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NEWSLETTER



ASDD SIG Leadership
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Featuring:

ASDD SIG Updates

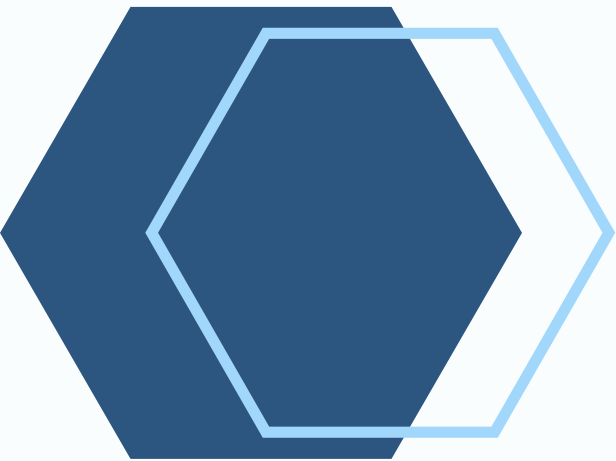
ASDD SIG Precon: Friday, Nov. 4
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Featured Panelists

ABCT 2022: Registration &
Relevant Posters/ Presentations

ASDD SIG UPDATES

Check out our updated website at abctautism.com:

- Updated [ASD research faculty directory](#)
- [Application Tips & Tricks](#) for prospective graduate students
- See our [Current Graduate Students](#) page for new student research funding opportunities and internship application resources!



New for 2023: SIG Journal Club!
Details to be Announced
at the SIG Preconference meeting

Follow the ASDD SIG on Twitter [@ABCTautism](https://twitter.com/ABCTautism) for:

- New Highlight Reel featuring exciting work from our SIG
- Recent ASD papers and projects
- Featured presentations, events, and goings-on at the annual ABCT Conference
- #ASDDjobs tracks up-to-date career opportunities posted by SIG members!



GET INVOLVED WITH THE ASDD SIG!

Our committees include:



Pre-Conference Planning Committee

The preconference planning committee is responsible for planning the SIG preconference meeting and SIG business meeting at ABCT, including inviting speakers, planning the pre-conference meeting, and reviewing SIG poster submissions. Our committee is busiest from the summer until the ABCT conference. We need both students/trainees at all levels as well as faculty on this committee to make sure that our programming meets the needs and interests of the entire SIG. We especially need more trainee (post-bacc, grad students, intern)-level members right now!

For more info, contact Committee Chair: Caitlin Conner, connercm2@upmc.edu



Technology & Communications Committee



The recently-merged SIG technology & communications committee is responsible for 1) Maintaining & updating the SIG website; 2) Managing the SIG Twitter account, @ABCTautism; and 3) Developing and disseminating the biannual SIG newsletter. This Committee is active throughout the year, primarily in the two months leading up to the ABCT conference, and is a great fit for students, trainees, and faculty at all levels!

**Committee Co-Chairs: Grace Lee Simmons, glsimmons@crimson.ua.edu;
Angela Dahiya, avdahiya@vt.edu**



Membership Committee

The SIG Membership Committee works with SIG leadership to develop new initiatives to engage the membership and attract new members to the SIG. The committee also manages requests to join the SIG and its listserv. This committee is a good fit for students and faculty members.

For more info, contact Committee Chair: Amy Keefer, keefer@kennedykrieger.org



Awards Committee



The SIG Awards Committee puts out a call each year for several awards which are presented at the ABCT conference in November. The committee is most active in the 2 months prior to the conference in reviewing the applications and selecting the awardees. This committee is a great fit for both students and faculty members of our SIG, and we are especially excited to welcome more students/trainees to join our team.

Committee Chair: Andrea Trubanova Wieckowski, atw64@drexel.edu



ASDD PRECON: FRIDAY, NOV 4, 2022

We would love to see everyone at this year's Precon!

Please note that this year our Pre-con does not immediately precede the annual ABCT convention.

Click [HERE](#) to register for the upcoming virtual Preconference meeting.

We ask that all attendees register for the ASDD SIG preconference event using our sign-up link; access to join the virtual meeting will be limited to those who have registered.

Although it is free to attend the pre-conference meeting, we do suggest a \$20 donation from faculty-level members to support SIG activities, speaker stipends, and awards. If you would like to donate, please Venmo Lindsey Burrell at @Lindsey-Burrell-1

Click [HERE](#) to access this year's
PRECONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Preconference ZOOM Details:

Time: Friday, Nov 4, 2022 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://hipaa-pitt.zoom.us/j/92356013889>

Meeting ID: 923 5601 3889

We also would like to encourage everyone to **send our registration link to at least 1 other person who does not usually attend the ASDD SIG preconference meeting.** Let's take advantage of the benefits of virtual conferences and share our group with others!

ASDD PRECON: FRIDAY, NOV 4, 2022



Our SIG Conference Planning Committee has once again done an amazing job pulling together an exciting pre-con agenda including a brilliant keynote speaker at the ASDD Business Meeting, two presentations by our outstanding student members, a panel of experts to discuss the current state of the field regarding Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), and a new 'coffee with the experts' event!

'Coffee with the experts' will include one-hour, virtual meetings between a small group of individuals and one or more faculty members. These meetings are intended to be an informal breakfast or lunch that occur in the hour before the pre-conference begins (11am, EDT). You may sign up to attend or nominate an expert when you [register for our preconference meeting!](#)

ASDD BUSINESS MEETING KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Nadrat Nuhu, Ph.D., BCBA-D, (she/her)

Assistant Professor

Emory University School of Medicine

[Dr. Nuhu's Faculty Page](#)



Dr. Nadrat Nuhu is a clinical psychologist and board-certified doctoral-level behavior analyst. Dr. Nuhu manages day treatment cases in the Severe behavior Program at the Marcus Autism Center. Her research interests include methods for improving the efficacy and efficiency of the assessment and treatment of severe challenging behavior. In addition, she conducts research aimed at improving interactions between first responders and families of children who engage in challenging behavior.

ASDD PRECON: FEATURED PANELISTS



Patrick Dwyer, M.A. (he/him)

Department of Psychology, MIND Institute
The Center for Mind and Brain, UC Davis

[Autistic Scholar.com](http://AutisticScholar.com)

[ABA Reform](#)

[The Shortcomings of Evidence-based Practice](#)

Patrick is an autistic researcher currently pursuing his Ph.D. in the Neurocognitive Development Lab at UC Davis. He primarily studies sensory processing and attention in autism, but has also been involved in collaborative research exploring autistic people's views regarding naturalistic-developmental behavior intervention practices, the neurodiversity movement, and other key issues. Patrick has not been a recipient or provider of ABA intervention.

Amy Lutz, Ph.D. (she/her)

Historian of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania
Vice-President, National Council on Severe Autism

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www.ncsautism.org



Amy Lutz has written about severe autism for many platforms, including The Atlantic, Slate, Spectrum, and Psychology Today. Her first book, *Each Day I Like It Better: Autism, ECT, and the Treatment of Our Most Impaired Children*, was published in 2014 and her second book, *We Walk: Life with Severe Autism*, came out in 2020. She lives outside Philadelphia with her husband and five children; her oldest son Jonah, now 23, is severely autistic.

ASDD PRECON: FEATURED PANELISTS



Joy Johnson, M.Ed. , M.S., BCBA, LBA, IBA
(she/her)

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Joy is an Autistic advocate, behavior analyst, clinical director, and adjunct professor. She has personally experienced the ills of ableism, racism, and flawed social validity related to her intersectional identities within ABA, educational systems, and society in general. Her mission is to assist in ensuring Autistic community members are being comprehensively accommodated, accepted, and supported in navigating the world without compromise of their Autistic identity in therapeutic settings and beyond.

Katherine "Katie" Walton, Ph.D.

(she/her)

Associate Professor

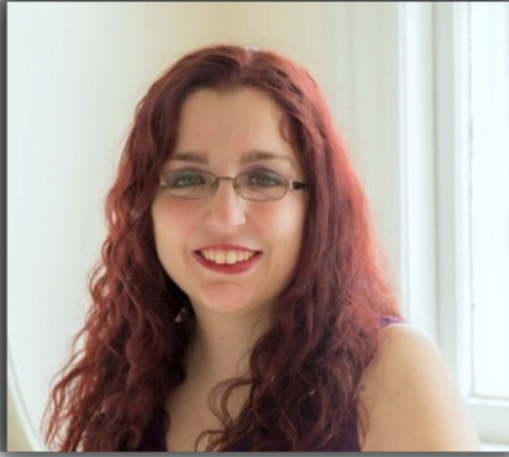
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Dr. Walton's [Faculty Webpage](#)

Dr. Walton's research and clinical interests lie in the area of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and early social-communication development. Her research focuses on the development, delivery, and evaluation of interventions for building early social-communication skills in individuals with ASD. Dr. Walton is particularly interested in examining individual-level and family-level factors that contribute to the well-being of individuals with ASD and their family members, and in developing interventions that are mutually beneficial for both individuals with ASD and their families.

ASDD PRECON: FEATURED PANELISTS



Amy Gravino, M.A. (she/her)

Relationship Coach and Autism Sexuality Advocate
Rutgers Center for Adult Autism Services, A.S.C.O.T
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Amy serves as an autism sexuality advocate and a professional speaker. Her company offers autism consulting, college coaching, and mentoring services for organizations, schools, individuals, and families. Amy obtained her Masters degree in ABA and currently serves on the Boards of Directors of Yes She Can, Inc., the Golden Door International Film Festival of Jersey City, and the Scientific Advisory Board of Simons Foundation Powering Autism Research (SPARK). She is an award-winning writer with her work being featured in *Spectrum*.

Pablo Juárez, M.Ed., BCBA, LBA (he/him)

Co-Director, TRIAD

Director of Behavioral Analysis, Vanderbilt Kennedy
Center and Division of Developmental Medicine
Vanderbilt University Medical Center



Vanderbilt Kennedy Center: TRIAD

Pablo has been practicing as a behavior analyst for around 20-years working across autism and brain injury service fields. A primary focus of his work is the shaped and guided by the substantive engagement and partnership with communities he's serving and supporting. His team has developed a model for ABA service delivery, which is directly informed and guided by relevant community partners – including autistic advisors.

ABCT 2022 (November 17 – 20) New York City, NY



Click [HERE](#) for ABCT 2022 Presentations and Posters that address ASD/DD research & clinical practice

**We'd like to give a big THANK YOU to the
ASDD SIG
Technology & Communications Committee:**

**Angela Dahiya (Committee Co-Chair)
Grace Lee Simmons (Committee Co-Chair)**

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Isaac Smith**