

Discovery 2009

The Low Vision Conference
August 20-22, 2009

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION PACKET
(PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**



The Holiday Inn Mart Plaza Hotel
350 W. Mart Center Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60654



A Comprehensive Perspective on Low Vision and Vision Rehabilitation

Designed to bring together people with vision impairments of all ages, their families, educators, doctors, rehabilitation professionals and vendors.
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**Pre-registration must be postmarked
by August 1, 2009**

Discovery 2009: The Low Vision Conference

Thursday, August 20, 2009

8:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION

9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Keynote

Dr. Gerald Fishmann – Retinal Research
from the patient's perspective

10:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

EXHIBITS

10:30-11:00 a.m.

BREAK

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: T1

- Driving with Low Vision, Anne Hegberg, Tracy Williams & Walter Jay
- I Got the Music in My Stream, David Flament
- Crawling Out of the Living Room, Mindy Ely
- Just a Few Dots Away from Increased Independence, Polly Abbott
- Confident Living for Senior Adults with Combined Vision and Hearing Loss, Page Berry, Laura Thomas & Joann Rushing
- Managing the Stress that Comes with Vision Loss, Kathy Austin

Noon-1:30 p.m.

LUNCH BREAK

1:30-2:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: T2

- Assistive Technology Assessment of Students with Low Vision, Ike Presley
- Multiple Sclerosis: Eye Findings and Current Treatment Strategies, Walter Jay
- Are You Ready for the College Challenge? Susan Dalton & Kelsey Thompson
- Enjoying the Guide Dog Lifestyle, Roxanne Calibraro
- Itinerant Assessment and Training Tools for Employment Lifestyle Training, Gary Bowman
- VA Polytrauma Team TBI TBA

2:30-2:50 p.m.

BREAK

2:50-4:00 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: T3

- Using Games to Teach About Low Vision Independence, Charles Schwartz
- The ADA's Implications for Job Seekers with Disabilities, Dan Helpingstine & Kelsey Thompson
- Seeing Things that Aren't There: Visual Hallucinations in Charles Bonnet Syndrome, Kara Crumbliss & Walter Jay
- Recent Developments in Adaptive Technology, Bill Bielawski
- What's In My Backpack: A Panel Discussion on High and Low Tech Solutions for Everyday Life, George Abbott
- Comprehensive Low Vision Rehabilitation Services, Tracy Williams

Friday, August 21, 2009

8:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION

8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

EXHIBITS

8:00 -9:30 a.m.

**FOCUS ON EXHIBIT/CONTINENTAL
BREAKFAST**

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Keynote
David Meador, National Blind Golf Champion

10:30- 10:50

BREAK

10:50 a.m.-12: p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: F1

- Creating Employment Outcomes , Chuck Young & Scott Truax
- Tools for Assessment and Development of Visual Skills in Children, Monica Turner
- Gateway to the Deaf-Blind Community: What You Should Know, Joann Rushing
- More Tech or Not to Tech, David Flament & Polly Abbott
- The Role of Psychological Social Services in the Vision Rehabilitation of Older Adults, Kara Crumbliss & Alfred Rosenbloom
- Safety on the Streets, Lauren Ross & Ginger Irwin

NOON -1:30 p.m.

LUNCH BREAK

1:30-2:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: F2

- Coping Strategies for Families of Children with Usher's Syndrome, Renee Talhame
- Putting on Your Best Virtual Face: Effectively Networking with LinkedIn and Facebook, Lauri Dishman
- Guidelines for Prescription Labeling and Consumer Medication Information (CMI) for Persons with Vision Loss, Janice Feinberg
- Modifying Computer Adaptive Training for Patients with Traumatic Brain Injury, Dr. Joan Stelmack Joan Stelmack OD, MPH, Duane Christianson MA and Debbie Dean MA
- Home Safety for the Visually Impaired and Blind People, Hillary Napier
- Adaptive Gardening: Growing Seeds and Reaping Confidence, Kathy Austin

2:30--2:50 p.m.

BREAK

2:50- 4:00 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: F3

- My Maggie, Rich King
- Low Vision Enhancement/Eccentric Viewing, Mary Scully & Deborah Zekinski
- Dr. Stelmack - Session part 2

4:30

Optional Tours (Additional fee)

8:00 p.m. - ?

THEATRE (additional Fee)

Saturday, August 23, 2009

8:30 – 12:00

EXHIBITS

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS

- Employment – This will be an interactive session for people with low vision who are job ready, to help them with job seeking skills and strategies to obtain employment in today's economy. This will be an interactive session. Resumes are required. Come practice interview skills and learn how to contact appropriate employers in your chosen field. – Workshop leaders Joseph Parvis, Lauri Dishman, Christine Retzke

- New to Low Vision - Life after Low Vision - The purpose of this program is to inform and guide participants through several phases of adjustment to living successfully with low Vision. – Work shop leader Marcia Trawinski
- Technology - This session will include: Determination of appropriate technology, Assessment of equipment, and focus on three areas of technology (Note takers, Digital recorders/ DAISY players, and GPS systems – Work shop Leaders Leah Gerlach and Mark Carson

END OF PROGRAM

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LODGING:

**The Holiday Inn Mart Plaza Hotel
350 W. Mart Center Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60654**

- **Room Rates:** \$143 single or double + 14.9% tax (Please guarantee with credit card)
- **Reservations:** CALL 312-836-5000, between 7am - 5pm (Central Time); or make reservations through the following link:
http://www.martplaza.com/events/detail.cfm?EVENT_ID=EV_2009_0311103926638334
- **Block of Rooms: Listed under Discovery 2009 Low Vision Conference.** This block will be held only until August 1, 2009, so please make your reservations prior to the cutoff date to ensure that you have a hotel room.
- **Parking:** Available in the parking lot adjacent to the hotel on a space availability basis to registered guests. Currently, self-parking is \$31.00 per day, per auto/van with in and out privileges. This fee is subject to change without notice.

If you have questions please contact:

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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Home/Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION/SPECIAL NEEDS:

The conference will endeavor to accommodate your needs if requested by the pre-registration deadline of August 1, 2009. Please check all of the following that apply:

_____ Braille Program _____ Large-Print Program (16 pt.)
 _____ Hearing Impairments/Deaf Blind Needs - Please provide your phone number or e-mail address _____, and we will contact you by August 7, 2009 to arrange accommodations.

CONFERENCE FEES:

Registration Type (Check Appropriate Box)	Pre-Registration (Postmarked by August 1, 2009)	After August 1, 2009 or at the Door	Total Amount Enclosed
_____ Full Conference (Thursday - Saturday)	\$50.00	\$75.00 (cash or check only)	
_____ Saturday Attendance Only Check Appropriate Box for Saturday Sessions: _____ Adjusting to Vision Loss _____ Employment _____ Technology	\$25.00	\$35.00 (cash or check only)	

PLEASE NOTE: There are no other discounted fees, one-day fees or reduced companion rates. No refunds will be made.

You will receive a registration receipt card which must be presented at the Registration Table at conference check-in or at the door of the Saturday workshop (if attending that day only).

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Name _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

Checks: payable to the **Discovery Low Vision Conference**

Credit Card: _____ Visa _____ MasterCard **ONLY**

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Print name as it appears on
card: _____

Signature: _____

Phone where Registrant can be reached:

Office Use Only:

Date Received: _____ **Check #:** _____

Amount: \$ _____

Date Receipt Card Issued: _____

**Mail this completed form, postmarked no later than
August 1, 2009 to:**

**Discovery 2009
c/o The Chicago Lighthouse
1850 West Roosevelt Road
Chicago, IL 60608**