



# SKIDMORE COLLEGE Autism Awareness 2014 Schedule of Events



**Tuesday, April 15th at 6:00 p.m.**

**Wendy Ashe, COTA & Bobbie Stevens, COTA**

## **Gentle Sensory Autism Supports: Snoezelen, Yoga, The HANDLE**

Learn about 3 effective gentle sensory supports for individuals with ASD. Snoezelen provides a wide range of sensory stimulation. Yoga promotes strength, flexibility, focus, & self-regulation. The HANDLE approach is a gentle, non-drug movement therapy designed for individuals with a variety of neurological challenges.

**Tisch 202**

**Wednesday, April 16th at 6:00 p.m.**

**Valerie Bolivar, Ph.D.**

## **What Can Mouse Models Tells Us About Autism Spectrum Disorders?**

Mice play an important role in modeling the biology underlying ASD and aid in the development of better therapeutics. Dr. Bolivar will discuss her current research with the BTBR T+ *Itpr3<sup>fl</sup>/J* inbred strain mice.

**Tisch 201**

**Thursday, April 17th at 6:00 p.m.**

**Kristin Knapp-Innes, Ph.D.**

## **Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Brief Overview**

An introduction to the core and associated characteristics of ASD and how these characteristics manifest themselves within a learning environment. The lecture will also discuss possible causes and current treatment methods.

**Tisch 201**

**Monday, April 21st at 6:00 p.m.**

**Sara Mae Hickey '12**

## **Autism and Adulthood: Solving the Puzzle**

Creative employment solutions are necessary to meet the needs of the aging autistic population. Ms. Hickey will discuss the work of her organization, The Autism Initiative in creating these types of opportunities.

**Tisch 302**

**Tuesday, April 22nd at 6:00 p.m.**

## **Panel Discussions with Parents and Educators**

A panel presentation of parents and teachers sharing their stories of raising and working with children with ASD.

**Tisch 203**

**Wednesday, April 23rd at 7:00 p.m.**

## ***Loving Lampposts: Living Autistic***

*Loving Lampposts: Living Autistic* is a thought-provoking film that explores the debate between the two movements surrounding ASD: the "recovery movement" and the "neurodiversity movement".

**Emerson Auditorium**

**Thursday, April 24th at 6:00 p.m.**

**What is it Like to Have ASD?**

**Melanie Hecker, Eric Olefson, & Liana Faulkner**

Individuals with ASD will speak frankly about their experiences regarding all facets of life and their perspectives.

**Ladd 307**

**Sunday April, 27th at 12:00 –3:00 p.m.**

## **3rd Annual Autism Awareness Informational Fair & Carnival**

Saratoga Bridges, Inc. & The Parent Network of the Capital Region With The Skidmore College Psychology Department

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