



California Association of Orientation and Mobility Specialists

Presents

“O&M: It's Not Just About the Vision Loss”

Friday through Sunday
November 3-5, 2017



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Monterey, CA 93940

Mobility: A Basic Freedom

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Welcome to the 2017 CAOMS Statewide Conference! The Conference Committee thanks you for attending and hopes you enjoy the program as well as your stay in beautiful Monterey. This year's esteemed presenters cover a myriad of topics that definitely stimulate creative juices, provoke thought, and have something for everyone.

- ★ The Academy for the Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP) has approved all sessions for the continuing education hours. Please note the following to insure you receive proper credit:
 - Conference sessions have been approved for up to seven (7) hours of continuing education.
 - The actual units received for attending the conference are based on the number of HOURS attended.
 - Each Individual's hours will be calculated based on information from sign-in sheets that circulate each session. You must sign in to obtain credit for each session you attend!
 - Please sign in for only one session per time slot.
 - Your continuing education credit certificate will be sent electronically.
 - For general information on ACVREP Continuing Education Units or recertification, please to to <http://www.acvrep.org>
 - PLEASE REMEMBER TO FIND AND SIGN YOUR NAME ON THE ACVREP SIGN-IN SHEET AT *EACH* SESSION ATTENDED SO PROPER CREDIT MAY BE GIVEN!

Be sure to visit the exhibitors, showcasing the latest and greatest. The creative innovations will stimulate and boggle your mind.

Help raise money for the scholarship fund! Check out the items for sale at the CAOMS table!

Appreciation and gratitude to Sonja Biggs Educational Services Inc. for donating presenter gifts and decorations to the conference.

The Program

Friday, November 3rd, 2017

4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Registration (Points Lobby)

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eat, Drink and Be Merry Social/No Host Bar (Point Cabrillo)

Saturday, November 4th, 2017

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Registration (Points Lobby)

8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Sneak Peek at Exhibitors/Breakfast (Points Ballroom)

9:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks
(Points Ballroom)

9:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Keynote (2.5 hours of ACVREP credit):

Changing Faces of the O&M Field

Dr. Sandy Rosen, Brenda Naimy and Scott Keis

Review and discussion on FAPE, updates to the O&M programs at SFSU and Cal State LA, licensure, AER and more!

11:45 a.m to 12:15 p.m. Exhibitor Hall Exclusive

If you missed them this morning, please take the time before lunch to see the amazing exhibitors! Ask questions and get hands-on experience with products. Also, come check out the items for sale at the CAOMS table. All proceeds go to support the scholarship fund.

12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Luncheon and Awards

2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (1.25 hour of ACVREP credit)

Review of Low Vision Evaluations

Dr. Marlena Chu

Review of low vision evaluation with focus on measurements and calculations of magnification / contrast / adaptive needs of patients.

(Pt. Cabrillo/Alones)

The Language of Lines

BJ Dietz Epstein , Greg Kehret, Julie Sadlier

Learn best practices of how to design, use, and teach tactile graphics in this presentation and hands-on demonstration, based on the author's' expertise and experiences.

(Pt. Pinos)

3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (1.0 hours of ACVREP credit)

Preparing Students for Guide Dog Mobility: A Cooperative O&M Program between Guide Dogs for the Blind and LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Marc Gillard, Katt Jones

In September 2016, a pilot program designed to assist students to gain O&M skills to prepare for guide dog mobility was launched. The program was a cooperative venture between Guide Dogs for the Blind and LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired. A description of the program and the results of the pilot will be presented.

(Pt. Cabrillo/Alones)

O&M Mnemonics: Using Music, Rhymes, and More

Julie Holland

How do you get young students with multiple challenges to remember O&M info? How do you get an overloaded O&M teacher to remember vital facts long enough to teach them? This workshop shares mnemonics and other tricks—ideally helping all relevant parties to come up with those crucial bits of info at the proper time. If you have specific songs or other mnemonics to share, please bring them along!

(Pt. Pinos)

4:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Exhibit Hall Exclusive

***Remember to roll your clocks back one hour for Daylight Savings!

Sunday, November 5th, 2017

***If you would like a late check-out, please contact the front desk

8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Exhibitor Hall opens/Breakfast

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Concurrent Sessions (1.0 hours of ACVREP credit)

The Road to Employability
Faith Dunham-Sims

In terms of employment it is never too early to start thinking about leveling the playing field for our students with vision loss. In this workshop we will discuss factors that contribute to the staggering unemployment rate for those with vision loss; the breadth of soft skills and their importance to employment; the importance of effective O&M skills to employment; and how to foster strong soft skills and independent travel through the ages.

(Pt. Cabrillo/Alones)

TMAP 2.0 – Tactile Map Automated Production
Greg Kehret, Josh Miele

TMAP 2.0 is a web-based app for rapid production of tactile street maps of any location in the US. We'll discuss the significant implications for education, orientation, and mobility of blind and visually impaired travelers.

(Pt. Pinos)

10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions (1.25 hours of ACVREP credit)

Aira.IO Technology Platform for Independent Travel

Amy Bernal and Sandra Rosen, Ph.D.

Aira technology is designed to provide visual and orientation information to people who have visual impairments as they engage in everyday activities. Aira uses wearable smart glass technology to connect the user in real time with certified Aira Agents who are trained to provide accurate information based on O&M principles. Following a presentation and demonstration, participants may have the opportunity to perform near and far vision tasks using the AIRA System, observe how a traveler interacts with a trained Aira Agent, and perhaps try some travel themselves.

(Pt. Cabrillo/Alones)

Recreation & Leisure Adaptations and Activities for Visual Impairment

Lindsay Connor, Rachel Smith

Recreation Therapists will present on recreation and leisure adaptations and activities for people with visual impairments. Additionally, information will be shared about adapted sports, designed for people with VI. The participants will have an opportunity to trial adapted equipment and will be given recreation based community resources available to adults and children with visual impairments.

(Pt. Pinos)

11:30 a.m.

Conference Concludes

Thank you for your participation and we hope to see you at the next CAOMS statewide conference in Southern California!

Safe travels!

Exhibitors



Braille Institute of America: *Cane Quest* is a fun and challenging orientation and mobility program designed to promote travel techniques and cane skills.

Braille Institute of America

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Cane and Compass: Pointing the Way for Creative Orientation and Mobility Instruction.

A blog that was inspired and designed as an online space for all O&M specialists to visit and use with the hope that there can be a collective resource for creative lesson planning.

Cane and Compass

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Guide Dogs for the Blind: An industry-leading guide dog school, we are a passionate community that serves people who are visually impaired. With exceptional client services and a robust network of trainers, puppy raisers, donors and volunteers, we prepare highly qualified guide dogs to serve and empower individuals who are blind or have low vision from throughout the United States and Canada. All of our services are provided free of charge, including veterinary care, personalized training, and expensive post-graduation support.

Please come by and visit us at the Guide Dogs for the Blind table where you will learn about our free program and services, including information on: how to know if you or your student/client is ready for a Guide Dog; our eligibility criteria; the application process; our support services including veterinary financial assistance; our Guide Dog O&M seminars; take away some great information and GDB giveaways.

Guide Dogs for the Blind

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LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired

The Bay Area community has long looked to the LightHouse to provide solutions for access, information and mobility. The LightHouse's **Media and Accessible Design Lab (MAD Lab)**, an experienced team of designers and alternative format specialists, specializes in accessible design, ADA signage, tactile graphics and maps, 3D educational objects, Braille and audio. With thorough consideration of access to

information and world-class wayfinding, MAD Lab creates solutions to accommodate blind and visually impaired people.

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LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Deaf Blind Services: the LightHouse provides equipment for telecommunications to people with vision and hearing loss who reside in California.

LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired - Deaf Blind Services

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Low Vision Clinic, University of California, Berkeley

UC Berkeley School of Optometry Low Vision Clinic offers comprehensive low vision evaluations in a supportive, nurturing, and teaching environment. Berkeley residents and interns learn from their patients and attending doctors. Evaluations are offered at UC Berkeley, at the LightHouse in San Francisco, and the California School for the Blind.

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Northern California AER (NorCal AER) is here to represent the professions in which you work and to preserve specialized services for persons who are blind and visually impaired. We aim to increase the value of NorCal AER to you and to draw newcomers to our roles.

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