Welcome back to campus!
I am excited to join everyone as new faculty in Psychology and the new Steering director of CAN Research Center! Many thanks to Dr. Jessica Bradshaw for chairing the committee last year. I hope to use the newsletter each month to celebrate our progress and keep everyone up-to-speed on events, ideas, and opportunities for engagement!

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September Events
Science meeting: September 1, 3:30 pm @ IMB colloquium room 125
1st Thursday Social: September 1, ~4:30 pm @ the Graduate hotel
Ad hoc meeting: September 15, 3:30 pm @ IMB colloquium room 125
Dr. Diana Robins seminar: September 19, 3:30 @ Hamilton 322

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VISITING RESEARCH SCIENTIST SEMINAR SERIES

Early Detection of Autism
Dr. Diana Robins  
Director and Professor  
AJ Drexel Autism Institute, Drexel University
Date: Monday September 19  
Time: 3:30 – 5:00 pm  
Location: Hamilton 322
Register to attend or to schedule a meeting with Dr. Robins  
http://redcap.link/canseminar_drobins
Free parking available

Dr. Robins is a globally-renown clinical psychologist whose work continues to innovate and advance screening tools for autism spectrum disorder (ASD).
FALL 2022 RETREAT: Highlights

Strategic planning was a focus of the Fall 2022 retreat. A common theme involved confusion over CAN membership – we will be soliciting continued feedback about what works best for you to make sure CAN members are able to be active and engaged!

Collaboration
Translational work
Interdisciplinary
Community

New faculty talks from Dr. Dan Foster and Dr. Caitlin Hudac

Student talks from Rachel Hantman and Nikita Kirkise

Updates from Dr. Jane Roberts and Dr. Jeff Twiss

Family story from Robin Blackwood, SC DDSN

Visits from A&S Dean Dr. Joel Samuels and VP for Research Dr. Julius Fridriksson

Many thanks to all our attendees: including faculty, staff, and trainees, as well as Whitney Evans within the UofSC Corporate & Foundation Philanthropy office
Working groups have been suggested to engage more CAN members and delegate responsibilities to increase our progress on research, events, and community engagement. Here are a few groups we are considering. Let us know if you would like to be involved or have ideas! (email chudac@mailbox.sc.edu)

**Community outreach and engagement**
This group would provide a link between CAN researchers and the community. In the past, CAN members have organized events like Autism Family Fair and Autism’s Got Talent. This group would serve to streamline efforts and ensure reciprocity between research and the community we serve.

**External seminar series**
This group would connect with prominent scientists across the nation and across disciplines. These leaders would help our CAN Admin coordinate and plan visiting scholar events.

**Peer grant review**
This was a popular initiative over the years! This group would communicate and coordinate peer review efforts by CAN members – including setting the structure/expectations & schedule.

**Preclinical resources**
The idea of this working group was proposed at the Fall 2022 Retreat as a mechanism to improve communication and resource sharing between individuals working on preclinical models.

**Monthly meetings**
These leaders would work with the Steering Director (Caitlin) to ensure our monthly meetings offer diverse perspectives.

Working groups would be open to ALL members – faculty, trainees, community partners. Please share your ideas!
The CAN Trainee Committee is putting together a research speed dating event!

**What:** This will be a semi-structured event for trainees and faculty to get to know more about each other’s research interests, backgrounds, and areas of expertise. The Trainee Committee will provide questions and you will get to chat with multiple members of CAN throughout the event. Think of this as a chance to practice your research “elevator pitch”, as well as an opportunity to meet new people and collaborators!

**Who:** (1) CAN Faculty members; (2) CAN Trainees, including research staff, undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdoctoral scholars.

**Where:** Likely at the IMB Colloquium Room 125 (1800 Gervais St).

**When:** Mid-semester; date to be determined based upon interest.

**How:** If you are interested, please fill out this form by September 8th so that the Trainee Committee can gauge interest and find a date/time that works best for everyone’s schedules:

https://forms.gle/7gk9E3D34JQw88J96

**TRAIENEES:** Even if you aren’t interested in the research speed dating event, please fill out the form! We have two trainee specific questions so that we can continue to make CAN the best training opportunity possible.

**FACULTY:**

Please fill out this Google form to make sure we are accounting for your trainees!