

MON. 7/25 2:15PM — G3: ASSESSING ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY USABILITY AND ITS EFFECT ON THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

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Assistive technology holds the promise of bridging the digital divide for disabled law library patrons, but it cannot do so unless it performs well. How usable are specialized assistive technology products such as text-to-speech software, speech-to-text software, and eye tracking hardware? What technological obstacles impede increased assistive technology usability? Is it expensive to make non-specialized consumer goods and services (e.g., e-book readers) more usable? Does lack of knowledge explain why so few websites voluntarily follow accessibility guidelines? What changes to the law might make assistive technology more usable? Presenters will combine human interest stories with technological expertise and technology demonstrations to identify challenges and discuss possible solutions to bridging the digital divide for disabled law library patrons in academia or law firms.

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