

DEPARTMENT OF EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

College of Education, Florida Atlantic University



HOOT Presents...

Serving the Next Generation of Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders

***HOOT: Honoring
Outstanding Owl
Teachers**

*Expanding research
and practice to
prepare educators
for the future.*

**Friday,
April 20, 2012**

3:00-5:00 p.m.

**Room 115
College of
Education
(Boca)**

This colloquium will feature presentations from three doctoral students in the department whose research foci are on education/programming for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Apps for Students with ASD

Elisa Cruz-Torres, M.Ed., BCBA

Presenter will share iPod/iPhone/iPad applications or “apps” which focus on developing areas of communication, organization, writing, behavior support, and more. Information will also be shared to promote a better understanding of apps, device management, and accessories available to assist students with ASD in self-contained and inclusive settings.

Consulting with Professionals:

Who should I contact when I don't know what to do?

Ali Cunningham, M.Ed., LMHC

Presenter will describe collaborative relationships for supporting students with ASD and who to work with when issues arise, which are outside the scope of practice for general/special education professionals. Examples of these issues include mental health concerns, moderate to severe behavior problems, or dealing with family dynamics.

**Creating Classroom Structure and Individualized Instructional Support for
Students with Autism in Self-Contained and Inclusive Environments**

Michael McGinty, M.Ed.

Presenter will review foundations and strategies for implementing instructional design and classroom structure to promote teaching and learning, creating communication opportunities for social engagement, and developing skills for independence for students with autism.

This event is open to all education majors.

This event is offered in fulfillment of a series of enrichment activities for the department's *Honoring Outstanding Owl Teachers (HOOT) program, an honors program within the exceptional student education major in the college of education. For more information about the HOOT program, contact the program coordinator, Dr. Sharon M. Darling (sdarlin4@fau.edu or 561.297.0807).