AUTISM & FAMILY QUALITY OF LIFE

Developing Culturally Responsive Research and Intervention Programming

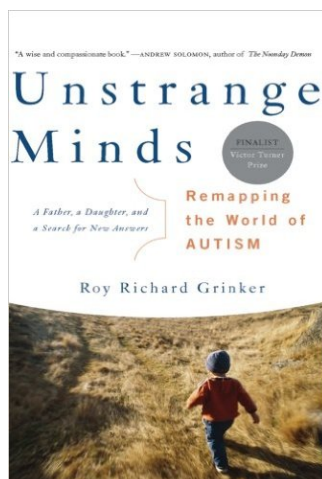## APRIL 15 & 16, 2016 Vancouver, B.C.

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Keynote Speaker

Dr. Roy Richard Grinker, Professor of Anthropology, International Affairs, and Human Sciences at George Washington University.

Author of *Unstrange Minds – Remapping the World of Autism.*

APPLICATION TO PRESENT
(Deadline January 18, 2016)

ACT's 12th Annual Focus on Research Conference will provide a forum for researchers, community organizations, educators and parents to consider 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.

The focus of this request for presentations is to elicit contributions from researchers, community-based clinicians and organizations with experience in working with refugees, immigrant populations, aboriginal communities and those living in rural and remote communities across Canada. 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.

Purpose of the Conference

Developing Culturally Responsive Research and Intervention Programming:

- Build on Simon Fraser University's research on family quality of life, and focus on under-represented groups, in particular, marginalized communities, including cultural/linguistic minorities, refugees and families living in rural and remote regions.
- Highlight factors which negatively impact the inclusion of children with ASD and their families from marginalized communities in research.
- Address the shortage of culturally sensitive, reliable and scientifically validated information on ASD in languages other than English and French, available either in Canada or internationally.
- Support best practice in British Columbia and across Canada by using family centered approaches, allowing family members, and their broader cultural/linguistic communities, to receive resources in their mother tongue language.
- Speak to the needs of new Canadians who have children with ASD, how these needs vary across cultures, and how Canadian clinicians, educators and policy makers can better respond to these needs.

We invite applications from:

- Researchers and academics from across Canada; public and private diagnosticians, including psychologists and physicians; educators; social workers; Infant Development Program consultants; Aboriginal Infant Development Program consultants; speech- language pathologists; occupational therapists and behavior consultants;
- Representatives from organizations who are supporting individuals and families with ASD and/or other disabilities with with diverse cultural backgrounds or in rural or remote settings;
- Those who are knowledgeable about multicultural or multilingual community resources and initiatives for families and individuals;
- Those who are employing culturally sensitive and multilingual strategies in program intervention to support marginalized populations.

If you are interested in speaking at the conference, please complete the application and email to slai@actcommunity.ca. The application deadline is January 18th, 2016. See page 8 for submission details. Applicants will be notified by February 12, 2016.

Conference Details

When:
Friday and Saturday
April 15 & 16, 2016

Where:
SFU Harbour Centre
515 Hastings Street
Vancouver, British Columbia

Conference registration opens February 8, 2016. See
www.actcommunity.ca/events
for details.

Speaker Application 2016

APPLICATION DUE DATE: JANUARY 18, 2016
Acceptance notifications will be sent via email by February 12, 2016

All presenters will be invited to attend at no cost

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. This abstractwill 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.
Additional Telephone	
Job Title Profession/Credential	

Please indicate your focus.
Check all that apply.

- ☐ Rural and Remote Communities
- ☐ Culturally Diverse Communities
- ☐ Preschool
- ☐ K–5
- ☐ Middle & High School
- ☐ Transition to Adult & Young Adult (16-25)
- ☐ Adults (26 and beyond)

Best address to ensure you receive mailed information. Do not use a school address.

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.
Additional Telephone	
Job Title Profession/Credential	

Please indicate your focus.
Check all that apply.

- ☐ Rural and Remote Communities
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Speaker 3:

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.
Additional Telephone	
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Include 2 or 3 new ideas that you will be presenting in your talk:
1.

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Include 3 learning objectives for your presentation:
1.

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3.

Presentation technology and material description:
Each presenter will be responsible for bringing their PowerPoint presentation, video and audio files on a jump drive 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 1, 2016**. *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 18, 2016

You must submit all applications via email as follows:

Email **slai@actcommunity.ca**

Subject Line: 2016 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

Attachments to your email submission:

☐ Speaker Application (save as FORE16App-YourLastName)

☐ Presentation Description, including : (save as FORE16Pres-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 12, 2016 via email.

Questions about the application and conference can be sent to Selina Lai at slai@actcommunity.ca.

Thank you for applying!

Conference Committee:

»   Anthony Bailey, MD, FRCPC - Chair of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, UBC

»   Karen D. Bopp, PhD, RSLP - Senior Behaviour Consultant, BC Ministry of Children and Family Development

»   Diana Elliott - Provincial Advisor for Aboriginal Infant Development Programs, B.C.

»   Grace Iarocci, PhD - Department of Psychology, SFU

»   Mandeep Gurm MA - Doctoral Student, SFU

»   Bosang Lee, PhD – Executive Director, Here and Now Community Society, Surrey

»   Deborah Pugh - Executive Director of ACT – Autism Community Training, B.C.

»   Tamara Salih, MD, FRCPC - Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, BC Children's Hospital

»   Michelle Schmidt, PhD - District Principal Education Services, Surrey School District, B.C.