



March 3-5, 2008, Athens, GA



The Georgia Association on Higher Education and Disability & The Alternative Media Access Center  
present:

**“Interconnecting Expertise and Practical Application”**

Conference Schedule

Monday, March 3

Time	Location	Activity
1:00pm-1:30pm	Conference Registration Desk	<b>Registration</b>
1:30pm-1:45pm	Masters Hall	Welcome and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ President of Georgia AHEAD, Elaine Manglitz, Asst. VP of Student Affairs, Clayton State University</li> </ul>
1:45pm-3:15 pm	Masters Hall	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> “Disability 101 for Professionals New to the Field ” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Carol Pope, Assistant Director for disAbled Student Support Services , Kennesaw State University</li> </ul> Disability 101 will cover the basics of running a disability services office and arranging accommodations for students with disabilities in postsecondary education. Topics to be covered include documentation, record keeping, developing policies and procedures, legal guidelines, assistive technology, distance learning and program evaluation. Bring your questions, concerns, and interesting cases for a lively discussion time!
Session B	Room Y/Z	“Hot Topics and Current Issues in Disability Services for Seasoned Professionals” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sheryl Ballenger, Director, ACCESS Center, Georgia Highlands College</li> </ul> This session addresses issues for Disability Service Providers who have established services and now want to discuss hot topics and current issues to enhance their programs. Strategies for improving quality of service, augmenting processes of service delivery, partnering with faculty, and universal design are just a few of the targeted issues. Bring your own pressing concerns for break-out session discussions for University System of Georgia, Department of Technical and Adult Education, and Private Institutions.
3:15pm-3:45pm	Pecan Tree Galleria	<b>Break</b>

3:45pm-4:00pm	Masters Hall	<b>Plenary Session</b> Welcome: Christopher Lee, Director, Alternative Media Access Center
4:00pm-5:00pm	Masters Hall	<b>Plenary Session</b> Panel Discussion - "Changes in IDEA and the Impact on Student Transition to Postsecondary Education" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ B. Lu Nations-Miller, Education Program Specialist for Transition, Georgia Dept. of Education</li> <li>▪ Elizabeth MacIntosh, Coordinator of Student Disability Resources , North Georgia College &amp; State Univ.</li> <li>▪ Michael Anderson, Disability Coordinator, Georgia Perimeter College - Dunwoody/Alpharetta</li> <li>▪ Francine Shuman, Equity/Special Populations Coordinator, GA Dept. of Technical and Adult Ed.</li> </ul> <p>This panel discussion will provide information on the changes in IDEA and the effects on students as they transition from high school to postsecondary education. Discussion will include testing requirements for accommodations in high school, the Summary of Performance, and application to the postsecondary environment. Resources and possibilities for collaboration will also be discussed.</p>
5:15pm-7:00pm		Reception and Auction: Bid on some fabulous items! Mix, Mingle, and Network!

## Tuesday March 4

Time	Location	Activity
7:30am-8:00am	Conference Registration Desk	<b>Registration</b>
8:00am-8:15am	Masters Hall	Welcome and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ James Nordone, Vice President of Student Affairs, Department of Technical and Adult Education</li> </ul>
8:15am-9:00am	Masters Hall	<b>Plenary Session</b> Keynote: Linking Accessible Formats with Student Learning Preferences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Karen McCall, Technical Director of Karlen Communications</li> </ul> <p>Karlen Communications provides educational and workplace accommodations for people with disabilities, technical writing, consulting on digital document accessibility and usability and hands-on training on adaptive technology. Karen has over 10 years experience in eLearning and education, adaptive technology assessment and training, and digital environment and information accessibility.</p>
9:00am-9:45am	Masters Hall	New Developments in Premier Assistive Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Steve Timmer, Chairman &amp; Co-Founder of Premier Assistive Technology</li> </ul> <p>This session will highlight changes occurring within Reading Made EZ. Updates to this technology, provided free to AMAC members, will be demonstrated.</p>

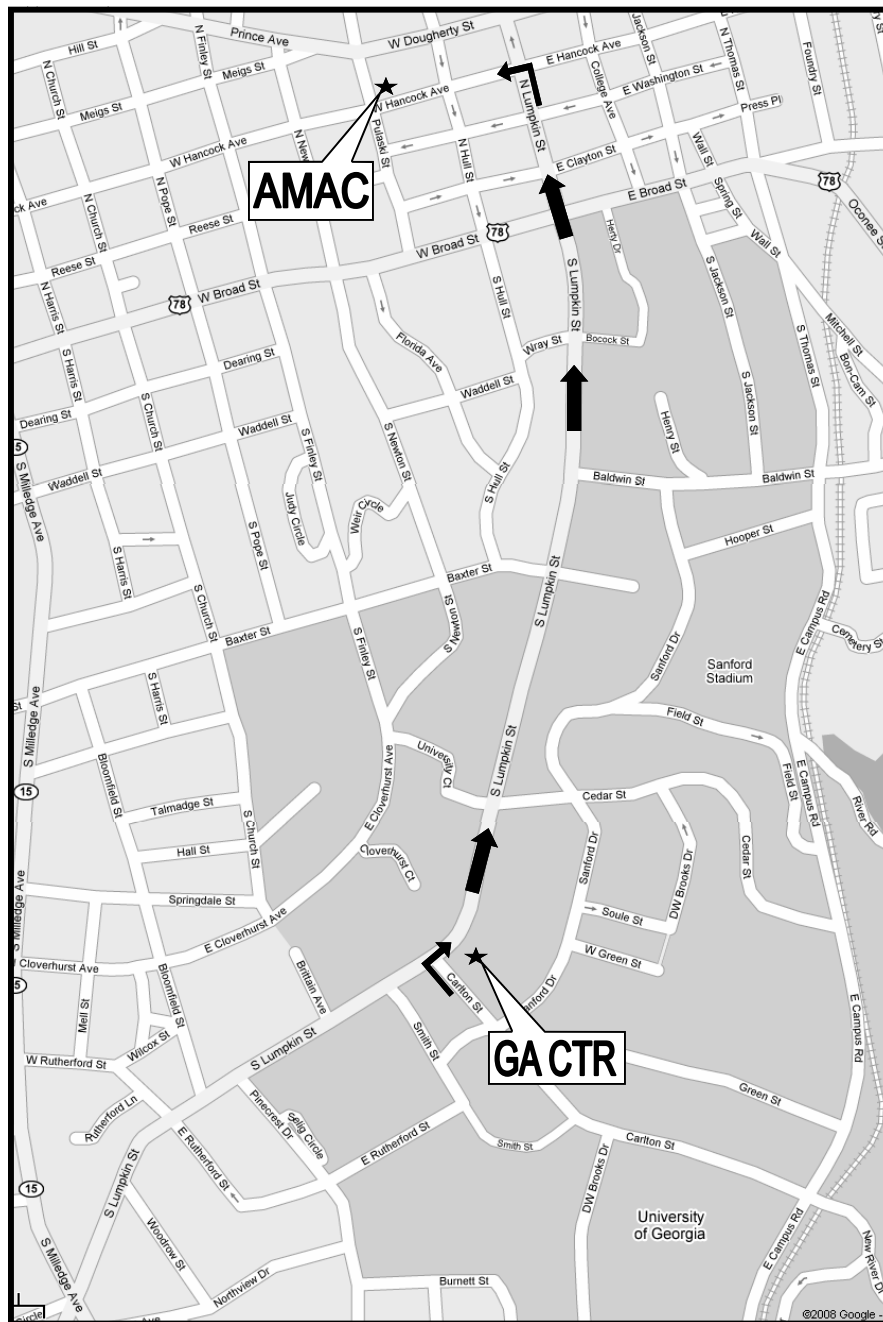
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9:45am-10:15am	Pecan Tree Galleria	<b>Break</b>
10:15am-12:15pm	<p data-bbox="344 302 537 363">Session A (10:15-12:15) Computer Lab H</p> <p data-bbox="344 545 537 607">Session B1 (10:15-11:15) Room R</p> <p data-bbox="344 818 537 880">Session B2 (11:15-12:15) Room R</p>	<p data-bbox="537 245 1940 277"><b>Concurrent Sessions</b></p> <p data-bbox="537 302 1940 334">“ Accessible and Usable PDF Documents”</p> <ul data-bbox="537 334 1940 367" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="537 334 1940 367">▪ Karen McCall, Technical Director of Karlen Communications</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="537 391 1940 521">Karlen Communications provides educational and workplace accommodations for people with disabilities, technical writing, consulting on digital document accessibility and usability and hands-on training on adaptive technology. Karen has over 10 years experience in eLearning and education, adaptive technology assessment and training, and digital environment and information accessibility.</p> <p data-bbox="537 545 1940 610">“Interpreting? Captioning? Remote Services? . . . Students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing: What do you have to do?”</p> <ul data-bbox="537 610 1940 643" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="537 610 1940 643">▪ Katherine Bruni, GA/FL PEPNet-South Outreach Specialist</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="537 659 1940 789">Providing accommodations for students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing can be confusing and expensive. Materials and resources will be shared, and discussion will be encouraged as PEPNet shares information that will help postsecondary institutions make difficult decisions about remote services, accommodations, and education for students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing.</p> <p data-bbox="537 813 1940 846">“Bridging the Documentation Gap”</p> <ul data-bbox="537 846 1940 976" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="537 846 1940 878">▪ Gerri Wolfe, Research &amp; Policy Analyst, Regents' Center for Learning Disorders - UGA</li> <li data-bbox="537 878 1940 911">▪ Dorenda McConnell, Dean of Instruction and Distance Education, Northwestern Technical College</li> <li data-bbox="537 911 1940 943">▪ Beverly Raznoff, GA Department of Labor, Rehabilitation Services</li> <li data-bbox="537 943 1940 976">▪ Charlotte Hesters, Director of Retention and Special Needs, Valdosta Technical College</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="537 992 1940 1154">This session will provide an overview of Project Bridge, a transition initiative from the UGA Regents' Center for Learning Disorders. Project Bridge supports students' with disabilities as they transition from high school to postsecondary education by providing documentation that meets the requirements for postsecondary academic accommodations. Presenters will discuss the Technical College and Local School System implementations of Project Bridge</p>
12:15pm-1:45pm	Magnolia Ballroom	<b>Lunch and Georgia AHEAD Business meeting</b>

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<p>3:15pm-3:45pm</p>	<p>Kellogg Concourse</p>	<p><b>Break</b></p>
<p>4:05pm-5:05pm</p>	<p>Masters Hall</p>	<p><b>Plenary Session</b></p> <p>“ Emergency Response Guidelines for Individuals with Disabilities on Postsecondary Campuses”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Steve Harris, Interim Director &amp; Emergency Operations Manager , The Office of Security &amp; Emergency Preparedness - UGA</li> </ul> <p>This session will address information related to the development and implementation of guidelines and procedures for effective emergency response and/or evacuation for individuals with disabilities.</p>
<p>5:05</p>		<p>Dinner on your own – Enjoy Athens!</p>

## Wednesday, March 5

Time	Location	Activity
7:30am-8:45am	Magnolia Ballroom	<b>Georgia AHEAD Breakfast &amp; Keynote</b>  Keynote Speaker - Tenacity and Teamwork: Another Chapter in a Continuing Journey <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Liz Persaud, Training and Development Coordinator, Tools for Life</li></ul> Liz will share her personal experience while successfully transitioning to the postsecondary environment. She reports that appropriate assistive technology and team support enabled her to gain and retain her current position at Tools for Life. Liz highlights self advocacy skills as a way to develop independence and be successful.
9:00am-10:15am	Room K/L	<b>"Emerging Legal Issues In The Post-Secondary Arena"</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Tamara Rorie, Esq., Compliance Manager, AMAC</li><li>▪ Kristi Carman, Esq., General Counsel for the Department of Technical and Adult Education</li></ul> This session will provide an overview of some of the most provocative emerging issues faced by post-secondary institutions today. Topics for review and discussion include providing substitutes for core curriculum math classes, a student's right to privacy against an institution's obligation to provide a safe environment, and interplay between the Chafee Amendment and the institution's obligation to provide materials in alternative format.
10:15am-10:30am	Kellogg Concourse	<b>Break</b>
10:30am-11:30am	Room K/L	<b>"Developments at AMAC"</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Christopher Lee, Director, Alternative Media Access Center (AMAC)</li></ul> This session will review and up-date participants on AMAC policies and procedures. Participants will be provided with current local and national trends surrounding alternative media and assistive technology. The AMAC Team will highlight short and long term membership services and products which will be provided based on FY09 funding. Participants will have the ability to offer feedback on current and future services.
11:45am-3:00pm	AMAC	Lunch, Tour of AMAC, Training Sessions

## Directions from the Georgia Center for Continuing Education to the Alternative Media Access Center



- ◆ From the Georgia Continuing Education Center, turn north onto Lumpkin St.
- ◆ At the 9th traffic light, take a left onto Hancock Ave.
- ◆ AMAC is in the Chastain Building on the corner of Hancock Ave. and Pulaski St. (across the street from Snow Tire and the First Baptist Church of Athens)
- ◆ Vehicles can be parked on the side and in the rear of the building or along Hancock Ave.