

SPEAKERS

Rachel Hundley, Ph.D



Rachel Hundley received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from The University of Memphis. She completed her predoctoral internship at Franciscan Hospital for Children and Kennedy

Day School, where she worked with children who had autism and mental retardation. Currently, she is a staff psychologist at Children's Hospital Boston, Harvard Medical School, working with children who have significant developmental difficulties. In the meantime, she has also become a trainer for the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS) and has taught this instrument to professionals throughout the United States.

Dr. Hundley has recently been working as a clinician and co-investigator on phenotype/genotype projects at Children's Hospital Boston in conjunction with researchers at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). She has been invited to teach and facilitate research at a number of sites, including the Centers for Disease Control and Central China Normal University.

Barbara Muskat, MSW, RSW, Ph.D. Candidate



Barbara Muskat, MSW, RSW, Ph.D. Candidate, is the Director of Community Consultation at Integra, a children's mental health centre in Toronto, Ontario, specializing in the

psychosocial needs of children and adolescents with learning disabilities. She has over 30 years experience as a social worker, working with individuals, families and groups. She has worked in a variety of settings, including the social assistance sector, the American educational system, a pediatric medical setting and, for the past 17 years, in the children's mental health sector. She specializes in understanding and treating psychosocial difficulties in children and youth with learning disabilities and Asperger's Syndrome.

She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Asperger's Society of Ontario, chair of the Toronto Region Groupworkers Network, a member of the international board of the Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups. She has presented seminars and workshops at numerous conferences throughout North America.

Barbara teaches courses in group work and social work intervention with children and adolescents at the University of Toronto and at Renison College, the University of Waterloo.

She resides in Toronto with her husband and has four grown children.

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CONFERENCE AGENDA October 21, 2006

- 8:15 - 9:00 a.m.** Registration (*Register early, seating is limited*)
- 8:45 a.m.** Welcome: **Mark Schneider, Ph.D.**
Founder
- 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.** **Rachel Hundley Ph.D.: Autism Assessment: Clinical Considerations Across the Lifespan**
- 11:00 - 11:15 a.m.** 15 minute morning break
- 11:15 - 12:00 a.m.** Panel Discussion: **Rachel Hundley, Barbara Muskat, Douglas Ort** (private practice, marriage and family counselor), **Jeff Lamicela** (adult with Asperger's and father of autistic children) **and Tom Travisano** (father of Asperger's college student).
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.** Lunch (*Included*)
- 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** **Barbara Muskat: Enhancing Socialization and Emotional Well-Being in Children and Youth with Asperger's**
- 3:00 - 3:15 p.m.** 15 minute afternoon break
- 3:15 - 4:00 p.m.** Panel Discussion with: **Barbara Muskat, Rachel Hundley, Douglas Ort, Jeff Lamicela and Tom Travisano**
- 4:00 p.m.** **Close of Conference**

Registration Form

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October 21, 2006 *Register early, seating is limited*

Name: _____

Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Conference Fees

Before September 15, 2006:

\$70 Family member or Students (*requires proof of full-time student status*)
\$90 professional per person
All fees include lunch.

After September 15, 2006:

\$80 Family member or Student (*requires proof of full-time student status*)
\$100 professional per person
All fees include lunch.

Please reserve _____ seats.

Make checks payable to: **RCAAS-Exploring Autism 2006**

Mail to: Mark Schneider, Ph.D.
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West Oneonta, New York 13861
E-mail: registration@rcaas.org
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Please Note:
Free bus for parents and professionals will leave Oneonta Bus Lines at 5:30 AM on the day of the conference and return home courtesy of Catskill Regional Teachers Center, Second pickup at Norwich High School at 6:30 AM.

Room Reservations...

Please call the Holiday Inn directly for room reservations at the special conference rate of \$89 per night. **If you must cancel...** Cancel by **September 10, 2006** for a full refund less a \$25 administration fee. No refunds issued after that date.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Regional Conference on Autism and Asperger's Syndrome is a not-for-profit organization to facilitate the education and sharing of information and available resources on Autism Spectrum Disorders. Its mission is to enlighten professionals and parents to the diversity of autistic individuals and to help facilitate early identification of the disability.

The conference works to validate perceptions and experiences of parents. It also explores options for parents and professionals working with individuals on the autistic spectrum through:

- Encouraging greater sensitivity to, and awareness of, Autism related issues.
- Empowering parents and professionals to advocate for the needs of those on the autistic spectrum and their families.
- Establishing constructive networking between parents and professionals.
- Creating an atmosphere of calm, respectful sharing and learning.

The conference provides an annual "homecoming experience" for parents and professionals and an opportunity to identify issues and develop an action plan to deal with them.

Who should attend?

- Family members
- Administrators and Teachers
- Clergy
- Psychologists, Health Professionals and Therapists
- Counselors, Social Workers and Paraprofessionals
- Foster Parents and Service Coordinators
- Anyone working with an Autism and/or Asperger's Syndrome individual

Past conferences have been extremely well attended and space is limited, so sign up early!



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Saturday, October 21, 2006

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