



***Happy Autism Awareness Month from all of us at the UW Autism Center!***

## Announcements

The UWAC welcomes our new speech-language pathologist, Jim! James 'Jim' Engracia, M.A. CCC-SLP, is a licensed and ASHA certified speech-language pathologist at the UW Autism Center – Seattle and Tacoma Clinic. He received his master's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from St. Louis University in Missouri. Jim has worked in schools and private practices, predominately with the ASD population. He has presented his research on the Educational Diagnosis of Language Impairments in School-Age Children at the state and national levels. Additionally, Jim has completed training in Social Thinking and Beckman Oral Motor Training. Jim's clinical interests include: ASD, feeding disorders, social communication, and culturally and linguistically diverse populations.



## Delegation to Beijing, China

Leadership staff at the UW Autism Center

was honored to present information on diagnosis, intervention and recent research findings at the International Conference on Current Advances in Autism in Beijing, China on April 6-8, 2018. Dr. Jing Liu and the Peking University Mental Health Institute and Sixth Hospital hosted the conference. Many thanks to Dr. Liu and her staff for an incredible trip filled with historical tours, discussions of exciting future collaborations, and endless food adventures. Drs Estes, Dager, and Welsh then visited Tsinghua University, hosted by Dr. Chun Yuan, interacting and exchanging ideas with the world-class faculty of the Center for Biomedical Imaging Research April 10-12.

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## University of Washington South Campus Autism Lightning Rounds

Join us for Clinical Lightning Rounds to explore, celebrate, and learn about clinical services for people with autism provided on South Campus of UW. Enjoy informative talks, followed by a reception at the UW Autism Center Portage Bay Clinic.

**Monday, April 30, 2018**

**12:30-2:30pm**

**UW Haring Center Building**

1981 NE Columbia Road

<http://haringcenter.org/contact/>

Reception and Q&A 1:30-2:30

**UW Autism Center Portage Bay Clinic**

Portage Bay Building, Rm 207

1829NE Columbia Road, Seattle, WA



**Center on Human Development and Disability**

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**Run2Pieces 2018**

Run2Pieces 2018 was, as always, a wonderful success in support of our UWAC Family Scholarship Fund. The sold-out 5k



at Willis-Tucker Park in Snohomish was filled with smiles, community, and some impressive athletics! A special thanks to the Shevitz family and the many sponsors who made this event possible. We are already looking forward to next year!

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## Brain Awareness Week



As part of **Brain Awareness Week** in March, members of our staff displayed a mock MRI scanner similar to those used in our research. Dr. Kate MacDuffie plays scanner sounds through headphones to create an immersive experience.



Our Director of Training & School Services, Robin Talley, explains brain scans to a student during the mock scanner demonstration.

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# STAS Autism Symposium 2018



**July 25, 2018**

**August 1, 2018**

**August 8, 2018**

University of Washington Seattle Campus



**The 4<sup>th</sup> annual STAS Autism Symposium, presented by the University of Washington Autism Center and St. John's Masonic Lodge, is FREE to educators.**

Pick topics you are interested in and attend one, two, or all three days!  
Registration required for each day. Clock hours available for an additional fee.

To register, visit:

<https://depts.washington.edu/uwautism/training/uwac-workshops/stas/>



*St. John's Masonic Lodge*  
Seattle





Spring has sprung at the University of Washington! Our staff (including our husky!) are enjoying the beautiful blossoms and warmer days!

Dr. Temple Grandin's talk "Different Kinds of Minds" took place March 8th at the University of Washington. [Click here](#) to listen to it for yourself!

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