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## Public Lecture:

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## **Diagnosing dementia analogically and digitally**

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Conscious, “subjective” experiences, “self-awareness,” “agency,” “theory of mind” are concepts constitutive of human cognitive and emotional reasoning. All health providers recognize the initial necessity of clinical analogical elicitation procedures then immediately seek digital outcomes generated by standardized questions and digital measures. The “analogical,” “digital” distinction often suggests a pejorative, unnecessary “divide.” The lecture suggest ways to integrate this perceived “divide.” Healthcare delivery invariably occurs within socially organized settings called “bureaucracies.” Bureaucratic activities assure rule-governed behavior, and aggregated, digital information following normative constraints necessary for uniform health care data. Initial, “subjective” aspects of dementia emerge within informal, locally situated, daily life settings like family social exchanges, contacts with friends or acquaintances, colleagues at work, and real-life performances in public places. The lecture will explore the analogical-digital “divide” using a detailed examination of a neurological Fellow’s interview history of a patient with aphasia, and an audio recorded interview between the same patient and an Attending (Board Certified) neurologist. I review issues associated with neuropsychological testing and recent research seeking measures of early onset subjective patient and/or family complains often linked to a diagnosis of dementia.