

Beyond ASD: Addressing the Changing World of Autism Assessment

The following is a schedule for the 2026-2027 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.

2026-2027 Schedule

July 15: Chapter 1: Diagnostic Issues and Complexities in Autism and Related Conditions: Dr. Emma Nicholls

August 19: Chapter 2: Autism Spectrum Disorder Versus Intellectual Disability: Dr. Jim Schroeder

September 16: Chapter 3: Autism Spectrum Disorder Versus Communication Disorder: Dr. Alyssa Rose

October 21: Chapter 4: Autism Spectrum Disorder Versus Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder: Dr. Lynnette Neu

November 18: Chapter 5: Autism Spectrum Disorder Versus Conduct Problems: Dr. Emily Berg

December 16: Chapter 6: Autism Spectrum Disorder Versus Anxiety Disorders: Dr. Brooke Frazer

January: Mid-year break

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