

**AHEAD in Virginia
Spring Conference
March 22 & 23, 2012**

**James River Conference Center
Lynchburg, Virginia**

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday, March 22

- 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. **Keynote Presentation Part I: Salome Heyward**
- 10:30 - 10:45 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Keynote Presentation Part II: Salome Heyward**
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Luncheon Buffet
- 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. **Q & A: Salome Heyward**
- 2:30 - 2:45 p.m. Break
- 2:45 - 3:15 p.m. **Effective Communication** – the standards and process for meeting the communication needs of students with disabilities
- Presenter: **Howard Kallem**, Office of Civil Rights
- 3:15 - 5:00 p.m. **Q & A Panel Discussion: Salome Heyward and Howard Kallem**
- Evening on your own for dinner and to explore/enjoy Lynchburg
- Salome's Topics Include:**
- On-line Education and Distance Learning
 - Clinicals, Internships, Student Teaching
 - Crafting Reasonable Test Accommodations
 - Extreme Behavior Situations

Friday, March 23

- 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
- “A.T. Friday”**
- Creating alternative formats and reading barrier free: Convert it, read it, take it with you
Maira Williams (Envision Technology) and Jeff Bazer (Dolphin Software)
 - Accessibility made easy: Creating accessible PDFs directly from Word or PowerPoint
Kara Zirkle (George Mason University)
 - Developing off-campus resources for students in distance education
Lisa Webb and Dawn Mosley (Virginia Commonwealth University)
 - Read & Write GOLD student panel
Jeff Levinson (TextHelp), Randolph-Macon College students
 - Making distance learning accessible: Asynchronous and synchronous delivery of online courses
Lisa Webb and Dawn Mosley (Virginia Commonwealth University)
 - What's New? Review of updates to ZoomText, JAWS, Wynn . . .
Korey Singleton (George Mason University)

- 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. **A.T. Concurrent Sessions**
- 9:30 - 9:45 a.m. Break/Transition
- 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. **A.T. Concurrent Sessions**
- 10:45 – 11:00 a.m. Break/Transition
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **A.T. Concurrent Sessions**
- 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Luncheon Buffett and AHEAD in Virginia Business Meeting
- 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. **Special Topic: OCR Listening Session on Technology Issues in Higher Education**

Panel:

Howard Kallem, Office of Civil Rights
Elizabeth Wiegman, Office of Civil Rights
Korey Singleton, George Mason University

Moderator:

Ruth Townsend, George Mason University

This session begins with an overview of distance education technologies available, the amount of interaction they enable, and the type of alterations a faculty member must make to course content to allow for the use of the DE technology.

It then opens for discussion of: What types of requests do you receive? What challenges do you face in trying to determine if requests are reasonable or if they fundamentally alter a course? What difficulties do you have in meeting requests?

This is primarily a listening session, a chance to provide input to OCR about what policy guidance institutions and disability service providers need.