Special Issue Call for Papers: Autism Spectrum Disorder in Adulthood

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Rates of identification and diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) have been rising for the last 20+ years. It is now estimated that approximately 1 in every 68 children has ASD (US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2014). The number of adolescents and adults who have been identified with ASD has been steadily increasing (VanBergeijk, Klin, & Volkmar, 2008) and, based on increased diagnosis among children, we can expect to see precipitous growth in the number of adults with ASD requiring treatment and services. Adults with ASD face a unique, and unfortunate, reality – limited access to appropriate services and supports, combined with difficulties with daily living skills (Taylor & Seltzer, 2011). ASD is costly not only in terms of human suffering and experience, but also financially. Life-time societal costs of ASD have been estimated to be $3.2 million per individual (Ganz, 2007), lost productivity and adult care being the largest contributors to that estimate.

The purpose of this special issue is to feature both basic and applied research related to the aging population of individuals with ASD. This special issue will provide an international forum for researchers to present new scientific findings and methodological advances with special emphasis on adult ASD. We encourage submission of empirical papers that describe changes and stability in ASD phenotypically across development, special issues faced by adults with ASD, longitudinal studies of outcome, and treatment evaluation research. This is not an exhaustive list of possible content, however, and we will consider all submissions. Please email Susan White (sww@vt.edu) if you would like to inquire about a possible submission.

We are accepting one-page abstracts (results do not need to be complete) until July 25th. Authors will be invited to submit manuscripts based on review and acceptance of the abstract. Full manuscripts, once invited, will be due October 1st, 2014. All submitted manuscripts will be peer-reviewed through JADD’s online editorial manager (http://www.editorialmanager.com/jadd/default.asp).

When submitting, please select the article type, “S.I.: Autism Spectrum Disorder in Adulthood”. *Abstracts should be no longer than one page, inclusive of author and identifying information, title, summary of the research, and references.*

Submitted manuscripts should be prepared per JADD author guidelines for articles or brief reports only and should include a cover letter that (1) states the article is intended for the special issue, (2) explains how the article is relevant for this call, and (3) recommends 3 reviewers. All manuscripts will undergo standard peer review.
Accepted papers will be accessible online prior to being published in the special issue. Having a manuscript accepted for the special issue will not affect its availability online. Also, manuscripts not accepted for the special issue may still be reviewed and accepted for the traditional print of the journal. Authors will be notified regarding the status of the manuscript being accepted for the special issue or the traditional print.

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