

ACT's 12th Annual Focus on Research Conference

Autism & Family Quality of Life

Developing Culturally Responsive Research and Intervention

Friday and Saturday, April 15 & 16, 2016

Simon Fraser University, Harbour Centre, 515 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

Growth in autism awareness over the last decade in the English-speaking world has greatly improved public understanding of the needs and abilities of all children with special needs, but many marginalized families are still not receiving adequate levels of support for their children.

This conference will provide a forum for researchers, clinicians, educators, parents and those who work for community organizations to address the realities facing marginalized families who have children affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and other developmental disabilities. These families include First Nations, refugees, immigrants; all those isolated by virtue of language, culture or by living in rural or remote areas.

Conference Goal:

The goal of this conference is to build relationships between researchers, community-based clinicians, community organizations and families to facilitate collaboration to better support under-served members of our communities. In particular, we are hoping to provide researchers with the important research questions that the community wishes to have answered, by incorporating panel discussions and other opportunities to share experiences, perspectives and information.

Who Should Attend?

Persons interested in improving access to resources for marginalized families affected by ASD and other developmental conditions, who want the opportunity to engage across disciplines. This includes staff working for immigrant and resettlement agencies, IDP consultants, clinicians, researchers, educators, social workers and family members.

For event details and online registration:

www.actcommunity.ca/12th-annual-focus-on-research

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Innovation and Collaboration: An agenda for change

A range of perspectives:

- › 11 presentations by 14 speakers: researchers, clinicians, educators, and parents
- › 2 panel discussions including 13 panelists:
 - *Supporting Marginalized Families from the Trenches - the Perspective of Parent-Professionals*
 - *Setting Research Priorities that Address the Needs of Marginalized Families*

Enhanced accessibility:

- › Live online streaming of *selected* presentations (registration required)
- › Multiple ways to engage with others

Topics include:

- › Supporting marginalized families using Positive Behavior Support
- › Using research to determine whether families should use two languages at home
- › Finding opportunities for culturally responsive research
- › Enhancing outcomes in working with Aboriginal families

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Roy Richard Grinker,
George Washington
University. Author of
Unstrange Minds.



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8:00 - 8:45	SFU Harbour Centre Concourse Registration - coffee served	<p>Register for live online streaming - Single Viewer \$100 - Group (3+ viewers) \$250 Register online, call us, or mail the form on the back side - deadline April 13th.</p>
8:45 - 9:00	Fletcher Challenge Theatre - Room 1900 Introductions	
9:00 - 10:30	Fletcher Challenge Theatre - Room 1900 Keynote Presentation: The Invention and Reinvention of Autism: Researching ASD Across Cultures Roy Richard Grinker, PhD, George Washington University Streaming Live	
10:30 - 11:00	Morning break - coffee served	
11:00 - 12:15	Fletcher Challenge Theatre - Room 1900 - Audience participation encouraged Panel Discussion: Supporting Marginalized Families from the Trenches - the Perspective of Parent-Professionals Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roy Richard Grinker, PhD - Christine Hung, ACT Information Officer - Bosang Lee, PhD, Executive Director of Here and Now Community Society - Sunita Braich, ASAAP Parent Facilitator; Integration Support Teacher, Surrey School District - Sawsan Salih, Volunteer translator for refugee families; Special Education Assistant - Betty-Ann Garreck, Coordinator, Autism Kamloops Streaming Live	
12:15 - 1:15	Lunch - Segal Rooms 1400-1430 A simple lunch is included in the cost of registration. There will be structured opportunities to engage with other attendees over lunch.	
1:15 - 2:15 Session 1	Fletcher Challenge Theatre - Room 1900 Parent Support for Linguistically and Culturally Diverse Communities - a Global Perspective Mayada Elsabbagh, PhD, McGill University Streaming Live	Segal Rooms 1400-1430 Families at the Centre: A Planning Framework for Public Systems in BC Elizabeth Hartney, PhD, R.Psych, BC Ministry of Health
2:15 - 3:30 Session 2	Fletcher Challenge Theatre - Room 1900 Family Quality of Life and ASD Funding in BC: Opportunities for Culturally Responsive Research Grace Iarocci, PhD, R.Psych, SFU Emily Gardiner, PhD, BCCH Streaming Live	Segal Rooms 1400-1430 From Parent to Parent: Reaching Out, Looking In - Whys, Hows and Value of Participating in Autism Research Connie Putterman

Streaming Live - Session will be streaming live online for registered viewers.

For full presentation descriptions and presenter biographies, visit the event details page:

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Register online or call (604)205-5467

*Schedule may change. Check online for news and updates.

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<p>9:00 - 10:15 Session 3</p>	<p><i>Fletcher Challenge Theatre - Room 1900</i> An Aboriginal Perspective on Supporting Children and Families with Special Needs Rona Sterling-Collins, MSW Streaming Live</p>	<p><i>Segal Rooms 1400-1430</i> Implementation of Culturally Responsive Positive Behavior Support with Chinese Families Chloe Wang, MA Goldean Lowe, MA, RCC, BCBA</p>
<p>10:15 - 10:45 Morning break - coffee served</p>		
<p>10:45 - 12:00 Session 4</p>	<p><i>Fletcher Challenge Theatre - Room 1900</i> Building a System of Culturally Sensitive Family Centred Positive Behavior Support Parbs Bains, MEd, BCBA & Noreen Dunn, MEd, BCBA Streaming Live</p>	<p><i>Segal Rooms 1400-1430</i> Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy: Adaptations Co-developed with Adults with ASD Georgina Robinson, PhD, POPARD</p>
<p>12:00 - 12:45 Lunch - Segal Rooms 1400-1430 A simple lunch is included in the cost of registration. There will be structured opportunities to engage with other attendees over lunch.</p>		
<p>12:45 - 2:00</p>	<p><i>Fletcher Challenge Theatre - Room 1900 - Audience participation encouraged</i> Panel Discussion: Setting Research Priorities that Address the Needs of Marginalized Families Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Karen Bopp, PhD, RSLP, Senior Behaviour Consultant, Ministry for Children and Family Development - Diana Elliott, Provincial Advisor for Aboriginal Infant Development Programs - Roy Richard Grinker, PhD - Grace Iarocci, PhD, RPsych, Professor, Simon Fraser University - Bonnie Johnson, PhD, RSLP, Salmon Arm - Georgina Robinson, PhD, Provincial Outreach Program for Autism and Related Disorders - Tamara Salih, MD, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, BC Children's Hospital Streaming Live</p>	
<p>2:00 - 3:00 Session 5</p>	<p><i>Fletcher Challenge Theatre - Room 1900</i> Bilingualism and Language Development in Children with Autism: One Language or Two? Pat Mirenda, PhD, BCBA Streaming Live</p>	<p><i>Segal Rooms 1400-1430</i> ASAAP: Connecting with South Asian Families of Children with Autism Preetinder Narang, MEd, BCBA</p>

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REGISTRATION FORM

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City:		Province/State:	Postal/Zip Code:
Email: (if you do not receive an email confirmation within a week, call ACT)		I wish to: <input type="checkbox"/> Receive periodic updates by post <input type="checkbox"/> Join ACT's confidential email list*	
Registration Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Professional (please specify): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Para-Professional (please specify): _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Full-time Student (please include copy of student ID) <input type="checkbox"/> Person with ASD or other Special Need <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Family Member of a person with ASD or Special Need	

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Payment

Payment Amount (total of "My Cost" amounts below): \$ _____ **Date registration submitted:** _____

Method of Payment: Cash Cheque MasterCard VISA *To use your AFB funds for event payment, please call our office.*

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In addition to registering online, you may also register by telephone using a credit card or fax to (604) 205-5345. Registrations are accepted only when accompanied by payment. Refunds for registration, less a \$25 handling charge, are available if ACT is informed in writing one week before the workshop date. Details of the cancellation policy are available at www.actcommunity.ca. Cheques that are not honoured will result in a loss of registration status. Bank charges incurred by ACT as a result of a NSF cheque are the responsibility of the registrant. Cheques or money orders should be made out to: ACT – Autism Community Training. Mail to: Suite 150, 2250 Boundary Road, Burnaby, B.C., Canada V5M 3Z3. If you have questions, email info@actcommunity.ca or telephone 604-205-5467, toll-free 1-866-939-5188.

Cost - lunch included

Many ACT events sell out – book early to ensure your spot!

Rates	Friday and Saturday		Single Day Only: Fri. <input type="checkbox"/> Sat. <input type="checkbox"/>		Web Streaming Registration deadline April 13th	
	Parents, Para-pros & Students	Professionals	Parents, Para-pros & Students	Professionals		
Early Bird Rate Until March 9	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$120	Web Streaming - Single Viewer	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
Regular Rate Until April 6	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> \$240	<input type="checkbox"/> \$135	<input type="checkbox"/> \$160	Web Streaming - Group (3 or more viewers)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250
Late Rate Starts April 7	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$275	<input type="checkbox"/> \$170	<input type="checkbox"/> \$190		

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Bursaries: Bursaries for low-income participants and/or those travelling from outside their home regions to an event are available for B.C. residents. Call ACT's office for more information or email info@actcommunity.ca with your request prior to registering. ACT provided \$24,000 in bursaries in 2015 and gratefully accepts donations to our bursary fund. See www.actcommunity.ca/bursaries.

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