

East Stroudsburg University Autism Education Center

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Rachel Wolf, Ph.D., CCC-SLP

- Associate professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at East Stroudsburg University
- Committee Chair and Co-PI on AllOne grant: Director ESU Autism Education Center
- ASHA certified speech-language pathologist since 1997
- PhD New York University in 2009
- Published research examines pragmatic repetition in normal and disordered verbal discourse
- Current research has focused on the impacts of disorder, specifically ASD, and variations in sociolinguistic characteristics on pragmatics and discourse

Gina Scala, Ed.D

- Chair of the Special Education/Rehabilitation Department at East Stroudsburg University
- Co-PI on AllOne grant: Committee Member ESU Autism Education Center
- Doctorate from Lehigh University in addition to 2 advanced certifications
- Works within the Partnership of Professional Development Schools
- Appointed to the Special Education Advisory Panel by the Governor
- Appointed to numerous state and federal appointed committees on monitoring, certification, and mental health professional guidelines
- Appointed as Research Liaison to the Executive Committee of the International Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE)
- Member of the Office of Dispute Resolution Stakeholder group
- Involved in the Creating Agreement initiative at the state and federal level.
- Regional Director for Pennsylvania Council for Exceptional Children.
- Creating Stakeholder Engagement documents and procedures with others for NCSI.
- Consults with many districts, provide in-service training, present at many local, state, and national conferences, and maintains membership in many state and national organizations.

Rachel Chapman, M.Ed

- Coordinator for the ESU Autism Education Center
- Holds a Level I PA Teaching Certificate in Special Education
- Adjunct instructor at Lehigh Carbon Community College
- Senior Educator for the American College of Surgeons
- Over 20 years of experience working with individuals with ASD.
- Currently working towards completion of her Ed.D in Educational Leadership and Management with an estimated completion date of Summer 2020
- Research area includes inter-personal communication skills, self-awareness and it's impact on educators efficacy across settings

Megan Harding, BS

- Graduated from East Stroudsburg University with a bachelor's in communication sciences and disorders in 2019
- Working towards her Master's degree in communication sciences and disorders
- Awarded the University Service Award for her work as a leader in extra-curricular activities on campus and in participation in activities and services off campus.
- Organizational involvement include Autism Speaks U, ESU Cheerleading, Sign Language Club, and Phi Eta Sigma.

Mission

East Stroudsburg University, in collaboration with the AllOne Foundation's Autism Collaborative Centers of Excellence (ACCE) Network, has established the ESU Autism Education Center. The center is a multi-disciplinary hub offering:

- Referrals
- Networking
- Resources
- Training workshops
 - For the broader community, including Monroe, Pike, and Wayne counties, as well as for ESU students, faculty, community members/providers, and families of individuals with autism.

Vision

Through current and planned programming and affiliation networks already in place, the ESU Autism Education Center provides a foundation for improving coordination of care and training opportunities for individuals with autism, their families, and communities.

Goals and Objectives

To collaborate with inter-departmental colleagues throughout the university to build a multi-disciplinary approach to providing programming opportunities that best meet the needs of those with autism and their families.

Spring/Summer Programming

- RANS- Recreation and Networking Series
 - Recreation opportunities for individuals with ASD and their siblings
 - Presented via 30 minute Zoom Session
 - Preregistration required
 - Dates/Activities
 - April 29th 2pm-Bingo
 - May 13th 2pm- Craft kit
 - Networking opportunities for parents/caregivers
 - Presented via 30 minute Zoom Session
 - Preregistration required
 - Dates
 - May 6th 2pm
 - May 20th 2pm

Fall Programming Goals

- RANS in person sessions
- Social Events
- Yoga Classes
- Dance Classes
- Art Classes
- Theatre Program
- Increase Swim Program
- Support Groups
- Summer Workshops
- Educational Lectures/Workshops

Questions

Summary

- The ESU Autism Education Center strives to serve as a point of collaboration for individuals, families, and community supports
- Virtual Programming to begin April 2020
- Full programming schedule projected launch date September 2020
- Feel free to reach out with any programming suggestions
- Join our mailing list on our website to receive registration links

For additional questions or comments, please contact us at:

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Thank you for your time!

We look forward to working with you and your family!

Visit our website for further information and date for future events

www.esu.edu/autism-education-center

ACCE Executive Hub

<https://www.alloneforautism.org/acce-hubs/executive-hub/town-halls.html>