

2021 Annual Report

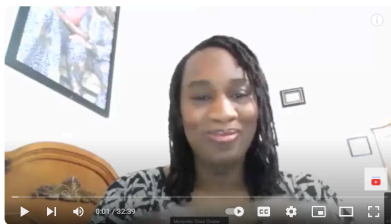
February 2021

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- Inaugural Autism in Black Conference Keynote Speaker
- Facebook Live with KFM Foundation on advocacy and making a difference
- ACTG Network's "Rise Above COVID" campaign addressing the HIV community
- Disability News Report Broadcast addressing race and disability
- Guest on the Ausome Book Club addressing autism, parenting, race, advocacy
- Guest on the Uniquely Human Podcast episode addressing autism and intersectionality

Roles & Development of Praxis

- ★ **Keynote speaker** at Autism in Black Conference
- ★ **Guest Speaker** with KFM Foundation addressing **making a difference**.
- ★ **Guest Speaker; Advisory Board Member** with ACTG (Advancing Clinical Therapeutics Globally) Network to **help** the **HIV** community navigate COVID19.
- ★ **Guest speaker** addressing **race** and **autism** on Disability News Report: "Being Black and Autistic."

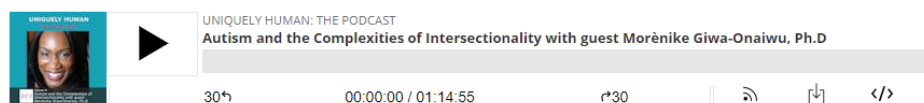


Being Black and Autistic with Morènike Giwa Onaiwu

- ★ **Guest speaker** addressing **race** and **autism** on YouTube channel Not an Autism Mom with "What does race have to do with autism?"
- ★ **Guest presenter** addressing **intersectionality** on Uniquely Human Podcast with an episode entitled "Autism and the Complexities of Intersectionality."

[All Episodes](#) / [Autism and the Complexities of Intersectionality with guest Morènike Giwa-Onaiwu, Ph.D](#)

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Feb 27, 2021

Values-at-Work

- Keynote speaker at black autism conference addressing including the excluded.
- Speaking on ways to make a difference as an advocate.
- Protecting, advocating, and educating about the vulnerability of COVID and HIV.
- Addressing the intersection of race and autism through multimedia.

Events Timeline

- Autism in Black Conference--Autism in Black Conference/Theme: Including the Excluded as Keynote Speaker.
- Broadcast via Facebook Live--KFM Foundation/(A Special Community) KFM Making a Difference as a Guest Speaker.
 - ◆ February 1
- Protecting HIV Community During COVID--ACTG (Advancing Clinical Therapeutics Globally) Network/Rise Above COVID to help those affected by HIV to navigate COVID19 as Guest Speaker and featured in article.
- Disability News Report--Disability Media Network Broadcast and YouTube Series: "Being Black and Autistic with Morénike Giwa Onaiwu" as a Guest Speaker.
- Ausome Book Club/Not an Autism Mom, YouTube Channel--Addressing autism, neurodiversity, parenting, intersectionality, and related topics as a Guest Speaker
- Podcast--Uniquely Human Podcast/"Autism and the Complexities of Intersectionality" as a Guest Presenter.

March 2021

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- University in Ireland student organization celebrating neurodiversity week with various sessions, including gender identity and race.
- IBCCES (International Board of Credentialing & Continuing Education Standards) International Symposium on Cognitive Research & Disorders Summit.
- Guest on Sister's Time Radio Show in Atlanta.
- Community of women living with HIV/Positive Women's Network Houston.
- Breakthroughs Conference for Quad Preparatory School based in NYC.

Race & Disability

Starts Wed 24th Mar 2021 at 19:00

Ends at 20:00

Cost FREE

Max 300 attendees

Type VIRTUAL Event

Lydia Brown, Sharon daVanport and Morénike Qiwa Onalwu talk about the barriers neurodivergent people of colour face above white neurodivergent people

- New Jersey Autism Center for Excellence and Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network event.
- Spectrum Strategy Group's Autism in Real Life Podcast Episode 61: The Intersection of Gender Identity, Sexuality, and Autism.
- Biomedical HIV Prevention Summit/Workshop and virtual magazine as Panelist.
- Disability Summit hosted by YAI (an organization connecting more than 300 programs for people with disabilities).

Roles & Development of Praxis

- ★ **Online panelist** for the Neurodivergent Society organization of Dublin City University celebrating neurodiversity week with different sessions, including **gender & race-focused** panels.
- ★ **Panelist** for **international** symposium concerning **credentialing** and continuing education, concerning **cognitive research & disorders**.
- ★ **Guest speaker** on Atlanta-based WRFG 89.3 Radio radio show: Sister's Time Radio Show about **women in broadcasting**.
- ★ **Guest Co-Presenter** for Positive Women's Network of Greater Houston (Community of **women living with HIV**).
- ★ **Trainer** and **presenter** at Breakthroughs Conference for Quad Preparatory School, a school that educates gifted individuals who learn differently.
- ★ **Panelist** for an **autism event** coordinated by the New Jersey Autism Center for Excellence and the Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network.
- ★ **Featured guest** on Episode 61 of Spectrum Strategy Group's Autism in Real Life Podcast. The March 10 episode was titled "The Intersection of Gender Identity, Sexuality, and Autism."
- ★ **Panelist** and **article writer** for Biomedical HIV Prevention Summit's workshop and virtual magazine.
- ★ **Keynote speaker** for a **disability summit** hosted by YAI (an organization connecting more than 300 programs for people with disabilities).

Values-at-Work

- Addressing the intersectional experiences of gender and race with a global platform that includes educational institutions and student leadership initiatives.
- Supplying expertise about credentialing and continuing education for cognitive disorders and research, again on an international platform.
- Serving various communities through various platforms, speaking and representing those communities.

- Local communities are as important as a global platform, as demonstrated by serving as a panelist for an HIV community support group in Houston.
- Amplifying the actual voices of minorities and marginalized groups, instead of talking over them, as demonstrated in panelist work for autism community events sponsored and coordinated within the autism community.
- Using the voice of authority to advocate for autistic children, educate parents, and create cohesion between different parts of autistic community.
- Utilizing writing and public speaking skills to help produce a workshop and online periodical for HIV prevention.

Events Timeline

- Student Neurodiversity Week--Dublin City University, University in Ireland/Student organization celebrating neurodiversity week w/various sessions, incl. gender & race-focused panels as Panelist online.
- Cognitive Research & Disorders Summit--IBCCES (International Board of Credentialing & Continuing Education Standards)/International Symposium on Cognitive Research & Disorders Summit as Panelist.
- Guest on Radio Show--Sister's Time Radio Show/ Women Speak Broadcast on WRFG 89.3 Radio in Atlanta as Featured Guest.
- Community Support Virtual Meeting--Community of women living with HIV/ Positive Women's Network of Greater Houston as Guest Co-Presenter.
- Training for Preparatory School-- Breakthroughs Conference/ Quad Preparatory School based in NYC as Trainer/Presenter.
- Autism Panel--New Jersey Autism Center for Excellence/ Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network & New Jersey Autism Center for Excellence as Panelist.
- Podcast--Spectrum Strategy Group's Autism in Real Life Podcast,/Episode 61: The Intersection of Gender Identity, Sexuality, and Autism, as Featured Guest.
- HIV Prevention Summit--Biomedical HIV Prevention Summit/Workshop and virtual magazine as Panelist.
- Disability Summit--Disability Summit/Hosted by YAI (an organization connecting more than 300 programs for people with disabilities) as Keynote Speaker.



April 2021

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- Meetings in preparation for Milestones National Autism Conference presentation.
- Event with Interagency Autism Coordinating Center (Federal advisory committee that coordinates Federal efforts and provides advice to the Secretary of Health and Human Services autism issues).
- Autism Acceptance Month at Duke University.
- Autism Connections Conference based in Massachusetts.
- Public Library Presentation with Jersey City Library Services.
- DEI Panel at the Felicity House.
- College podcast with “La Hora de Cafecito Autismo,” University of South Florida.
- Neurodiversity Matters Conference hosted by Spectrum Theatre Ensemble.
- 2nd Annual Emerging Leaders Global Summit with Reeds Fund.

Roles & Development of Praxis

- ★ **Prep meetings** for upcoming 2021 Milestones National Autism Conference.
- ★ **Panelist** for the Interagency Autism Coordinating Center (**federal advisory committee** that coordinates Federal efforts and provides advice to the Secretary of Health and Human Services **autism issues**).
- ★ **Keynote speaker** about “**Parenting on the Spectrum**” for Public Library Presentation in Jersey City.
- ★ **Keynote speaker** at Autism Connections Conference, A Pathlight Program based in Massachusetts.
- ★ **Advising** Felicity House on DEI to strengthen its **connection** with autistic BIPOC women in the communities **being served**.
- ★ **Keynote Speaker** for Autism Acceptance Month event at Duke University with a speech entitled “More Than Seeds: Digging Deep to Find Our Resilience, Our Beauty, and Our Value.”
 - Dr. Onaiwu subsequently became a board member for Duke’s Center for Neurodiversity.



- ★ **Guest speaker** for college podcast with University of South Florida. The episode was entitled “La **experiencia de mujeres con autismo** como líderes, autoras, escritoras y profesionales.”
- ★ **Moderator and panelist** at a Spectrum Theatre Ensemble event focused on **neurodiversity**.



RECOMMENDED
Latinx Theatre Commons

Conversations from the Neurodiversity Matters Conference 2021

- ★ **Moderator and panelist** at Emerging Leaders Global Summit put on by Reeds Fund (a Baltimore-based **autism advocacy and education** organization).

Values-at-Work

- Preparation and promotion for upcoming autism conference, supporting events marking milestones.
- Acting within the community to support long-term policy making to help the autism community.
- Speaking on parenting as an autistic parent.
- Supporting connection for women in the autism community at Felicity House, an organization focused on fostering autistic individual’s social skills.
- Spreading awareness and positive perceptions of autistic people, parents, and children.
- Speaking on resilience and self-affirmed value, a necessary life skill for people who live in the margins.
- Speaking and supporting artistic expression with neurodiversity.
- Nurturing future leadership within the autism community.

Events Timeline

- Autism Conference--Milestones National Autism Conference 2021 Conference Keynote & presenter.
- Community Support--Interagency Autism Coordinating Center (Federal advisory committee).
- Autism Conference--Autism Connections/A Pathlight Program based in Massachusetts as Keynote Speaker.

- Public Library Presentation--Jersey City Library Services as Keynote Speaker.
- Autism Event/Meeting--DEI, Hosted by Felicity House.
- Autism Acceptance Month-- Duke University Annual Autism Acceptance Month as Sessions Presenter and Keynote Speaker.
- Autism Discussion--La Hora de Cafecito Autismo, University of South Florida-Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) La experiencia de mujeres con autismo como líderes, autoras, escritoras y profesionales as a Guest Presenter.
- Neurodiversity Conference--Neurodiversity Matters Conference/Hosted by Spectrum Theatre Ensemble as Moderator and Panelist.
- Autism Leadership Summit--2nd Annual Emerging Leaders Global Summit/Reeds Fund (a Baltimore-based Autism advocacy and education organization) as Moderator and Panelist.

May 2021

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- Neurodiversity Podcast (The Power of #OwnVoices) to discuss their autism
- Autism Awareness Training for AANE Association for Autism and Neurodiversity.
- Sensory Processing Summit with the STAR Institute.
- Consulting with the Autistic Women and Nonbinary Network (AWN).
- With Women Enabled International researching how COVID19 impacted women and gender nonconforming people with disabilities.



Roles & Development of Praxis

- ★ **Speaking within the autism community** as an autistic individual, communicating within the community.
- ★ **Trainer** and **presenter** for AANE (Association for Autism and Neurodiversity).
- ★ Taking on **several leadership roles** including **panelist**, **trainer**, and **presenter** for 2021 STAR Institute Sensory Processing Summit.
- ★ **Consultant** and **Equity, Justice, and Representation (EJR) Co-Chair** within Autistic Women and Nonbinary Network (AWN) with **various tasks** throughout the month. Offering support and doing tasks that help move the mission of the AWN Network.

- ★ **Provided leadership** for a **research focus group** investigating how **COVID19 impacted women and gender nonconforming people with disabilities** (as mentioned in Women Enabled International Annual Report 2021) .

Values-at-Work

- Disseminating information within the autistic community to talk about our shared experiences and make connections.
- Advocating for best practices with navigating the demands of the real world with the challenges of living with neurodiversity.
- Supporting and leading the STAR Institute with life skills developed after years of living as an advocate, to help support the success of their summit.
- As Equity, Justice, and Representative Co-Chair, consulting AWN Network on concerns relevant to this position.
- After years of advocating for HIV Research, also assisting representation and diversity in COVID19 research, specifically the effects on women and gender non-conforming people with disabilities.

Events Timeline

- Neurodiversity Podcast: The Power of #OwnVoices in Autism Advocacy as a Guest Speaker.
- Autism Awareness Training--AANE Association for Autism and Neurodiversity/Massachusetts Rehabilitation Center as Trainer and Presenter.
- STAR Institute Sensory Processing Summit as Panelist, Trainer, and Presenter.
- Equity, Justice, and Representation Consulting--Autistic Women's Network, various consulting tasks.
- Research Focus Group--Women Enabled International/ Research on how COVID19 Impacted women and gender nonconforming people with disabilities.

June 2021

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- Scholarly publication on ethics and HIV/AIDS research.
- Various monthly tasks as Equity, Justice, and Representation (EJR) Co-Chair on Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network (AWN).
- Milestones National Autism Conference. Two presentations + keynote address.
- Autism Education, & Equity Conference.
- Webinar--Perspectives of Parents with Disabilities: Reflections from Advisory Board Members of the National Research Center for Parents with Disabilities.

Publication

- ★ Dubé K, Kanazawa J, Taylor J, Dee L, Jones N, Roebuck C, et al(including Onaiwu MG). Ethics of HIV cure research: an unfinished agenda. BMC Med Ethics. 2021 June 30;22(1):83.
 - The authors of this article reviewed several published articles on HIV research, researching within ethical considerations. As HIV medical research moves forward quickly, considerations for ethical research will need to be revisited in the future.

Roles & Development of Praxis

- ★ Ongoing duties as Equity, Justice, and Representation (**EJR**) **Co-Chair** for the Autistic Women and Nonbinary Network (**AWN**).
- ★ **Keynote address** entitled “Forged by Fire: The Intersection of Race, Disability, and Gender,” along with **two presentations** at the Milestones National Autism Conference. The presentations were entitled “Eye of the Beholder: Our ‘Obsessions’ = Opportunities” & ”Leading with Your Life Story”.
- ★ **Panelist** for webinar entitled Perspectives of Parents with Disabilities: Reflections from Advisory Board Members of the National Research Center for Parents with Disabilities.
- ★ **Panelist** for the Autism, Education, & Equity Conference addressing **self-advocacy** and human **rights**.



Values-at-Work

- As EJRCo-chair, addressing various tasks related to equity, justice, and representation for the AWN.
- Public speaking about intersectionality, unique perspectives and strengths of the autism community, and the value of life stories.
- Championing self-advocacy and awareness of basic human rights within the autism community.
- Assisting and educating parents with disabled children with their unique struggles and challenges, as a parent of disabled children, and as a board member for the organizing center.

Events Timeline

- Equity, Justice, and Representation Consulting--Autistic Women's Network, various tasks throughout the month.
- Milestones National Autism Conference/ Presenter and Keynote Speaker. As Presenter: "Eye of the Beholder: Our "Obsessions" = Opportunities" & "Leading with Your Life Story". As Keynote: "Forged by Fire: The Intersection of Race, Disability, and Gender."
- Autism, Education, & Equity Conference--Autism Society of Southern Arizona as a Panelist.
- Webinar--National Research Center for Parents with Disabilities. Perspectives of Parents with Disabilities: Reflections from Advisory Board as a Panelist.



July 2021

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- Acting as Equity, Justice, and Representation EJR Co-Chair for AWN, various consulting tasks throughout the month.
- 23 & Me corporate training event: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Training (Neurodiversity Presentation and Training).
- New York Life Corporate Training--Diversity & Intersectionality Training.
- Supporting Transitions Opening Panel for the Inclusive and Accessible Employment Series for Museum, Arts and Culture Access Consortium (MAC).
- Australian Autism Summit with Emotions Explained AEP.

Roles & Development of Praxis

- ★ Monthly tasks for **AWN** as the **EJR Co-Chair**.
- ★ **Trainer** for a corporate event with 23 & Me addressing **neurodiversity**.
- ★ **Trainer** for a New York Life corporate **diversity & intersectionality** event
- ★ **Panelist** for employment series about **inclusivity** and **accessibility**.
- ★ **Panelist** for **online Australian Autism Summit**. Focus was on explaining emotions.

Values-at-Work

- Continuing work with Autistic Women and Nonbinary Network as Equity, Justice, and Representation Co-Chair.

- Educating and training on diversity, equity, and inclusion in the corporate sector, including insurance, museums, and science-based businesses.
- Educating as a panelist with an autism summit in Australia, as a global autism advocate.

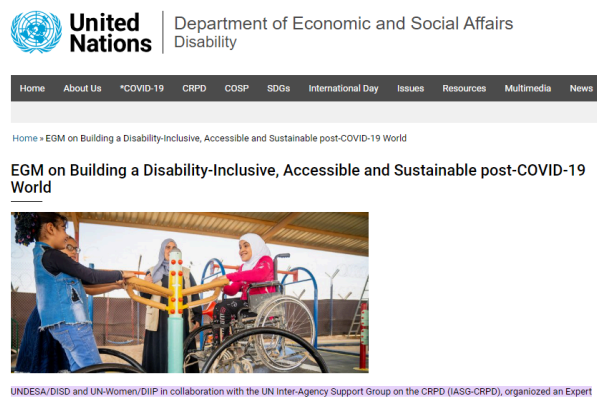
Events Timeline

- Equity, Justice, & Representation Consulting--Autistic Women's Network, various consulting tasks throughout the month.
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Training--23 & Me/Neurodiversity Presentation and Training for corporate.
- Corporate Training--New York Life/Diversity & Intersectionality Training and Presentation for corporate.
- Employment Series Panel--Museum, Arts and Culture Access Consortium (MAC)/Supporting Transitions Opening Panel for the Inclusive and Accessible Employment Series as Panelist.
- Autism Summit--Australian Autism Summit/ Emotions Explained AEP as Panelist.

August 2021 & September 2021

Quick Description (Months-at-a-Glance)

- Consulting as Equity, Justice, & Representation (EJR) Co-Chair for AWN.
- Event with Ultranaughts discussing Neurodiversity in the workplace.
- Autism and Criminal Justice event at UPenn.
- Addressing Black Lives Matter in disability with the YouTube channel The Staying Inn.
- Partners in Disability, New York.
- Mom Autism Money podcast/Episode 3: Teaching Boundary-Setting Skills.
- Rice University Oral History Project, working with a historic archive and the HIV community.
- Autistic Meet & Greet as an Advocacy Roundtable.
- UN Think Tank as disability expert group.
- Autism Society of Central Virginia with a speech entitled "Chaotic Yet Symbiotic: Finding, Embracing, and Being the Real You."



- Autism Conference in Nigeria--11th Annual Autism Conference Programme hosted by GTCO/Life Beyond the Diagnosis in Lagos, Nigeria.
- Training development with Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities (MHDD) National Training Center/Mental Health Summit 2021.

Roles & Development of Praxis



- ★ Consulting--**EJR Co-Chair** for **AWN**.
- ★ Corporate training event **panelist on neurodiversity** in the **workplace** with Ultranaughts.
- ★ **Attendee** and **advisor** for Autism and Criminal Justice at UPenn.
- ★ **Guest presenter** on a YouTube channel discussing **Black Lives Matter in disability** with Tinu appearing and The Staying Inn (a virtual pub)
- ★ **Trainer/presenter** at Partners in Disability, with NY and **AWN**.
- ★ **Featured guest** on a podcast about teaching **boundary-setting** skills.
- ★ Working with the **historic archive** at Rice University on **HIV oral history** project.
- ★ Providing **community support** at **advocacy** roundtable for **autism** meet and greet for autistic adults.
- ★ **Disability expert** for an UN Think Tank.
- ★ **Closing keynote** speaker for Autism Society of Central Virginia Speaker Series. Speech was about **being oneself**. “Chaotic Yet Symbiotic: Finding, Embracing, and Being the Real You.”
- ★ **Keynote** for **autism conference** in Lagos, Nigeria. 11th Annual Autism Conference Programme hosted by GTCO/Life Beyond the Diagnosis.
- ★ **Presenter** for **session** at MHDD (Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities) **Mental Health Summit 2021**.



Values-at-Work

- Ongoing commitment to various Equity, Justice, & Representation tasks as EJR Co-Chair for AWN.
- Educating about neurodiversity in the workplace.
- Addressing the challenges of criminal justice, autism, and intersections in a university setting.

- Addressing the intersection of disability and race, specifically in the Black Lives Matter movement, on an established YouTube channel.
- Helping educate parents on vital parenting skills in boundary-setting for autistics on a podcast aimed at moms.
- Working with Rice University on an oral history project for the HIV community.
- Supporting the autism community at an advocacy roundtable.
- Public speaking at an autism conference in Virginia.
- Keynote speaker at a conference addressing autism in Nigeria.
- Acting as a presenter on mental health and disability.

Events Timeline



- Equity, Justice, & Representation Consulting tasks.
- Corporate Training--Ultranaughts: Neurodiversity in the workplace as Panelist.
- Advising University Meeting--Autism and Criminal Justice/Autism Clinic at UPenn, attended meetings and advised about the subject.
- Virtual Presentation--Collaboration w/Tinu appearing on The Staying Inn (a virtual pub with Youtube Channel)/ Black Lives Matter in disability as Guest Presenter.
- Disability Presentation--Partners in Disability-NY.
- Podcast--Mom Autism Money podcast/Episode 3: Teaching Boundary-Setting Skills as featured guest.
- University HIV Project--Rice University Oral History Project/Oral history, HIV community working with historic archive.
- Autistic Meet & Greet--Advocacy Roundtable planning as Community Support.
- UN Thinktank--Disability expert group meetings as invited expert.
- Autism Community Support--Autism Society of Central Virginia/ Speaker Series – Chaotic Yet Symbiotic: Finding, Embracing, & Being the Real You as Closing Keynote.
- Autism Conference in Nigeria--11th Annual Autism Conference Programme hosted by GTCO/Life Beyond the Diagnosis - Day 2 as Keynote in Lagos, Nigeria.
- Mental Health Presentation--Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities National Training Center Mental Health Summit 2021: Session 5 Presenter.



4th Quarter 2021 (October 2021-December 2021)

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- Guest appearance on Tilt Parenting Podcast.
- Closing Keynote for Autistics Presents Symposium.
- Neurodiversity Presentation for Learning Spring School Board.
- AUCD AIR-P Research Day 2021 Closing Keynote Address.
- 2021 Keynote Address for Philadelphia Autism Project Conference.

Roles & Development of Praxis

- ★ **Co-Presenter** for a **Neurodiversity** Presentation, Learning Spring School Board.
- ★ Guest **speaker** appearance on Tilt Parenting Podcast discussing **justice, intersectionality, and neurodivergence.**



- ★ **Keynote speaker** for Philadelphia Autism Project Conference with a presentation on a **strengths-based view of autism.**



- ★ Closing **Keynote Speaker** for Autistics Presents Symposium: Foundations for Divergent Minds discussing **autistic-centered autism research**.



- ★ Closing **Keynote** for the AUCD AIR-P Research Day 2021 concerning research and **treatment activism**. Dr. Onaiwu has advocated for ethical and considerate treatment and inclusion for research participants since the beginning of their activist career.



AIR-P Research Day November 2021: Part 5 Closing



Values-at-Work

- Addressed subjects of justice, intersectionality, and neurodivergence on an established podcast on parenting.
- Presented on autistic-centered research on autism
- Demonstrated inclusion in core issues facing autistic community.
- Addressing the importance of community involvement and education, they co-presented on neurodiversity with a school board.
- After a five day conference with leading edge autism researchers, they provided a closing keynote address about treatment activism, reinforcing the humanity for groups who've been routinely dehumanized in research.
- Stressing strengths over deficiency, they presented at an established autism conference about the value the autism community adds to the world.

Events Timeline

- Podcast Guest--Episode 268 "Justice, Intersectionality, and Neurodivergence, with Morénike Giwa Onaiwu"/Tilt Parenting Podcast.
- Autistic Symposium--Autistics Presents Symposium: Foundations for Divergent Minds/Neurodivergent Navigators with Bellevue College as closing keynote.
- Neurodiversity Presentation--Presentation on Neurodiversity for Learning Spring School/ Learning Spring School Board Meeting as Co-Presenter.
- Keynote Address for Autism Research--AUCD AIR-P Research Day 2021 Closing Keynote Address: Research & Treatment Activism as Closing Keynote.
- Autism Conference--2021 Keynote Address for Philadelphia Autism Project Conference/ Philadelphia Autism Project as Keynote Speaker.