



# 25th Anniversary Conference Human Rights For All

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September 25-26, 2015  
Radisson Hotel Manchester Downtown  
Manchester, New Hampshire

## Friday, September 25, 2015

8:00 – 9:00	<b>Registration and Continental Breakfast</b>
9:00 – 9:10	<i>Welcome</i> - Emily Titon, President
9:10 – 9:30	<i>In Memoriam</i> - Mayer Shevin and Steven Taylor Jenn Seybert (with written tribute by Eugene Marcus)
9:30 – 10:30	Keynote
Ballroom	<i>Who Defines Social Justice? The Culture Clash between Academia, the Service Industry, and True Advocates</i> Linda Rammler, Technical Assistance Director at the University of Connecticut Center for Excellence in Developmental, Research and Service, the spouse of a person with disabilities and an adoptive and foster parent of youth with behavioral health needs
10:30 – 10:45	BREAK

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10:45 – 12:00	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>
10:45 – 12:00 Dartmouth	<b><i>Working the Statehouse toward Dignity and Equal Rights for All</i></b> Nicole Leblanc, Max Barrows, Chris Rueggeberg and Jennifer Bertrand These four advocates from Vermont and New Hampshire will share stories of trials and triumphs in working to move legislation that profoundly affects marginalized people from concept to bill to law.
10:45 – 12:00 Robert Frost	<b><i>The Psychology and Neuroscience of Typing: Transitions along the Path to Independence</i></b> Cynthia and Grant Blasko Mother and son will share experiences, observations, and an evolving framework for talking with schools about what to expect along the road from introduction, to proficient communication, to independent typing. By creating a story that includes many “pixels” that make up the big picture of understanding, beyond just the implementation of FC or RPM methods, we can begin to reduce the fear around “non-evidence based” interventions.
10:45 – 12:00 Hawthorne	<b><i>The Musical Autist</i></b> Sunny Cefarati (with CJ Shiloh MT-BC, support and visual guide) The journey of my 20's: How perfect pitch has gotten me this far, breaking out of a sheltered workshop, and what I wish I'd been told as a kid.
12:15 – 1:15	<b>LUNCH – served in Ballroom</b>
1:15 – 2:15 <b>Ballroom</b>	<b>Keynote</b> <b><i>Typed Words, Loud Voices</i></b> Elizabeth (Ibby) Grace, an Autistic disability activist and Assistant Professor of Education at National Louis University in Chicago
2:15 – 2:30	<b>BREAK</b>
2:30 – 3:30	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>
2:30 – 3:30 Dartmouth	<b><i>I Stand with Henry</i></b> Tracy Thresher and Henry Frost Tracy, the man, has been mentoring Henry, a teen. Both communicate by typing.
2:30 – 3:30 Robert Frost	<b><i>The Autism Women's Network: Community Organizing and Advocacy for Disabled Women</i></b> Sharon daVanport and Morénike Giwa Onaiwu

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2:30 – 3:30 Hawthorne	<p><b><i>Our Lives Now Because of Supported Typing</i></b>  <b>Mike Hoover and Rob Cutler</b>          Both men will discuss the ways in which using supported typing brought them from the sidelines to healthy, active, contributing lives.</p>
3:30 – 3:45	<b>BREAK and SNACK</b>
3:45 – 5:00	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>
3:45 – 5:00 Dartmouth	<p><b><i>My Right to a Quality Education: Students Speak Out!</i></b>  <b>Mary Schuh, Moderator; Grant Blasko, Henry Frost, Mary Quintanilha and Emma Zurcher-Long</b>          This panel of students will discuss their desire for and access to a high quality typical education. Home schooling, online learning, public education in neighborhood schools and general education classes all provide opportunities for learning. Attend this session and hear from students who type to express themselves discuss how they are negotiating the world of learning.</p>
3:45 – 5:00 Robert Frost	<p><b><i>Congratulations! You've Been Accepted!..Our Experiences in the Journey of Higher Education</i></b>  <b>Jenn Seybert and Jamie Burke</b>          Both Jenn and Jamie earned university degrees using typing to communicate.</p>
3:45 – 5:00 Hawthorne	<p><b><i>Thirty Years of Art Making</i></b>  <b>Larry Bissonette</b>          In a retrospective look at his art, Larry will discuss his journey as an artist which he describes as "My path to making my art leave the world of disability, pushing in many old ideas and launching new perspectives about the abilities of people with autism."</p>
5:00 – 7:00	<b>Dinner on your own</b>
7:00 – 9:00 Robert Frost and Hawthorne	<p><b>Movie Night (with popcorn)</b>   <b><i>Loving Lampposts – Living Autistic, a film by Todd Drezner</i></b></p>



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8:00 – 9:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 – 9:10	<b>Welcome</b> - Emily Titon, President
9:15 – 10:15	Keynote
Ballroom	<b>More Than Neurodivergent: Autistic Rights in Social Justice Movements</b> Lydia Brown, a disabled activist and writer whose work focuses on violence against multiply-marginalized disabled people
10:15 – 10:30	<b>BREAK</b>

**Saturday, Sept. 26**

10:30 – 11:45	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>
10:30 – 11:45 Dartmouth	<p><b><i>Collaborative Advocacy in the Autism Community: An Inclusive Framework for Social Change</i></b> Beth Ryan, Kassiane Sibley, and Alyssa Hillary PACLA (Parenting Autistic Children with Love and Acceptance)</p>
10:30 – 11:45  Robert Frost and Hawthorne	<p><b><i>The Road Map to Independent Communication</i></b> Larry Bissonnette and Tracy Thresher Pascal Cheng and Harvey Lavoy, III</p> <p>This session will focus on specific techniques and strategies that can be used to help individuals who use FC gain greater levels of independence with their communication.</p>
12:00 – 1:00	<b>LUNCH – served in Ballroom</b>
1:00 – 1:20    1:30 – 2:30  Ballroom	<p><b><i>An AutCom Retrospective: 25 Years of Working for Social Justice for Autistics</i></b> Barbara Cutler, Co-founder of Autism National Committee</p> <p align="center"><b>Keynote</b></p> <p><b><i>The Power and Right to Connect</i></b> Emma Zurcher-Long and Ariane Zurcher Ariane and Emma will describe the process they went through, both separately and together, to reach a place of empowerment and how verbal communication, seen by the non-autistic world as the barometer of connection and thought, is incorrect.</p>
2:30 – 3:00	<b>BREAK and SNACK</b>

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3:15 – 4:15	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>
<b>3:15 – 4:15</b> Dartmouth	<b><i>JRC and Coercive Treatment</i></b> <b><i>Shain Neumeier, Emily Titon, and Jennifer Msumba</i></b>
<b>3:15 – 4:15</b> Robert Frost	<b><i>Reaching Up through the Keyboard to a Brighter Life</i></b> <b>Mark Utter</b> In this interactive workshop film maker Mark Utter will share inspirational words from his latest writing project about how Supported Typing has allowed him to take over the designing and defining of his life.
<b>3:15 – 4:15</b> Hawthorne	<b><i>Real Talk on Racism and Diversity:                      Radical Inclusion and the Autistic Rights Movement</i></b> Lydia Brown (moderator), Finn Gardiner, Morénike Giwa-Onaiwu, Kassiane Sibley
4:15 – 4:30	<b>BREAK</b>
4:30 – 5:00 Ballroom	<p align="center"> <b>THE LAST WORD</b>  <b>A brief opportunity for autistic presenters and Board members to share a few thoughts about the conference.</b> </p> <p align="center"> <b><i>Turn in</i> FEEDBACK FORMS</b>  <b>Check RAFFLE RESULTS!</b> </p> <p align="center"> <b>We hope you enjoyed the conference!</b> </p>