

Acquired Brain Injury and the Family: A Biopsychosocial Perspective - Panelists

Mojie Crigler, MFA, is a writer and editor. Her memoir, *Get Me Through Tomorrow* (University of Nebraska Press, 2015), recounts her brother Jason's recovery from a devastating brain hemorrhage. She is also co-author of *Under the Big Tree: Extraordinary Stories from the Movement to End Neglected Tropical Diseases* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2019) by Ellen Agler with a foreword by Bill Gates.

Janice Fender is the mother of a young woman who was a recruited collegiate soccer player and then suffered a severe traumatic brain injury six years ago at age 21. Her daughter has progressed from four weeks in a coma to working as a teacher and attending graduate school. Janice now works as a program director for Reach, Inc., supporting people with disabilities in more independent living. She and her daughter run support groups for families affected by brain injury.

Carolyn Roy-Bornstein, MD is a pediatrician whose teenage son suffered a traumatic brain injury at the hands of a drunk driver. Her 2012 memoir *Crash: A Mother, a Son, and the Journey from Grief to Gratitude* is about that experience. Her work has also appeared in *The Boston Globe*, *The New York Times*, and many other places.

Reva Tankle, Ph.D. has experienced the impact of brain-injury as both a professional and a family member. She is a clinical neuropsychologist who has worked with adults with brain injury in inpatient and community-based settings. She was a consultant for the Statewide Head Injury program and is currently a consultant for the Advocates, Inc. Brain Injury Waiver program. On a personal level, Dr. Tankle's sister was diagnosed with an acquired brain injury in 2010 and required care in a nursing home. Thanks to the ABI waiver program, she was able to move into the community and live in a more home-like setting.