



# AGENDA

## Sex and Gender Differences in Autism Spectrum Disorders

October 29, 2014

Doubletree Metropolitan Hotel, NYC

8:30 am – 9:00 am	Continental breakfast	
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Welcome and Introductions	
9:30 am – 9:45 am	Perspectives of a parent and women on the spectrum	Alison Singer, Kate Palmer
9:45 am – 10:15am	The big question: What are the current challenges in understanding sex differences in ASD?	Presenter: Peter Szatmari Facilitator: Meng-Chuan Lai Discussants: Amy Daniels, Alice Kau, Alice Luo Clayton, Lisa Gillotty, Kate Palmer, Avi Reichenberg
10:15 am – 10:45 am	Discussion	
10:45 am -11:00 am	Break	
11:00 am – 11:30 am	What do girls and women “look” like and are they underdiagnosed?	Presenter: Somer Bishop Facilitator: Lonnie Zwaigenbaum Discussants: Audrey Thurm, Meghan Miller, Becky Landa, Rene Jamison, Pamela Ventola
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Discussion	
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch Each table will be asked to pick from the following questions to discuss:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What is the main challenge of women vs. men with ASD?</li><li>• What is not being researched but should be?</li><li>• If researchers are missing girls to study, what can be done to find them?</li></ul>	

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<b>1:30 pm – 2:00 pm</b>	<b>What are the early developmental trajectories of boys and girls? When do we see the differences?</b>	Presenter: Daniel Messinger Facilitator: Ami Klin Discussants: Helen Tager-Flusberg, Sara Webb, Greg Young, Kasia Chawarska, Ted Hutman
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<b>2:00 pm – 2:30 pm</b>	Discussion
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<b>2:30 pm – 3:00 pm</b>	<b>What happens to girls with autism in adolescence and adulthood? What are the gender issues that affect outcome and how do we study them?</b>	Presenter: Julie Taylor Facilitator: Kathy Koenig Discussants: Marisela Huerta, Jessica Schuttler, Sharon Valencia, Carmen McLean
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<b>3:00 pm – 3:30 pm</b>	Discussion
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<b>3:30 pm – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>What are the causes of the disparity in boys and girls? Are they protected in some way?</b>	Presenter: Stephan Sanders Facilitator: John Constantino Discussants: Christine Nordahl, Kevin Pelphrey, Donald Pfaff, Sara Schaafsma, Alison Jack
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<b>4:00 pm – 4:30 pm</b>	Discussion
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<b>4:30 pm – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Priorities going forward and future plans for research</b>	Facilitator: Alycia Halladay
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