

**20th Eleanor M. Saffran Conference on Cognitive Neuroscience and Rehabilitation of
Communication Disorders**

Proposed agenda for 2026

**Working Title: The Influence of Precision Medicine on Approaches to Rehabilitation of
Language and Communication Disorders in Children and Adults**

Morning: Foundations and applications: RTSS, Precision Therapy, LPAA

1-hour sessions, 45-minute talks plus 15 minutes Q & A.

9:00 – 9:15 Introduction

9:15 to 10:15 Jarrad van Stan, Assistant Professor in Surgery

Department of Surgery Harvard Medical School

Topic: The Rehabilitation Treatment Specification System: Implications for Rehabilitation of
Communication Disorders

**10:15 to 11:15 Beate Peter, Associate Professor Speech and Hearing Science Arizona
State University**

Topic: Precision Medicine as a New Frontier in Speech-Language Pathology: Babble Boot Camp,
a Prophylactic Intervention for Infants at Predictable Risk

11:15 – 11:30 Break

**11:30 - 12:30 Gayle DeDe, Research Associate Professor, Department of
Communication Sciences and Disorders, Temple University.**

Topic: Person-centered care: How the Life Participation Approach to aphasia creates the
context for precision medicine

12:30-1:30 Lunch

1:30 – 3:00 Poster session – Student Scholar Posters

Afternoon: Further examples of precision approaches to research and clinical practice.

**3:00 – 4:00 Jena McDaniel, Assistant Professor Department of Hearing and Speech
Sciences, Vanderbilt University**

Topic: Application of Precision therapy to communication disorders in down syndrome

**4:00 – 5:00 Rebecca Hunting Pompon Associate Professor, Department of
Communication Sciences and Disorders, University of Delaware.**

Topic: Addressing Psychological Factors: Part of a Precision Rehabilitation Approach to
aphasia

5:00 to 5:30 General Discussion

5:30 Adjourn

7 hours ASHA CE