Youth on the Autism Spectrum:
JOBS, COLLEGE, & BEYOND

Conference At a Glance:
9:00-9:30 Coffee & Registration
9:30-10:45: Focused Presentations
10:45-11:00: BREAK
11:00-12:15 Focused Presentations
12:15-1:00 Lunch & Movie Shorts
   ReelAbilities Movie Shorts
   Bumblebees and Autism in Love
1:00-3:00 Breakout sessions
3:00-3:15 BREAK
3:15-4:00 Focused Presentation

*Detailed Conference Schedule
Listed inside Brochure

To Register:

COST: $25 per person (lunch included)

Center of Excellence
Autism Spectrum Disorders at
Southern CT State University
and
Yale University’s NIH Autism Center of Excellence, Yale Child Study Center, Yale School of Medicine

Sunday, October 27, 2019
9:00-4:00
Adanti Student Center Ballroom
Southern CT State University
345 Fitch Street, New Haven, CT
*Parking available in parking garage at 23 Wintergreen Ave*
During lunch, participants will view two movie shorts from the ReelAbilities Film Festival, the largest disability film festival in North America, increasing awareness and appreciating the lives, talents and stories of people with different abilities.

*Bumblebees* is a short 4-minute short about a teen with ASD facing a new challenge: dating.

*Autism in Love* (the short) is a 9-minute short about a man with ASD, his social skills and behaviors and embrace of life in his marital relationship.

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**Detailed Conference Schedule**

9:40-10:10............... JANE THIERFELD BROWN

*Title: College Students with Autism - an Expanding Frontier*

Jane Thierfeld Brown, Ed.D is Director of College Autism Spectrum and Assistant Clinical Professor, Yale Child Study. She has worked in Access Services in higher education for 40 years.

10:15-10:45...............ERNST VANBERGEIJK

*Title: Finding the right supports in post-secondary education: How do you choose?*

Ernst VanBergeijk, Ph.D., M.S.W. is a Professor and Director of the Threshold Program in Cambridge, MA.

11:10-11:40.................. PETER GERHARDT

*Title: Developing Positive Adult Outcomes in ASD*

Peter Gerhardt, Ed.D., is the Executive Director of the EPIC Programs in Paramus, NJ. He has spent most of his 40-years in field supporting adolescents and adults with ASD. He is the Co-Chairman of the Scientific Council for the Organization for Autism Research.

11:45-12:15............... JOHN MILLER

*Title: Personal Perspectives as a Teacher and Advocate*

John Miller is an educator, speaker and author of "Decoding Dating: A Guide to the Unwritten Social Rules of Dating for Men with Asperger Syndrome (Autism Spectrum Disorder)"

1:00-3:00....................BRAKEOUT SESSIONS

Presenters from morning sessions will join additional presenters to offer smaller, more focused sessions on college, vocational considerations, social relationships and mental health issues.

**Additional presenters include:** Fred Volkmar, Michael Storz, Michael Gilberg, Barbara Cook, Kim Bean

3:15-4:00.....................GARY MAYERSON

*Title: Preparing ASD Students For The Transition To Adulthood*

Attorney Mayerson is the founder of Mayerson & Associates, the first civil rights firm in the nation dedicated to representing individuals with ASD. He is the board chair of Job Path, a Manhattan-based not for profit, that develops and sustains employment opportunities for individuals with ASD and related disorders. Attorney Mayerson is the author of How To Compromise With Your School District Without Compromising Your Child and is nearing completion of a second book, *Autism's Declaration of Independence.*