Faculty Members

Doreen Arcus, Ph.D. – Psychology
Eliza Bobek, Ph.D. – Education
Alice A. Frye, MPH, Ph.D. – Psychology
Monica Galizzi, Ph.D. – Economics
Gena R. Greher, Ed.D. – Music Education
Ashleigh Hillier, Ph.D. – Psychology
Rebecca Markovits, Ph.D., BCBA-D – Psychology
Allyssa McCabe, Ph.D. – Psychology
John W. McKenna, Ph.D – Education
Brenna Quinn, Ph.D., RN, NCSN – Nursing
Rocío Rosales, Ph.D. – Psychology
Richard W. Serna, Ph.D. – Psychology
Katherine L. Tucker, Ph.D. – Biomedical & Nutritional Science
Hsi-Wu Wong, Ph.D. – Chemical Engineering

Our Mission

The mission of the UMass Lowell Center for Autism Research and Education is to establish UMass Lowell as a regional and national center for ASD research, to educate our students and the public concerning issues relevant to the autism community, and to partner with local agencies to help improve the lives of those with ASD and their families.
EXPERT SPEAKER SERIES

"Changing Perspectives on Outcome in Autism Spectrum Disorders"
Fred Volkmar, M.D.

One of the most prominent researchers in the Autism field, Dr. Fred Volkmar, joined us on March 30th to discuss the evolution of outcomes in individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Over two hundred undergraduates, master’s students, faculty, and community members attended the talk and were invited to ask questions following the presentation.

"Planning a Life for those with Autism Spectrum Disorder"
Kathy Kelly

On March 1st, 2017 Kathy Kelly from the ARC spoke to parents and adolescence about tools and resources available through apps and local organizations to help with the transition to adult life.

OTHER EVENTS

Students in the Autism Studies Master’s program preparing to graduate presented posters on research they have done throughout their degree at the 20th Annual Student Research & Community Engagement Symposium, which was held on April 18th at UMass Lowell’s Inn & Conference Center.
The Center for Autism Research & Education (CARE) is conducting a Community Needs Assessment to determine what services families and individuals with ASD are seeking within the Merrimack Valley and surrounding areas. This began with a focus group held in February with parents and young adults with ASD expressing their needs. The second focus group will be held this month and will focus on the needs of families with younger children diagnosed with ASD. These focus groups will conclude with an online survey. Thankfully this Community Needs Assessment was made possible through funding by the UMass Lowell Chancellor’s 2020 Challenge grant.

The Center for Autism Research and Education is currently looking for individuals to join our Research Participant Pool. CARE conducts research that improves our understanding of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) across children, adolescents and adults. Research is conducted in many areas including education, language, learning, development, and adult outcomes. To join the Research Participant Pool, please visit our website.

A mentor panel at Disable The Label UML describes their experience of being a mentor for a UMass Lowell student registered with disability services. Professor Ashleigh Hillier (Director of CARE) collaborates with disability services to run this program.

CONTACT US

CARE DIRECTOR:  
Ashleigh Hillier, Ph.D.  
Department of Psychology  
Ashleigh_Hillier@uml.edu, (978-934-2930)  
University of Massachusetts Lowell  
113 Wilder St, Suite 300  
Lowell, MA 01854

MORE INFORMATION:  
uml.edu/research/autism  
facebook.com/UmlCARE