



Title: Understanding Chronic Communication Disorders after Brain Injury and Disease

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Bio: Jessica D. Richardson, Ph.D., CCC-SLP is an Associate Professor in the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences at the University of New Mexico. She is the director of the Neuroscience of Rehabilitation Laboratory and serves as the outreach director for the Center for Brain Recovery and Repair. The desire to serve persons with brain injury and disease, and their family and friends, fuels all of her academic endeavors - research, teaching, and service. Her clinical research focus is on communication disorders following acquired brain injury or disease in adults and the development of more sensitive assessments and more powerful treatment approaches (including brain stimulation as an enhancer) that lead to improvements in life participation. She completed her B.S. at the University of Georgia in 2001 and her M.S. at the University of Arizona in 2003, after which she became a speech-language pathologist (SLP). She continued to work as an SLP while she completed her Ph.D. at the University of Georgia (2009). She completed a postdoctoral fellowship (2011) focusing on communication neuroscience, specifically focusing on neuroimaging and brain stimulation, at the University of South Carolina. She was recognized in 2020 as an Aphasia Distinguished Scholar by The Tavistock Trust. She also conducts state- and federally-funded research, and most recently (May 2021) was awarded a 5-year grant from the NIH to study the effects of adjunctive brain stimulation in persons with chronic stroke-induced aphasia. Her publications can be found here: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/myncbi/12WPcJZAUeOAR/bibliography/public/>