



Conference Date:

Saturday, April 14, 2012

Florida Gulf Coast University

Fort Myers, Florida

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KEYNOTERS

Dr. Temple Grandin

Temple Grandin, Ph.D. is an American Doctor of animal science and Professor at Colorado State University, bestselling author, and consultant to the livestock industry on animal behavior. As a person with high-functioning autism, Dr. Grandin is also widely noted for her work in autism advocacy and is the inventor of the squeeze machine designed to calm hypersensitive persons. Dr. Grandin is listed in the 2010 *Time* 100 list of the 100 most influential people in the world in the category "Heroes". A 2010 HBO Film *Temple Grandin*, starring Claire Danes as Temple Grandin, is an excellent resource to introduce Dr. Grandin to your students and help them understand the incredible affect her research has had on the world of autism research as well as the humane treatment of animals.

Dr. Tristram Smith

Tristram Smith, Ph.D., is an associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Rochester Medical Center (URMC). His commitment to serving children with autism began in 1982, when he had the opportunity to volunteer as a buddy for an adult with autism who lived nearby his college. This experience led to an invitation to enter graduate school at UCLA, where he studied clinical psychology and worked as a therapist and researcher in the UCLA Young Autism Project. After completing his doctoral work, he directed clinics in California, Iowa, and Washington State. He moved to URMC in 2000, where he is currently a behavior specialist in the Community Consultation Program in the Strong Center for Developmental Disabilities and a researcher who conducts studies aimed at identifying effective interventions for children with autism. He has authored a number of studies suggesting that behavioral interventions may be especially effective when implemented intensively (more than 20 hours per week) and early (beginning prior to the age of five years).

He is currently an investigator in several federally-funded studies comparing outcomes obtained by different interventions for children with autism.