

18th Annual Conference
University of California Center for
Research on Special Education,
Disabilities, and Developmental Risk



2024 Conference Schedule
and Information Packet

Welcome to Sacramento!

Established in 2005, UCSPEDDR is dedicated to research on special education, disabilities, and developmental risk needs in California schools. The center contributes to the statewide need to train teachers and researchers focused on special education. UCSPEDDR brings together faculty expertise across the University of California campuses to focus on the educational needs of children within the contexts of special education. Over the last decade, UCSPEDDR has grown to include presentations and discussions with faculty across UC campuses.

The conference brings faculty, graduate students, and community members together for a packed, two-day discussion on current research throughout the UC system involving special education, disabilities, and developmental risk. Highlights include keynote faculty speakers, oral presentations representing some of the highest quality investigations in special education across the UC system, and an evening poster session where work is showcased for all to discuss, all with more networking events between faculty and graduate students than you could have hoped for.

We are happy to welcome you for our third year hosting UC SPEDDR in the Sacramento area. Our aim is to keep moving the conference around to different UC campuses to provide graduate students with more opportunities to travel around California to highlight the different types of research happening across our state. While we will be situated at the MIND Institute for most of our conference proceedings, we hope you all get a chance to check out the downtown Sacramento area. If you need recommendations about particular events or locations to check out, just ask around!

This conference also could not happen without the support and help of many individuals across the UC system. Thank you to all of our presenters this year and to the members of the Doctoral Student Advisory Council (DSAC). DSAC includes graduate student members across the UC system who help with blind conference abstract reviews, communications across campuses and across faculty members, and everything it takes to make this conference happen. A major thank you to the entire Faculty Steering Committee and to the Chair of the Faculty Steering Committee. This conference would not be able to happen without their continued support and guidance.

If you have any questions, please do let us know. And please make sure to fill out an electronic survey shortly following the conference! We hope you have a great two days here in Sacramento.

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Conference Location Information

UC Davis MIND Institute
2825 50th St
Sacramento, CA 95817

**Friday and Saturday
Conference Location**

In 1998, families of children with autism helped found the UC Davis MIND Institute (Medical Investigation of Neurodevelopmental Disorders). They envisioned experts from every discipline related to early brain development working together toward one goal; finding and developing treatments for individuals with neurodevelopmental disabilities.

Today, the MIND Institute brings together members of the community including families, educators, physicians, psychologists, and scientists. They are collaborating to further understand causes, development and best treatments for Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), Fragile X Syndrome, Down syndrome, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome, and other neurodevelopmental disorders.

Recommended Accommodation

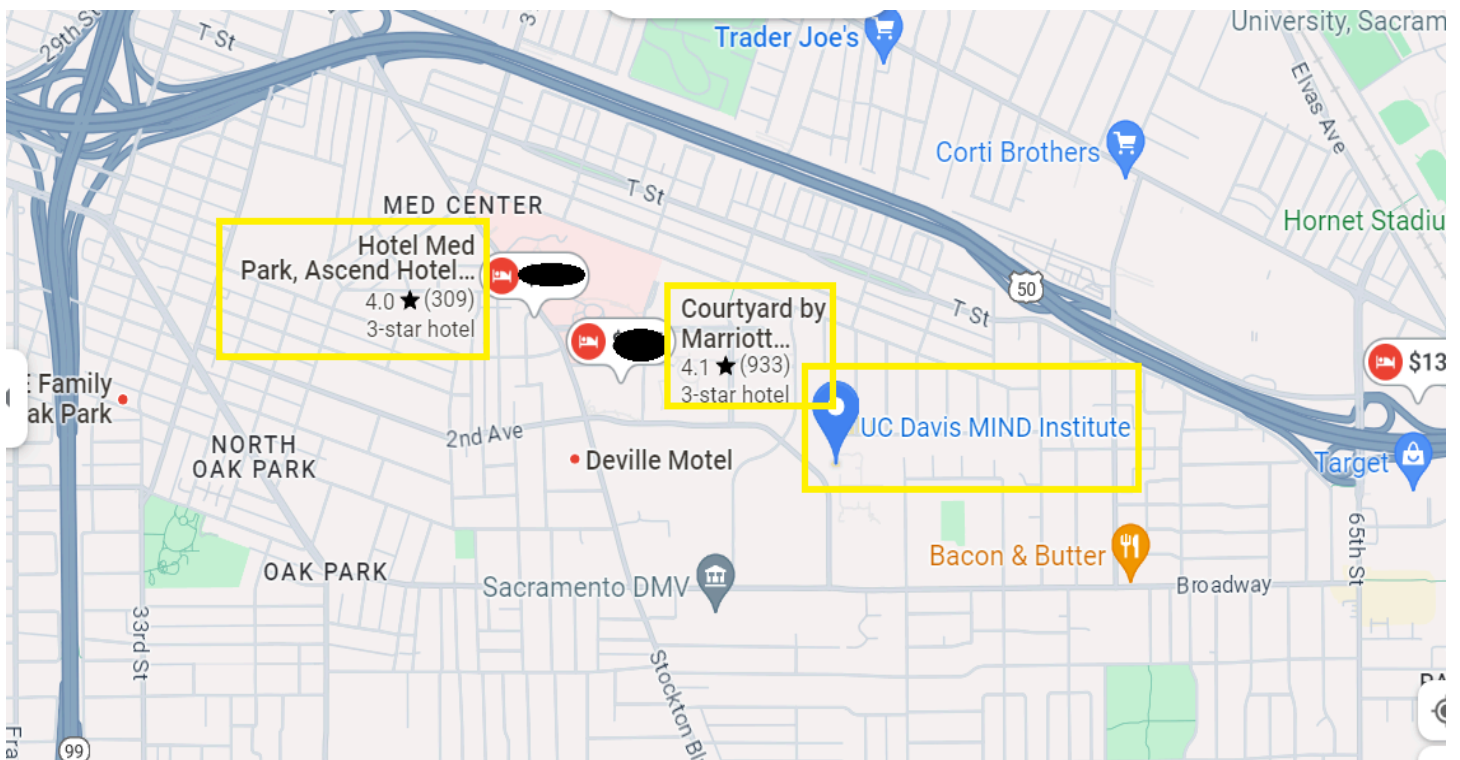
Courtyard by Marriott Sacramento Midtown
4422 Y St, Sacramento, CA 95817
916-455-6800

Current Rates: \$133-\$175 per night

Hotel Med Park, Ascend Hotel Collection -
2356 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95817
916-469-5960

Current Rates: \$113 per night

Local Sacramento Map



Friday, January 26, 2024

Day 1

UC Davis MIND Institute

8:00a Registration Open (with Coffee and Pastries!)

9:00a Opening Remarks

Kimber Rice

9:30a Oral & Work-in-Progress Presentations

Bayesian Modeling of Emotional Regulation in the Classroom

Oppermann, G.

Early Intervention Providers' Perceptions of Coaching Families to Improve Child Language and Communication Outcomes

Kim, G.Y., Bigelow, K.M., Walker, D., & Seven, Y.

10:30a Coffee Break

10:45a Work-in-Progress Presentations

A Mixed-Methods Examination of Empathy Between Students with and without Autism

Josol, C.K., & Stahmer, A.

Navigating the Complex Landscape of Special Education: An Exploration of Problem-Solving Strategies Among Special Education Administrators

Aramburo, C.

11:45a Lunch

12:45p Work-in-Progress Roundtables

Group 1: Research into education practices

Examining the Impact of Universal Design for Learning on Metacognition and Self-Efficacy Among Neurodivergent Learners: Foundations for a Dissertation Prospectus

Pamatmat, S.

Observations of Teachers' Use of Accommodations for Neurodivergent Learners within the context of Classroom Math and Literacy Instruction

Parks, C., & Sparapani, N.

Group 2: Research into education services and provision

Identifying and Navigating Problems in the providing of Mental Health Services for Students with Intellectual Disabilities from Multicultural Backgrounds

Santana, D.R.

NeuroConnect Pilot Program: A Post-Secondary Education Career Mentorship Program for Neurodivergent Students

Chung, A.

Caregivers Identify the Good and the Challenging throughout Remote Learning: A Qualitative Study

McAvoy, H., Nettle, C., Bolourian, Y., & Blacher, J.

1:45p Coffee Break

2:00p Neurodiversity Panel

Nicole Sparapani, Ph.D., Leonard Abbeduto, Ph.D., Connie Kasari, Ph.D., Aubyn Stahmer, Ph.D., Lauren Lindstrom, Ph.D., Nathalie Moriarty, Ibis Macconell

Submit your questions to the panelists using the following link: <https://forms.gle/qfx6t7GzJx8ruVyMA>

3:15p Closing Comments

3:30p Break until Poster Session

Take this opportunity to explore the Sacramento area! We have various coffee places, restaurants, and shops in the Oak Park and Midtown areas! Please keep in mind that these areas are not walking distance.

Friday, January 26, 2024

Day 1

UC Davis MIND Institute

5:00p Poster & Elevator Pitch Session Begins

Improving the Hand Hygiene Skills of Children with Intellectual Developmental Disorder

Pulse, M., & Johnson, A.H.

Chinese American Parents' Perspectives on their Children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities' Oral Health

Zhao, Y., & Munger, A.

Examining "inclusion" for students on the autism spectrum in early childhood and elementary classrooms: A systematic review

Birkeneder, S.L., Sparapani, N., Murphy, C., & Parks, C.

What influences student-teacher relationship (STR) quality? An exploration of the relationship between neurodiverse students and their teachers in general TK–3rd grade classrooms

Vega Garcia, J., Fann, H., & Sparapani, N.

Elevator Pitches

Corrine Aramburo

Laurel Towers

Yushan Zhao

Leyna Kataoka

Mikaela Pulse

More participants to come!

7:00p Poster & Elevator Pitch Session Ends – See You Tomorrow!

Saturday, January 27, 2024

Day 2

UC Davis MIND Institute

8:00a Registration Open (with Coffee and Pastries!)

9:00a Keynote – An Update on the Role of Social Attention in Autism

Peter Mundy, Ph.D.

10:00a Work-in-Progress Presentations

The Benefits of Accessible Technology to Personalize IEPs IEPs for Students Who Think and Learn Differently

Banks, A.

Case Study: Understanding the Emotion Regulation Development of a TK- 1st grade Autistic Learner, Through the Lens of Belonging

Towers, L.

11:00a Lunch & Redwood Seed Scholars Panel

11:20a Redwood Seed Scholars Panel begins

Attendees will have the opportunity to grab their lunch before the panel begins. The lunch and panel will happen simultaneously.

12:30p Closing Remarks
