

# OAKLAND UNIVERSITY™

## School of Education and Human Services



### IN THE NEWS

#### OU Center for Autism Hosts Workshop on Healthy Sexuality

On October 25 and 26, the Center for Autism at Oakland University hosted a two-day advanced workshop on autism and healthy sexuality. The workshop, held at the MEEMIC Insurance Company in Auburn Hills, provided more in-depth information as a follow-up to the conference held on March 31 on autism, sexuality, and the law. Dr. Isabelle Henault, Sexologist and Psychologist from Montreal Canada, presented extensive information on the topic of sexual development, healthy relationships, emotional development, appropriate and inappropriate sexual behaviors, consent, and the law.



*Dr. Isabelle Henault*

Henault, a renowned researcher in the area of autism and sexuality and the author of several books, including, *Asperger's Syndrome and Sexuality: From Adolescence Through Adulthood*, shared research findings on sexual development and shared specific techniques for working with individuals on the autism spectrum.

For additional information on the workshop, read the [complete article](#).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### OUCARES Evening Enrichment - November 10, 2016

OUCARES will host an evening enrichment, titled "Benefits of Animal Assistance for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders" on November 10 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms.

During the presentation, Amy Johnson, director of OU's animal assisted therapy certificate program will discuss the reality of pet ownership and how the human-animal bond can



## Enrichment

build your child's self-esteem and self-efficacy. Further discussion will include:

- Allowing your child to form a safe, positive relationship with an animal
- Helping your child learn social skills through his/her interactions with an animal
- Regulating emotions with the help of an animal
- Practicing academic skills (such as reading) with the help of an animal
- Knowing if the animal is the right fit
- Having realistic expectations of pet ownership and the human-animal bond

This event is designed for parents and caregivers of children with autism, as well as educators, therapists, social workers, or anyone interested in the human-animal bond and autism. There is no cost to attend.

RSVP by emailing [oucares@oakland.edu](mailto:oucares@oakland.edu) or calling (248) 370-2424.

### OUCARES Holiday Party - December 3, 2016

OUCARES will host a holiday party for teens and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders, ages 15 and older on Saturday, December 3 from 7-10 p.m. in the Oakland Center Banquet Room A. The party will include dancing, music, caricaturists, sumo suits, pizza and games.

The cost to attend is \$10 per person and there will be no registrations accepted at the door.

If interested, be sure to [register online](#). For additional information, contact OUCARES at [OUCARES@oakland.edu](mailto:OUCARES@oakland.edu) or (248) 370-2424.

*NOTE: For this program, parents/caregivers are not required to remain on the premises unless participant requires one-on-one support. There is a \$10 registration fee for any parent/caregiver who attends.*



### CELEBRATIONS



If you do not wish to have your birthday included, contact James Silvestri at [jmsilves@oakland.edu](mailto:jmsilves@oakland.edu)

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If you have questions about the bulletin, email James Silvestri at [jmsilves@oakland.edu](mailto:jmsilves@oakland.edu).

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