

Little Mountain Residential Care & Housing Society Board Member Biography

Jeff Small

An Associate Professor in the School of Audiology and Speech Sciences at the University of British Columbia, Dr. Small received his Ph.D. in applied psycholinguistics from the University of Southern California. He then held postdoctoral fellowships in geriatric psycholinguistics at the University of Kansas and at Simon Fraser University.

Dr. Small's research has focused on how caregivers' use of language influences the quality of their interactions with persons who have dementia. In collaboration with Dr. JoAnn Perry (UBC School of Nursing), he recently developed an intervention program that provides caregivers with training on how to communicate more effectively with persons who have dementia.

Dr. Small's academic background in communication, aging, and dementia care is relevant to many issues affecting quality of care in long-term care settings.