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**CREDENTIALS**

1984-Present      **SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY CERTIFICATE OF CLINICAL COMPETENCE**  
**AMERICAN SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING ASSOCIATION**

1984-Present      **CALIFORNIA STATE LICENSE IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY**

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

2009-Present      **PROGRAM DIRECTOR & SUPERVISOR**  
Aphasia Treatment Program  
CSUEB, Dept. of Communicative Sciences and Disorders  
Speech and Hearing Clinic

2008-2009      **CLINICAL SUPERVISOR**  
CSUEB, Dept. of Communicative Sciences and Disorders  
Speech and Hearing Clinic

2008-Present      **SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST**  
Private Practice Specializing in Aphasia Treatment

1996-2007      **SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST**  
Aphasia Center of California, Oakland, CA.

1992-1996      **SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST**  
Easter Seal Society of the Bay Area, Oakland, CA.

1984-1990      **RESEARCH SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST**  
Veterans Administration Medical Center, Martinez, CA

1983-1984      **SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY LEVEL II TRAINEESHIP**  
Veterans Administration Medical Center, Martinez, CA

1982-1983      **TEACHING ASSISTANT-SPEECH AND HEARING SCIENCES**  
University of California, Santa Barbara, CA.

1982      **SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST SUMMER EXTERN**  
Santa Barbara Memorial Hospital, Santa Barbara, CA.

1982      **SEVERE LANGUAGE DELAY CLASSROOM STUDENT TEACHER**  
El Rancho Elementary School, Goleta, CA

**EDUCATION**

- 1984 M.A. COMMUNICATION DISORDERS  
University of California, Santa Barbara
- 1981 B.A. SPEECH AND HEARING  
University of California, Santa Barbara

**MEMBERSHIPS & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:**

- ASHA Topic Chair, Adult Language Disorders, 2018 Convention  
On-Track, Mt. Diablo School District Brain Injury Recovery Program, Advisory Council Member, 2017-present  
Aphasiology Reviewer, 2015, 2017  
Aphasia Access Leadership Summit Conference Program Committee member, 2017  
Aphasia Access Education and Research Committee member 2015-present  
Aphasia Access Committee Chair for the Aphasia Podcast working group  
California Speech Language Hearing Association—general member  
American Speech Language Hearing Association—general member  
ASHA Division 2, Neurophysiology and Neurogenic Speech and Language Disorders—Professional Development Committee 2014-present  
American Speech Language Hearing Association, A Adult Language Disorders Topic Area Chair for 2018 Convention,  
American Speech Language Hearing Association, Adult Language Disorders Topic Area Convention committee member, 2014-15  
National Aphasia Association—State Representative  
Senior Health Research Transfer Network: Community of Practice--Communicative Access and Aphasia—general member  
Medical Speech-Language Pathology Council of California—general member

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2016-Present Staff Mentor for Center for Student Research: Lived Experience of Long Term Participation in an Aphasia Choir, qualitative research
- 2003-2004 Primary Clinician and Materials Developer: A Life Participation Book Club for Individuals with Aphasia. R.J. Elman, Principal Investigator. Langeloth Foundation Grant.
- 1994-1995 Primary Clinician: The Effectiveness of Group Communication Treatment for Clients with Aphasia. R. J. Elman, Principal Investigator. National Easter Seal Society Research Program Grant.
- 1984-1990 Primary Clinician: Rehabilitation of Adult Neurogenic Communication Disorders in Remote Settings. R.T. Wertz, Principal Investigator. Veterans Administration HSR&D Grant.

**MASTER'S THESIS**

A Comparison of Picture Confrontation Naming Behavior between Traumatically Brain Injured and Left Hemisphere Stroke Patients

**PUBLICATIONS**

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Bernstein-Ellis, E., Maher, A., (June, 2017) Aphasia Spotlight: Aphasia Treatment Program at Cal State East Bay. Posted to Lingraphica Blog at [https://blog.aphasia.com/cal\\_state\\_east\\_bay](https://blog.aphasia.com/cal_state_east_bay)

Bernstein-Ellis, E., Glista, S., Goldblum, G., Patterson, J.P. & Pollens, R. (January 18, 2012 and November 23, 2011). Using the Internet safely – Parts I and II. Posted to Aphasia CornerBlog at <http://aphasiacorner.com/blog/computer-tips/using-the-internet-safely-part-1-1440>.

Bernstein-Ellis, E. (2008) A Full Basket of Caregivers' Communication Resources. *Stroke Connection*, March/April, 20-21.

Bernstein-Ellis, E. & Elman, R. (2007). The Aphasia Center of California: Reflections on a decade of conversations. *CSHA Magazine*, 37 (2), 12-14.

Bernstein-Ellis, E. & Elman, R. (2007). Group communication treatment for individuals with communication treatment for individuals with aphasia: The Aphasia Center of California approach. In R. Elman (Ed.) *Group treatment of neurogenic communication disorders: The expert clinician's approach*. Second Edition. San Diego: Plural Publishing.

Bernstein-Ellis, E. & Elman, R. (2006). The Book Connection: A life participation book club for individuals with acquired reading impairment, Manual. Oakland, CA: Aphasia Center of California. Available at: [www.aphasiacenter.org](http://www.aphasiacenter.org)

Elman, R. & Bernstein-Ellis, E. (2006). Aphasia book clubs: Making the connection. *Stroke Connection*, May/June, 32-33.

Elman, R.J. and Bernstein-Ellis, E. (1999). Psychosocial aspects of group communication treatment: Preliminary findings. *Seminars in Speech and Language*, 20 (1), 65-72.

Elman, R.J. and Bernstein-Ellis, E. (1999). The efficacy of group communication treatment in adults with chronic aphasia. *Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Research*, 42 (2).

Bernstein-Ellis, E. and Elman, R. J. (1998) Aphasia Group Communication Treatment: The Aphasia Center of California approach. In R.J. Elman (ed), *Group Treatment of Neurogenic Communication Disorders*. Boston, MA: Butterworth and Heinemann, 47-56.

Elman, R.J. and Bernstein-Ellis, E. (1996). Effectiveness of Group Communication Treatment for Individuals with Chronic Aphasia. *Asha*, 38, 52 (Abstract).

Elman, R.J. and Bernstein-Ellis, E. (1995). What is functional? *American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology*, 4, 113-115.

Elman, R.J., Beeson, P.M., Bernstein-Ellis, E., Garrett, K., Holland, A., and Marshall, R., (1995). Aphasia groups: Who, what, where, when, why? *Asha*, 37, 60 (Abstract)

Bernstein-Ellis, E. (1994) Snap, flash, spark: Some reflections on the evolution of the photo event journal. In S. Marcus (Ed.), *Anthology of 1,000 words: A teacher researcher instant photography project*. (pp.9-13). Teacher-Researcher Instant Photography Project. National Writing Project/Polaroid Education Program Alliance, SCWriP, Graduate School of Education, University of California, Santa Barbara.

Wertz, R.T., Dronkers, N.F., Bernstein-Ellis, E., Sterling, L.K., Shubitowski, Y., Elman, R.J., Shenault, G.K. Knight, R.T., and Deal, J.L. (1992). Potential of telephonic and television technology for appraising and diagnosing neurogenic communication disorders in remote settings. *Aphasiology*, 6, 195-202.

Wertz, R.T., Bernstein-Ellis, E., and Roberts, J. A. (1988) A case of conduction aphasia or aphasia and apraxia of speech. In Helm-Estabrooks, N. and Aten, J. (Eds.) *Difficult Diagnosis in Adult Communication Disorders*. (pp. 135-145) Boston: Little, Brown and Co.

Bernstein-Ellis, E., Wertz, R.T., Shubitowski, Y. (1987). More Pace, Less Fillers: A verbal strategy for a high-level aphasic patient. *Clinical Aphasiology*, 17, 12-22.

Wertz, R.T., Dronkers, N.F., Bernstein-Ellis, E., Sterling, L.K., Shubitowski, Y., Elman, R.J., Shenault, G.K., Knight, R.T., and Deal, J.L. (1987). Appraisal and diagnosis of neurogenic communication disorders in remote settings. *Clinical Aphasiology*, 17, 117-123.

Bernstein-Ellis, E., Wertz, R.T., Dronkers, N.F., and Milton, S.B. (1985) PICA performance by traumatically brain injured and left hemisphere CVA patients. *Clinical Aphasiology*, 15, 97-106.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

(\*Invited)

Cano Fox and Bernstein-Ellis, E. (2017) *Aphasia Tones Choir: Lessons Learned from Eight Years of Singing, Advocacy & Performing Together*. Presented at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Conference, Los Angeles, California

Elman, Mahendra, Bernstein-Ellis, E., Sperling, D. (2017) *Public Speaking & Aphasia: The 360-Degree Impact of a Young Stroke Survivor & Citizen Expert*. Presented at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Conference, Los Angeles, California

Rome, A. Gottschalk-Jacobson, C. Bernstein-Ellis, E. (2017) *Safe & Sound: Creating an Aphasia-Friendly Personal Safety Training*. Presented at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Conference, Los Angeles, California

\* Bernstein-Ellis, E., Hagge, D., Silverman, M. (2017). *Managing the Tension between innovation and sustainability*. Invited key note panel speakers at the 2017 Aphasia Access Leadership Summit, Orlando, Florida.

Rome, A., Gottschalk-Jacobson, C., Bernstein-Ellis, E., Boykins, S. (2017) *Safety in Knowledge: Personal Safety Training for People with Aphasia*. Presented at Aphasia Access Leadership Summit, Orlando, Florida.

Gottschalk-Jacobson, C., Rome, A., Bernstein-Ellis, E., Boykins, S. (2017) *Safety in Knowledge: Personal Safety Training for People with Aphasia*. Poster at CSHA Conference, Los Angeles, California.

\*Bernstein-Ellis, E. (October, 2016) *How to Become a Skilled Communication Partner for People with Aphasia*. Invited speaker at Golden Gate National Recreation Area Disability Awareness Ranger Training Workshop, San Francisco, California.

\*Bernstein-Ellis, E. (June, 2016) *Celebrate and Communicate*. Invited speaker to On Track Year-End Celebration, Mt. Diablo School District, Concord.

Bernstein-Ellis, E., Mahendra, N., Ramelb, M., Brown, B., Hamilton, P., Moon, T. (2015) *Aphasia Advocacy: Outreach on a University Campus*. Poster at CSHA Conference, Long Beach, California.

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Riley, C., Nishiki-Finley, E., and Bernstein-Ellis, E. (2015). *Perspective and Needs of Teens with a Parent with Aphasia*. Poster at CSHA Conference, Long Beach, California.

Bernstein-Ellis, E., Mahendra, N., Cherney, L., Dow-Richards, C., English Silverman, M., Shelley, K., (2015) *Hear Us Roar: Aphasia Advocacy and Awareness Across Different Stages and Settings*. Presented at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Conference, Denver, Colorado.

Bernstein-Ellis, E., Avent, J., Mahendra, N. (2014) *Increasing Communicative Access for Individuals with Aphasia at Yosemite National Park: Partnership, Advocacy, Change*. Presented at CSHA Conference, San Francisco, California.

Bernstein-Ellis, E., McCall, D., Holland, A., Dow-Richards, C., Glista, S., Gomory, A., Patterson, J., Szabo, G. (2013) *Aphasia, the Internet, & Social Media: Powerful Tools for Advocacy, Education, & Community Building*. Presented at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois.

Bernstein-Ellis, E. & Avent, J. (2013) *Increasing Communicative Access for Individuals with Aphasia at National Parks through Partnership and Inclusion*. Presented at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois.

Jones, B., Bernstein-Ellis, E., Rose, M., Mahendra, N. (2013) *Aphasia Choirs Go Global: An International Survey Comparing Structure, Goals, and Outcome Measures*. Poster presented at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois.

\*Bernstein-Ellis, E. (2013) *Aphasia and Communicative Access: Advocating and Raising Awareness*. Presentation at the American Heart Association & Aphasia Recovery Connection "Viva Las Vegas" Aphasia and Stroke Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Patterson, J.P., Mahendra, N. & Bernstein-Ellis, E. (2013) *State of the Art: Evidence-based treatment, assessment and research in aphasia and dementia*. Presentation to Professional Seminar co-sponsored by California State University, East Bay and Kaiser Permanente Northern California Rehabilitation Directors Professional Development Committee, Hayward, California.

\*Bernstein-Ellis, E. & Patterson, J. (2013) *Assessing technology and the arts for individuals with aphasia and cognitive-communication impairment: Caveats and creative approaches*. Presented at CSHA State Conference, Long Beach, California.

Patterson, J., Bernstein-Ellis, E., Norberg, L. (2012) *Aphasia treatment: Speech-Language Therapy and Neurologic Music Therapy in harmony*. Poster presented at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, Atlanta, Georgia.

Glista, S., Patterson, J., Pollens, R., Goldblum, G. & Bernstein-Ellis, E. (2012, May). *Cybersafety: Educating individuals with aphasia or cognitive-communication disorders*. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the Clinical Aphasiology Conference, Lake Tahoe, California.

Mahendra, N., & Bernstein-Ellis, E. (April 2012). *Promoting cognitive and communicative wellness among persons with dementia and aphasia*. 1<sup>st</sup> Conference on Healthy Aging in Multicultural Populations (CHAMP), San Jose, California.

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\*Bernstein-Ellis, E. & Patterson J. (2012). *Cybersafety: Clinical practice and individuals with cognitive-communication disorders*. Invited presentation to the San Francisco State University, National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association Research Conference, San Francisco, California.

Bernstein-Ellis, E., Lussier, M., Oren, S., Driscoll, J., Scofield, A., Sugimoto, S., Scarboro, C., Tom, K. (2011). *Aphasia Tones: Finding voice through song*. Presented at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Conference, Conference 2011, San Diego, California.

Bernstein-Ellis, E., Lussier, M., Oren, S., Scofield, A., Driscoll, J., Sugimoto, S., Scarboro, C., Tom, K., English, K. (2011). *Aphasia Tones: Finding voice through song*. Presented at the CSHA State Conference, Los Angeles, California.

Glista, Patterson, Pollens, Goldblum, Bernstein-Ellis (2010). *Cybersafety: Educating individuals with aphasia or cognitive-communication disorders*. Presented at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Conference, Conference 2010 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Elman, R. J., Bernstein-Ellis, E., Watt, S., Sobel, P., Giuffrida, E., Fink, R., De Stephan, R., Cherney, L., Boyle, M., and Babbitt, E. (November, 2005). *Reading for Pleasure: Aphasia Book Clubs and Quality of Life*. Presented to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, San Diego, California.

\*Elman, R.J., and Bernstein, Ellis, E. (April, 2005). *Impairment to Participation: Meeting the Needs of People with Aphasia*. Presented to the California Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, San Jose, California.

\*Elman, R. J., Bernstein-Ellis, E., Babbitt, E., Boyle, M., Cherney, L., Fink, R., Sobel, P., and Watt, S. (November, 2004). *A Life Participation Approach to Reading: Aphasia Book Clubs*. Invited presentation to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Bernstein-Ellis, E. (April, 2004). *Read Any Good Books Lately? A Life Participation Approach to Reading and Aphasia*. Invited workshop to the New Jersey Speech-Language Hearing Association Convention, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Bernstein-Ellis, E. & Elman, R. J. (November, 2003). *Creating Aphasia Book Clubs: The Rewards Outweigh the Challenges*. Presented to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, Chicago, Illinois.

\*Elman, R.J. and Bernstein-Ellis, E. *New directions in aphasia management: Clinic, family, and community programs*. Conferences in Learning sponsored by Speech/Language and Learning Services, Seattle, Washington, 1999.

\*Elman, R.J., Bernstein-Ellis, E. and Ewing, S. Practicing outside the box: A creative solution to healthcare changes. Presented to the ASHA Convention, San Antonio, Texas, 1998.

Elman, R.J., Bernstein-Ellis, E. and Ewing, S. Aphasia treatment groups: Enhancing Communication Skills and Psychosocial well-being. Presented to the ASHA Convention, San Antonio, Texas, 1998.

\*Elman, R.J. and Bernstein-Ellis, E. Aphasia treatment groups: Efficacious and cost-effective options for delivery of services. 21st Annual Summer Institute for the Management of Communicative Disorders at Utah State, Logan, Utah, 1998.

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- \*Elman, R.J. and Bernstein-Ellis, E. Regrouping in the 90's: Aphasia treatment groups meet the challenge. Presented to the Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, 1997.
- \*Bernstein-Ellis, E. Disability Sensitivity Training for Children: Understanding Alzheimer's Disease and Stroke. Workshop presented to Girl Scouts of America, Brownie Troop 3929, Walnut Creek CA, 1997.
- \*Elman, R.J. and Bernstein-Ellis, E. Aphasia Treatment Groups: An Innovative and Effective Option for Providing Care in the 90s. Presented to the Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, Arlington Park, Illinois, 1997.
- Elman, R.J. and Bernstein-Ellis, E. Effectiveness of Group Communication Treatment for Individuals with Chronic Aphasia. Presented to the ASHA Convention, Seattle, Washington, 1996
- Elman, R.J. and Bernstein-Ellis, E. Effectiveness of Group Communication for Individuals with Chronic Aphasia. Presented to the Seventh International Aphasia Rehabilitation Conference, Cambridge, Mass., 1996.
- Elman, R. J. and Bernstein-Ellis, E. Effectiveness of Group Communication Treatment for Individuals with Chronic Aphasia: Results on Communicative and Linguistic Measures. Presented to the Clinical Aphasiology Conference, Newport, Rhode Island, 1996.
- Elman, R.J., Beeson, P.M., Bernstein-Ellis, E., Garrett, K., Holland, A., and Marshall, R., (1995). Aphasia groups: Who, what, where, when, why? Presented to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, Orlando, Florida, 1995.
- \*Bernstein-Ellis, E. Communication Assessment of Traumatic Brain Injury: Philosophical Issues and Hands-on Experience. Lecture presented to Department of Communicative Disorders, Hayward State University, Hayward, CA., 1993.
- \*Bernstein-Ellis, E. A Day in the Life: A Speech Pathologist at Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center. Lecture presented to Department of Communicative Disorders, Hayward State University, Hayward, CA., 1993.
- \*Bernstein-Ellis, E. Child Speech and Language Development: Milestones, Measures, and Middle Ears. Lecture presented to ENT Medical Residents, Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, Oakland, CA., 1993.
- \*Bernstein-Ellis, E., Elman, R.J., and Jasiulek, R. Experiencing Adult Communication Disorders. Workshop presented to Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center, Oakland, CA., 1992.
- \*Bernstein-Ellis, E. The What, Why, and How of Speech Pathology. Lecture presented to Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center Stroke Support Group, Oakland, CA., 1992.
- \*Bernstein-Ellis, E. Qualitative and Quantitative Scoring of Clinical Data. Lecture presented to Department of Communicative Disorders, Hayward State University, Hayward, CA., 1992.
- Wertz, R.T., Dronkers, N.F., Bernstein-Ellis, E., Shubitowski, Y., Elman, R.J., Shenault, G.K., and Knight, R.T. Treating Patients Who Reside in Remote Settings. Presented to the ASHA Convention, Seattle, WA., 1990.
- Wertz, R.T., Dronkers, N.F., Bernstein-Ellis, E., Shubitowski, Y., Elman, R.J., Shenault, G.K., and Knight, R.T. Appraisal and Diagnosis of Neurogenic Communication Disorders In Remote Settings. Presented to the ASHA Convention, 1987.

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND HONORS**

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2017	APHASIA TREATMENT PROGRAM, PROGRAM OF THE YEAR California State Speech Language Hearing Association
2017	ACE CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATE American Speech, Language and Hearing Association
2014	DISTRICT 3 OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD California State Speech Language Hearing Association
2014	SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIGHER EDUCATION American Speech, Language and Hearing Association
1997	RICHARD LESSER LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM CANDIDATE Jewish Federation of the Greater East Bay
1986-1989	VETERANS ADMINISTRATION PERFORMANCE AWARD Veterans Administration Medical Center, Martinez, CA
1983	NSSLHA NOMINEE FOR OUTSTANDING TEACHING ASSISTANT University of California, Santa Barbara, CA.
1982	RAPHAEL COHEN-B'NAI BRITH ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP Santa Barbara Chapter of B'nai Brith, Santa Barbara CA.
1981	UNIVERSITY SERVICE AWARD University of California, Santa Barbara, CA.
1981	UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER University of California, Santa Barbara, CA.
1980-1981	DEAN'S COUNCIL MEMBER University of California, Santa Barbara, CA.
1980-1981	NSSLHA CO-PRESIDENT University of California, Santa Barbara, CA.
1980-1981	JOHN C. SNIDECOR AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE University of California, Santa Barbara, CA.
1977-1981	DEAN'S HONOR LIST MEMBER University of California, Santa Barbara