting-edge research and see all my friends — not only from around the country but from around the world. This is the best place to go to get new information and to network, network, NETWORK."

— Dr. Tessa Hart, PhD, FACRM, Institute Scientist, Moss Rehabilitation Research Institute, Elkins Park, PA

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### NONSTOP CONTENT

To fully experience the BI-ISIG, one MUST ATTEND the Conference. The ACRM Conference: *Progress in Rehabilitation Research (PIRR)* held every fall, offers rehabilitation researchers, providers, administrators, students, and patients the opportunity to learn about cutting-edge RESEARCH informing best practices for rehabilitative care, plus NONSTOP content and CME/CEUs for 20+ diagnoses and focus areas..

**SUBMIT / ATTEND:** [www.ACRMconference.org](http://www.ACRMconference.org).

# JOIN... **ACRM**

**ACRM** is the membership community of choice for the top rehabilitation researchers in the world.

“The Brain Injury Interdisciplinary Special Interest Group is one of the most productive and prolific groups in the organization and I would make the case that it is probably one of the most productive in the world in terms of scientific publishing, in terms of practice, and even driving new policy”

— Joseph Giacino, PhD, FACRM, Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Boston, MA



## SEE ACRM VIDEO TESTIMONIALS



[ACRM.org/vids](http://ACRM.org/vids)



## ABOUT ACRM



ACRM serves a global community of researchers and clinicians striving to deliver evidence-based rehabilitation interventions to people with disabling conditions, such as traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, stroke, neurodegenerative disease, pain, cancer, and more. ACRM is committed to the dissemination of research and educating providers while supporting advocacy efforts to ensure adequate public funding of research endeavors.



## QUESTIONS???



### About ACRM / MEMBERSHIP:

Contact ACRM Member Services at +1.703.574.5845 or [memberservices@ACRM.org](mailto:memberservices@ACRM.org).



### About BI-ISIG:

Contact the BI-ISIG Chair, Jennifer Bogner, at [bogner.l@osu.edu](mailto:bogner.l@osu.edu) or Chair-Elect, Kristen Dams-O'Connor, at [kdams13@gmail.com](mailto:kdams13@gmail.com).

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# HOW TO JOIN

## JOIN ACRM .....

The opportunity to fully participate in your choice of more than 20 specialized ACRM community groups, (including interdisciplinary special interest groups (ISIGs), networking groups, and forming groups) is one of the most valuable benefits of ACRM membership.

**INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP** is available at various levels and includes a subscription to the most-cited journal in rehabilitation, Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and discounted member pricing on all ACRM products and events.

**MORE >>> [ACRM.org/join](http://ACRM.org/join)**

**INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP** provides substantial discounts on all ACRM products and educational events, custom sponsorship and marketing opportunities, and the benefit of affiliation with the world's largest association for interdisciplinary rehabilitation research.

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## JOIN COMMUNITY GROUPS .....

**MEMBERS — FREE** to join as many groups as you like

- 1) Go to [ACRM.org](http://ACRM.org) and click “Member Login”
- 2) Login with your email address and password
- 3) In the left pane, click “Join a Community Group”
- 4) Click on the group, click “Add to Cart”

## NON-MEMBERS

**• JOIN AN ISIG** Participation in ACRM Interdisciplinary Special Interest Groups (ISIGs) is restricted to ACRM members and ISIG Only members.

**• ISIG ONLY MEMBERSHIP** allows non-members to participate in the ISIG of their choice at the non-renewable rate of \$95 for an introductory two-year period. This offer exclusively permits first-time members to participate fully in one ISIG without the benefits of full ACRM membership. Join online or print an ISIG Only Membership application.

**• JOIN a NETWORKING or FORMING GROUP**

Non-members are invited to participate in ACRM networking groups and forming groups FREE of charge for an introductory period.

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- 2) Scroll to Login Instructions and click “New Visitor Registration”
- 3) In the left pane, click “Join a Community Group”
- 4) Click on the group, click “Add to Cart”

For assistance and questions, contact [MemberServices@ACRM.org](mailto:MemberServices@ACRM.org) or call +1.703.435.5335.

# To get to the **right** treatment...

## ACRM COGNITIVE REHABILITATION TRAINING TWO-DAY COURSE



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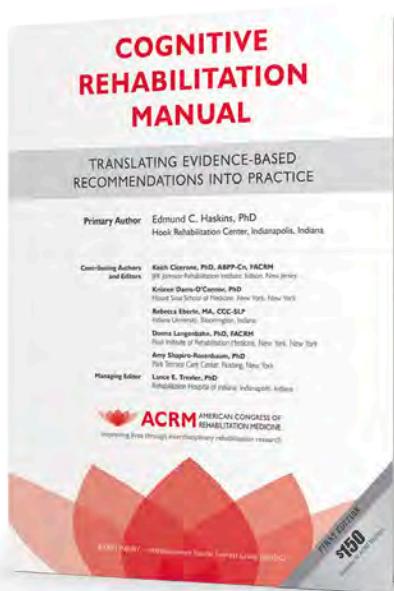
## You need to know **ALL** of the strategies

Earn **12.5 hours** of continuing education credits from the live training in your choice of **10 disciplines**

Course is based on the highly-regarded  
**ACRM Cognitive Rehabilitation Manual**

More than 2,000 have already attended this popular training course

**12.5 CME/CEU credits in your choice of 10 disciplines**



Printed Manual included with clinical forms and worksheets

**\$150 Value**

Make sure you and your team have ALL of the up-to-date cognitive rehabilitation strategies. The ACRM Manual and the LIVE training encompass ALL of the evidence-based cognitive rehabilitation interventions.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?** Physicians, neuropsychologists, therapists and all clinicians serving individuals with brain injury. Family members/ caregivers who care for anyone with brain injury may also benefit.

**\*Bring ACRM training to your facility.**  
Contact Jenny Richard: [jRichard@ACRM.org](mailto:jRichard@ACRM.org).

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