

Speaker Biography



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Professor of Communication and Social Interaction in the Division of Psychology and Language Sciences, University College London, and Vice Dean of Education, Faculty of Brain Sciences, University College London.

Steven has been a speech and language therapist for over 30 years with a special interest in end-of-life communication, professional-patient interaction and conversation analysis.

His research, teaching and clinical practice are motivated by two basic questions:

- 1) What does a 'good conversation' look like? and
- 2) When it's not good, what can we do about it?

Based at University College London as Professor of Communication and Social Interaction, his academic career has included an NIHR Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Editorship of the International Journal of Language and Communication Disorders, over 50 publications on the theme of conversation and neurological disease, and a rather unhealthy number of presentations across the world.

He was a member of the NICE Clinical Guidelines Group for MND (NG42) and is currently Programme Director of UCL's speech and language therapy clinical training programme, and Vice Dean Education in UCL's Faculty of Brain Sciences. His latest book: *Better Conversations with communication difficulties: A practical guide for clinicians*, co-edited with Dr Suzanne Beeke, is due out soon.

