

Voices: Past and Present: “Paths Toward Recovery” from Stuttering

Judith Kuster (moderator), featuring - Mark Allen, Kristin Chmela, Kevin Eldridge, Joseph Klein, Scott Palasik, Gary Rentschler, David Shapiro, and Dale Williams



The continuing of a project spanning SEVEN decades

The beginning

- In 1957 Joseph Sheehan gathered a panel of people who stutter together for the ASHA convention in Cleveland, Ohio.
- Fred Murray ran into Sheehan in the hall and asked if he was recording the panel. Sheehan said “No, but if you can arrange it, go ahead.”
- Murray scrambled and with \$100 of his own money, found a person to record it!





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From the 1957 Panel discussion on "recovery" ASHA Convention - Cincinnati, Ohio

We are fortunate to have this panel presentation available. Fred Murray tells the story of running into Joseph Sheehan, who was facilitating the panel, in the hall at the convention, wondering if the panel was going to be audio taped. Sheehan responded that there were no plans to do that, but if Murray could arrange it, that would be all right. Murray, out of his own pocket, found someone to record it for \$100, which at that time was a considerable sum. Thanks to Fred's quick thinking and generosity, this classic has been preserved.

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**1957 - Wendell Johnson responding to
“should a psychologist or a psychiatrist
be a necessary part in the therapy
process with a person who stutters?”**



From the 1968 Panel discussion on "recovery" ASHA Convention, Denver, Colorado



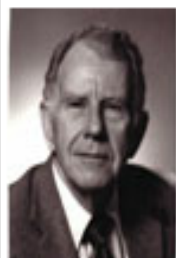
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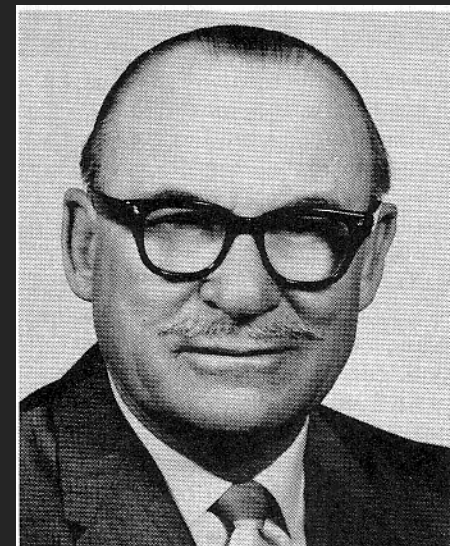


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**This panel included a
"consumer"**

1968 - Lee Edward Travis raises concerns about the direction he sees the field going in relation to stuttering after the 50's and 60's - "Are we hearing that the stutterer can't tell us anything at all about his own stuttering? . . . Is this why we are now enjoying a kind of therapy that minimizes feelings, motives, relationship issues and emphasizes acts? treating human beings mechanicalistically. Are we losing sight of the person?"



Twenty years after these panels began, Fred Murray was included on the panel

From the 1977 Panel discussion on "recovery" ASHA Convention



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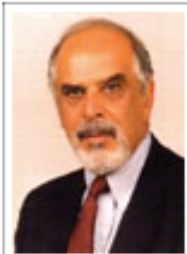


**1977 - Michael Tebb
talked about “Getting
to know the person”
and the “importance of
counseling.”**



No “recovery” panel in the '80's

From the 1984 Panel tribute in memory of Joseph Sheehan ASHA Convention



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The voices of women who stutter were added 1996 and 2003

From the 1996 Panel discussion on "recovery" ASHA Convention, Seattle, Washington

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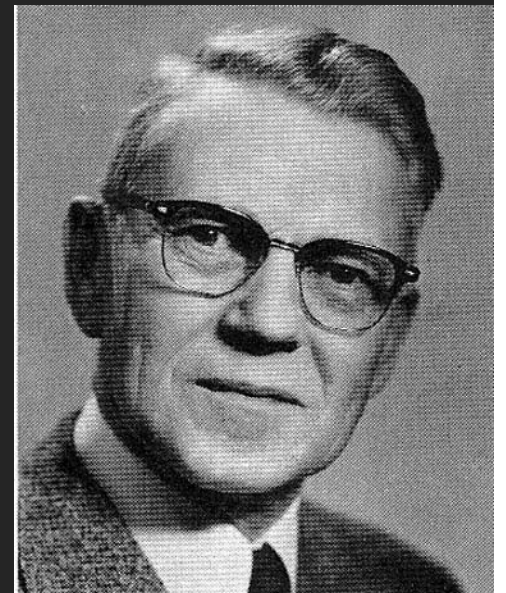


**Additional treasures on the
Voices: Past and Present website**

From the 1959 Symposium on Stuttering sponsored by the University of Wisconsin, Madison

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|  | <p>Carl Rogers - Read more about Carl Rogers here Essential Conditions for Change (35 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🔊 Listen with Real Audio (3.9 M) 🔊 Listen with Windows Media Player (7.7M) 🔊 Listen with Quick Time or Real Audio (19M) <p style="text-align: center;">Questions and Answers - Carl Rogers</p> <p>added January 31, 2004</p> |  | <p>Carl Rogers - Read more about Carl Rogers here What is the process of counseling and therapy? (7 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🔊 Listen with Real Audio (1M) 🔊 Listen with Windows Media Player (2M) 🔊 Listen with Quick Time or Real Audio (4.9M) <p style="text-align: center;">Questions and Answers - Carl Rogers</p> <p>added February 16, 2004</p> |
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|  | <p>Charles Van Riper - Read more about Charles Van Riper here Concepts of Group Therapy (35 minutes) - Part of a lecture at the UW-Madison symposium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🔊 Listen with Real Audio (4.2MB) 🔊 Listen with Windows Media Player (8.3MB) 🔊 Listen with Quick Time or Real Audio (29.9MB) <p>Added May 5, 2004.</p> |  | <p>Jon Eisenson - The Case for the Physical Cause of Stuttering (18 minutes) - Part of a lecture at the UW-Madison symposium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🔊 Listen with Real Audio (2.2MB) 🔊 Listen with Windows Media Player (4.3MB) 🔊 Listen with Quick Time or Real Audio (10.8MB) <p>Added May 4, 2004.</p> |
|  | <p>Joseph Sheehan - Read more about Joseph Sheehan here Stuttering as a Conflict of Status and Role (27 minutes) - Part of a lecture at the Symposium on Stuttering, UW-Madison, 1959</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🔊 Listen with Real Audio (3.4MB) 🔊 Listen with Windows Media Player (6.6MB) 🔊 Listen with Quick Time or Real Audio (16.8MB) <p>Added May 6, 2004</p> |  | <p>Oliver Bloodstein - The Nature of Stuttering (25 minutes) - Part of a lecture entitled "An Anticipatory Struggle Concept of Stuttering."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🔊 Listen with Real Audio (3.0MB) 🔊 Listen with Windows Media Player (5.9MB) 🔊 Listen with Quick Time or Real Audio (15MB) <p>Added May 3, 2004 with permission of Oliver Bloodstein.</p> |
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I was surprised to learn from Bryng Bryngelson about another study in England that was similar to a controversial study done in Iowa in 1939, this time with adult non-stutterers, trying to make them stutterers by changing their handedness.



Various Presentations about the Nature of Stuttering

The audio clips below are of people talking about their ideas at the time of the presentation about the nature of stuttering. **Important disclaimer:** The speeches are provided here for their historical significance, and reflect various views. The individuals were explaining their ideas at one point in time and may or may not reflect what they believed later. It is important that information from these clips not be taken as specific treatment suggestions for individuals who stutter. Determination of treatment for stuttering is best done in face-to-face coordination with a certified Speech-Language Pathologist. Two of the tapes by Van Riper (in this section and one in the section below) presented special challenges. The tapes were defective, but when played backwards, they were fine, apparently bleeding through the other side of the tape. The sound editor suggested by Bob Quesal, (Sound Studio) allows you to reverse the sound, making a backwards copy. So the tapes were digitized backwards, and the editor reversed them into pretty good quality recordings. The tapes were part of a series called "Lectures in Speech Pathology and Audiology" and were copyrighted by Luther F. Sies, Ed.D, of the Fine Arts Recording Company, Inc. An internet search found Dr. Sies in Arizona and he gladly consented to allowing the tapes to be placed online.



Charles Van Riper - 1962, Causes, Nature and Development of Stuttering refers to the famous Birch Tree
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Fred Murray - 1963 presentation to a Stuttering Methods class in Denver, CO
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Various Treatment Philosophies Explained/Demonstrated



Charles Van Riper - Presentation for Stutterers
 "I am a member of the clan of the Tar
 November 20, 1966
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The audio clips below are of people talking about or demonstrating various treatment programs. **Important disclaimer:** The speeches are provided here for their historical significance, and reflect different views of stuttering treatment. The individuals were explaining their ideas at one point in time and may or may not reflect what they believed later. It is important that information from these clips not be taken as specific treatment suggestions for individuals who stutter. Determination of treatment for stuttering is best done in face-to-face coordination with a certified Speech-Language Pathologist.



Donald Mowrer - 1975
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Stories about the Benny Bogue Institute from two who went there in search of a "cure."

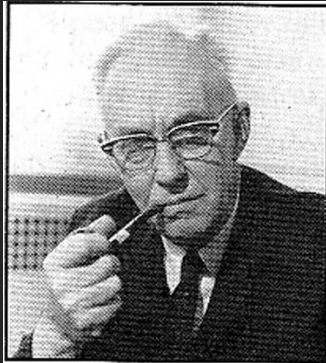
"I swore an oath to a birch tree" CVR

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- **Appreciating our roots**



- ◎ “. . . If we are to know where we are, we should know where we were.” (1982)



- ◎ “If we are to know where we are going, we should know where we began.” (1982)

Uses - Voices: Past and Present

- ⦿ Appreciating our roots
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Charles Van Riper was born in Champion, Mich., December 1, 1905. He earned a B.A., Univ. Michigan, Master's Degree at the University of Michigan, specializing in Olde English Literature and Elizabethan Ballads; and Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Michigan. He was a Member, Amer. Speech and Hearing Assoc. (Fellow, 1933; Associate Editor, 1939; Councilor, 1950-52). In 1936 he established one of the nation's first speech clinics at Western Michigan in Kalamazoo, which he directed until 1967 when he was appointed Distinguished University Professor, a position he held until his retirement in 1976. He died September 25, 1994.



Joseph Green Sheehan was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He "overcame a severe stuttering problem." He was an educator, clinical psychologist, and author. He established the first speech clinic at Los Angeles in 1949 and directed it until the time of his death in Santa Monica, California. (Contemporary Authors, volume III, p. 439)

[Conversation between CVR and JGS](#) - recorded November 20, 1966, and shared by Lee Reeves.



About the presenter: Bob Quesal, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, is a professor at Western Illinois University where he serves as Program Director. He is the associate coordinator of the Steering Committee for ASHA's Special Interest Division 4 (Fluency and Fluency Disorders) and is a member of the National Stuttering Association's Research Committee. He is recognized as a fluency specialist by the Specialty Board in Fluency Disorders. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa in 1984 and was Dean Williams's penultimate doctoral student.



About the presenter: Dean Williams was a widely-known, highly regarded master clinician, teacher, and researcher in the area of stuttering. He was born and raised in Iowa City, Iowa, receiving his Bachelor's degree at the University of Iowa, his Master's degree at Florida State University, and his Ph.D. at the University of Iowa. After working several years at Indiana University, Dean returned to the University of Iowa in the 1950's where he worked as a professor until his retirement in 1987. Williams was a Fellow of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association from which he had also received its highest award, Honors of the Association. Dean Williams died on July 31, 1994, in Iowa City, Iowa. (extracted from *In Remembrance of Dean E. Williams* by Edward G. Conture, Ph.D. - <http://www.mnsu.edu/dept/comdis/kuster/pioneers/williams/williams.html>)

You can post [Questions/comments](#) about the following paper to Robert Quesal before October 22, 2003.

Lessons from our mentors

by Robert Quesal (and Dean Williams)
from Illinois, USA



About the presenter: Anders Lundberg writes, "I'm 56, and have been stuttering the last 53 years, now to a comfortable degree. Working as a clinical psychologist, specializing in stuttering, for 28 years, and have been combining an SLP-education with a psychologist's. Concentrating on the clinical settings and encounters now after also being active in organizations in stuttering and speech pathology; former lecturer at the University of Goteborg, former president of the Swedish Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics (SFFL), former president of the Scandinavian Co-operation Council of Logopedics and Phoniatrics (NSLF) and former member of the Fluency Committee of the International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics (IALP)."



About the presenter: Charles Van Riper was born in Champion, Mich., December 1, 1905. He earned a B.A., Univ. Michigan, Master's Degree at the University of Michigan, specializing in Olde English Literature and Elizabethan Ballads; and Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Iowa. He was a Member, Amer. Speech and Hearing Assoc. (Fellow, 1933; Associate Editor, 1939; Councilor, 1950-52). In 1936 he established one of the nation's first speech clinics at Western Michigan in Kalamazoo, which he directed until 1967 when he was appointed Distinguished University Professor, a position he held until his retirement in 1976. He died September 25, 1994.

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Significance

by Anders Lundberg (and Charles Van Riper)
from Sweden

Thomas Alexander's poem "The Cure" from the 1968 ASHA convention in Denver, Colorado



About the presenter: Tom Alexander, P. E. is a Registered Engineer in the State of California and is employed by Los Angeles County Public Works Dept as an Assistant Director. He resides with Marian, his wife of forty years, in Carson California, and they have three married children also living in the vicinity. He is also an Ordained Minister and involved in pastoral work in the Carson area. Tom finds that both his vocation and his avocation provide him with a wide range of speaking opportunities that are both challenging and rewarding. Tom comments.. "The skills I've acquired over the years, since the sixties when I wrote 'The Cure', have enabled me to navigate successfully through the sometimes less than tranquil seas of verbal communication. I appreciate the challenges, and am always glad to share my experiences with anyone involved in the field of stuttering."

You can post [Questions/comments](#) about the following paper to Tom Alexander before October 22, 2003.

The Cure! - Four Decades Later

from California, USA

An audio version of a short speech I made at an ASHA Convention in Denver, Colorado, in 1968 is part of this presentation. I will also include below some of what I presented in 1968, and comment on my perspective now, 40 years later, so if you have a slow connection to the Internet, listening to the audio file is not mandatory.

It has been a rewarding experience to look back over several decades of my being in, or mostly around, stuttering therapy and to think again of the implications of the quest for



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Correspondence with Rod Gabel, Ph.D about a research project

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Introducing my students to the authors of some of the various texts I've used over the years



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**The project continues in 2011,
featuring eight of our colleagues
who will share their “stories”**