

# Inaugural Conference on Postsecondary programs for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders

## Speaker Information

### Keynote - Carolyn Komich Hare, MS



Carolyn Komich Hare, M.S., has been working in the field of autism spectrum disorders for nearly 20 years. She is a former special education teacher, certified ADI-R Trainer and the Clinical Coordinator for the Autism Tissue Program (ATP). Additionally, Ms. Hare is the founder of Achieving in Higher Education with Autism/Developmental Disabilities (AHEADD); a model of support for students with autism spectrum disorders in higher education. Ms. Hare is especially interested in working with and problem solving issues relating to adolescents and adults with high functioning autism and Asperger's Syndrome.

### Felicia Hurewitz, PhD - Drexel University - Philadelphia

Felicia Hurewitz, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology of Drexel University. After receiving her doctorate in Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania, she attended postdoctoral training at the Rutgers University Institute for Research in Cognitive Science as a fellow from the National Academy of Education/Spencer foundation. She is the director and founder of the Drexel Autism Support Program, an office that trains peer mentors to work with students with autism spectrum disorders, in addition to providing direct supports and community awareness seminars. She also conducts research on language acquisition, numerical cognition and technologies for assessment of people with developmental disabilities.



### Douglas Cornman, MA - Eastern University - Saint David's



Douglas Cornman, MA, BC-DMT, LPC is the Coordinator for the College Success Program for Students Living with Autism Spectrum Disorders at Eastern University. He also serves as adjunct faculty for the Dance/Movement Therapy program at Drexel University. Douglas earned his Bachelor of Arts in Theater Performance from Messiah College and his Master of Arts in Creative Arts in Therapy from Drexel University. He is a Board Certified Dance/Movement Therapist and a Licensed Professional Counselor. Douglas has worked with individuals living on the autism spectrum for the past thirteen years as both a clinician and an administrator focusing on program development.

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Katherine Croce, MEd – Saint Joseph's University – Philadelphia

Katharine "Katie" Croce is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and earned her Master's Degree from Temple University. Currently, Katie is pursuing her Doctorate in Educational Leadership at Saint Joseph's University. Katie appeared on the groundbreaking NBC 10-part series "Autism: The Hidden Epidemic" in 2004. Presently, Katie is the Director of Programs, Training, and Service at the Kinney Center for Autism Education and Support at Saint Joseph's University. Here Katie has developed programs for individuals with autism spectrum disorders (social skills programs, an inclusive summer camp, a respite program, a sports program, a college-bound retreat for students with autism spectrum disorders interested in attending college), and trains undergraduate education and psychology majors who want to work in the field of autism spectrum disorders.



Michael J. Murray, MD – Penn State Hershey – Hershey



Michael J. Murray, MD is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry and the Director of the Division of Autism Services at Penn State Hershey. His clinical research interests include improving social fluency and competency for adolescents and young adults with autism spectrum disorders and adapting assistive technology to support the social needs for individuals with ASD and complex communication needs. He is the principal investigator for Pa. Bureau of Autism Services, Autism, Service, Education, Resource and Training (ASERT) collaborative in the central region.

Brad McGarry, MA - Mercyhurst College – Erie

Brad McGarry is currently the Coordinator for the Asperger Initiative at Mercyhurst (AIM). Brad received his Masters in 1999 and is completing a Masters Certificate in Special Education with a concentration in Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA). He has presented in many venues from international and state conferences to keynote and motivational speaking concentrating on special needs. Brad has been an adjunct in the Psychology Department at Mercyhurst University for 7 years. Brad is a single parent of three wonderful boys and advocates for his oldest son Connor, who is living with Angelman Syndrome, another rare genetic disorder.



### Panel Discussion – All Presenters

Speakers will be available to discuss their programs and respond to questions about university supports, barriers and limitations to program start-up and successes to date.