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**The Effect of the Mentoring  
Experience on the Mentors of  
College Students with  
Intellectual Disabilities**

*This colloquium and guided discussion will be led by*

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***Session Abstract***

This study sought to determine whether the mentoring experience affected peer, staff, and faculty attitudes and beliefs about mentoring college students with intellectual disabilities. Changes in attitude and beliefs were overwhelmingly positive. The research suggested that participants from all groups of mentees did experience a change in their attitudes and beliefs regarding those with ID. Those changes in attitude and beliefs were overwhelmingly positive. Peer, staff, and faculty mentors also reported many benefits from participation in the mentoring experience including but not limited to increased self-awareness and self-improvement. Findings from the research and implications for practice will be discussed in this session.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025**

**5:30 - 7PM**

**Via Zoom Videoconferencing**

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***Session Agenda***

5:30-5:40	Introductions
5:40-5:50	HOOT Program Overview
5:50-6:40	Colloquium
6:40-7:00	Q&A/Discussion Homework Explanation



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