

Dr. Walter Wittich

Associate Professor at School of Optometry, University of Montreal

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Dr. Walter Wittich's expertise focuses on the rehabilitation of older adults with combined vision and hearing loss.

Biography

Dr. Wittich's research domains include basic sensory science, as well as medical, psychosocial, and rehabilitation approaches to sensory loss. Coming from a background in age-related vision loss, he now conducts research in dual sensory impairment and deaf-blindness. Specifically, he examines the use and usability of assistive technologies intended to improve quality of life and social participation of older adults with sensory impairment. Originally from Germany, Dr. Wittich pursued a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Psychology (Concordia U) and a PhD in Visual Neuroscience (McGill). He then completed a postdoctoral fellowship in audiology at the Centre de recherche of the Institut universitaire de gériatrie de Montréal. He became a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry in 2011 and in 2012 was certified by the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation & Education Professionals as Quebec's first Certified Low Vision Therapist (CLVT).

Areas of Expertise

Vision Rehabilitation, Visual Neuroscience, Optometry, Audiology, Dual Sensory Impairment, Assistive Technologies, Low Vision Aid Device Development

Affiliations

Associate Professor, School of Optometry, Université de Montréal, Resident Researcher, CRIR/Centre de réadaptation Lethbridge-Layton-Mackay du CIUSSS du Centre-Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal, Resident Researcher, CRIR/Institut Nazareth et Louis-Braille du CISSS de la Montérégie-Centre, Adjunct Professor, School of Physical and Occupational Therapy, McGill University, Affiliate Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Concordia University, Director, Vision Impairment & Rehabilitation Axis, Quebec Vision Health Research Network, Chair, Research Network, Deafblind International

Education

Institut universitaire de gériatrie de Montréal

Post-Doctoral Fellow

McGill University

Ph.D. Neuroscience

Concordia University

Master's Experimental Psychology

Accomplishments

10th Annual JT Award, Canadian Helen Keller Centre
2020

Envision Research Award, Envision Conference
2018

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