

More about the Speakers

for *KiDA's* Summit on Autism



HOLLY ROBINSON PEETE is an actor, author, activist, and philanthropist. She is known for her roles in television series such as *21 Jump Street*, *For Your Love*, and *One on One*. Holly and her husband, former USC quarterback Rodney Peete, have four children. Their son Rodney James was diagnosed with autism when he was three, which inspired Holly and Rodney's role as advocates for education, outreach, and support for autism. Holly and her daughter, Ryan Elizabeth Peete, co-authored a children's picture book about autism titled *My Brother Charlie*. Holly will be sharing at the Summit on Autism about her journey as a mother of a child with autism. For more information about Holly, visit the Holly Rod Foundation website at www.hollyrod.org.

BRYNA SIEGEL, PH.D., is a Professor of Psychiatry at University of California, San Francisco. Her extensive research in autism covers early intervention, analysis of effective behavioral, psychological, and education treatments, and family functioning with autism. Her books on autism, including *The World of the Autistic Child*, *Helping Children with Autism Learn*, *What About Me? Growing up with a Developmentally Disabled Sibling*, and *Getting the Best for your Child with Autism*, are valuable tools for families with a child on the spectrum. Dr. Siegel will be providing a critical review on therapies in Autism. To find out more information about Dr. Siegel, visit <http://psych.ucsf.edu/faculty.aspx?id=212>.

BRYAN KING, M.D., is Director of the Autism Center at the University of Washington. He also directs the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine at Seattle Children's Hospital and is a Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at University of Washington School of Medicine. Dr. King's research emphasizes treatment for persons with autism and related developmental delays. His current research involves evaluating the safety and efficacy of medications that treat behavioral disturbances in persons with ASD. Dr. King's lecture will address the implications of psychopharmacology in Autism for children, adolescents, and adults. More information is available at www.seattlechildrens.org/media/experts/bryan-king.

LEANNE CHUKOSKIE, PH.D., earned her Ph.D. at NYU's Center for Neural Science studying the neural mechanisms that mediate vision during eye movements. During her postdoctoral training at the Salk Institute she studied search behavior in both humans and animals. A family connection as well as the curious manner in which people with autism tend to scan a visual scene led her to work for Autism Speaks as the Assistant Director of Science Communication and Special Projects. Leanne also continues her research as a Project Scientist at UCSD.

SUSAN SAMUELI, PH.D., founded the Susan Samueli Center for Integrative Medicine with her husband, Henry Samueli, in 2000. The center, which is part of UC Irvine, is focused on scientific research and education in the field of complementary and alternative medicine. Susan will be speaking from a parent's perspective about the role of integrative medicine in Autism. Visit www.sscim.uci.edu for more information.

LISA ACKERMAN is the Executive Director of Talk About Curing Autism (TACA). TACA is a resource that provides thousands of families with information about dealing with Autism. Lisa will be sharing about her journey with her own son and the creation of TACA. Visit www.tacanow.com for more information.