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Autism Summer Institute at Saint Joseph College

August 1 - 4, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
The Bruyette Athenaeum's Hoffman Auditorium

WEST HARTFORD, CONN. – Saint Joseph College presents the Third Annual Autism Summer Institute on August 1 - 4, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in The Bruyette Athenaeum, located at 1678 Asylum Avenue in West Hartford. This four-day program is designed to provide parents, educators and professionals with an introduction to autism spectrum disorders and education/intervention strategies. The program will offer both caregivers and teachers an understanding of the educational needs of children with autism and will improve dialogue between practitioners and parents.

- View this link to register online: www.sjc.edu/asd_summer
- Registration fee for the four-day program is \$150.
- Participants who attend the entire conference are eligible for three CEU's.

For full details or if you have any questions regarding the program, contact Cheryl Braxton, Ed.D, director of Continuing Education at Saint Joseph College, at 860.231.5227 or cbraxton@sjc.edu. Additional program offerings are available through the Graduate Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorders and The Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis offered at Saint Joseph College.

FEATURED SPEAKERS AT THE AUTISM SUMMER INSTITUTE

Through keynote addresses and break-out sessions, attendees will actively participate in discussions that will help them implement strategies to enable students with autism to have the fullest and most inclusive educational experiences possible. Topics include: assessment, curriculum strategies, social skills interventions, and addressing challenging behaviors. **Featured speakers at the upcoming 2011 Autism Summer Institute at Saint Joseph College will link theory to effective practice:**

- **Michael D. Powers, Psy.D.**
Director of The Center for Children with Special Needs (Glastonbury, Conn.);
Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychology at the Yale Child Study Center
- **John D. Molteni, Ph.D., BCBA-D**

Assistant Professor of Education and Director of the Autism Spectrum Disorder Initiative
at Saint Joseph College

- **Ruth Irene Eren, Ed.D.**
Associate Professor of Special Education and Director of the Center of Excellence on
Autism Spectrum Disorders at Southern Connecticut State University
- **Jule McCombes-Tolis, Ph.D.**
Associate Professor of Education, Saint Joseph College

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Saint Joseph College, founded in 1932 by the Sisters of Mercy to provide higher education opportunities for women, is a comprehensive institution serving women from diverse backgrounds and religious traditions. Responsive to the evolving educational needs of the community, the School of Graduate and Professional Studies also offers both women and men graduate degree programs in many fields, a Weekend Program for Adult Learners, professional certificate programs relevant to today's workforce, and other continuing education opportunities. In the fall of 2011, the Saint Joseph College School of Pharmacy, the first doctoral program in the College's 78-year history, will open at Hartford 21 on Trumbull Street in downtown Hartford.

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