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**MAY 2 and MAY 10**

**What it Means to be Different,  
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GUEST PRESENTER:

**DANIEL GOTTLIEB, PHD**

**MAY 15**

**Autism and the Myth of the Person Alone:  
Lessons for Inclusion and Community Integration  
from First-hand, Autobiographical Accounts**

GUEST PRESENTER:

**DOUGLAS BIKLEN, PHD**



# What it Means to be Different, What it Means to be Human

## DANIEL GOTTLIEB, PHD

Psychologist &  
Family Therapist,  
Radio Talk Show Host,  
Lecturer and Author



Wednesday, May 2 LIVE  
Temple University  
Student Activity Center II  
1755 North 13th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19122

Thursday, May 10 VIDEO  
Radisson Hotel  
Green Tree Pittsburgh  
101 Radisson Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

TIME: 9:30 a.m.-noon  
(8:30 a.m. registration)  
for both sessions

The focus of this workshop will be about understanding the larger perspective of what it means to be human as a way of breaking down prejudice and diminished self-esteem. Dr. Gottlieb will review the evolving understanding of the nature of disability. He will also offer explanations about the nature of alienation and stigma.

In addition, a panel including an individual with autism, a family member or parent, and a professional in the field of Autism will participate in this workshop. The facilitated panel discussion features Kevin T. Casey, Deputy Secretary, Office of Developmental Programs, PA Department of Public Welfare and Nina Wall-Cote, Director of the Bureau of Autism, Office of Developmental Programs.

### Objectives of this workshop:

- Recognize the importance of discussing disability in terms of respect and accommodation for human diversity.
- Derive fresh insights into the internal lives and experiences of persons with autism and other disabilities.
- Share a sense of validation, from an understanding of the importance of individual stories.

DANIEL GOTTLIEB PHD has been a practicing psychologist and family therapist for more than 30 years, beginning his practice after receiving both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Temple University. Dr. Gottlieb became paralyzed in 1979 as a result of a near-fatal automobile accident. Throughout the many challenges in his life, Dr. Gottlieb has maintained his devotion to family and his career. He is the proud father of two daughters and the blissfully happy grandfather of Sam. His grandson, Sam, was diagnosed with Pervasive Developmental Disorder, a form of Autism, at 14-months of age. Since 1985, Dr. Gottlieb has hosted an award-winning mental health call-in radio show aired on WHYY 90.9 FM in Philadelphia, PA. In 1993, he began writing a bi-monthly column for *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. He has published three books, *Voices in the Family*, *Voices of Conflict*, *Voices of Healing*, and *\*Letters to Sam: A Grandfather's Lessons on Love, Loss, and the Gifts of Life*. In addition to his writing and radio show, Dr. Gottlieb lectures locally and nationally on a variety of topics affecting the well-being of people, families and the larger community.

\* Dr. Gottlieb's latest book, *Letters to Sam*, will be available for purchase at both of his presentation sessions.

## Autism and the Myth of the Person Alone: Lessons for Inclusion and Community Integration from First-hand, Autobiographical Accounts

## DOUGLAS BIKLEN, PHD

Dean, School of Education,  
Syracuse University



Tuesday, May 15  
Temple University  
Harrisburg  
234 Strawberry Square  
(corner of 4th &  
Walnut Streets)  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

TIME: 9:30 a.m.-noon  
(8:30 a.m. registration)

This seminar will explore the contradictions as well as similarities between autobiographical accounts of autism and the professional literature. Drawing principally on autobiographical accounts in his book, *Autism and the Myth of the Person Alone*, along with film documentaries written by people with autism, Dr. Biklen will explore implications for parents, professionals and others concerned about the rights and opportunities for people with a label of autism as well as other developmental disabilities. The film, *Autism is a World*, which was co-produced by Dr. Biklen, will be shown as an integral part of this seminar.

### Objectives of this workshop:

- Identify lessons for practice that can be culled from the presentation and obtained from the video.
- Develop a list of practices that reflect narrative accounts by people with autism.
- Compare various practices based on research in the field.

DOUGLAS BIKLEN, PHD is Dean of the School of Education, Syracuse University. He has written extensively on issues related to inclusion (*Achieving the Complete School* [1985]; *Schooling Without Labels* [1992]) and was executive producer of the documentary film on inclusion entitled, *Regular Lives*, which aired on PBS. Dr. Biklen is perhaps best known for his research on autism. His most recent book, *Autism and the Myth of the Person Alone* [2005, NYU Press], challenges the prevailing, tragic narrative of impairment that so often characterizes discussions about autism by engaging the perspective of people with autism, including those who have been considered to have the most severe disabilities within the autism spectrum. He co-produced the 2004 Academy Award nominated, CNN/State of the Art, Inc. documentary film, *Autism is a World*. In addition, his work has been featured on ABC's *Prime Time Live*, *The CBS Evening News*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *Newsweek*, and *U.S. News and World Report*. Dr. Biklen is a member of the executive board of the Autism National Committee.

# MINI COURSE REGISTRATION SPRING 2007

Check the box(es) for session(s) you wish to attend. Register for ONE or MORE courses.

## What it Means to be Different, What it Means to be Human

- PHILADELPHIA - LIVE Presentation  
with Panel Discussion  
Wednesday, MAY 2
- PITTSBURGH - VIDEO Presentation  
with Panel Discussion  
Thursday, MAY 10
- YES, I would like to reserve a copy of  
*Letters to Sam*, to be purchased (\$20 )  
and picked up at the event.

## Autism and the Myth of the Person Alone: Lessons for Inclusion and Community Integration from First-hand, Autobiographical Accounts

- HARRISBURG  
Tuesday, MAY 15

**Times for all dates/locations: 9:30 a.m.-noon (8:30 a.m. registration)**  
For directions, log on to our website <http://disabilities.temple.edu> or call 215-204-1356.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Agency (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone DAY \_\_\_\_\_ EVENING \_\_\_\_\_

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I require the following accommodations (*Please specify, e.g. sign language interpreter, large-print, disk, Braille*)

Act 48 credits are available upon request. \$10 fee is required. Make checks payable to Temple University.

I would like to have the following CEUs:

### What it Means to be Different, What it Means to be Human

- Act 48 - \$10
- Certificate of Attendance - no cost

### Autism and the Myth of the Person Alone: Lessons for Inclusion and Community Integration from First-hand, Autobiographical Accounts

- Act 48 - \$10
- Certificate of Attendance - no cost

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

May 2 session: Friday, April 20

May 10 & 15 sessions: Friday, April 27

## **REGISTRATION FORMS MAY BE SENT TO:**

**Yvette Bolden  
Institute on Disabilities at Temple University  
1601 North Broad Street  
University Services Building, Suite 610  
Philadelphia, PA 19122**

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*Cover Photo: Mini Course Series presenter Daniel Gottlieb and his grandson, Sam.*

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