

## **Beyond ASD: Addressing the Changing World of Autism Assessment**

The following is a schedule for the 2025-2026 internship term. All seminars are held at noon in the Department of Psychology & Wellness conference room. The book used for this didactic is *Differential Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder* by Katherine Stavropoulos and James C. McPartland. The synopsis of the book is as follows:

*Differential Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder* provides a framework for clinical considerations and best practices related to diagnosing children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) versus commonly co-occurring conditions. Differential diagnosis is a complex process, and it is common for clinicians to observe symptom overlap between conditions.

In this comprehensive text, the authors focus on the similarities and differences between ASD and a second diagnosis. Leading experts provide practical guidance in the diagnostic process for ASD versus a second condition, such as anxiety or attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder. Each chapter includes clinical case studies to provide real-world examples of how clinicians make diagnostic decisions. Ample illustrations and 'decision trees' provide a visual representation of clinical decision-making.

### **2025-2026 Schedule**

**February 18 – Chapter 7: Autism Spectrum Disorder Versus Major Depressive Disorder:**

Dr. Jim Schroeder

**March 18 – Chapter 8: Autism Spectrum Disorder Versus Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder and Tourette's Disorder:** Dr. Rose Juan

**April 15 – Chapter 9: Autism Spectrum Disorder Versus Posttraumatic Stress**

**Disorder:** Dr. Emma Nicholls

**May 20 – Chapter 10: Autism Spectrum Disorders Versus Genetic Syndromes:**

Dr. Alyssa Rose

**June 17 - Chapter 11: Clinical Decision-Making in Evidence-Based Assessment:**

Dr. Lynnette Neu