

ASF Funded Research and ASF Organized Activities at INSAR

May 11-14, 2022
Austin, TX

Wednesday, May 11th

Press Conference

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 11, 2022, 11:00 AM

Room: JW Marriott Hotel – Grand Ballroom Salon 4

Thursday, May 12th

Panel Session

**The Lancet Commission on the Future of Care and Clinical Research in
Autism**

Session Date/Time: Thursday, May 12, 2022, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Room: JW Marriott Hotel – Grand Ballroom Salon 5-6

Jessica Bradshaw, PhD (oral)

Neonatal Neurobehavior in Infants with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Session: Early Biomarkers

Session Date/Time: Thursday, May 12, 2022, 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Presentation Time: 1:45 PM

Room: JW Marriott Hotel – Grand Ballroom Salon 3-4

Grace Binion, PhD

Poster Title: “Comparison of Telehealth & Adapted Protocols Vs. Standard-of-Care Evaluations for the Diagnostic Assessment of Autism Spectrum Disorder Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic”

Session: Diagnostic, Behavioral & Intellectual Assessment I (V)

Session Date/Time: Thursday, May 12, 2022, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Room: This poster will be presented virtually

Sandra Vanegas, PhD

Poster Title: “Evaluating Maternal Communicative Behaviors in Latina Mothers of Young Children with ASD in Low-Resource Households”

Session: Family Issues and Stakeholder Experiences I

Session Date/Time: Thursday, May 12, 2022, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Room: JW Marriott Hotel - Griffin Hall

Friday, May 13th

Special Interest Group

Reduction of Severe and Challenging Behaviors in Children, Teens, and Adults with Profound Autism

SIG Leader: Lee Wachtel, MD

Co-Leader: Imtiaz Mubbashar, MD

Date/Time: Friday, May 13, 2022: 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Room: JW Marriott Hotel – Lone Star Ballroom Salon D

Challenging behaviors in individuals with severe forms of autism present a tremendous physical, emotional, and financial burden to individuals, families, and providers. These behaviors include aggression, self-injury, elopement, and property destruction, among others. Studies suggest that these behaviors affect about 30% of the autism population that is minimally verbal (Tager-Flusberg and Kasari 2013). Yet, this population is under-represented in autism research (Thurm et al. 2021) and management strategies for these behaviors are poorly integrated across provider disciplines. This SIG provides a platform for collaboration among researchers, practitioners, and stakeholders to discuss both established and emerging approaches to reducing these behaviors.

Marika Coffman, PhD

Poster Title: “Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Challenging and Adaptive Behaviors in Children Diagnosed with Autism with and without Co-Occurring ADHD”

Session: Medical and Psychiatric Comorbidity

Session Date/Time: Friday, May 13, 2022, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Room: JW Marriott Hotel - Griffin Hall

Hannah Rea, PhD

Poster Title: “Validity and Acceptability of the Telehealth Autism Diagnostic Assessments (TADA) for Adults as part of Diagnostic, Behavioral & Intellectual Assessment”

Session: Diagnostic, Behavioral & Intellectual Assessment II (V)

Session Date/Time: Friday, May 13, 2022, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Room: This poster will be presented virtually

Autism Community Stakeholder Meeting

Organized ASF President Alison Singer, Chair of the Community Advisory Committee

Open, no pre-registration required. Bring your own lunch

Date/Time: Friday, May 13, 2022, 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Room: JW Marriott Hotel – Brazo Room

Speakers:

Evdokia Anagnostou, MD – Assistant Director, Holland Bloorview Research Institute

Maria Hernandez, MA – Founder & Executive Director, VELA Families

Elizabeth Pellicano, PhD – Professor of Autism Research, University College London

Shuting Zheng, PhD (panel)

Longitudinal Changes in Depression and Other Mental Health Symptoms Among Autistic Adults during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Session: Challenges and Resilience: Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Autistic Individuals and Their Families across the Lifespan

Session Date/Time: Friday, May 13, 2022, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Presentation Time: 4:00 PM

Room: JW Marriott Hotel – Lone Star Ballroom Salons A-C

Saturday, May 14th

Jill Silverman, PhD (panel)

Reconsidering Animal Models Used to Study Autism Spectrum Disorder: Optimizing for Successful Translation

Session: Translational Models for Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and Neurodevelopmental Disorders (NDDs)

Session Date/Time: Saturday, May 14, 2022, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Presentation Time: 11:35 AM

Room: JW Marriott Hotel – Grand Ballroom Salon 3-4

Beza Ayalew

Poster Title: “Disparities in Autism Diagnosis and Classroom Placement in Black Students”

Session: Service Delivery/Systems of Care

Session Date/Time: Saturday, May 14, 2022, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Room: JW Marriott Hotel - Griffin Hall

Jonathan Ferguson, PhD

Poster Title: “A Phenomenological Approach to Understanding the Experience of Telehealth Assessments”

Session: Family Issues and Stakeholder Experiences II (V)

Session Date/Time: Saturday, May 14, 2022, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Room: This poster will be presented virtually

Alycia Halladay, PhD – ASF Chief Science Officer

Poster Title: “Tracking Outcome of Early Career Researchers in ASD”

Session: Family Issues and Stakeholder Experiences II

Session Date/Time: Saturday, May 14, 2022, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Room: JW Marriott Hotel – Griffin Hall

Michele Villalobos, PhD

Poster Title: “Childhood Opportunity and Access to Telehealth during the COVID-19 Pandemic”

Session: Service Delivery/Systems of Care

Session Date/Time: Saturday, May 14, 2022, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Room: JW Marriott Hotel - Griffin Hall

John Choi

PEERbots – A Social Robot and Assistive Communications Toolkit

Session: Innovative Technologies Demonstration

Date/Time: Saturday, May 14, 2022, 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Room: JW Marriott Hotel - Griffin Hall

Lisa Yankowitz, PhD (panel)

Vocalization Behavior and Intrinsic Functional Connectivity between Language Regions in Infants at High and Low Risk for Autism

Session: The Neurodevelopment of Language in Infants at High Risk for Autism

Session Date/Time: Saturday, May 14, 2022, 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Presentation Time: 1:50 PM

Room: JW Marriott Hotel – Lone Star Ballroom Salons A-C