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## On the Road Again

AAC-RERC partners continue on the presentation trail. This quarter takes us to Ohio, Georgia, Rhode Island, Colorado, and Düsseldorf (by the way, that's in Germany!).



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**Sarah Blackstone** will be conducting a preconference workshop on **Social Networks** at the [Collaborative Assistive Technology Conference of the Rockies](#) in Denver, Colorado on June 8, 2006 and a session on **AAC and Education** on June 9, 2006.

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**Howard Shane** will be leading a workshop titled "**Practical applications of observational learning (Video Modeling) for improving learning and communication**" at the [2006 Milestones Conference](#). Milestones was founded in 2003 by parents to improve the educational and therapeutic programming available for their children with autism, particularly by training professionals, paraprofessionals and parents in ABA. The conference takes place on Monday, June 19, 2006 in Cleveland, Ohio.

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The Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America ([RESNA](#)) kicks off its annual conference on June 22, 2006 in Atlanta, Georgia. The AAC-RERC will present a **poster** and will be hosting an **exhibit booth**. **Frank DeRuyter**, who is also the PI of the Consortium for Assistive Technology Outcomes Research (CATOR), along with other CATOR partners and staff, will be presenting a number of **papers**:

- **Psychosocial Impact Predicts Locomotion Assistive Technology Device Outcome** (Jeffrey W. Jutai, PhD, Marcus Fuhrer, PhD, Louise Demers, PhD, Marcia Scherer, PhD & Frank DeRuyter, PhD)
- **Predicting the Discontinued Use of Locomotion Assistive Technology Devices: The Role of Rehabilitation Diagnosis, Device Type, and Unassisted Locomotion Status.** (Marcus J. Fuhrer, PhD, Jeffrey W. Jutai, PhD, Marcia Scherer, PhD, Louise Demers, PhD & Frank DeRuyter, PhD)
- **Assistive Technology Device Outcome Data Collection Tools.** (Frank DeRuyter, PhD, Daniel Saldana, BS, & Jeffrey W. Jutai, PhD)
- **Factors Impacting Consumers' Assistive Technology Device (ATD) Selection** (Marcia Scherer, Ph.D., Jeffrey Jutai, Ph.D., Marcus Fuhrer, Ph.D., Louise Demers, Ph.D. & Frank DeRuyter, Ph.D.)

If you're at the conference, please make sure you stop by **Booth 330** on the RERC row to say hello and pick up copies of our literature.

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On Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, **Howard Shane** and colleagues will present "**Using the Procedural**

**Knowledge Profile<sup>®</sup> To Establish Communication Goals and Objectives**” at the [Autism Society of America's 37th National Conference](#). This program describes the background, rationale and application of the Procedural Knowledge Profile. The PKP is a new and unique way to analyze how effectively a student with ASD interacts within an environment and his knowledge of the function of objects contained within the environment. The PKP was applied to 25 students with ASD and the results of those Profiles along with related communication goals and strategies will be reviewed during the formal presentation.

The ASA conference is being held in Providence, RI from July 12-15, 2006. See <http://asa.confex.com/asa/2006/techprogram/S2179.HTM> for more information on this presentation.

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**ISAAC 2006** lands in Düsseldorf, Germany from July 29 through August 5, 2006. The AAC-RERC partners has submitted the following posters:

- **AAC-RERC Products and Tools: 1998-Present** (Dave Beukelman, Sarah Blackstone, Diane Bryen, Kevin Caves, Frank DeRuyter, Janice Light, David McNaughton, Howard Shane, & Michael Williams)
- **AAC-RERC State of the Science Conference** (Dave Beukelman, Sarah Blackstone, Diane Bryen, Kevin Caves, Frank DeRuyter, Janice Light, David McNaughton, Howard Shane, & Michael Williams)
- **ACOLUG: Augmentative Communication On-line Users' Group** (Diane Bryen)
- **Dual-display SGD Intelligibility with Alphabet Supplementation and Word Prediction** (Dave Beukelman, Elizabeth Hanson, Erin Shutts, Jana Heidemann)
- **The Development of a Multimodal Recognition Interface for AAC Technologies** (David McNaughton, Janice Light, Kathryn Drager, Rajeev Sharma, Ingmar Rauschert, Annie Harris, Smita Worah, Kelli Sellnow)
- **Using New Technologies to Study Language Use in Augmentative Communication** (Jeff Higginbotham, Jennifer Cornish, David Wilkins, Gregory W. Leshner)

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