

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017

BREAKOUT SESSION SIX: 11:00 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.

**HISTORY MATTERS: ON THE ROAD TO THE ADA |
CENTENNIAL HALL C/D**

WORKSHOP MODERATOR: Victoria Lewis, PhD, University of Redlands, Professor

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS:

Elizabeth Bell-Haynes, Freelance Director and Educational Advocate

Ann Fox, Professor

Kim Hudson, Social Worker and Patient Advocate

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John Turner, Writer, Actor, Musician

Sara Wolf, PhD, Lecturer, Disability Studies

SYNOPSIS: Rather than focus on the spectacle of the signing of the ADA by then-President George H.W. Bush, this workshop focuses on a key congressional hearing two years before that ceremony to emphasize that history is an ongoing process that involves many people. Participants will engage in ensemble exercises before taking on the words of the legislators and witnesses who testified at the revolutionary hearing of September 27, 1988. Open to all conference attendees, the workshop will include the participation of veterans of the disability rights movement. Participants will gain a greater sense of the disabled community as a distinct minoritarian constituency and as agents of political change. Based on a workshop and staged reading of the script at UCLA in 2015 by disability studies students and community veterans, the workshop provides educators with a model of how performance and experiential learning can translate disability history into undergraduate curriculum.