NEURODIVERSITY SUMMIT
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This free event is presented by the UC Davis Center for Mind and Brain and the MIND Institute. Join us for refreshments and lunch as we examine themes related to neurodiversity with panel discussions involving researchers, community members and autism advocates and talks from the following speakers:

DR. DANA LEE BAKER
Associate Professor of Political Science, California State University Channel Islands

JOSEPH SHEPPARD
Co-Director, Centre for Autism Research, Technology, and Education
Joseph Sheppard is a science researcher and educator. His research focus is the design of interventions to reduce psychological distress in people with environmental and emotional sensitivities.

CHRISTINA NICOLAIDIS, MD, MPH
Professor and Senior Scholar in Social Determinants of Health, Portland State University School of Social Work
Dr. Nicolaides is an internal medicine physician, researcher, and professor at Portland State University and Oregon Health & Science University. She uses participatory research approaches to improve the health and well-being of marginalized populations, including adults on the autism spectrum. She Co-Directs the Autism Spectrum Partnership in Research and Education (www.aaspire.org) and is the founding Editor-in-Chief of a new peer reviewed journal, Autism in Adulthood (www.lebertpub.com/aut).

DAMIAN MILTON
Lecturer in Intellectual and Developmental Disability, University of Kent.
Damian is an autistic academic qualified in a number of academic disciplines. His primary focus is on increasing the meaningful participation of autistic people in the research process.

PATRICK DWYER
PhD Student, Center for Mind and Brain, University of California, Davis
Patrick Dwyer is an autistic graduate student in the psychology department at UCDavis with a broad interest in helping to ensure that neurodivergent people can lead fulfilling lives. He is currently using electrophysiology to explore the heterogeneity of autistic sensory processing and sensory sensitivities. You can find some of Patrick’s thoughts on his blog at autisticscholar.com.