

25 Years of ATP: Janet Patterson

For several years I was part of ATP, supervising graduate students, participating in ATP activities, and engaging in research, and in that time, I watched ATP flourish into the well-established program I inherited from Dr. Avent. During my tenure as ATP Director the program grew by entering the world of social media. At that time social media had a much smaller footprint in the world than it does now. ATP members, clinicians and volunteers were leaders in joining aphasia and social media, creating opportunities for individuals with aphasia to access and use social media., many of which remain part of contemporary ATP. We established email communication groups within ATP as well as the ATP Facebook page (Aphasia and TBI Groups). Together with aphasia groups at Western Michigan University and the University of Pretoria, South Africa, we launched the first-ever Facebook conversation group created and managed