



## “MDMA-assisted Therapy for Social Anxiety in Autistic Adults”

The Beaumont Room  
Yale University School of Medicine  
333 Cedar Street

**Tuesday, October 11th, 2016**

**6:30 PM until 8:00 PM**

This talk will begin by discussing the first randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial of MDMA-assisted therapy’s potential for treating social anxiety in autistic adults. The investigators have applied both qualitative and quantitative research approaches to exploring whether MDMA’s prosocial effects can result in sustained improvements in various domains of social adaptability. We will also discuss how working with diverse populations and neurodivergent individuals in clinical research has challenged best practice standards for set and setting in psychedelic research in general.

Speaker: Alicia Danforth, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist and Researcher, Los Angeles  
Biomedical Research Institute at the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

*Bio: Dr. Danforth’s work as a co-facilitator on Dr. Charles Grob’s clinical trial with psilocybin for existential anxiety related to advanced cancer inspired her to become a licensed clinical psychologist. Her dissertation was on the MDMA (Ecstasy) experiences of adults on the autism spectrum. She also specializes in mindfulness-based psychotherapy, trauma treatment, and psychedelic harm reduction at festivals and events.*

Light refreshments will be served.

**Please RVSP to [yalepsg@gmail.com](mailto:yalepsg@gmail.com) by: Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016**