**MSU Autism Conference**

“MSU Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Family and Professionals Day”

June 24, 2021 – Event

*Join by Zoom: [https://msu.zoom.us/j/97035921156](https://msu.zoom.us/j/97035921156)*

**WELCOME (8:30)**

*Chair, Department of Pediatrics and Human Development, College of Human Medicine/ MSU*

**Introduction and Recognition of**

- Dean Sousa
- C-RAIND and Hope Network
- Work of Committee and their role

**Barbara Thompson, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor CHM, Pediatrics and Human Development, studies social and emotional neurodevelopment.

**Introduction: Opening remarks and Introductions of Session One Presenters**

**SESSION ONE – BULLYING (9:00 – 10:15)**

*Mandy Stewart, Ph.D.*

“How Public Schools Respond to Bullying Behaviors”

*Marisa Fisher, Ph.D.*

“Descriptions of Bullying Experiences of Adolescents with ASD: Differences between Parent and Student Report”

*Mandy Sosnoski*

“Parent shared experience of bullying”

**Panel Discussion (15 Minute)**

**Rebecca Knickmeyer, M.D.*

Associate Professor, CHM, Pediatrics and Human Development

**Introduction of Session Two Presenters**

**SESSION TWO – SOCIAL JUSTICE (10:30 – 12:00)**

*Chioma Torres, M.D.*

“Disparities in diagnosis and management for children with ASD”

*Zakia Alavi M.D.*

“MC3 Connect Grant”

*Diondra Straiton, MA and Aksheya Sridhar, MA*

“We’re Black first and everything else is next”: At the intersection of anti-Black racism and autism.

**Panel Discussion (15 Minute)**

**Break and Self-Guided Tour (12:00 – 1:00)** Intro by: Barbara Thompson

**SESSION THREE – RELATIONSHIPS (1:00 – 2:15)** Intro by: Barbara Thompson

*Steve Pastynek, Ph.D.*

“Sexuality and Boundaries”

*Joel Maatman*

“Ways to Communicate with Law Enforcement”

*Mira Jourdan, Ph.D.*

“Relationships as it relates to Autism”

**Panel Discussion (15 Minute)**

**Wrap Up – Dr. Keith English**

**RESOURCE FAIR (2:15 – 4:00)** Livestream, Resources and Materials

June 23, 2021 – Event Preview

June 25, 2021 – Post-Conference Access to Exhibit Booths