

Distinguished Lecture Series

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“Separating the Science and the Fiction of Autism”

**THURSDAY
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7 P.M. – 9 P.M.
Refreshments will be served.

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Dr. Laura Schreibman is a distinguished professor of psychology at the University of California, San Diego, where she has been on the faculty since 1983. She currently directs the UCSD Autism Intervention Research Program, a federally funded research program focusing on the experimental analysis and treatment of autism. Her general research interests include naturalistic behavioral intervention strategies (Pivotal Response Training), the development of individualized treatment protocols, translation of empirically based treatments into community settings, analysis of language and attentional deficits, generalization of behavior change, parent training, and issues of assessment. She is the author of two books and over 120 research articles and book chapters. *The Science and Fiction of Autism*, published in 2005 by Harvard University Press, is her third book.

This presentation will review some of the current contentious controversies such as: Do vaccines cause autism? Is there really an autism epidemic? Do special diets help? What are the most effective treatments? Which treatments are bogus? How can parents and other nonprofessionals make sense out of competing claims and become informed consumers of services?

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