**Recommended Videos and Films**

**Here We Are World: A Conversation among Friends**

Produced by Douglas Biklen and Nicole DeClouette (2010)

Join FC users as their conversation twists and turns from expressions of their “intelligence magnified,” to creating a rock-and-roll band, and finally to the suggestion that Larry should run for President! This exchange between friends and “idols” displays the presenters’ competence, their engagement in politics, and the respect they have for one another. This documentary short was filmed at the leadership panel of the 2008 FC Symposium in Whittier, CA. Featured presenters are: Tyler Fihe, Jamie Burke, Larry Bissonnette, Sue Rubin, and Tracy Thresher. Visit the Institute on Communication and Inclusion (ICI) website or contact the ICI via email at icistaff@syr.edu for more information on purchasing this film.

**Autism is a World-CNN**


Produced by CNN Productions and State of the Art, Inc.

For 26 years, Sue Rubin has been on an extraordinary journey. Her unusual behavior led to a diagnosis of autism when she was four. She was believed to be retarded until age 13. But then a new communication technique, facilitated communication, gave Sue the ability to connect with the world. Now, she is a junior in college with a top IQ, a tireless disabled-rights activist, and an articulate guide into a complex disorder. The documentary film was nominated for an Academy Award.

**My Classic Life as an Artist: A Portrait of Larry Bissonnette**

Produced by Douglas Biklen and Zach Rosetti (2005)

Looking back on his years of living in a closed institution for people labeled mentally retarded, Vermont-based autistic artist Larry Bissonnette assesses this form of "apartheid" as "better for growing vegetables rather than people." This documentary is filled with Bissonnette's humorous yet poignant assessments of his life – growing up, his family, and creating art. Moving back and forth between speech, typing, and painting, Bissonnette's wit and insight punctuate a day in the life of this Outsider artist, and artfully illustrate the complexities of expression. Visit the Institute on Communication and Inclusion (ICI) website or contact the ICI via email at icistaff@syr.edu for more information on purchasing this film.
Kayla’s Voice: Empowering People with Autism


“‘Kayla’s Voice: Empowering people with autism’ invites non-speaking individuals and their families, professionals, educators, and support staff to witness how Facilitated Communication is transforming lives. The video is a 2010 Telly Award Winner in the category of Social Issues and Education. This video was produced by New Ground Publishing Company and has a running time of 31 minutes. Kayla will tell you herself in her keynote address, and you’ll hear about other FC users as they share the same profound message - that Facilitated Communication may be the key that helps some non-speaking people with autism be released from their prison of silence. Learn the definition of FC and understand how a facilitator helps a person with autism type to talk.” (www.amazon.com product description)

Inside the Edge: A Journey to Using Speech through Typing

Produced by Christi Kasa-Hendrickson, Alicia Broderick, and Douglas Biklen (2002)

This video documents a high school student’s emergence into speech: he can speak words as he types them and can read the texts he has written, and most recently is beginning to use longer sentences in spoken dialogue. The video includes clips of the student when he first learned to communicate through facilitation and shows his ability to now type without physical support. Jamie Burke, the subject of the video, wrote and speaks the entire narrative of the video. Visit the Institute on Communication and Inclusion (ICI) website or contact the ICI via email at icistaff@syr.edu for more information on purchasing this film.

Including Samuel

Produced and Directed by Dan Habib (2008)

“Dan Habib's documentary film Including Samuel examines the educational and social inclusion of youth with disabilities. The film is built on the efforts of Habib and his family to include Samuel, 8, in all facets of school and community. Including Samuel also features four other families with varied inclusion experiences, plus interviews with dozens of teachers, young people, parents and disability rights experts” (www.includingsamuel.com).

For more information and to view a trailer for this film, visit www.includingsamuel.com.
Educating Peter

Produced and Directed by Gerardine Wurtzburg (1992)

“In 1992, the Academy Award for best documentary short subject went to a film by producer/director Gerardine Wurzburg that followed a young boy with Down syndrome through third grade in a regular class in his Blacksburg, Va., elementary school. That documentary, Educating Peter, showed Peter, his classmates and his teacher struggling with the challenges posed by his disability. But it ended with both students and teacher testifying to their own growth as a result of Peter's inclusion in their class” (www.npr.org).

Regular Lives

Produced by State of the Art, Inc. (1998)

“Allowing people with disabilities into regular schools, jobs and the community is known as mainstreaming. This successful approach is demonstrated in "Regular Lives," narrated by Martin Sheen. The lives of children with disabilities are shared in activities with typical children playing and working together. The benefits to those with disabilities become immediately obvious. This program provides a model for parents, teachers, and communities interested in obstacles, strategies and goals of mainstreaming as a way to integrate people with disabilities into the ordinary routines of living” (www.kennesaw.edu).

Institute on Communication and Inclusion Videos

The Institute on Communication and Inclusion (ICI) (formerly known as the Facilitated Communication Institute) has produced a series of training videos related to the method. These films explore use of FC in different settings and with different age ranges. Visit the ICI website or contact the ICI via email at icistaff@syr.edu for more information on purchasing this video series.