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**Marjorie Nicholas, PhD, CCC-SLP**, is the associate chair of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the MGH Institute of Health Professions in Boston. Prior to joining the faculty at the institute, she worked for more than 15 years as a speech-language pathologist and research associate at the Boston VA Medical Center, where she received training in aphasia assessment and treatment under the mentorship of Harold Goodglass, Martin Albert, and Nancy Helm-Estabrooks. She has coauthored numerous research articles on aphasia, language in normal aging, and dementia. Nicholas is also coauthor of various assessment and treatment

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