

# AUTISM & MENTAL HEALTH

Looking Beyond Autism

**APRIL 28 & 29, 2017** Vancouver, B.C.

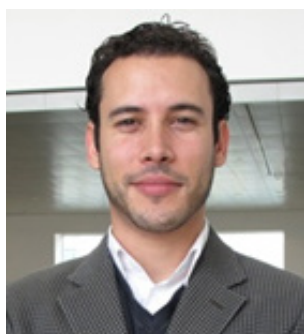
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## Keynote Speaker

Jonathan Weiss, PhD  
CIHR Chair in ASD Treatment  
and Care Research; Associate  
Professor, York University.



## Location

SFU Vancouver Campus,  
Harbour Centre  
515 West Hastings Street  
Vancouver, B.C.

## APPLICATION TO PRESENT

**(Deadline January 31, 2017)**

ACT's 13th Annual Focus on Research Conference will provide a forum for community professionals, researchers, and families to consider the complex realities facing individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and mental health conditions, including anxiety, depression and obsessive compulsive disorder. We are also interested in including presentations related to other neurological conditions.

We wish to elicit contributions from researchers, clinicians and policy specialists from across Canada with experience in the complex area of identifying and treating children and adults with ASD who also face mental health challenges.

Our goal is to build relationships between researchers, community-based clinicians, community organizations and families to facilitate the collaboration that is required 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 during the conference, as well as to listen to research findings that can help us consider the way forward.

Parts of this conference may be live streamed internationally. Registration will open January 27th, 2017.

## Purpose of the Conference

To promote research and practice that furthers the development of government funded mental health services that are responsive to the full range of needs of children and adults with ASD, and other neuro-developmental conditions.

### Topics we wish to include:

- » Addressing policy and practice that poses barriers to children and adults with ASD receiving government funded mental health services;
- » The additional barriers faced by those from culturally diverse and rural and remote families, including Aboriginal families, seeking mental health services;
- » How Canadian clinicians, educators and policy makers can better respond to these needs.
- » Practical presentations that target key concepts that community health professionals can use in their daily practice when offering services to children and adults with ASD and other neuro-developmental conditions.

### We invite applications from:

- » Researchers, academics and policy specialists from across Canada and beyond.
- » Community professionals including public and private diagnosticians, psychologists and physicians, educators, social workers, Infant Development Program consultants; Aboriginal Infant Development Program consultants; speech- language pathologists; occupational therapists and behavior consultants;
- » Presenters who are supporting individuals and families with ASD and/or other disabilities with diverse cultural backgrounds or in rural or remote settings.

If you are interested in speaking at the conference, please complete the application and email to [slai@actcommunity.ca](mailto:slai@actcommunity.ca). The application deadline is January 31st, 2017. See page 8 for submission details. Applicants will be notified by February 14, 2017.

### Membership of the Conference Committee:

Membership of the conference committee will be drawn from ACT's Online Mental Health and Autism Committee. See [www.actcommunity.ca/education/mentalhealth/committee](http://www.actcommunity.ca/education/mentalhealth/committee).

### Conference Details

[www.actcommunity.ca/events](http://www.actcommunity.ca/events)

#### When:

Friday and Saturday  
April 28 & 29, 2017

#### Where:

SFU Harbour Centre  
515 West Hastings Street  
Vancouver, British Columbia

Conference registration opens  
January 27, 2017.

# Speaker Application 2017

**APPLICATION DUE DATE: JANUARY 31, 2017**

*Acceptance notifications will be sent via email by February 14, 2017  
All invited presenters will be registered at no cost; ACT cannot cover travel costs*

## **Title of your presentation:**

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## **Presenter Bio & Photograph:**

Please prepare a brief (50 words or less) bio and photograph for each presenter as you would like it to appear on our website. Bio must be submitted as a Microsoft Word document.

## **Presentation Format:**

Checkmark all formats applicable to your talk

- Poster Session (Must be a traditional poster without technology!)
- PowerPoint Presentation
- Plan to show video
- Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

## **Abstract**

Please prepare a 150-word abstract of your presentation which will be included on our website as your session description if your talk is accepted. Must be submitted as a Microsoft Word document.

## **Prepare a description (500 words or less):**

Must be submitted as a Microsoft Word document.

- A. The basic concept(s) you are addressing.
- B. The age group and location (school, community, etc.) where the service is provided.
- C. If your presentation introduces the use of a treatment concept.
- D. How your presentation will be unique and advance the knowledge of attendees.
- E. If you collected data on your treatment concept, please present it in your discussion.

## Speaker information and primary contact for group of speakers:

Excerpts may be used in the conference brochure.

### Speaker 1:

Mailing Address	Business Name or Affiliation #1
City	Website #1
Province/State	Business Name or Affiliation #2
Postal/Zip Code	Website #2
Country	Primary Email*
Primary Telephone	Secondary Email
Secondary Telephone	Please indicate your focus. Check all that apply. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> ASD</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> ADHD</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> FASD</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Children</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Transition to Adult &amp; Young Adult (16-25)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Adults (26 and beyond)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Rural and Remote Communities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Culturally Diverse Communities</li> </ul>
Additional Telephone	
Job Title Profession/Credential	

***\*Best address to ensure you receive e-mailed information.***

## Name(s) of additional presenters and their contact information.

Please print information clearly.

### Speaker 2:

Mailing Address	Business Name or Affiliation #1
City	Website #1
Province/State	Business Name or Affiliation #2
Postal/Zip Code	Website #2
Country	Primary Email*
Primary Telephone	Secondary Email
Secondary Telephone	Please indicate your focus. Check all that apply. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> ASD</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> ADHD</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> FASD</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Children</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Transition to Adult &amp; Young Adult (16-25)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Adults (26 and beyond)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Rural and Remote Communities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Culturally Diverse Communities</li> </ul>
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**Include 2 or 3 new ideas that you will be presenting in your talk:**

1.

2.

3.

**Include 3 learning objectives for your presentation:**

1.

2.

3.

**Presentation technology and material description:**

Each presenter will be responsible for bringing their PowerPoint presentation, video and audio files on a USB stick to plug into our laptops. We use PC laptops; if your talk was developed on a Mac, please make sure it will stay formatted and play predictably on a PC computer. Presenters are also responsible for submitting a PowerPoint of their talk that will become available in handout form for attendees to download from our website.

If accepted to speak at our conference, we will provide detailed information related to creating handouts for this event. All handouts will be available to people viewing our website for download prior to and immediately following the conference. **The conference handouts/PowerPoint presentation submission deadline is April 10, 2017.** *Please be prepared to meet this deadline prior to submitting your application.*

**Use of client image or video:** If you are using any image/video of a client or clients, you are required to get a signed permission from the individual or their parents to use this personal information in your talk.

**Use of copyrighted information:** If using another's copyrighted material, you are required to give proper attribution to the creator of the work you are mentioning. Please also provide a reference to their work in your bibliography.

**Financial disclosure:** Does your presentation promote an idea, program or product from which you will gain financially or non-financially?

No

Yes – please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 31, 2017

You must submit all applications via email as follows:

Email [slai@actcommunity.ca](mailto:slai@actcommunity.ca)

Subject Line: 2017 Focus on Research Speaker Application (Your Last Name)

You will receive an email confirmation once we have reviewed your application for completeness.

If you do not receive an email confirmation of receipt within 3 business days, please email [slai@actcommunity.ca](mailto:slai@actcommunity.ca)

Attachments to your email submission:

- Speaker Application (save as FORE17App-YourLastName)
- Presentation Description, including : (save as FORE17Pres-YourLastName)
  - The 150 word abstract
  - The 500 words or less presentation description
  - 50 words or less bio (for each presenter)
- Photograph (of each presenter)

**Speakers will be notified no later than February 14, 2017 via email.**

Questions about the application and conference can be sent to Selina Lai at [slai@actcommunity.ca](mailto:slai@actcommunity.ca).

Thank you for applying!

**Online Mental Health and Autism Conference Committee:** Members of the conference committee will be drawing from those advising ACT on developing the Online Mental Health and Autism Project:

[www.actcommunity.ca/education/mentalhealth/committee](http://www.actcommunity.ca/education/mentalhealth/committee)

To view the first two online videos produced through the Online Mental Health and Autism Project, see:

[www.actcommunity.ca/education/mentalhealth](http://www.actcommunity.ca/education/mentalhealth)