



**WAISMAN CENTER**  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

12<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Waisman Center Day with the Experts: Autism

Learn about the latest advances in autism research and services and hear from a panel of experts—individuals with autism and family members.

**Saturday, January 23, 2016 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

*(Complimentary coffee & bagels at 8:30 a.m.)*

**9:00-9:15 a.m.**

**Welcome and Introduction to the Waisman Center**

Albee Messing, VMD, PhD, Professor of Neuropathology and Waisman Center Director

**9:15-9:45 a.m.**

**Behavioral Concerns in Children and Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder**

Alyssa Walsh, PhD, Psychology Postdoctoral Fellow, Waisman Autism and Developmental Disabilities Clinic  
Children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) can experience a variety of co-occurring behavioral concerns. In order to promote positive behavior and inform best treatments and interventions, it is important to consider factors contributing to challenging behavior. This presentation will discuss the assessment of behavioral concerns in children and adolescents with ASD, how to link assessment to treatment and provide an overview of behavioral intervention strategies that aim to increase positive behaviors while reducing challenging behavior.

**9:45-10:15 a.m.**

**Factors Associated with Outcomes and Quality of Life in Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder**

Lauren Bishop-Fitzpatrick, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow

The growing population of individuals with autism spectrum disorder over the age of 18 has spurred increased interest in characterizing outcomes and quality of life for this population. This talk will present new research findings that classify outcomes and quality of life in adults with autism spectrum disorder. In addition, correlates of good outcomes and positive quality of life will be discussed.

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**10:30-11:00 a.m.**

**Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC): Supporting a Spectrum of Communication Needs and Skill Development**

Julie Gamradt, MS, CCC-SLP, Director, Waisman Center Communication Aids and Systems Clinic

AAC is not a “one size fits all” approach for individuals that have autism and the selected system must support the full spectrum of communication needs and purposes. This presentation will highlight current AAC options, including iPad-based applications (apps) and devices that are eligible for insurance funding. The feature-matching approach will be presented as a strategy to match the individual to the system that best supports current needs as well as lay the groundwork for language development over time.

**11:00-11:30 a.m.**

**Question and answer session with a panel of clinicians**

**11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. PANEL DISCUSSION**—A panel of experts that includes individuals with ASD and family members.

**Please register at [waisman.wisc.edu/events-experts-autism16.htm](http://waisman.wisc.edu/events-experts-autism16.htm)**

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**EVERYONE WELCOME**

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