

ACT's 12th Annual Focus on Research Conference

Friday and Saturday, April 15 & 16, 2016 – Simon Fraser University, Harbour Centre, 515 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

Autism & Family Quality of Life –

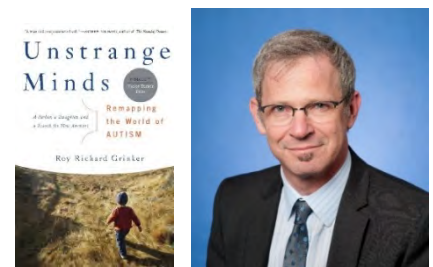
Developing Culturally Responsive Research and Intervention Programming

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, including Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Intellectual Disabilities. These families include First Nations, refugees, immigrants; all those isolated by virtue of language, culture or by living in rural or remote areas.

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. Despite this, when a family receives a diagnosis for their child, parents often experience a variety of feelings including disbelief, denial, shock, grief and depression. If parents speak English, they benefit from a range of information and supports. However, internationally there is a paucity of scientifically validated information on ASD in languages other than English or French. There is also a shortage of information that addresses the need for sensitivity in engaging with cultural communities. For example, First Nations communities in Canada are rarely addressed directly in autism research. Best practice in British Columbia and across Canada accepts that using a family-centred approach is essential to engaging families as partners in helping their children with social and communication disorders; marginalized families rarely benefit from this approach.

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.

Keynote speaker: Dr. Roy Richard Grinker, Professor of Anthropology, George Washington University; author of *Unstrange Minds – Remapping the World of Autism*.



Dr. Roy Richard Grinker

Speakers include:

- Parbs Bains, MEd, BCBA & Noreen Dunn, MEd, BCBA - *Building a System of Culturally Sensitive Family Centred Positive Behaviour Support*
- Mayada Elsabbagh, PhD - *Parent Support for Linguistically and Culturally Diverse Communities – a Global Perspective*
- Elizabeth Hartney, PhD, R.Psych - *Families at the Centre: A Planning Framework for Public Systems in B.C.*
- Grace Iarocci, PhD, R.Psych & Emily Gardiner, PhD - *Family Quality of Life and ASD Funding in B.C.: Opportunities for Culturally Responsive Research*
- Bosang Lee, PhD - *Realities of Marginalized Families: the Korean Community in Metro Vancouver*
- Pat Miranda, PhD - *Bilingualism and Language Development in Children with Autism: One Language or Two?*
- Preetinder Narang, MEd, BCBA - *ASAAP: Connecting with South Asian Families of Children with Autism*
- Connie Putterman - *From Parent to Parent: Reaching Out, Looking In - The Whys, Hows and Value of Participating in Autism Research*
- Georgina Robinson, PhD - *Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy: Adaptations Co-developed with Adults with ASD*
- Rona Sterling-Collins, MSW - *An Aboriginal Perspective on Supporting Children and Families with Special Needs*
- Chloe Wang, MA & Goldean Lowe, MA, RCC, BCBA - *Implementation of Culturally Responsive PBS with Chinese Families*

For event details: www.actcommunity.ca/12th-annual-focus-on-research/

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Focus on Research 2016



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Organization:		Work Phone:	
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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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Cost

Many of ACT's 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 (Friday Only)	
	Parents, Para-pros & Students	Professionals	Parents, Para-pros & Students	Professionals		
Early Bird Rate Until March 2	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$120	Web Streaming Rate Single	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75
Regular Rate Until April 6	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> \$240	<input type="checkbox"/> \$135	<input type="checkbox"/> \$160	Web Streaming Rate Group	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175
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 2014 and gratefully accepts donations to our bursary fund. See www.actcommunity.ca/bursaries.

Autism Funding: Parents who receive Autism Funding may use 20% of the total for equipment, books, training and travel costs. ACT's live events are considered eligible expenses by the Autism Funding Branch. www.actcommunity.ca/education/funding-invoice-option/

Group Registrations: Those who are not receiving other discounts may receive 20% off if three or more register with one payment. See www.actcommunity.ca/terms-conditions/ for details.

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