



## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Waisman Center Day with the Experts: Autism

**Saturday, January 25, 2014**

**9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

*(Complimentary coffee & bagels at 8:30 a.m.)*

**Friends of the Waisman Center Auditorium**

1500 Highland Avenue, Madison WI 53705

**Learn about the latest advances in autism research,  
and hear from a panel of experts—individual(s)  
diagnosed with ASD and their families**

**Free Admission & Parking • Everyone Welcome**

- **9:00–9:30 a.m.**      **Welcome and Introduction to the Waisman Center**  
Marsha Mailick, PhD, Director, Waisman Center
  
- **9:30–10:00 a.m.**      **New Insights into Autism Spectrum Disorders during Adolescence and Adulthood**  
Leann Smith, PhD, Assistant Clinical Professor of Pediatrics and Associate Scientist,  
Lifespan Family Research Lab, Waisman Center  
More individuals with autism spectrum disorders (ASDs) than ever before are transitioning into adulthood. In this talk new research findings on outcomes for individuals with ASD during adulthood will be presented with a focus on factors that are associated with positive adult development as well as interventions to support individuals and their families during the transition to adulthood.
  
- **10:00 –10:30 a.m.**      **Outcomes in Adulthood for People with ASD**  
Megan Farley, PhD, Psychologist, Waisman Center Clinics  
This talk will provide a broad overview of what we know about the adult outcome for people with ASD, with particular attention to people with cognitive abilities in the average-range. Challenges and strengths common to adults with ASD will be reviewed alongside some considerations for supporting them in their efforts to achieve their life goals.
  
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- **10:45–11:15 a.m.**      **Division of Labor in Married Couples of Children and Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder**  
Sigan Hartley, PhD, Assistant Professor, Human Development and Family Studies and Waisman Center Investigator  
Little is known about the division of labor within families of children and adolescents with ASD or its implication for parents' psychological well-being or the quality of their marital relationship. Research identifying factors associated with the division of labor and the impact of spousal differences in childcare experiences on parenting stress and marital adjustment will be discussed.
  
- **11:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**      **LUNCH**—Optional, \$5 box lunches (Cousins Subs) available for purchase. Gluten free options available.
  
- **12:00–12:15 p.m.**      **What is the Autism Society?**  
Susannah Peterson, Executive Director, Autism Society of South Central Wisconsin
  
- **12:15–1:00p.m.**      **PANEL DISCUSSION**- A panel of experts that includes individuals with ASD and their siblings.

❖ **Capacity is limited, please pre-register to attend the event at the Waisman Center.**

To register go to: [waisman.wisc.edu/events-experts-asd2014.htm](http://waisman.wisc.edu/events-experts-asd2014.htm)

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