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TEACHING EXPERINCE (Publications, Presentations and Courses Taught)
Research and Invited Presentations

- Robertson Del Monte, B., & Herlihy, D. (2025). *Supporting professional and personal growth and development*. Closing the Gap Article
- Del Monte, B (2024, 2025) Practical AAC Implementation Strategies for Nurturing Communicative Autonomy and Self-Expression, Special Ed Tech Center Presentation & Chilliwack School District
- Del Monte, B., Buti, M. (2025) Autism, Behavior, Communication: Made as simple as ABC, Assistive Technology Industry Association 2019 Conference, Florida: ATIA
- Del Monte, B., Enders, L. (2024) AAC Language Therapy SUPERCHARGED: Ignite, Motivate, & Connect, Closing the Gap Conference
- Del Monte, B., Thompson M., Kinsella, S. (2024) Preconference: Develop A Growth Mindset! Applying Critical Thinking and Best Practices When Addressing AAC and Literacy, Vision, Cultural Responsiveness, and Presumed Competence, Closing the Gap
- Del Monte, B., Thompson M (2024) From Eyesight to Insight: AAC and Vision, Closing the Gap Conference
- Del Monte, B. Ender, L, (2024) Connection, Communication and Checking Your Assumptions, AAC and Complex Bodies/Medically Fragile, Empowering Communication Partners of AAC Users, MonTech All Day Conference, Montana
- Del Monte, B., Thompson M (2024) Powered Mobility in the Schools, AzTap Conference
- Del Monte, B., Poss, Beth (2023) Increasing Engagement Through Learner Choice and Voice in Emergent Literacy Instruction, Closing the Gap Conference
- Del Monte, B., Herlihy (2023) Training, Coaching and Mentoring - a Path for Growth and Building Capacity, Closing the Gap Conference
- Del Monte, B., Musselwhite, C (2022, 2023) Unleash Your Creativity!: Book-Related Strategies to Support AAC and Literacy; Closing the Gap Conference & AzTap Conference
- Del Monte, B., Bishop Michele (2022) Flippin' the Switch: Getting back to creating genuine, honest, relevant, motivated and authentic interactions with your students, Closing the Gap

- Del Monte, B. (2019). ATIA ignite research session: Complicated sensorimotor systems accessing AAC: a data driven approach. Assistive Technology Industry Association 2019 Conference, Florida: ATIA
- Del Monte, B., Trujillo, C., Conaster, M., & Norris, G. (2019). Complicated sensorimotor systems accessing AAC: a data driven approach. Assistive Technology Industry Association 2019 Conference, Florida: ATIA
- Del Monte, B, Conaster, M. (2018). Movement, motivation and mastery of AAC: A co-treatment approach. Arizona Technology Assistance Program 2018 Conference, AZTAP

Research Posters

- Trujillo, C., Del Monte, B., Norris, G., Conaster, M., Wescott, C., Moritz, K., & Malmgren, T. (2019). Interdisciplinary approach to AAC evaluations. Arizona Occupational Therapy Association Spring 2019 Conference. Tucson, AZ ArizOTA

Publication

- Conaster, M., Del Monte, B., Gellman, R., & Roher, K. (2017). Believe beyond ability. Closing the Gap editorial article. Retrieved from: <https://bit.ly/214rSAS>
- Buell, L., Del Monte, B., Mclaws, A. (2017). Using off-the-shelf products for environmental control: robots, lightbulbs and flying things, oh my!. Closing the Gap editorial article.

Complicated Sensory Systems Accessing AAC - A Data Driven Approach (Co-taught with Melanie Conatser OT, Gina Norris, OT)

MidWestern University (2018-2024)

Guest Lecture and Lab Instructor for 3 Hr Movement, Motivation and Mastery of AAC: A Co-Treat Approach (Co-taught with Melanie Conatser OT)

Closing the Gap (2017)

Movement, Motivation and Mastery of AAC – A Co-Treat Approach
(Co-taught with Melanie Conatser OT)

Nuts and Bolts of AAC Access (Co-taught with Kristin Leslie OT)

Using off-The-Shelf Products for Environmental Control: Robots, Light bulbs and Flying Things, Oh My!

(Co-taught with Laurel Buell OT)

****Believe Beyond Ability was selected as the Assistive Technology Success Story of 2017 – Our story was published in September issue 2017.**

Arizona State University

Guest Lecture and Lab Instructor for 3-hr AAC Course -AAC in the Preschool Setting
5/26/2015

AzTap Technology Conference

July 2020

Once upon a time (Co-taught with Elizabeth Freund)

July 2019

Autism, Sensory Processing and Functional AAC Use AAA- Access for All Abilities (Co-taught with Gina Norris OT)

How young is Too Young for Assistive Technology AAA- Access for All Abilities (Co-taught with Melanie Conatser OT and Kristi Roher)

Implementation Strategies for Eye Gaze Users AAA- Access for All Abilities (Co-taught with Katelyn Osser, SLP)

July 2018

Movement, Motivation and Mastery of AAC: A Co-Treat Approach (Co-taught with Melanie Conatser OT)

Complicated Sensory Systems Accessing AAC - A Data Driven Approach (Co-taught with Melanie Conatser OT, Gina Norris, OT)

AAC Implementation - Parent Buy-In (Co Taught with Kristi Roher, Robin Gellman, Jessica Montoya)

July 2017

Accessing Technology = Empowering Individuals (Co-taught with Melanie Conatser OT)

GoTalkNOW: A tool for Literacy Instruction for All Learners (Co-taught with Laurel Buell, OT)

AAA- Access for All Abilities (Co-taught with Melanie Conatser OT)

July 2016 – NO CONFERENCE

July 2015

Accessing Technology – Seating, Positioning and Powered Mobility
(Co-taught with Melanie Conatser OT)

AAC and Literacy – GoTalkNOW (Co-Taught with Laurel Buell OT)

July 2014

AAC and Multiple Disabilities

AAC Implementation Strategies

Special Education Technology Center - Central Washington University

Special education Technology Center Webinar instruction

Spring 2020

Spring Book Club: Comprehensive Literacy for All (10 week series)

AT Chatter: Supporting Caregivers during Corona Virus (Weekly Series)

April 2020

AAC: Introduction to Speak for Yourself

AAAC: Introduction to CoughDrop

What SLP's need to know about seating, positioning and movement

March 2020

How Young is too young for AT

February 2020

Using AAC to meet Literacy Goals in the Elementary and Secondary Classrooms
Beyond Switch Training Activities
Integrating AAC into the Classrooms
AAC Considerations for English/Spanish Bilingual Users

January 2020

Switch Access to Vocabulary for Emergent Communicators
Switch Access to Proloquo2go
Switch Assessment

2019

Complicated Sensory Systems Accessing AAC – What does the research say
Autism, Sensory Processing and Functional AAC use
What's New in Proloquo2go
Intro to UNITY
Intro to Empower and Look: PRCs Latest and Greatest!
Intro to TobiiDynavox: Snap+Core First
NovaChat VS TouchChat
Implementation Strategies for Eye Gaze Users
Intro to HeadPointing on TouchChat with iPad Pro
How Young Is Too Young for Assistive Technology?

2015

What's new in AT? Increasing Independence in all Environments 1/5/2015
TouchChat with Word Power – Overview 1/12/2015
TouchChat with Word Power – Literacy Ideas
Sonoflex AAC App (iPad and Android) 2/22/2015
Teaching Through Video: Doodlecast Pro and Explain Everything 2/9/2015
Apps that Sequence: Tap Speak Sequence and Pictello 2/23/2015
GoTalkNOW for Communication 3/2/2015
GoTalkNOW for Literacy 3/9/2015
BitsBoard: Treatment App for SLPs 3/16/2015
AAC - Overview for Eye Gaze 4/6/2015
AAC Eye Gaze Assessment and Training Strategies 4/13/2015
iPad apps for Low Vision 4/20/2015
What's New: iPad accessories 4/27/2015
Making your AAC app switch accessible 5/4/2015
AAC for Bilingual Users 5/11/2015
Tips on writing AAC Justification for iPads in Washington State 5/18/2015

2014

iPad and AAC: Autismate 1/6/2014

3- Hour Online Courses

AT for the Disorganized Student 1/27/2014
Book Making Apps for the iPad 2/10/2014
StoryTelling within your AAC App 2/24/2014
Apps that Support Common Core: Elementary 3/3/2014
Apps that Support Common Core: Middle School 3/10/2014

Addressing Common Core with AAC: Speaking and Listening 3/17/2014
Intro to AAC on the iPad 4/07/2014
Implementing AAC Part 1: Choice Making and Vocabulary Building 4/14/2014
Implementing AAC Part 2: Strengthening Core 4/21/2014
Implementing AAC: Part 3: Social Communication 4/28/2014
iPad: Free and Cheap AAC Apps 5/5/2014
iPad: Free and Cheap Educational Apps 5/12/2014
Top Ten Favorite Apps for SLP treatment 5/19/2014

2013

Intro to iPad - 1/07/13
Special Education Apps decision making rubric – 1/14/13
iPad: Overcoming Barriers of Implementation – 1/28/13
iPad: and the Developmental Language Continuum - 2/04/13
iPad: Intro to AAC Apps – 2/11/13
iPad: Switch Access AAC Apps – 2/28/13
iPad: Proloquo2go – 3/04/13
Android NOVA Chat AAC – 3/18/13

2012

Intro to iPad - 1/23/12
AAC Application for the iPad: Proloquo2go - 2/13/12 and 10/15/12
AAC Application for the iPad: TapSpeak Button and TapSpeak Sequence - 2/27/12 and 10/29/12
AAC Application for the iPad: Sonoflex - 3/12/12 and 11/05/12
AAC Application for the iPad: TouchChatHD - 3/26/12 and 11/19/12
AAC Application for the iPad: Predictable - 4/16/12
Apps to Enhance Speech and Language Treatment - 4/23/12 and 12/3/12
Apps for Emerging Communicators - 4/30/12 and 11/26/12
iPad Accessibility Features - 5/14/12
Special Education Apps decision making rubric - 9/24/12 and 12/10/12
iPad: Intro to AAC applications - 10/1/12
Text Based AAC Applications - 10/22/12
AAC and Language Development - 12/4/12

- Recorded Webinars on <http://www.specialedtechcenter.org/services/videos>
- Student specific trainings for schools in Mesa, Chandler, Gilbert, Queen Creek and San Tan as well as specialty schools like Accel and Pieceful Solutions.