

Speakers Bios:



*KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Peter Joseph Smith, MD, MA
Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics
Associate Professor, Pediatrics, University of Chicago
"The Evolution of 'Expert' Thought in ASD"
Areas of Expertise: autism and related developmental disorders, complex medical needs, intellectual disabilities including Down syndrome, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) & Learning Disabilities, and behavioral difficulties

Peter J. Smith, MD, MA, is Associate Professor, Pediatrics, at the University of Chicago and board certified in two sub-specialties of pediatrics: neurodevelopmental disabilities (NDD) and developmental-behavioral pediatrics (DBP). Dr. Smith's clinical services include outpatient clinics as well as serving as Medical Director for programs of transitional care and residential schools. Dr. Smith is a hard-working and passionate advocate for children with autism and related developmental disorders, complex medical needs, intellectual disabilities including Down syndrome, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) & Learning Disabilities, and behavioral difficulties.



Amy Schellekens
Sterk Family Law Group, P.C.
 Attorney at Sterk Family Law Group.



Marilyn Deutmeyer M.S. CCC-SLP/L
BY YOUR SIDE
 Marilyn is a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist in Illinois who has over seven years of experience servicing children with a variety of developmental delays with a focus on servicing children with Autism. Marilyn received her Bachelors Degree in Early Childhood Education and Special Education from St. Ambrose University and later went on to receive her Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology. Marilyn began her career working in Early Intervention with children in the home and has spent the last six years working at BY YOUR SIDE.



Samantha Baker, MA, BCBA
BY YOUR SIDE
 Sami earned an Associates in Physical Therapy and Bachelor's in Psychology from University of Evansville in Evansville, Indiana and Masters in Applied Behavior Analysis from Spalding University in Louisville, Kentucky. She has been working with individuals with Autism and other developmental disabilities since 2000 in a variety of settings including in-home, preschool and center environments.



Lorraine Bayer Baffi, M.Ed., BCBA
BY YOUR SIDE
 Lori holds a Bachelors of Health Science in Communication Disorders and a Masters of Education in Applied Behavior Analysis. She has worked in the field since 2013 in a variety of settings including outplacement schools, home, clinic and day care.



Bronwen Douglas, M.A., BCBA
Center for Behavior Intervention
 Bronwen is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst with over 13 years of experience in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis. Bronwen completed her Bachelor of Arts in Developmental Psychology at McMaster University (Ontario, Canada) and then moved to Chicago to complete her graduate work in Applied Behavior Analysis at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology. Bronwen has worked with children of varying abilities and ages across southern Ontario and the Chicagoland area, and also has experience teaching psychology at the community college level. Currently, Bronwen is the clinical manager at the Fox Valley Center for Behavior Intervention where she oversees services provided to learners across clinic, preschool, home and community settings. Bronwen hopes to someday be able to apply her years of expertise in the field of ABA to her own dependents - a wild, wonderful toddler and two rescue dogs.



Ren McGee, M.A., BCBA
Center for Behavior Intervention
 Ren is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst with 23 years of experience with ASD and 7 years of clinical application in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis. Ren's current experience with autism stems from a variety of angles as a sibling, a clinician, and an advocate, and she uses this eclectic perspective in order to best serve those who are differently abled and their families. Before Ren completed her Bachelor of Arts in Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences at Purdue University (West Lafayette, IN), she began working for the Center for Behavior Intervention in Mokena, IL and quickly realized she was going to leave SLHS for her true love, ABA. Ren completed her practicum and Master's degree in Indiana (Ball State University). After gaining in-home therapy experience in her first year of certification, Ren found her way back home to CBI and is loving being a human jungle-gym again.



Dr. Val L. Scaramella-Nowinski, Psy. D
Pediatric Neuropsychology Diagnostic and Treatment Center, Neuropsychology Autism Initiative
 Dr. Nowinski has worked as a clinician and researcher regarding pediatric brain-behavior development for greater than 35 years. Dr. Nowinski's doctoral research was titled "Systemic Analysis: A Neuropsychological Investigation Of The Psychological Structure And Cerebral Organization Of Mental Processes". Dr. Nowinski has been deeply involved in developing Neurosystems Biology understanding of child brain development and learning. She founded and directs the Pediatric Neuropsychology Diagnostic and Treatment Center and Neuropsychology Autism Initiative. Dr. Nowinski has spoken at multiple local, national and international conferences, often an invited speaker/keynote and has authored numerous child brain development papers.



Ann L. Rigby, MSW, LCSW, BCN
Director, The Neuroconnection
 Ann L. Rigby, LCSW, BCN is the founder and director of The Neuroconnection, a Neurofeedback clinic that specializes in addressing neuropsychological symptoms with Connectivity Guided Neurofeedback.



Emilee Valler, Ph.D.
Autism Assessment, Research, Treatment and Services (AARTS) Center
Rush University Medical Center
 "Recent Advances in Autism and Early Intervention Research at Rush Medical Center - 2019."
 Emilee Valler, PhD, is a clinical psychology postdoctoral fellow at the AARTS Center. She obtained her doctorate from the Combined Counseling and School Psychology program at Florida State University. Valler trained at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston for her pre-doctoral internship, focusing on Autism throughout the lifespan. At the AARTS Center, Valler provides diagnostic services, including assessment and intervention, and contributes to the variety of ongoing research efforts. Valler's clinical and research interests include early identification and differential assessment, genetic conditions and medical complexities, and school-based consultation. Valler also currently serves as a fellow within the Illinois Leadership Education and Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) program.



Colette Gillis, BCBA
Autism Home Support
 Colette has been a BCBA for a little more than 4 years now, but her experience in the field of ABA spans over a decade. She provided services to clients with autism from age 2 to 18 in both center and home-based environments.

Mary Beth Walter
Retired Special Educator
 She taught students in the elementary grades and in high school for over 25 years. In addition, she worked for the

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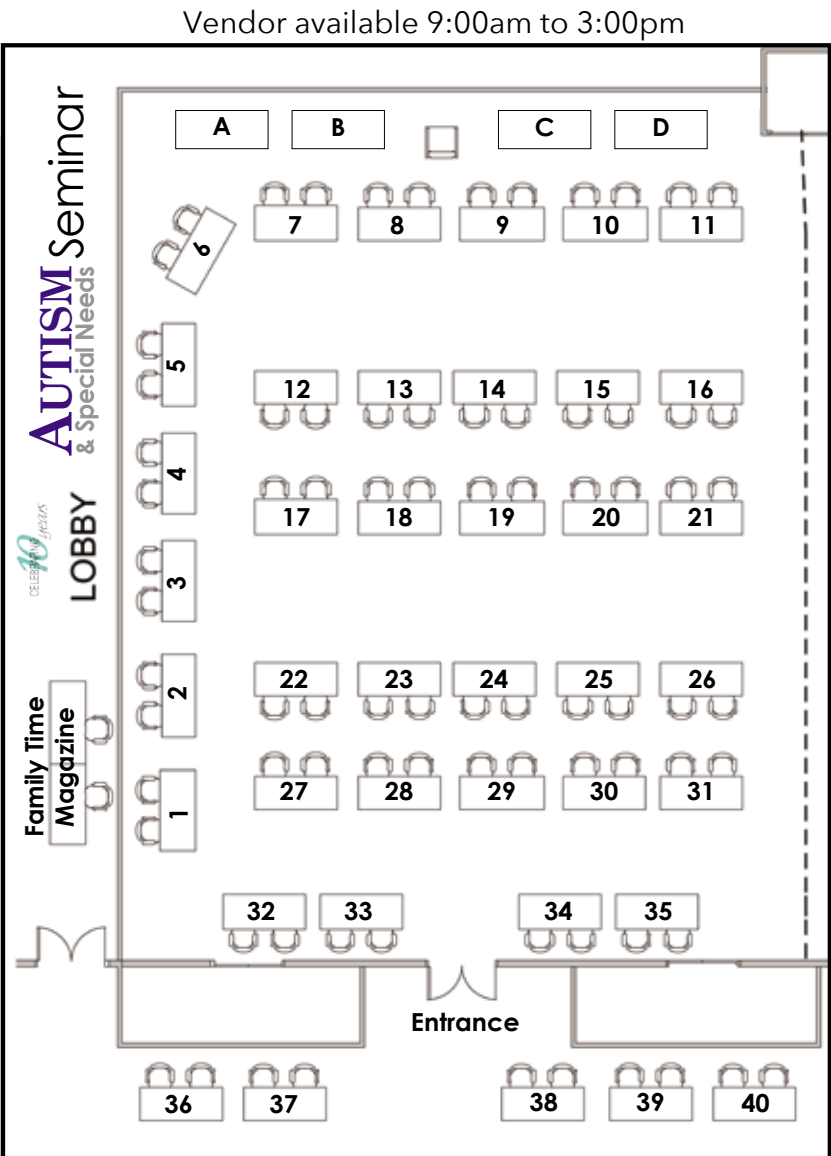
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SPEAKER SCHEDULE

Room 2		Room 3	
9:00am - 10:00am <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. Val L. Scaramella-Nowinski, Psy. DPediatric Neuropsychology Diagnostic and Treatment CenterNeuropsychology Autism InitiativeThe audience can begin their day expressing concerns/questions.			
10:15am - 12:00pm ★ <ul style="list-style-type: none">KEYNOTE - Peter Joseph Smith, MD, MADevelopmental-Behavioral PediatricsAssociate Professor, Pediatrics, University of Chicago"The Evolution of 'Expert' Thought in ASD"Areas of Expertise: autism and related developmental disorders, complex medical needs, intellectual disabilities including Down syndrome, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) & Learning Disabilities, and behavioral difficulties			
12:00pm-12:45pm		LUNCH BREAK (Visit Vendors Room 1)	
1:00pm - 2:15pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mary Beth WalterRetired Special EducatorAmy SchellekensAttorneySterk Family Law Group, P.C."Building a Legal Advocacy Team"		1:00pm - 2:15pm ★ <ul style="list-style-type: none">Colette Gillis, BCBAAutism Home Support"ASD and Community Integration: Strategies that can help parents take children with autism to unfamiliar places. Discussing the challenges that families face with going out into the community"	
2:30pm - 3:30pm ★ <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. Emilee Valler GorfienAARTS Center at Rush University Medical Center"Updates in Research on Early Intervention for ASD"		2:30pm - 3:30pm ★ <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ann L. Rigby, MSW, LSCW, BCNDirector, The Neuroconnection"Connectivity Guided Neurofeedback for Autism Spectrum Disorders: Latest Advancements and Benefits of Training"	
3:45pm -5:00pm ★ <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bronwen Douglas, M.A., BCBA & Ren McGee, M.A., BCBACenter for Behavior Intervention"How Do I Know if ABA Therapy is Working?" – Ten Ways to Confirm if Your Child is Receiving Quality ABA Treatment.		3:45pm -5:00pm ★ <ul style="list-style-type: none">Marilyn Deutmeyer M.S. CCC-SLP/L, Samantha Baker, MA, BCBA, & Lorraine Bayer Baffi, M.Ed., BCBABY YOUR SIDE"Collaborative Approach in a Multi-Disciplinary Setting: Treating the Whole Child"	

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