

NSF CONVERGENCE WORKSHOP

Hosted by the Vanderbilt Initiative for Autism, Innovation, & the Workforce (AIW)

Thursday, June 14, 2018 at The Wond'ry
2400 Highland Ave., Nashville, TN

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Hotel accommodations:

Hilton Garden Inn Nashville/Vanderbilt (check-in 4:00 p.m., check-out 12:00)	1715 Broadway Nashville, TN 37203 615-369-5900
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- 9:30 a.m. Attendees arrive
Location: The Wond'ry, Olin Hall, 2nd Floor, 2400 Highland Ave., Nashville.
Coffee and pastries will be available. Hotel guests may choose to reserve the Hilton shuttle for transport to the Wond'ry or may use a ride-sharing service. External guests driving onto Vanderbilt Campus may park in the 25th Avenue garage across the street from the Wond'ry. Cost is \$15 to park, and receipts may be submitted for reimbursement after the workshop.
- 10:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
Keivan Stassun (Vanderbilt University)
- 10:15 a.m. Introducing the Nashville Autism Employment Model
Keivan Stassun (Vanderbilt University)
- 10:45 a.m. Discussion of the Pipeline Model Concept
- 11:15 a.m. Community-Based Pipeline Models
Lawrence Fung (Stanford University)
Valerie d'Astous (Utah Neurodiversity Workforce Program)

- 11:35 a.m. Discussion of Employment Pipeline Models
Keivan Stassun, Moderator (Vanderbilt University)
- 12:00 p.m. Short break into working lunch
- 12:15 p.m. Alternative Employment Models
Ernie Dianastasis (The Precisionists)
- 12:25 p.m. Active Employers
Andrew Shayne (UBS)
Tim Goldstein (Business advisor, autism self-advocate)
- 12:45 p.m. Discussion of Employer Needs
Tim Vogus and Julie Lounds Taylor, Moderators (Vanderbilt University)
- 1:15 p.m. Measures of Autistic Capabilities
Michele Dawson (Montreal)
Alexia Ostrolenk (Montreal)
Susanne Bruyere (Cornell University)
- 1:35 p.m. Discussion of Autistic Capabilities
Frank Tong and Mark Wallace, Moderators (Vanderbilt University)
- 2:15 p.m. Coffee break
- 2:30 p.m. Global View of Technology Solutions
Andy Imparato (Association of University Centers on Disabilities)
Arun Karpur (Autism Speaks)
Rob Austin (Ivey Business School)
- 3:00 p.m. Technology-Based Tools to Support Individuals with Autism and Their Families and Employers
Alex Andrew de la Porte (Rockmelon)
- 3:10 p.m. Discussion of Technology Solutions
Maithilee Kunda and Nilanjan Sarkar, Moderators (Vanderbilt University)
- 3:50 p.m. College Support Programs
Mary Lloyd Moore (Suzanne Vitale Clinical Education Complex at Western Kentucky University)
Kate Duffy (University of Missouri at Kansas City Propel Program)
Alexis Petri (University of Missouri at Kansas City)
- 4:10 p.m. Discussion of College Support Programs
Jeff Neul, Moderator (Vanderbilt University)
- 4:45 p.m. Closing Remarks
Keivan Stassun
- 5:00 p.m. Cocktails and Dinner Conversation
Location: University Club of Nashville, 2402 Garland Ave., Nashville; 615-322-8564.
- Attendees may hail a ride-sharing service or call and schedule a shuttle pickup at the conclusion of the evening.*

Contact Elizabeth Turner with questions:

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Please alert Elizabeth Turner if your travel plans are delayed or changed in any way.