

## Registration

**The School-Age Autistic Spectrum Child:  
Fostering Relatedness and Emotional Growth by  
Integrating DIR/Floortime and Psychodynamic Approaches**

**Saturday, March 17, 2007**

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(Postmarked by Thursday,  
March 1, 2007)

<b>General</b>	\$110	\$140
<b>Adelphi-affiliated</b>	\$85	\$110
<b>Candidates and Graduate Students with ID</b>	\$20	\$25
<b>Administrative Charge (For C.E. or C.E.U. credits)</b>	\$10	\$10

Continental breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee.

Number of Registrants \_\_\_\_\_

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For more information about this conference, contact

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## Postgraduate Programs in Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy

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## The School-Age Autistic Spectrum Child: Fostering Relatedness and Emotional Growth by Integrating DIR/Floortime and Psychodynamic Approaches

**Barbara Kalmanson Ph.D.  
Ron Balamuth Ph.D.**

**Discussants**

**Sima Gerber Ph.D., CCC-SLP  
Edi Nelson MSOT, OTR/L  
Monica Osgood B.A.**

**Saturday, March 17, 2007  
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Adelphi University, Garden City campus  
Ruth S. Harley University Center Ballroom**

**5 C.E. Credits**



**Coordinated by:**

The Adelphi Postgraduate  
Program in Psychodynamic  
School Psychology

The Adelphi Postgraduate  
Program in Child, Adolescent,  
and Family Psychotherapy

## Conference Summary

This conference is designed for clinical psychologists, school psychologists, educators, special educators, social workers, other professionals, and parents who seek new insights and skills that can be utilized with children who have Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD) including Pervasive Developmental Disorders (PDD) and Asperger's Syndrome (AS).

Children with regulatory, sensory processing, and cognitive differences present special challenges for their parents and for the many caretaking professionals in their lives. This conference presents a multidisciplinary approach that integrates psychodynamic, neuro-developmental, and educational advances to enhance the emotional and social growth of ASD children.

Conference speakers will illustrate their use of the Developmental, Individual-Difference, Relatedness Program (DIR/Floortime) developed by Drs. Stanley Greenspan and Serena Wieder. Our keynote speaker, Dr. Barbara Kalmanson, has adapted the DIR/Floortime Program to help school-age children improve their academic skills and develop the foundations needed for relating, communicating, and thinking.

Dr. Kalmanson will discuss use of the DIR model to help understand the internal, psychological world of ASD children. She will offer practical home and school interventions that foster the emotional and social growth of ASD children.

Dr. Ron Balamuth will present clinical material illustrating use of the DIR program to guide psychotherapy that enables ASD children to become more intentional, interactive individuals.

### Conference Objectives

- 1- Participants will learn about the interaction between learning problems related to sensory processing weaknesses and psychodynamic personality issues such as self-concept and defense mechanisms.
- 2- Participants will learn to integrate developmental, relationship-based interventions into clinical school and home settings.
- 3- Participants will learn to organize team collaboration among family members, non-school practitioners, and school-based intervention teams.

## Presenters

**Barbara Kalmanson** Ph.D. is a psychologist, special educator, clinical director, and founder of the Oak Hill School for children with special needs. She has extensive experience working with schools, children, and their families, and lectures on topics related to children on the autistic spectrum. Her publications focus on affective development, early intervention with children who have difficulties in relating and communicating, and the importance of family-provider relationships. Dr. Kalmanson is in private practice in San Francisco and in Marin County, California. She is a faculty member of the DIR Institute and the Interdisciplinary Council on Developmental and Learning Disorders (ICDL).

Dr. Kalmanson will demonstrate the synergy between psychodynamic concepts and the DIR program.

**Ron Balamuth** Ph.D., psychologist and psychoanalyst, is on the faculty and is a supervisor at the William Alanson White Institute, the National Institute for the Psychotherapies, and Columbia University Teacher's College Program in Clinical Psychology. He conducts DIR workshops both nationally and internationally. He is on the faculty of the DIR Institute and is in private practice in New York City.

**Sima Gerber** Ph.D., CCC-SLP is an associate professor in the department of linguistics and communication disorders of Queens College, CUNY. She is also the graduate admissions coordinator of the master's program in speech-language pathology. Dr. Gerber has a special interest in language acquisition and developmental approaches to language intervention. She is on the Advisory Board of the ICDL, on the faculty of the DIR Certificate Program, on the Board of Directors of the New York Zero to Three Network, and on the faculty of the Institute for Infants, Children, and Families.

**Edi Nelson** MSOT, OTR/L is a pediatric occupational therapist in private practice in New York City. She incorporates sensory integration and DIR methodology in her work with children. She is a DIR certificate candidate.

**Monica Osgood** B.A. is a founder and director of the Celebrate the Children School (CTC) in Stanhope, New Jersey. CTC is a state-funded approved private DIR school. She is an experienced behavioral and educational consultant who specializes in working with children with autism and other disorders in relating and communicating. Ms. Osgood is a faculty member of the ICDL. She lectures widely to professional and parent groups on the use of the DIR approach.

## Schedule

8:30 a.m.

### Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m.

### Welcome

**Mary Beth Cresci** Ph.D., ABPP

**Elaine Seitz** Ph.D.

**Stephen Hyman** Ph.D.

9:15 a.m.

### Keynote Speaker

**Barbara Kalmanson** Ph.D.

### The Internal World of the Child with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder: Self-Regulation and Affect-Regulation

10:15 a.m.

### Morning Break

10:30 a.m.

### Case Presentation

**Ron Balamuth** Ph.D.

This case presentation illustrates how information about sensory processing, motor functions, language development, and self regulation can be used to engage a child. It will focus on understanding and working with psychological defenses of shutting down, avoidance, and withdrawal.

11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

### Lunch in the University Center (included in registration fee)

1:00 p.m.

### School-Based Interventions

**Barbara Kalmanson** Ph.D.

Dr. Kalmanson will discuss curriculum development and class activities that support learning from an affective base and facilitate the development of executive functions.

2:15 p.m.

### Multidisciplinary Panel Discussion

**Sima Gerber** Ph.D., CCC-SLP

**Edi Nelson** MSOT, OTR/L

**Monica Osgood** B.A.

Drs. Kalmanson and Balamuth will join a multidisciplinary panel to discuss the utilization of DIR concepts in psychotherapy, occupational therapy, speech/language therapy, and special education.

3:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

### Questions and Comments

Conference speakers will discuss questions and comments from the audience.

### Continuing Education Credits (C.E.'s)

This conference provides 5 Continuing Education credits for psychologists. Attendees desiring these credits must pay a nominal administrative fee upon registration. Attendance at the entire conference is required. No partial credit can be given. Adelphi University is approved by the American Psychological Association to offer Continuing Education credits for psychologists. Adelphi University maintains responsibility for the program.

Continuing education units for social workers are given through the NYS Chapter of the NASW. Five C.E.U. credits have been applied for.