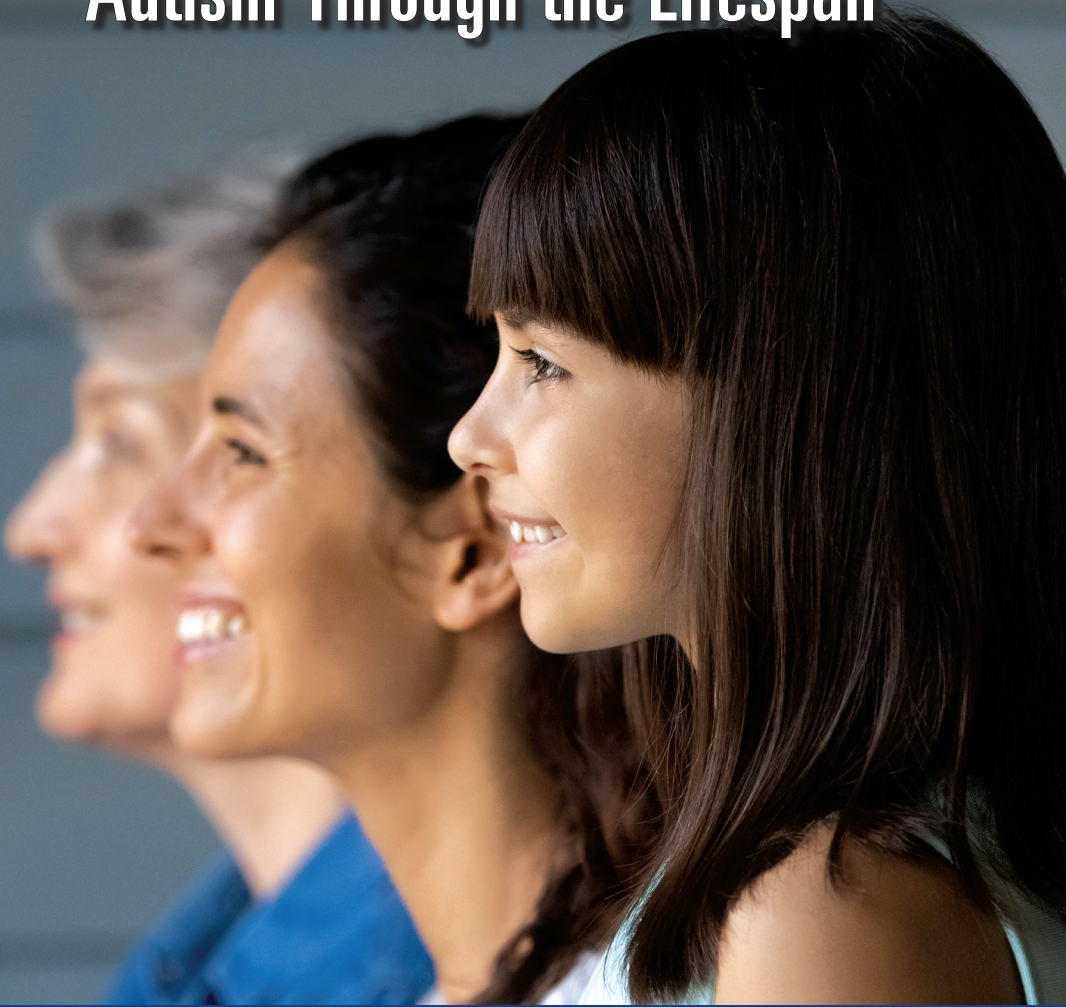


**UCLA**

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# **Advances in Autism 2024**

## **Autism Through the Lifespan**



**Friday, April 26, 2024**

**Tamkin Auditorium  
Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center  
Los Angeles, California**

**UCLA  
CART**

## Course Description

This annual symposium, now hybrid, is designed for all those interested in learning about the latest breakthroughs in research and treatment in autism spectrum disorder (ASD), including health care providers, teachers, autism service providers, and families. Nationally renowned UCLA Center for Autism Research and Treatment (CART) faculty and guest speaker will present the most up-to-date information about ASD.

On Friday, April 26, 2024, symposium speakers will present the latest updates on ASD and we cordially invite you to engage with these dynamic speakers and actively participate in live discussions and Q&A sessions featuring esteemed panelists. Themed around autism across the lifespan, the symposium will cover a variety of topics, including the genetics of autism, early interventions for autistic children and their families, motor function during early life, the role of the brain in sensory regulation during adolescence, connectivity of the brain during adolescence, aging and autism from longitudinal studies, evidence-based interventions during adulthood, and a family perspective on caring for autistic adults. To qualify for the 7.5 CME credits for participation in this activity, participants will be required to attend the April 26 live event.

## Course Objectives

At the end of the course, learners will be able to:

- Hear a family advocate's perspective in caring for autistic siblings
- ~~Understand~~ the latest updates in autism genetics
- Inform families on early intervention for autistic children
- Examine motor function for autistic children during early life
- ~~Understand~~ the brain's role in sensory regulation during adolescence
- Examine connectivity of the brain during adolescence
- ~~Understanding~~ Aging in Autism from longitudinal studies
- Review evidence-based interventions for adults to improve social outcomes

## Target Audience

This annual symposium, which this year will include both live and recorded presentations, is designed for all those interested in learning about the latest breakthroughs in research and treatment in autism spectrum disorder (ASD), including health care providers, teachers, autism service providers, self-advocates and families.

# Live Virtual Program – Friday, April 26, 2024

9:00 am **Registration and Breakfast**

9:30 - 9:45 **Welcome**  
*Daniel Geschwind, MD, PhD*

## Keynote 1

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9:45 - 10:25 **Aging in Autism**  
Speaker: *Jayne Jamison*  
Moderator: *Susan Bookheimer, PhD*

## Keynote 2

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10:25 - 11:05 **Genetics of Autism**  
Speaker: *Daniel Geschwind, MD, PhD*

11:05 - 11:25 **Keynote Panel Discussion:**  
Panel Speakers: *Jayne Jamison; Daniel Geschwind, MD, PhD*

11:25 - 11:40 **BREAK**

## EARLY LIFE

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11:40 - 12:10 **Early Interventions for Autistic Children and Their Families: New Possibilities and Potential**  
Speaker: *Connie Kasari, PhD*  
Moderator: *Amanda Gulsrud, PhD*

12:10 - 12:40 **Early Detection of Autism Concerns Using Quantitative Methods**  
Speaker: *Rujuta Wilson, MD*

12:40 - 1:00 **Early Life Panel Discussion**  
Panelists: *Connie Kasari, PhD; Rujuta Wilson, MD; Nicole McDonald, PhD; Mirella Dapretto, PhD*

1:00 - 2:15 **LUNCH**  
Lunch Service • Poster Session • Resource Fair

## ADOLESCENCE

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Moderator: *Elizabeth Laugeson, PsyD*

2:15 - 2:45 **What the Brain Can Tell Us About Sensory Reactivity and Regulation Across Adolescence**  
Speaker: *Shulamite Green, PhD*

2:45 - 3:15 **Brain Connectivity During Adolescent Development in Autism**  
Speaker: *Lucina Uddin, PhD*

*\*Lunch and Resource Fair available for in-person only.*

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3:15 - 3:35 **Adolescence Panel Discussion**  
Panelists: *Shulamite Green, PhD; Lucina Uddin, PhD; Brandon Ito, MD; Patricia Renno, PhD*

3:35 - 3:50 **BREAK**

## ADULTHOOD

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3:50 - 4:20 **Understanding Aging in Autism: Early Insights from Longitudinal Studies**  
*Speaker: Abigail Dickinson, PhD*

4:20 - 4:50 **A Review of Evidence-Based Interventions to Improve Social Outcomes in Autistic Adults”**  
*Speaker: Elizabeth Laugeson, PsyD*

4:50 - 5:10 **Adulthood Panel Discussion**  
Panelist: *Abigail Dickinson, PhD; Elizabeth Laugeson, PsyD; Sara McCracken, PhD; Susan Bookheimer, PhD*

5:10 - 5:15 **Adjourn**  
*Daniel Geschwind, MD, PhD*

# Faculty

## SYMPOSIUM CHAIRS

### **Daniel H. Geschwind, MD, PhD**

Gordon and Virginia MacDonald Distinguished Professor in Departments of Neurology, Psychiatry and Human Genetics\*  
Senior Associate Dean and Associate Vice Chancellor, Precision Health  
Director, Center for Autism Research and Treatment (CART)

### **Susan Bookheimer, PhD**

Joaquin Fuster Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience\*  
Director, Staglin IMHRO MRI Laboratory  
Director, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Center, Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences  
Co - Director, UCLA Center for Autism Research and Treatment (CART)

## UCLA COURSE FACULTY

### **Mirella Dapretto, PhD**

Professor\*  
Associate Director, Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior  
Vice Chair for Faculty Development  
UCLA Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences  
UCLA Center for Autism Research & Treatment (CART)

### **Abigail Dickinson, PhD**

Assistant Research Scientist in Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences\*  
UCLA Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior  
UCLA Center for Autism Research & Treatment (CART)

### **Shulamite Green, PhD**

Assistant Professor in Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences\*  
UCLA Center for Autism Research & Treatment (CART)

### **Amanda C. Gulsrud, PhD**

Associate Clinical Professor in Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Science\*  
Clinical Director, Child and Adult Neurodevelopmental (CAN) Clinic  
UCLA Center for Autism Research and Treatment (CART)

### **Brandon S. Ito, MD, MPH**

Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry\*  
Director of Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, UCLA Tarjan Center  
UCLA Center for Autism Research & Treatment (CART)

### **Connie Kasari, PhD**

Distinguished Professor\*  
Human Development & Psychology  
UCLA Graduate School of Education & Information Studies  
UCLA Center for Autism Research and Treatment (CART)

### **Elizabeth Laugeson, PsyD**

Clinical Professor\*  
Founder and Director, UCLA PEERS Clinic  
Director, UCLA Tarjan Center UCEDD  
UCLA Center for Autism Research and Treatment (CART)

### **Sara McCracken, PhD**

Clinical Psychologist, Child and Adult Neurodevelopmental (CAN) Clinic\*  
UCLA Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior  
UCLA Center for Autism Research and Treatment

### **Nicole McDonald, PhD**

Assistant Clinical Professor in Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences\*  
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### **Patricia Renno, PhD**

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UCLA Center for Autism Research & Treatment (CART)

### **Rujuta B. Wilson, MD, MS**

Assistant Professor in Pediatrics and Psychiatry\*  
UCLA Center for Autism Research and Treatment (CART)

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## GUEST SPEAKER

### **Jayne Jamison, Family Advocate**

For over thirty years, Jayne served as a Publisher for some of the largest women's magazine brands in the country, such as Oprah, Seventeen, Redbook, and Parents Magazines. She has served on various boards, such as Special Olympics PA, PathForward.org, the PSU Advancement Council of the College of Communications, and the Breast Cancer Research Foundation Advisory Board. In addition to her professional experience, Jayne has deep personal knowledge of the challenges faced by families with aging autistic loved ones.

# General Information

## Fee

- \$225 Physicians and Doctoral Level Professionals
- \$205 Nurses and Allied Health Professionals
- \$125 Non -Healthcare

## J.E.D.I.

J.E.D.I is the acronym for Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. UCLA CART has established the J.E.D.I. Fund to help support members of the BIPOC community attend the UCLA CART symposium. Please contact Monica Belli Haley at [mbelli@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:mbelli@mednet.ucla.edu) to learn more. Availability is limited.

## Enrollment

### Online

We accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit cards.

To register using a credit card or ACH/electronic transfer, please visit [XXXX](#).

\*Credit card and check payments via phone, fax, or mail are no longer accepted.

If you have questions, please contact the UCLA Center for Continuing Professional Development at [CCPD@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:CCPD@mednet.ucla.edu) or 310.794.2620.

## Refunds

Cancellations must be received by Friday, April 12, 2024 via email to [CCPD@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:CCPD@mednet.ucla.edu), and will be subject to a \$50 processing fee. No refunds will be granted after that date. If, for any reason, the course must be cancelled, discontinued, or rescheduled, a full refund will be provided.

## Accreditation

The [University of California, Los Angeles, School of Medicine](#) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The [University of California, Los Angeles, School of Medicine](#) designates this live activity for a maximum of **7.50 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)**<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

The California State Board of Registered Nursing accepts courses approved for the *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>™</sup> as meeting the continuing education requirements for license renewal. Nurses from states other than California should inquire with their local State Board for specific continuing education policies.

## Disclosure Statement

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