

## Virginia A. Jacko - Publications and Professional Presentations

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

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- Jacko, Virginia A., MS, Isabel Chica, MS, Sandra Lewis, EdD and Rebecca Shearer, PhD, "Innovative Inclusion Program for Early Learners Offered by the Miami Lighthouse Learning Center for Children™," *Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness*, March-April 2021, Volume 115, Number 2
- Jacko, Virginia A., MS, Carol Brady-Simmons, COMS, Nihusa Dias, MPA, Raquel Van Der Biest, OTR/L, CLVT, Alma Abdel-Moty, DrOT, MS, OTR/L, and Lynne Richard, PhD, OT/L, "Bringing Low Vision Assessments and Interventions to Underserved Seniors Affected by Age-Related Eye Disease," *British Journal of Visual Impairment*, December 2019, Volume 38, Number 1, pp. 15-23
- Jacko, Virginia A., Jin Ho Choi, Audrey Carballo, Brian Charlson and J. Elton Moore, "A New Synthesis of Sound and Tactile Music Code Instruction: Implementation Issues of a Pilot Online Braille Music Curriculum," *Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness*, March-April 2015, pp. 153-157
- Jacko, Virginia A., Roxann Mayros, Carol Brady-Simmons, Isabel Chica, and J. Elton Moore, "Blind Babies Play Program: A Model for Affordable, Sustainable Early Childhood Literacy Intervention through Play and Socialization," *Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness*, May-June 2013, pp. 238-242
- Jacko, Virginia A., Alan P. Levitt, Steven E. Marcus and Alfred A. Rosenbloom, "The Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program," *Optometry: Journal of the American Optometric Association*, Volume 83, Issue 1, January 2012, pages 43-46
- Jacko, Virginia, Harold Cobo, Antonio Cobo, Rachele Fleming, and J. Elton Moore, "Mainstream Employment for Visually Impaired Individuals in Music Production: Development of a Model Training Program," *Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness*, pp. 519-521, September, 2010
- Jacko, Virginia, Amy McKenzie and Tatiana Palma, "Intervention through Art for Adults Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired," *Journal of the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired*, Volume 2, Number 1, Winter 2009, pp. 9-11

### Book Chapters and Books

- Jacko, Virginia A., "Psychological and Cognitive Adjustment to Vision Loss," chapter in *Anophthalmia: The Experts Guide to Medical and Surgical Management*, edited by Thomas E. Johnson, M.D., Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, Springer International Publishing AG, Cham, December, 2019
- Jacko, Virginia, and Doug Eadie, *The Blind Visionary*, Governance Edge, LLC, 2010, with a foreword by José Feliciano. *The Blind Visionary* was named one of four finalists in the Motivational Category of the 2010 Next Generation Indie Book Awards
- Potter, H.C. and Jacko, V. A., "Money Therapy Through Financial Counseling", *The Psychotherapy Handbook*, ed., Herink, R., Meridian Press, 1980, pp 388-391

## **Web Accessibility and Distance Learning**

Jacko, Virginia, "Publix Scores High for Online Accessibility," interview, 17 June 2020, available at [progressivegrocer.com/publix-scores-high-online-accessibility](https://progressivegrocer.com/publix-scores-high-online-accessibility)

Jacko, Virginia A., "Visually Impaired Adapt to Distance Learning," *Miami Herald*, Letter to the Editor, March 29, 2020

Jacko, Virginia A., "Accessible Websites Make Good Legal and Business Sense," *Association of Corporate Counsels of South Florida Newsletter*, June, 2017, p. 9

Jacko, Virginia A., "Give Visually Impaired Better Internet Access," *Miami Herald*, Letter to the Editor, September 13, 2016

Jacko, Virginia, "Don't Leave Blind Students Out," *Miami Herald*, Reader's Forum, July 23, 2011

Jacko, Virginia, "Let's Give the Blind Better Access to Online Learning," *Chronicle of Higher Education*, May 8, 2011

## **Board Governance**

Jacko, Virginia and Eadie, Doug, "Building a Rock-Solid Partnership with Your Board," www.snpo.org Webinar, June 10, 2009

Eadie, Doug, "Building a Rock-Solid Board/CEO Partnership: Talking with CEO Virginia Jacko," *Nonprofit World*, May/June 2009

Jacko, Virginia, William Roy, William, and Doug Eadie, "Leading and Managing Governance Change," *Nonprofit World*, May/June 2008

Jacko, Virginia A., "I think of myself as a CEO who happens to be blind," Miami Lighthouse CEO honored globally, *Miami Herald*, December 11, 2019

## **Other Articles**

Jacko, Virginia A., "Get your child's eyes checked for impairments," *Miami Herald*, Open Mic, September, 8, 2021 Jacko, Virginia A., "Finally, Common Sense About Service Dogs," *The Wall Street Journal*, Opinion, February 25, 2021 Jacko, Virginia A., "Miami Lighthouse Owes Helen Keller," *Miami Herald*, Open Mic, June 24, 2020 Jacko, Virginia A., "Bird Box Challenge' is foolish, dangerous." *Miami Herald*, January 6, 2019

Jacko, Virginia A., "Brake for Florida's White Cane Traffic Law," *Miami Herald*, Letter to the Editor, March 13, 2018

Jacko, Virginia A. and Alberto Carvalho, Superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, "We're giving Visually Impaired Students Lessons to Succeed," *Miami Herald*, Letter to the Editor, May 2, 2017

Jacko, Virginia, interview: "Out of the Dark," in the Reinvention section of the *Saturday Evening Post*, September/October 2012, p. 24 Jacko, Virginia, "Lighthouse Students Excel," *Miami Herald*, Letter to the Editor, June 4, 2012 Jacko, Virginia, letter to the editor about the importance of Braille literacy, *Optometry: Journal of the American Optometric Association*, December 2011, p. 723 Jacko, Virginia, interview: The Blind Visionary, *Ability Magazine*, October/November 2011, pp. 22-25 Jacko, Virginia, "Bogus 'service animals' hurt the real thing," *Miami Herald*, Letter to the Editor, March 5, 2011

## **Presentations and Participation in Professional Meetings**

- Jacko, Virginia, panel participant, "Living Well with Low Vision" webinar, Prevent Blindness, 2022
- Jacko, Virginia, President and CEO of the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind, a Leading National Advocate for Accessibility and Authentic Inclusion, AccessAbility Works Podcast: Episode 018, 2022
- Jacko, Virginia, Educating All Learners Alliance Podcast, "Achieving ADA Compliance on a National Level," 2021
- Jacko, Virginia, Panelist on Accessible Websites and Distance Learning for the Visually Impaired, 2020 VisionServe Alliance Annual Leadership Meeting
- Jacko, Virginia, Presentation to the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce regarding website accessibility for businesses, 2019
- Jacko, Virginia, Ann Keil Dux, Mario Artecona and Gail Nelson, panel discussion on Corporate Social Responsibility, December 9, 2019
- Jacko, Virginia, William Rivera, Robert S. Fine, Esq., AIA, Daniel F. Benavides, Esq., and Jorge Hernandez, Website Accessibility Seminar, cosponsored by Miami Lighthouse, Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Greater Miami and the Beaches Hotel Association, August 8, 2018
- Jacko, Virginia, "Innovative Education and Training Provided to Miami-Dade County schoolchildren by Miami Lighthouse for the Blind," State of Florida Board of Education invited guest speaker, 2016
- Jacko, Virginia, MS, Alma Abdel-Moty, DrOT, MS, OTR/L, and Kinsuk Maitra, Ph.D., OTR/L "A Community and Academic Research Partnership: Serving Individuals with Vision Impairments," presentation at the annual Florida Occupational Therapy Association meeting, November 3, 2012
- Jacko, Virginia, Alma Abdel-Moty, Dr. OT, MS, OTR/L, Hector Huerta, and Tara Riley, Short Course: "A Community and Academic Partnership: Serving Individuals with Vision Impairments," presentation at the Florida Occupational Therapy Association Conference, November 2-3, 2012, Tampa, FL
- Jacko, Virginia, Harold Cobo and Omar Banegas, "Miami Lighthouse Music Production Program: A Live Demonstration of Composing, Recording and Arranging Music by the Blind and Visually Impaired," paper presented at The Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired International Conference 2010, July 20-25, Little Rock, Arkansas
- Jacko, Virginia, John Clapp, Carol-Brady-Simmons, and Hilda Flores, "Orientation and Mobility Internships at Miami Lighthouse: Building a Bridge from the University to the Practice of the Profession," paper presented at the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired regional conference, Cleveland, Ohio, November 13-15, 2009
- Jacko, Virginia, Harold Cobo, Antonio Cobo, Gail Shivel, Brenda Williamson and Rachelle Fleming, "Miami Lighthouse Music Program: Creating Independence through Musical Collaboration," paper presented at the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired regional conference in Cleveland, Ohio, November 13-15, 2009

## **Virginia A. Jacko - Highlights and Awards**

- 2023 Invited Keynote Speaker, Purdue Women's Conference, June 8, 2023
- 2021 Featured in *New York Magazine's* The Cut, "When the Job Finds You, Take It: After Losing Her Eyesight, Virginia Jacko Sought Rehabilitation at Miami Lighthouse. Now She's the CEO," December 14, 2021
- 2021 Quoted in "Mastercard Introduces Accessible Card Design for Blind Users," *Wall Street Journal*, October 26
- 2021 Featured in *Purdue University News*, "Purdue College of Health and Human Sciences alumna Virginia Jacko exemplifies blindness isn't a barrier," September 30
- 2020 *PRWeek* national media Award for Best in the Nonprofit Category
- 2019 Henry Viscardi Distinguished International Achievement Award that recognizes extraordinary leaders with disabilities

2019 South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Hispanic Women's Society Network Advocacy Award  
2019 Dr. Ramiro Collazo Outstanding Service Award, Miami Cuban Lions Club  
2018 Plaza Health Network Foundation Women of Distinction and Caring  
2018 Harvard Business School Executive Education Program "Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management" Certificate of Completion  
2018 Lions International 2018 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary President's Leadership Award  
2017 Dr. George L. Spelios 2017 Florida Leadership Award, The Able Trust  
2017 *South Florida Business and Wealth* Apogee Award Miami CEO of the Year  
2017 *Miami Herald Indulge*, November 2017 "Miami Movers" Visionary Leader  
2017 American Cancer Society Inner Circle of 12 Honoree  
2017 Miami Lighthouse recognized by *Miami New Times* as "Best of Miami" 2017 Charity.  
2017 Comcast Newsmaker of the Week Interview  
2016 Lions Clubs International Foundation Melvin Jones Fellowship Award for dedication to Humanitarian Services  
2016 Miami Lighthouse Early Intervention Blind Babies Program named Children's Program of the Year by The Children's Trust  
2016 Division of Blind Services 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, "Successful 75" Award" in recognition of accomplishments as former DBS vision rehabilitation client at Miami Lighthouse  
2016 Fifty Shades of Pink Women's Breast Health Initiative, Miami Women Who Rock Award Recipient  
2016 *South Florida Business Journal* Influential Business Women  
2016 Miami Lighthouse recipient of Silver Medal in *Miami Today's* Gold Medal Awards  
2015 Miami Lighthouse recognized as an organization, whose work is distinguished by leadership, innovation and achievement in community health in Florida at the Florida Blue Foundation's Sapphire Awards luncheon  
2015 Beacon Council Award in the education service category  
2014 Molina Health Care Community Champion Award  
2014 AXA Advisors Businesswoman of the Year, Public Service/Non-Profit Professional category  
2013 One of ten distinguished alums honored by Purdue University as an "Old Master"  
2013 Most Valuable Non-Profit Award, Switchboard of Miami  
2013 Special Recognition Award for Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program from Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Dade Counseling Association & Division of Student Services.  
2013 Featured in Spotlight on Excellence, "Lighthouse Slogan: It's possible to see without sight™," *Miami Today*, Week of Thursday, July 11, 2013  
2013 Junior League of Miami "Women Who Make a Difference" Honoree  
2012 Claude Pepper Memorial Award: Thelma Gibson Community Service Award  
2012 Florida Women of Achievement Honoree  
2012 Named Distinguished Alumni by the College of Health and Human Sciences and the HHS Alumni Association, Purdue University  
2012 Featured in "Best of Committed Nonprofit Leaders Achieve Tangible Results," Best of Miami Section, *Miami Today*, week of Thursday, May 31, 2012  
2011 Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program selected as winner of the *South Florida Business Journal's* Excellence in Healthcare Award in the community outreach and service to the poor and uninsured category  
2011 Comcast Newsmaker of the Week Interview  
2010 Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Business Diamond Award  
2009 Finalist, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Health Care Heroes Award in the category of Community, Government and Organizational Collaborations  
2009 Women of Leadership Award, South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
2008 Health Foundation of South Florida Concern Award  
2008 AXA Advisory Business Woman of the Year, Public Service/Non-Profit category  
2008 Quiet Storm Achiever Award, Women's Power Caucus, Not-for-Profit category  
2007 *South Florida Business Journal* Woman of the Year in the Non-Profit Leader Category  
2007 Comcast Newsmaker of the Week interview  
2006 American Red Cross Sarah Hopkins Woodruff Spectrum Award  
2006 Horizon Award, Southeast Florida Library Information Network (SEFLN)  
2005 Apollo Award Recipient, "In recognition of extraordinary commitment and devotion to Guiding Eyes for the Blind and guide dog users everywhere," Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Inc., Yorktown Heights, NY  
2005 Featured Newsmaker, *Miami Today*, September 8, 2005  
2005 Metro & State feature, *Miami Herald*: "Lighthouse for Blind Gets Sightless Chief," April 4, 2005

## **Virginia A. Jacko -Professional and Community Organizations**

Educating All Learners Alliance (an initiative of the National Center for Learning Disabilities)

The Miami Foundation Community Advisory Council

Miami-Dade County Health Equity Special Needs Advisory Committee

Henry Viscardi International Achievement Award Selection Committee 2020, 2021 (during which time the committee was co-chaired by former Senator Robert Dole) and 2022 Charity Navigator Nonprofit Advisor Florida Council on Aging

VisionServe Alliance Ex officio Trustee of the American Printing House for the Blind (APH); APH Legislative Advocate for Federal

Funding of Classroom Materials