**19th Annual Conference**

**University of California Center for Research on Special Education, Disabilities, and Developmental Risk**

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**2025 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, one-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 disability research across the UC system, and an evening poster session where work is showcased for all to discuss and network.

We are happy to welcome you for our second consecutive year hosting UC SPEDDR in the Sacramento area. We will continue to move the annual SPEDDR conference to different UC campuses every 2-3 years to provide graduate students with more opportunities to experience the broad UC campus community across our state. SPEDDR 2025 will be held at the UC Davis MIND Institute during the daytime and a local Sacramento restaurant, [Hook & Ladder](https://hookandladder916.com/?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjw1um-BhDtARIsABjU5x6nYZrhK2bsTtiy--JZshDfvgTyR47krSYlHeDCSVoPtOQXHe9cjw4aAmePEALw_wcB), for an evening poster session with dinner. 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 student-led conference could not happen without the support from faculty, postdoctoral scholars, and graduate students across the UC system. We thank you all for your support. And we would like to thank this year’s presenters as well as the members of the Doctoral Student Advisory Council (DSAC). DSAC includes graduate students across the UC system who led the planning and organization efforts, provided blind conference abstract reviews, and communicated with faculty and students across campuses. Finally, we thank the Faculty Steering Committee, as this conference could not 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 time in Sacramento.

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| **Friday, April 11, 2025**  **UC Davis MIND Institute** | |
| **8:00a** | **Registration Open with Breakfast** |
| **8:30a** | **Opening Remarks** |
|  | Aubyn Stahmer, Ph.D., Director of the UC Davis MIND Institute  Tom Smith, Ph.D., Dean of the UC Davis School of Education |
| **9:00a** | **Keynote Guests** |
|  | Rachel Lambert, Ph.D., UC Santa Barbara  Paulo Tan, Ph.D., UC Santa Cruz |
| **10:00a** | **Coffee Break** |
| **10:20a** | **UC-Wide Datablitz: Bridging Minds Across the UCs** |
|  | (10:20–10:40) UC Irvine (Michael Hebert, Ph.D.)  (10:40–11:00) UC Davis MIND Institute (Collaborative Start Lab)  (11:00–11:20) UCLA (Kasari Lab)  (11:20–11:40) UC Davis School of Education (Lauren Lindstrom, Ph.D. and CARE Lab)  (11:40–12:00) UC Riverside (Social Cognitive Developmental Neuroscience Lab) |
| **12:00p** | **Lunch (SPEDDR Faculty Meeting)** |
| **1:00p** | **Student Oral Presentations** |
|  | (1:00 – 1:20) **The Impact of Intervention Complexity on Teacher’s Use and Fidelity of Evidence-Based Practices for Autistic Students,** Josol, C., Singh, D., Stahmer, A., Schetter, P., & Suhrheinrich, J., UC Davis MIND Institute  (1:20 – 1:40) **Teacher Moves Used to Engage Diverse Students With Disabilities in Math Instruction,** Abraham, M., UCLA  (1:40 – 2:00) **A Proposed Study Exploring the Effects of Oxytocin: An Investigation of Baseline and Post Level after Undergoing the Peer Interaction Playground Paradigm and its Impact on Stress Response, Emotion Regulation, and Physiological Systems in Autistic Adolescents,** Alexander, C. & Meltzoff, K., UC Riverside  (2:00 – 2:20) **Systematic Review of School-Based Organizational Skills Interventions for Students with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder,** Kang, Y. H., UC Riverside |
| **2:20p** | **Coffee Break** |
| **2:40p** | **Student Work-In-Progress Roundtable Discussions** (2x @ 15-minutes each) |
|  | *Table 1: System-Level Influences*  **Class-Wide Function-Related Intervention Teams for Students at Risk for Emotional and Behavioral Disorders: A Literature Review,** Gallegos, J., UC Riverside  **Where are our learners? A Survey Designed to Measure the Inclusion of Neurodiverse Students in General Education Classrooms,** Cantos, S., Sparapani, N., & Welsh, M., UC Davis  *Table 2: Environmental Influences - Autism*  **Exploring Teacher Affect Among Neurodiverse Students in TK-5th Grade General Education Classrooms,** Vega Garcia, J., & Sparapani, N., UC Davis  **Sensory Processing and Emotional Dysregulation in Autistic and Non-Autistic Students: Preliminary Insights on the Potential Role of Classroom Environment,** Parks, C. & Sparapani, N., UC Davis  *Table 3: Beyond High School - Autism*  **Neurodivergent literacies and Autistic Autobiographies: Insights from Autistic College Students,** Pandjaitan, Y., UC Santa Cruz  **Evaluation of Employment Services for Autistic Adults,** Kim, E. & Kasari, C., UCLA  *Table 4: Learning Disabilities*  **Effects of Perspective-Taking Strategy Instruction on Peer Feedback Quality of Adolescent Writers with Learning Disabilities,** Li, A. & Hebert M., UC Irvine  **An Exploration of the Relationship Between Math Development & Executive Functions in**  **Students Diagnosed with Mathematics Disabilities,** Hay, K. & Grammer, J., UCLA |
| **3:45p** | **Closing Comments**  Connie Kasari, Ph.D., UCLA |
| **4:15p** | **Break until 5:15pm Poster Session & Mixer** |
|  | Take this opportunity to explore the Sacramento area! See a few recommendations in midtown below. Please keep in mind that these areas are not in walking distance from the MIND Institute. |

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| **5:15p** | **Evening Poster Session & Mixer,** [**Hook & Ladder**](https://hookandladder916.com/?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjw1um-BhDtARIsABjU5x6nYZrhK2bsTtiy--JZshDfvgTyR47krSYlHeDCSVoPtOQXHe9cjw4aAmePEALw_wcB)**, 1630 S St Sacramento CA** |
|  | **Examining Student-Teacher Relationship Quality in School-Aged Autistic and Non-Autistic Students,**  Van Zant, C., Birkeneder, S., Tseng, N., Mundy, P., & Sparapani, N., UC Davis  **Exploring Math Board Games as a Tool for Engagement and Fluency in Middle School Special Education,**  Goldberg, J., UC Santa Barbara  **Internalizing conditions among Re-CHARGE pediatric participants,** Boparai, R., UC Davis  **A Systematic Literature Review of the Good Behavior Game and Students with Special Education Needs,**  Gonzalez, M., UC Riverside  **An Evaluation on Independence levels with Down Syndrome: Challenges Related to Independent Living**  **and Learning,** Ubah, L., UCLA  **Telehealth and Autism Diagnosis: Who Slips Between the Cracks?** Alexander, C., Blacher, J., Hoffman, A., & Meltzoff K., UC Riverside  **Including Autistic Learners within General Education Classrooms: Preliminary Findings and Themes from a 4-Year Exploratory Study,** Sparapani, N., Birkeneder, S., Vega Garcia, J., Nunnally, A.D. Tseng, N., & Mundy, P., UC Davis  **Revisiting a Case Study of Language Variation in School-Aged Autistic Children: Uncovering Diversity Through Transcripts,** Baldwin, B., Birkeneder, S., & Sparapani, N., UC Davis |
| **8:00p** | **Evening Poster Session Ends – Thank you for coming!** |

**Conference Location Information**

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| **UC Davis MIND Institute**  **2825 50th St**  **Sacramento, CA 95817**  **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](https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/saccy-courtyard-sacramento-midtown/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0)  4422 Y St, Sacramento, CA 95817  Current Rates: $233-$281 per night  [Hotel Med Park, Ascend Hotel Collection](https://www.choicehotels.com/california/sacramento/ascend-hotels/cad64?checkInDate=2025-04-10&checkOutDate=2025-04-11&gclid=Cj0KCQjwhYS_BhD2ARIsAJTMMQYL0opn4k-TtnKoM6ZnfTCHBbwgmaiyTw6yiQQCm0AfBf8YcZnXAz4aAmEyEALw_wcB)  2356 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95817  Current Rates: $124-$166 per night  [The Fort Sutter Hotel Sacramento](https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/sacfsup-the-fort-sutter-hotel-sacramento/?SEO_id=GMB-AMER-UP-SACFSUP&amp;y_source=1_MTc4OTU4NTktNzE1LWxvY2F0aW9uLndlYnNpdGU%3D)  1308 28th St, Sacramento, CA 95816  Current Rates: $327-$350 per night  [Hyatt House Sacramento / Midtown](https://www.hyatt.com/hyatt-house/en-US/sacxs-hyatt-house-sacramento-midtown?src=corp_lclb_google_seo_sacxs&amp;utm_source=google&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_campaign=lmr)  2719 K St, Sacramento, CA 95816  Current Rates: $229-$243 per night  [Residence Inn Sacramento Downtown at Capital Park](https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/sacdt-residence-inn-sacramento-downtown-at-capitol-park/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0)  1121 15th St, Sacramento, CA 95814  Current Rates: $316 - $345 per night  [Hyatt Regency Sacramento](https://www.hyatt.com/hyatt-regency/en-US/sacra-hyatt-regency-sacramento?src=corp_lclb_google_seo_sacra&amp;utm_source=google&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_campaign=lmr)  1209 L St, Sacramento, CA 95814  Current Rates: $249-$289 per night  [Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel](https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/sacsi-sheraton-grand-sacramento-hotel/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0)  1230 J St, Sacramento, CA 95814  Current Rates: $308-$340 per night |

**Evening Poster Session** [Hook & Ladder](https://hookandladder916.com/?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjw1um-BhDtARIsABjU5x6nYZrhK2bsTtiy--JZshDfvgTyR47krSYlHeDCSVoPtOQXHe9cjw4aAmePEALw_wcB)

1630 S St, Sacramento, CA 95811

Free Parking on S and T St. in Between 16th and 18th St.

Garage Parking on R St. in Between 15th and 16th St.

Metered Parking on R-U Streets in between 16th and 18th St.

**Exploring Sacramento**

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Coffee Shops: Chocolate Fish Coffee Roasters

4749 Folsom Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95819

Temple Coffee Roasters

2829 S St, Sacramento, CA 95816

Camellia Coffee Roasters

1200 R St. Suite 130, Sacramento, CA 95811

Seasons Coffee Roasters

2420 N St. Suite 105, Sacramento, CA 95816

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Breakfast: Café Bernardo

1431 R St. OR 2730 Capitol Ave, Sacramento, CA 95816

The Morning Fork

1111 21st St, Sacramento, CA 95811

Fox & Goose Public House

1001 R St, Sacramento, CA 95811

Siblings by Pushkin’s

1813 Capitol Ave, Sacramento, CA 95811

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Things to do close by: Midtown Farmers Market

1050 20th St, Sacramento, CA 95816

Saturdays 9am-1pm

Ice Blocks

2131 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95816

Food and Shops

Crocker Art Museum

216 O St, Sacramento, CA 95814

Oldest Art Museum in the Western United States

California State Railroad Museum

111 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Restored locomotives and cars, some dating back to 1862

Sacramento Zoo & Fairytale Town

3930 W Land Park Dr, Sacramento, CA 95822

Located in [William Land Regional Park](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=2479fda3feeb5a56&rlz=1C1GCEA_enUS1062US1062&q=William+Land+Regional+Park&ludocid=16981455694722865729&lsig=AB86z5UhJEMM0AFEdubWcZiybe8A&sa=X&sqi=2&ved=2ahUKEwjN9fG_m6-MAxXJTTABHZiOGBgQ8G0oAHoECE4QAQ)

**Local Sacramento Map**

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**A map of a hospital

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Street parking in front of the MIND Institute is free, but is limited and is on a first come, first serve basis. To park at UC Davis Health, use the ParkMobile app and manually enter **Zone #42201**. Zone #42201 is valid anywhere UC Davis Health “B” parking is allowed, including **Lots 12, 17, 22, EDD, Broadway, and Parking Structure 4** (shaded blue). Daily permits are $2.32 if you have a ucdavis.edu email. If you are not UC Davis affiliated, the price is $10. **Lot 22** (underlined in red) is the lot closest to the MIND (underlined in yellow).

Note: A shuttle service is available if you park in a lot that is far away from the MIND Institute. To access the shuttle, please call Parking Services at (916)-734-2687.