



**Free Annual Virtual Conference**  
**Zoom Doors Open at 8:00 am.**  
**Yoga as Therapy: 8:05 to 8:40 am**  
**Welcome and Presentations: 8:45 am to 2:45 pm**

## Making Connections for Brain Healing & Health

This conference will be recorded. To not appear on video, keep your camera off. If you don't wish to be heard in the recording, ask questions in the Zoom chat. You will be "muted" upon entering the conference. To speak, unmute yourself by clicking on the microphone icon in the lower left corner of your screen. If you are on the phone, unmute and mute yourself by pressing two keys: the \* (star) key and then the 6 key (e.g. \* 6).

**Option 1 – Main Room 8:00 – 8:45 am**  
*Get Comfortable with Zoom Features for a Successful Day at the Conference!* Michael Riblett, UNM Center for Development and Disability & Margot Feldvebel, LCSW

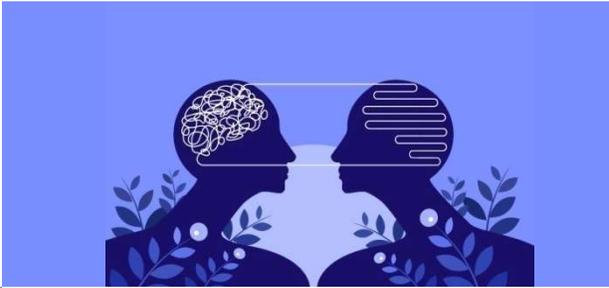
**Option 2 – Breakout Room 8:05 – 8:40 am**  
*Yoga as Therapy*  
 Betsy Toensmeier, BUS, Certified *Love Your Brain* Yoga Teacher and Yoga Facilitator

### Main Room - Conference Opens

8:45 – 8:55 am	<i>Welcome:</i> Margot Feldvebel, LCSW, President, Brain Injury Alliance of New Mexico
8:55 – 9:05 am	<i>Keynote: My Journey of Social Reintegration,</i> Christopher Love, CESP
9:05 – 9:15 am	<i>Sponsor: Introduction to the Center for Brain Recovery and Repair at UNM</i> Video by Jessica Richardson, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Professor of Speech and Hearing Sciences
9:15 – 10:00 am	<i>Past, Present, and Future: Navigating the Journey to High Quality, Equitable Brain Injury Care in New Mexico.</i> W. Austin Davis, MD, Brain Injury Medicine
10:00 – 10:15 am	<b>Break</b>

### Concurrent Morning Sessions: Stay in the main room or choose to enter the Breakout Room.

10:15 am – 11:00 am	<b>Track 1 – Main Room</b> <i>Trouble Shooting Chronic Brain Injury Symptoms</i> Katie Pierce, PT, DPT	<b>Track 2 – Breakout Room</b> <i>Return to Work and Driving after Brain Injury.</i> Christopher Love, Certified Employment Support Professional (CESP) and Jennifer Saavedra, MA of NM DVR
11:00 – 11:15 am	<b>Break</b>	
11:15 am – Noon	<b>Track 1 – Main Room</b> <i>Body Wisdom: A personal source of hope, healing, and inspiration after a brain injury.</i> Joanne Rossi, MA, LPCC	<b>Track 2 – Breakout Room</b> <i>Trouble Shooting Chronic Brain Injury Symptoms – Bring Your Questions &amp; Get Answers</i> Katie Pierce, PT, DPT; Mark Pedrotty, Ph.D.
12:00 to 12:45	Lunch on your own. We encourage nourishment and rest!	



**BIANM Annual Conference**  
**This year on Zoom**  
**Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022**  
**8:00 am to 2:45 pm**

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Brain benefits of being at home: Take care of yourself in whatever way you need to today. Close your eyes, take a break, turn off your camera for privacy. Take a nap if you need to, and come back when you feel rested.

**Concurrent Afternoon Sessions: Select your choice when Tracks are announced**

12:45 – 1: 30 pm	<b>Track 1 – Main Room</b> <i>Managing “Hitting the Cognitive Wall”: When stress is high and you can’t think</i> Mark Pedrotty, Ph.D.	<b>Track 2 – Breakout Room</b> Experiences of Caregivers/Care Partners of Persons with Brain Injury Honey Hubbard, Ph.D., CCC-SLP
1:30 – 1:45 pm	<b>Break</b>	
1:45 – 2:30 pm	<b>Track 1 – Main Room</b> <i>Keeping Your Brain Healthy after Brain Injury</i> Barbara Koltuska-Haskin, Ph.D.	<b>Track 2 – Breakout Room</b> <i>Screening for Brain Injury Using the “HELPS Brain Injury Screening Tool”</i> Margot Feldvebel, LCSW
2:30 – 2:45 pm	<b>Closing Collaboration</b>	

**Thank you for attending the Annual Conference of the Brain Injury Alliance of New Mexico!**  
**We are Grateful for our Sponsors!**



**Meet our Presenters on the Next Pages**

W. Austin Davis, MD:  
Doctor of Medicine

Austin Davis, MD, is a physical medicine and rehabilitation physician and assistant professor at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine with subspecialty training in brain injury medicine. He received his medical degree from Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and completed his post-graduate residency training at the University of Pittsburgh where he remained for his brain injury medicine fellowship.

Dr. Davis' clinical and research interests are focused on access to care and support for underserved patients and families living with acquired brain injury. While Dr. Davis continues to build his clinical and research expertise, he understands that real progress is a community endeavor. He looks forward to continuing to build relationships with and learn from the people of Albuquerque and greater New Mexico as we work alongside each other to expand access to high quality, equitable brain injury care across the state.

Margot Feldvebel,  
LCSW: Licensed  
Clinical Social Worker

Margot Feldvebel is a second career social worker whose own family was touched by traumatic brain injury three times. Margot is in private practice treating adults with brain injury in New Mexico. She has served on the board of the Brain Injury Alliance of New Mexico since 2017 and presents a monthly resource group and hosts training sessions for behavioral health professionals.

Honey Hubbard, Ph.D.,  
CCC-SLP: Doctor of  
Speech and Hearing  
Sciences; Certificate of  
Clinical Competence in  
Speech Therapy

Dr. Honey Hubbard is a speech-language pathologist with over 12 years of experience working with adults with acquired brain injury or dementia. Honey completed her bachelor's degree at the University of Tennessee, her master's at the University of Texas of Dallas, and her Ph.D. at the University of South Carolina. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of California San Francisco focusing on the assessment and treatment of primary progressive aphasia and a second postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Alberta focusing on aging with acquired brain injury. Her primary research interests include aphasia treatment, measuring post-treatment outcomes, and age-related hearing loss and cognitive decline. She is currently a research SLP at the University of New Mexico in the Brain Scouts Lab, directed by Dr. Jessica Richardson. In her free time, Honey enjoys learning to play the ukulele and going on hikes with her dog, Beans.

Barbara Koltuska-Haskin, Ph.D.: Doctor of Clinical Neuropsychology

Dr. Koltuska-Haskin was born and raised in Warsaw, Poland. In 1989, she was awarded the AAUW (American Association of University Women) International Fellowship given to one out of thirty international applicants. She spent her fellowship year at UCLA's postdoctoral training program in neuropsychology. She later received her US citizenship as an "alien of exceptional abilities" on the basis of her educational, research in neuropsychology, and clinical achievements. After her fellowship, she worked for many years as a neuropsychologist at the New Mexico State Hospital in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Because she was the only neuropsychologist for the entire San Miguel and Mora Counties area, she was exposed to many types and stages of brain trauma, chronic mental illness, and addiction. It was challenging work and a meaningful experience. She continued working for the state of New Mexico in Albuquerque, and was later a clinical director for a local nonprofit organization. Since 2003, she has been working full-time in her private practice, providing comprehensive and compassionate care for her New Mexico patients.

She loves New Mexico for its sunshine, beautiful nature, and hospitality of the people. She always feels that she is "New Mexican in her heart." She loves walking New Mexico's trails, and the climate of the high desert cultivates her passion for organic gardening.

Christopher Love, CESP: Certified Employment Support Professional

Christopher Love experienced TBI from an automobile accident in February of 2014 and has achieved significant rehabilitation in the years since injury. Christopher works for Mandy's Farm. He has been a Job Coach, Job Developer, Program Coordinator for the Community Integrated Employment Department, and is now the Community Navigation Coordinator. He is a Certified Employment Support Professional and he is passionate about helping individuals return to work after brain injury. In his free time he enjoys carpentry.

Mark Pedrotty, Ph.D.: Doctor of Clinical Rehabilitation Psychology

Dr. Pedrotty received his PhD from Loyola University of Chicago and completed his internship at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio. After several years working as a child clinical psychologist in San Antonio he retrained as a pediatric rehabilitation psychologist at Carrie Tingley Hospital in Albuquerque, NM. He is now professor emeritus in Pediatrics after retiring on Sept. 30, 2022 from the division of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at UNM-HSC. For 24 years he worked at Carrie Tingley Hospital-UNM, providing inpatient and outpatient clinical services and teaching at the medical school and conferences. He participated in the TBI clinic and the Pediatric Concussion Clinic at CTH. He also founded several clinics

at CTH to expand care for children with disabilities. In response to limited services for people living with brain injuries and co-occurring conditions he developed the integrative cognitive rehabilitation psychotherapy and has been the program director of the Integrative Cognitive Rehabilitation Psychotherapy™ ECHO yearlong seminar since its inception in 2017. He founded the ICRP™ Institute with Tiffanie Sim-Wong, Ph.D. through which providers will be trained in this model. He is also now in private practice in Albuquerque. He founded the Domestic Violence Brain Injury Care Network of NM and is thus involved in educating health professionals in providing appropriate care for survivors of intimate partner violence who have suffered a brain injury. He has been a member of the Brain Injury Alliance of New Mexico for over 20 years and has served on the Board of Directors in several capacities. He currently serves as past president.

Katie Pierce, PT, DPT:  
Physical Therapist,  
Doctor of Physical  
Therapy

Katie is a physical therapist practicing at Banner Physical Therapy in Flagstaff, AZ. She has special interest and training in the areas of neurological and vestibular rehabilitation. Katie was a school teacher before earning her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at Northern Arizona University in 2011. Now she combines her passion for teaching and health care to empower individuals to improve their quality of life through rehabilitation. She has experience with the Compassionate (Nonviolent) Communication model, which informs both her in-clinic interactions with patients and her educational presentations for other professionals. She has served as a Board Member of the Brain Injury Alliance of Arizona for five years. Katie likes cooking, camping, and playing outside with her wonderful husband, Dave, and their dog, Star. She loves to laugh, and her email address starts with “Katie spreads joy.”

Joanne Rossi, MA,  
LPCC: Master of Arts,  
Licensed Professional  
Clinical Counselor

Joanne Rossi is a licensed professional clinical counselor. She was trained in psychodynamic therapy and somatic (mind/body) psychotherapies. She is a Continuing Education Provider for therapists and counselors, and has served as Adjunct Faculty at Antioch University, CA. For over a decade she was an educator for the National Holistic Nurses Association teaching MindBody healing methods. Joanne has a deep respect for diverse cultural and spiritual beliefs and recognizes the importance of culture and spirituality in working with individuals and families. She remains an “in-the-trenches” trauma specialist and works with patients with a history of traumatic brain injury as well as a wider clientele.

Jennifer Saavedra, MA:  
Master of Arts in  
Rehabilitation  
Counseling

Jennifer Saavedra, is the Program Manager for the Albuquerque Quail office of the New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, known as DVR, and the Gallup DVR office. She has a Master of Arts degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from New Mexico Highlands University and she is a Certified Employment Support Professional (CESP). She has been with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) for over 5 years. She started as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor in 2017 and was later promoted to Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor-Supervisor and for the past year she's had the pleasure of working as a Program Manager for DVR. She has a passion to assist individuals with disabilities in returning to the workplace and finding a sense of purpose, value and inclusivity in the community.

Betsy Toensmeier,  
BUS: Bachelor of  
University Studies

Betsy is a brain injury survivor of over 30 years. She holds a Bachelor of University Studies degree from the University of New Mexico and New Mexico Public Education Department Licensure as a substitute teacher. She has been certified as a Yoga Teacher, a Yoga Facilitator, and a Mindfulness/Meditation Facilitator by the Love Your Brain Yoga Foundation.