

2023 Annual Report

January 2023

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- Wrote Forward in a book addressing autism parents.
- Discussed research and scholarly work regarding language used around autism in academic circles.
- Consulted and joined the Advisory Board for research through Children's National Hospital's Autism Center of Excellence.
- Board Meetings.
- Book Club for Lovevery featuring *Sincerely Your Autistic Child*.
- University of Michigan roundtable.
- Advised for Rice University's Alternative Spring Break program.

Publication

- ★ As a contributing author, published the Forward in *I Will Die on this Hill: Autistic Adults, Autism Parents, and the Children Who Deserve a Better World*. January 19, 2023.

Roles & Expansion of Praxis

Research:

- ★ Scholarly discussion about autism and language. A push for neutral language around autism and neurodivergence has met resistance from the old guard establishment of autism research, which takes a negative/deficiency perspective on neurodivergence. As a result, Dr. Onaiwu has participated in several events and research endeavors regarding language and how autism is described (acceptably) within academia.
 - Discussion with Amy Lutz of NCSA about the controversial media article "Fighting Censorship in Autism Discourse: Why we need more words to describe autism, not fewer."
- ★ Discussed participant diversity (race, gender, geographic location, socioeconomic status, etc) with the Recruitment Advisory Board for a research grant awarded to Division of Pediatric Neuropsychology- Children's National

Hospital's Autism Center of Excellence. The research has to do with the ongoing phenomenon of late/missed diagnosis for members of marginalized classes, such as race and gender identity.

- Also assisted in refining the Self-Assessment of Autistic Traits (SAAT) as an Advisory Board Member.
- ★ Meetings for projects and research related to PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) early childhood autism research project with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) at Northwestern University as Co-Lead.

Board Meetings

- ★ Simpatico Advisory Committee Meeting a Board Member for the Simpatico Mentoring Program through AANE (Association for Autism and Neurodiversity).
- ★ Quarter 1 2023 IIDDEAL Advisory Council discussing Community engagement, healthcare, and IDD.
- ★ Joint Parenting Center Investigators and Advisory Board with the National Research Center for Parents with Disabilities
- ★ IACC meeting.
- ★ Autistic Faculty Meeting for AMCHP's State Public Health Autism Resource Center.

The **Autistic Faculty** is another way that SPHARC centers lived experience. The vision of the Autistic Faculty is to always involve autistic voices in the creation of SPHARC programs, events, media, and other materials. The goal is to co-design programs, activities, and events with autistic people. All of SPHARC's 2023 Autism Acceptance Month activities were co-designed with the Autistic Faculty.

Consultations & Planning

- ★ AFAB Collaborative Group--Incorporating Lancet manuscript revisions with ASF and AWN.
- ★ Meeting with Uptimize's Ryan Mull, New VP (Head of Growth). Discussed Neurodiversity at work updates and intersectionality.
- ★ Consultation--Discussion with Jill Escher of NCSA. Possibility of a neurodiversity movement & NCSA cease-fire?

Panels, Presentations, & Webinars

- ★ Live Discussion as Guest Speaker on "Mitigating harm to nonspeaking autistic community." The discussion with Nick Ostosh, BCBA & NeuroClastic was posted on Understanding Behavior YouTube channel.

- ★ Lovevery Book Club Workshop. Discussing *Sincerely, Your Autistic Child What People on the Autism Spectrum Wish Their Parents Knew About Growing Up, Acceptance, and Identity* as Co-Author & Workshop Facilitator. Dr. Onaiwu is also on Loveevery’s Disability Advisory Council.
- ★ Roundtable at University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. Access Advocacy: A Crip Mentoring Roundtable.
- ★ Consultation as Subject Matter Expert for the Alternative Spring Break (ASB) Program at Rice University.

- Rice University Center for Civic Leadership (CCL): CCL, a multidisciplinary center at Rice University, transforms structures that continue oppression through partnerships in the community and teaching ways to teach others.
- CCL encourages students and faculty to “take actions towards achieving an equitable, inclusive, and just society” and to “recognize, respond to, and condemn all forms of discrimination and harassment by addressing systemic barriers of injustice, exclusion, and oppression.”

- Through CCL, Somya Mittal and Lia Kim designed a curriculum for ten students about the history of the neurodiversity movement as part of the ASB program. (Dr. Onaiwu advised Somya Mittal & Lia Kim throughout the process.)
 - *Advocacy Without Borders consulted with ASB leaders, supporting them in their development of a semester-long curriculum for a group of 10 students on the neurodiversity movement and disability justice, culminating in experiential learning that included a formal talk plus campus visits to two neurodiversity centers.*



Events Timeline

- Simpatico Advisory Committee Meeting--Simpatico Mentoring Program/AANE (Association for Autism and Neurodiversity) as Committee Member
 - ◆ January 9
- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement Award with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ January 12
- AFAB Collaborative Group--Incorporating Lancet manuscript revisions/Autism Science Foundation & AWN as Contributor
 - ◆ January 13
- Autism Coordinating Committee--Q1, Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee/IACC Full Committee Meeting as Member
 - ◆ January 18
- Parenting Advisory Board--Joint Parenting Center Investigators and Advisory Board/National Research Center for Parents with Disabilities, Lurie Institute for Disability Policy, & Brandeis University
 - ◆ January 18
- Consultation--Discussion with Amy Lutz of NCSA for media article/"Fighting Censorship in Autism Discourse
- Why we need more words to describe autism, not fewer," as Consultant.
 - ◆ January 19
- Consultation--Discussion, resources & referral with Somya Mittal & Lia Kim/Rice University, 2023 Alternative Spring Break Program as Subject Matter Expert
 - ◆ January 19
- Autistic Faculty Meeting--Autistic Faculty 2023 planning/AMCHP's State Public Health Autism Resource Center (SPHARC) as Faculty Member
 - ◆ January 19
- Published Writing--Wrote Forward in *I Will Die on this Hill: Autistic Adults, Autism Parents, and the Children Who Deserve a Better World*, as contributing author.
 - ◆ January 19, 2023.
- Discussion--"Mitigating harm to nonspeaking autistic community"-Discussion with Nick Ostosh, BCBA & NeuroClastic/Understanding Behavior
 - ◆ January 24
- IIDDEAL Advisory Council--Q:1 2023 Meeting| discussing community engagement; health and IDD/IEC-IDDEAL as Advisory Council Member
 - ◆ January 24

- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Community engagement: autism & ECI/Engagement Award with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ January 25
- Recruitment Advisory Board--ACE SAAT Study (Participant diversity: race, gender, geography, SES, etc.)/Pediatric Neuropsychology- Children's National Hospital
 - ◆ January 25
- Meeting with Uptimize/Discussion w/Ryan Mull, New VP (Head of Growth) Neurodiversity at work updates; intersectionality
 - ◆ January 26
- Advisory Board Meeting--ACE SAAT Advisory Board Refining the Self-Assessment of Autistic Traits/Division of Pediatric Neuropsychology- Children's National Hospital as Board Member
 - ◆ January 26
- Book Club Workshop--Facilitating Employee & Leadership Book Club discussing "Sincerely, Your Autistic Child"/Lovevery as Co-Author & Workshop Facilitator
 - ◆ January 26
- Futures Lab--Digital Accessible Futures Lab with Crip Mentoring: Access Advocacy/University of Michigan-Ann Arbor as Panelist
 - ◆ January 27
- Consultation--Discussion with Jill Escher of NCSA/Possibility of a neurodiversity mvmt & NCSA cease-fire?
 - ◆ January 27

February 2023

Quick Description (Monthly-at-a-Glance)

- Research for AIR-P and PCORI continues.
- ASD+OB/GYN study meeting.
- White House Briefing
- Board Meetings.
- Consultations with Camille Proctor of The Color of Autism, including the University of Pittsburgh about neurodiversity and mental health.
- Recorded Gender and IDD training with AWN.
- Podcast appearance with CRASH.
- Alternative Spring Break Keynote.
- Best Buddies and Urban Collective Events for Black History Month
- Event at Felicity House.

Roles & Development of Praxis

Research:

- ★ AIR-B Meeting with AUTmosphere Equity Network, project check-in.
- ★ ASD+OB/GYN Study meeting (discussing the pregnancy analyses for the Autism and Reproductive Health project).
- ★ Meetings for projects and research related to PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) early childhood autism research project with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) at Northwestern University as Co-Lead

White House Briefing:

- ★ White House Briefing as Subject Matter Expert
 - Identifying ten strategic priorities to advance gender equity and equality and established three guiding principles
 - White House Briefing on the National Strategy on Gender Equity and Equality Progress Report aBlack History Month Collaboration
 - Panel invitation & Planning

Board Meetings:

- ★ 2023 EJR goals and task coordination.
- ★ Quarter 1 IEC Executive Committee discussing healthcare and IDD/IEC.

Consultations & Planning

- ★ Brainstorming and planning with Camille Proctor of The Color of Autism.



- ★ Training & Development for Multnomah County & Dove Orchids.
- ★ Consultation with Camille and Carla from University of Pittsburgh Autism Center for Excellence to discuss mental health and suicide prevention for people with neurodiversity.
- ★ Planning Meeting as Potential Panelist with Urban Collaborative Panel invitation/planning/Urban Collaborative
 - Urban Collaborative: A network of over 100+ school districts wanting to promote inclusive special education services, improving the education and long term life experiences of children in urban settings. Urban areas can disproportionately impact children of diverse cultures and linguistics, and those differences can exclude students from opportunities and positive experiences in an educational setting.
 - *Advocacy Without Borders consulted with the team on accessible and culturally-sensitive techniques and content and led a panel discussion and training.*

Panels, Presentations, & Webinars:

- ★ Recorded Gender and IDD Webinar for March National Training as EJR Co-Chair. The training was sponsored by AWN & NCSS START.
- ★ Podcast as Guest Speaker--Lived Expertise > Degree with Collaborative Relational and Sexual Health (CRASH) Consulting LLC.



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- ★ Circle 8 Virtual Workshop (Support for autistic women & femmes) with Felicity House.
- ★ Following up with the Alternative Spring Break event from January, appeared as the Keynote Speaker.
 - Presentation on Neurodiversity and Intersectionality for the Alternative Spring Break Program at Rice University
- ★ Best Buddies Black History Month observance/Black History Month Panel: Accessibility & Allyship.
 - Best Buddies International DEI Program: Best Buddies partnered with the Institute for Corporate Productivity. It hosts outreach and educational events, promotes DEI events addressing BIPOC with IDD, supports mentoring and training programs at HBCUs and urban high schools. It also offers scholarships and vocational training.
 - *Advocacy Without Borders consulted with Joseph Canty and subsequently provided critical training to over 100 service providers, family members, and educators from different regions of the country serving Black people with IDD.*

Events Timeline

- AWN Executive Committee Meeting--2023 EJR goals; task coordination/ Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network (AWN) as EJR Co-Chair
 - ◆ February 2
- Recorded Webinar--Recorded Gender/IDD webinar (for March National Training)/ NOTS: AWN & NCSS--START
 - ◆ February 3
- Black History Month Collaboration--Panel invitation & Planning/Best Buddies as Consultant
 - ◆ February 8
- Planning Meeting--Urban Collaborative Panel Planning
 - ◆ February 9
- Brainstorming and planning--Color of Autism
 - ◆ February 13
- Black History Month--Best Buddies Black History Month observance; Black History Month Panel: Accessibility & Allyship/Best Buddies International (DEI) as Panelist
 - ◆ February 14
- Meeting--AUTmosphere Equity Network CAB
 - ◆ February 15
- Training & Development--Multnomah County & Dove Orchids as Co-Trainer
 - ◆ February 15

- IEC Executive Committee--Q:1 IEC Executive Committee discussing Healthcare and IDD; healthcare and IDD as Council Member
 - ◆ February 17
- Alternative Spring Break--Presentation on Neurodiversity and Intersectionality/Alternative Spring Break (ASB) Program at Rice University as Keynote Speaker
 - ◆ February 18
- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) and CAB recruitment/ Engagement Award with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ February 23
- Circle 8 Virtual--Virtual Workshop (Support for autistic women & femmes)/ Felicity House as Advisor
 - ◆ February 23
- Consultation--Meeting with Color of Autism and /University of Pittsburgh Autism Center for Excellence as Consultant
 - ◆ February 27
- White House Briefing--Identifying ten strategic priorities to advance gender equity and equality and established three guiding principles/White House Briefing on the National Strategy on Gender Equity and Equality Progress Report as Subject Matter Expert
 - ◆ February 27
- Study Meeting--ASD+OB/GYN Study meeting (discuss the pregnancy analyses for the Autism and Reproductive Health project)/Autism and Reproductive Health Team Meeting as Advisor
 - ◆ February 27
- Podcast--Lived Expertise > Degrees/Collaborative Relational and Sexual Health (CRASH) Consulting LLC as Guest Speaker
 - ◆ February 28

March 2023

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- Publication on self-assessment for autistics.
- AIR-P and GSR research continues.
- Call for research paper proposals.
- Board meetings.
- Autism CARES Act advocacy efforts
- Review candidates to award predoctoral fellowship.
- Various consultations.
- Keynote address at University of Texas.
- Several podcast appearances.
- Consult with a journalist from The New York Times.
- Appeared in two podcasts and created an event with MARE.

Publication

- ★ Ratto AB, Bascom J, daVanport S, Strang JF, Anthony LG, Verbalis A, et al (including Onaiwu MG). *Centering the Inner Experience of Autism: Development of the Self-Assessment of Autistic Traits*. *Autism Adulthood*. 2023 Mar 1;5(1):93-105. doi: 10.1089/aut.2021.0099. Epub 2023 Mar 13.
 - Past studies on autism have prioritized scientific findings of non-autistic researchers and clinicians, seeing autism as a deficiency or negative attribute. This study centers the scientific reporting of autistics themselves, including a respectful and easy-to-understand questionnaire called the Self Assessment of Autistic Traits (SAAT). This study also aims at inclusivity, as many past portrayals of autism are based on how it presents for white cis males.

Roles & Expansion of Praxis

Research

- ★ Biannual meeting for AIR-P with the GSR Node Advisory Board.
- ★ Study Meeting--ASD+OB/GYN Study meeting (discuss the pregnancy analyses for the Autism and Reproductive Health project) with AIR-P GSR Node.
- ★ Developing a Planning Call for Proposals Journal of Social Issues.

Board Meetings

- ★ Quarterly Meeting for NCDPR (National Center for Disability and Pregnancy Research) Community Advisory Board.
- ★ Simpatico Advisory Committee Meeting for Simpatico Autistic Mentoring Program through AANE.
- ★ Quarter 1 IEC Board of Directors discussing Skinny budget; program updates.

Planning/Onboarding Meetings:

- ★ AIRB4 CAB meeting
- ★ Meeting for the upcoming 16th Annual Pennsylvania Autism Training Conference (PATC) on November 7-9, 2023.

Additional Notable Meetings:

- ★ CCD Monthly Task Force Meeting
 - Addressing Developmental Disabilities Month, Autism and Family Support. Draft agenda: budget & appropriations for Autism CARES Act.

CONSORTIUM FOR CONSTITUENTS WITH DISABILITIES

TASK FORCES

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AUTISM AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Mission

The mission of the task force is to advocate for federal public policies that directly relate to individuals with developmental disabilities, autism spectrum disorders, family supports and the prevention of child abuse and neglect. These include, but are not limited to, the Developmental Disabilities Act, Autism CARES Act, Lifespan Respite Care Act, National Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act.

- ★ Review of applications for 2023 Autistic Scientist Predoctoral Fellowship that was drafted in 2022.

Predoctoral Fellowship Program for Autistic Scientists

Funding Agency: Autism Speaks

Autism Speaks is dedicated to promoting solutions, across the spectrum and throughout the life span. Our goal is to support autistic people, their autistic and/or non-autistic family members and the broader autism community through fostering strengths and ameliorating the most disabling challenges. We provide advocacy and support; promote understanding and acceptance of autism; and facilitate basic and clinical/translational research that aims to improve the well-being of autistic people. We support autistic people, their families and the broader autism community with resources, online tools and through the production/dissemination of accurate information about autism and associated challenges across the life span.

Consultations & Planning:

- ★ Discuss about an annual conference with Society of Women Engineers (SWE) —the world’s largest conference and career fair for women in engineering on October 26-28 in Los Angeles, California.
- ★ Consultation--Meeting with Dr. Montanero with the Department of Government at the University of Essex. Dr. Montanero wanted to get clarification about a proposed interpretation of Dr. Onaiwu’s theory of self-appointed representation)
- ★ Consultation--Meeting with Evelyn L. Richards with Scientific Games. Discussed possible presentation for Autism Awareness Month

Keynote Speaking Event

- ★ Keynote Speaker "Celebrating Women’s History Month, Morénike Giwa Onaiwu, PhD" with The University of Texas System, Permian Basin.

Podcast Appearances:

- ★ Podcast Rehearsal and Appearance
 - Urban Collaborative Podcast Dry Run
 - Theme: **Taking Action: Anti-Racist District**
- ★ Black Information Network (iHeartRadio).
 - How police responses to the autistic community can be improved.
 - *Advocacy Without Borders consulted with Esther Dillard, a journalist affiliated with the network, to provide insight for the development of an episode of a four part special report exploring the intersection between race and autism: "Black, Autistic, and Safe" with specific emphasis on the complexities that can arise in police encounters.*
- ★ Black Girl Lost Keys Podcast: **Morénike X René Life with Lost Keys (Racism in neurodivergent communities).**
- ★ Autism Confidential: **Bridging the Divide.**
- ★ Autistic Faculty Podcast Episode on "**Neurodiversity paradigm.**" Autistic Faculty through SPHARC/AMCHP.
- ★ Interview by Azeen Ghorayshi from the New York Times science desk about Working on a follow-up to the release of the new CDC autism prevalence data.

Panels, Presentations, & Webinars

- ★ Autism Society of Iowa's Profound Autism Conference attendee.
- ★ National Online Training Series Q&A session (NOTS) webinar series in affiliation with AWN and other organizations.
- ★ Webinar--Crisis Supports & Suicide Prevention for Autistic People/ACE Team Training with Lisa Morgan Consulting LLC.



- ★ Meeting with Ruchika Chopra for Urban Collaborative as follow-up to event listed in February. Meeting included discussing feedback from the previous meeting. Also, podcast episodes and rehearsal.
- ★ Conference for The Centre for Autism Services Alberta Students' Association (CFASA), University of Alberta Student Group.
 - Speaker for two breakout sessions on Culture & Autism.
 - University of Alberta Centre for Autism Services Alberta Students' Association (CFASA): With the goal of educating students and the public about autism.
 - *Advocacy Without Borders consulted with the team on accessible and culturally-sensitive techniques and content and subsequently planned and led two breakout sessions on Culture and Autism at CFASA's 10th annual conference "Discovering Autism and Intersectionality."*



Open Call for Proposals

Journal of Social Issues

Journal of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)

Using Neurodiversity-Affirming Intersectional Approaches to Build More Equitable Societies and Shape Public Policy

Guest editors in alphabetical order:

Monique Botha, University of Stirling
 Kristen Gillespie-Lynch, College of Staten Island, and the CUNY Graduate Center
 Morenike Giwa Onalwu, Advocacy Without Borders
 Desiree R. Jones, The University of Texas at Dallas
 So Yoon Kim, Duksung Women's University
 Rita Obeid, Case Western Reserve University

- ★ Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) Event Discussion.
 - Goal: to educate families and providers about providing permanency for autistic children/teens
 - *Advocacy Without Borders consulted with MARE on outreach and services to autistic individuals from underrepresented communities.*

- *Subsequently, we led a virtual MARE event, “Autism and Adoption” for 22 families (current and prospective foster/adoptive parents), 8 DCF social workers, and 14 MARE staff (social workers, etc.) with the goal of educating families about providing permanency for autistic children/teens, as well as about autism in general.*

Events Timeline

- Community Advisory Board--Quarterly Meeting for NCDPR (National Center for Disability and Pregnancy Research) Community Advisory Board /Lurie Institute & Brandeis as Advisory Board Member
 - ◆ March 1
- Women in Engineering--Discuss about the annual conference (WE—the world’s largest conference and career fair for women in engineering on October 26-28 in Los Angeles, California)/ Society of Women Engineers (SWE)
 - ◆ March 1
- Monthly Task Force--Monthly DD, Autism, Family Support Task Force Meeting; Draft agenda: Budget; appropriations
- Autism CARES Act/CDC ADDM network, DD Awareness month, AWN, & CCD as EJR Co-Chair
 - ◆ March 2
- Women’s History Month--UT System Women's History Month video”Celebrating Women’s History Month, Morénike Giwa Onaiwu, PhD”/ The University of Texas System, Permian Basin video as Keynote Speaker
 - ◆ March 2
- Autism Conference--Autism Society of Iowa's Profound Autism Conference as Attendee
 - ◆ March 3
- Meeting--Ruchika Chopra's Zoom Meeting (Discuss feedback of previous meeting)/Urban Collaborative as Contributor (2 sessions)
 - ◆ March 6
- Podcast Dry Run--Urban Collaborative Podcast Dry Run (Theme: Taking Action: Anti-Racist District)/Urban Collaborative Member as Speaker
 - ◆ March 6
- Consultation--Meeting with Dr. Montanero (Clarification about a proposed interpretation of the theory of self-appointed representation)/Department of Government at the University of Essex as Consultant
 - ◆ March 6
- Biannual meeting--AIR-P GSR Advisory Board/ AIR-P GSR Node and Kaiser Permanente NoCal as Board Member
 - ◆ March 7

- Podcast--Theme: Taking Action: Anti-Racist District /Urban Collaborative Member as Guest Speaker
 - ◆ March 7
- Simpatico Advisory Committee Meeting--Simpatico Autistic Mentoring Program/AANE (Association for Autism and Neurodiversity) as Committee Member
 - ◆ March 13
- IEC Board of Directors--Q:1 IEC Board of Directors discussing Skinny budget; program updates/IEC as Council Member
 - ◆ March 14
- AIRB4 Meeting-- AIRB4 CAB and Dr. Hassrick meeting (Go over details related to the per diem position)/AIRB4 CAB Drexel University
 - ◆ March 15
- PATC Conference Planning--Meeting for the upcoming 16th Annual Pennsylvania Autism Training Conference (PATC) on November 7-9, 2023/Drexel University
 - ◆ March 16
- Podcast--Morénike X René Life with Lost Keys (Racism in neurodivergent communities)/Black Girl Lost Keys
 - ◆ March 16
- Podcast--"Bridging the Divide" Autism Confidential podcast /Autism Confidential as Guest Speaker
 - ◆ March 16
- National Online Training Series (NOTS)--Live Q & A/AWN/START Center
 - ◆ March 17
- Journal Special Issue Meeting--Planning Call for Proposals Journal of Social Issues for special issue of publication on neurodiversity and poly
 - ◆ March 20
- Radio Interview--Interview about Share views on how police responses to the autistic community can be improved/Black Information Network (iHeartRadio) as Guest Speaker
 - ◆ March 20
- Consultation--Meeting with Evelyn L. Richards, CDP about Autism Awareness Month presentation inquiry/Scientific Games
 - ◆ March 22
- Webinar--Crisis Supports & Suicide Prevention for Autistic People/ACE Team Training with Lisa Morgan Consulting LLC
 - ◆ March 22
- Review of applications--2023 Autistic Scientist Predoctoral Fellowship RFA/Autism Speaks
 - ◆ March 23

- Autism Conference--Centre for Autism Services Alberta Student Group Conference (Speaker for two breakout sessions on Culture & Autism) Alberta Students' Association, University of Alberta Student Group
 - ◆ March 25
- MARE Event Discussion--Discuss virtual event with the goal of educating families about providing permanency for autistic children/teens, as well as about autism in general./Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE)
 - ◆ March 27
- Study Meeting--ASD+OB/GYN Study meeting to discuss the pregnancy analyses for the Autism and Reproductive Health project (AIR-P GSR Node)
 - ◆ March 27
- Autistic Faculty Podcast--"Neurodiversity paradigm" Autistic Faculty Podcast Episode/SPHARC AMCHP
 - ◆ March 31
- Media Interview--Interview by Azeen Ghorayshi about a follow-up to the release of the new CDC autism prevalence data/New York Times science desk
 - ◆ March 31

April 2023

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- Publication of a paper on anti-ableist language.
- Research continues with PCORI.
- Follow-up for recruitment input about diversity for the ACE grant.
- Board Meetings.
- Several interviews, including with Harvard and Tracy Gilchrist.
- Reporting to two governmental organizations.
- Consultations and speaking events, many relevant to Autism Acceptance Month.
- Presentations and research on antiracist themes.
- Working with MARE

Publication

- ★ Natri HM, Abubakare O, Asasumasu K, Basargekar A, Beaud F, Botha M et al (including Onaiwu MG). *Anti-ableist language is fully compatible with high-quality autism research: Response to Singer et al.* (2023). *Autism Res.* 2023 Apr;16(4):673-676.
 - In response to Singer et al. this study advocates that neutral and anti-ableist language can be accurately used to accurately portray and describe autistic occurrences. For example, using "likelihood" in place of "risk" or "co-occurring" instead of "co-morbid." This study was in affiliation with autistic self-advocates and 60 global institutions.

Roles & Expansion of Praxis

Research:

- ★ Meetings for projects and research related to PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) early childhood autism research project with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) at Northwestern University as Co-Lead.
- ★ Follow up for the Children's National Hospital ACE Grant regarding recruiting for diversity. Discussed the recruitment incentives and strategies Dr. Onaiwu provided.

Board Meetings:

- ★ Board Meeting for Simpatico Autistic Mentoring Program with AANE.
- ★ Board Meeting for All Neurotypes.
- ★ Quarter 2 2023 IIDDEAL Advisory Council Meeting.
- ★ Quarterly IACC Meeting.
- ★ AUTmosphere Equity Network updates about the community advisory board at A.J. Drexel Autism Institute.
- ★ Lovevery Town Hall discussing Support Services with Lovevery Disability Council.

Interviews:

- ★ Interview with Kai-Jere Ross, a City College undergraduate student, about experience being a writer of color who is also neurodivergent.
- ★ Media Interview with "Impossible Choices" with Anjan Sundaram & Ashish Dikshit of Harvard University. A conversation about the personal costs that journalists and frontline war correspondents pay, and the common but underexpressed tension between public service work and the toll it takes on one's personal life
- ★ Media Interview. Virtual interview on Advocacy Today with GLAAD award-winning host Tracy E. Gilchrist on Autism advocacy, awareness, & neurodivergence in the Black queer community.

Discussions with Government Organizations:

- ★ National Science Foundation Interview. NSF interview about grants to understand the challenges facing employment training and employment for people on the autism spectrum and/or with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- ★ The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) speaks with AWN personnel to collect background information for their involvement in and contribution to the autism community.

Consultations/Planning Sessions

- ★ Planning for April 28 event at University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.
- ★ Meeting with Kimberly and Judith of the Profound Autism Alliance.
- ★ Consultation with Zalika Scott-Ugwuegbula with University of Alberta Working on a project with Dr. Lia Daniels on Motivational constructs in the words of black students. Also doing research with Dr. Heather Brown.
- ★ Celebrating Autistic Joy Fireside Chat with Autistic Faculty (SPHARC/AMCHP) for Autism Acceptance Month.
 - Planning Meeting
- ★ Prep Call--Team Meeting for Decoding Discrimination 2023.
- ★ Continuation of work with MARE.
 - Discuss virtual events with the goal of educating families about providing permanency for autistic children/teens, as well as about autism in general. Event described in detail under March 2023.

Speaking Engagements, Presentations, & Webinars:

- ★ Stony Brook Social Competence & Treatment Lab's Keynote Speaker for Anti-Racism Speaker Series at Stony Brook University.
- ★ Live Event for Autism Acceptance Month: Moving Beyond Awareness at Scientific Games as Speaker..
- ★ Autistic Faculty Fireside Chat for Autism Acceptance Month (Autistic Faculty for SPHARC/AMCHP).
- ★ Live Webinar Roundtable with The University of Pittsburgh Autism Center of Excellence on Suffering in Silence: Suicidality in Neurodiverse Communities of Color (bringing together diverse perspectives from research, clinical).

Events Timeline

- Planning for Event--April 28 event planning/ University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
 - ◆ April 3
- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Award-Workflow/ Engagement Award with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ April 3
- Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee Meeting
 - ◆ April 4
- Meeting--AUTmosphere Equity Network CAB Meeting: Updates about the community advisory board
 - ◆ April 5

- PCORI Monthly Call-- Contract #EACB-26927 PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Award-Workflow/ Engagement Award with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ April 5
- Consultation--Meeting with Profound Autism Alliance (Kimberly and Judith)
 - ◆ April 7
- Fireside Chat--Autistic Faculty: Planning Meeting for Celebrating Autistic Joy fireside chat/SPHARC AMCHP
 - ◆ April 7
- Simpatico Advisory Committee Meeting--Simpatico Autistic Mentoring Program/AANE (Association for Autism and Neurodiversity)
 - ◆ April 10
- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Award-Workflow/ Engagement Award with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ April 10
- Public Speaking Event--"CTL Anti-Racism Speaker Series/Social Competence and Treatment Lab at Stony Brook University as Keynote Speaker
 - ◆ April 11
- Consultation--Interview with Zalika Scott-Ugwuegbula (Working on a project with Dr. Lia Daniels on Motivational constructs in the words of black students.)
 - ◆ April 13
- Consultation--Interview with Kai-Jere Ross about Experience being a writer of color who is also neurodivergent/City College Undergraduate Student
 - ◆ April 14
- U.S. Government Accountability Office Interview--Regarding upcoming GAO report on the IACC
 - ◆ April 17
- Fireside Chat Prep Call--Autism Acceptance Month Fireside Chat Prep Call/SPHARC AMCHP
 - ◆ April 17
- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Award-Workflow/ Engagement Award with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ April 17
- EIRG Advisory Board Meeting--EIRG Advisory Board/Northwestern University
 - ◆ April 17
- Prep Call--Prep Call: Decoding Discrimination 2023
 - ◆ April 19

- Media Interview--Autism advocacy, awareness, & neurodivergence in the Black queer community/Advocate Today Show with GLAAD award-winning host Tracy E. Gilchrist
 - ◆ April 19
- NSF Grant Research Interview--Interview ASD/IDD community members to understand the challenges that impact ASD/IDD employment training/National Science Foundation (NSF)
 - ◆ April 19
- Interview--A conversation about the personal costs that journalists and frontline war correspondents pay, and the common but underexpressed tension between public service work and the toll it takes on one's personal life./Harvard University
 - ◆ April 19
- Meeting--Recruiting for Diversity Meeting 2 (Discussing recruitment incentives and strategies and providing feedback). Children's National (ACE Grant)
 - ◆ April 21
- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Award-Workflow/ Engagement Award with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ April 24
- Quarterly meeting--Q:2 2023 IIDDEAL Advisory Council Meeting/IEC
 - ◆ April 25
- Live Event--A combination of Autism, Neurodiversity, and Intersectionality in the Workplace and Trifecta, Triad, Triumvirate? Neurodiversity, Deficit-View, & "Aspie Supremacy" Explored/Scientific Games as Speaker
 - ◆ April 25
- MARE Event Discussion--Discuss virtual event with the goal of educating families about providing permanency for autistic children/teens, as well as about autism in general./Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE)
 - ◆ April 26
- Podcast--Autistic Faculty Fireside Chat for Autism Acceptance Month/SPHARC AMCHP as Speaker
 - ◆ April 27
- Lovevery Town Hall--Disability Support Services/Lovevery Disability Council
 - ◆ April 27
- Webinar--Suffering in Silence: Suicidality in Neurodiverse Communities of Color (A live, roundtable webinar bringing together diverse perspectives from research, clinical)/The University of Pittsburgh Autism Center of Excellence (ACE)
 - ◆ April 28

May 2023

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- PCORI research continues.
- Board and network meetings.
- Consultations with Ellevest Network and Family Voices.
- Decoding Discrimination 2 (2023).

Roles & Expansion of Praxis

Research:

- ★ Meetings for projects and research related to PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) early childhood autism research project with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) at Northwestern University as Co-Lead.

Board Meetings:

- ★ All Neurotypes meetings, including planning summer camp.
- ★ Quarterly Meeting for NCDPR Community Advisory Board with Lurie Institute & Brandeis.

Consultations & Planning:

- ★ Prep Call for the Mobilize Women 2023 event with Ellevest Network.
- ★ Product Advisory Team meeting-Advancing the Quality of Health Care Transition for Black Autistic Adolescent Girls Project.
 - Family Voices' National Health Care Transition Resource Center (funded by the WITH Foundation).

Planning and Panel Event:

- ★ Decoding Discrimination 2 (2023)
 - May 15: Rehearsal.
 - May 18: Panel & Roundtable.
 - May 21: Available online.

Decoding Discrimination 2023!

May 21, 2023

Share: 

In collaboration with Foundations For Divergent Minds, John Hopkins Disability Health Research Center, and Justice Shorter, NDRN is proud to present Decoding Discrimination 2023, a thought-provoking panel and robust roundtable discussion. Together we'll openly discuss the rollback of pandemic protections and how coded/common language continues to discriminate against Black, Indigenous & Other People of Color with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities. This session is designed for participants to share and learn from one another, so please come prepared to contribute your reflections and experiences throughout. [You can check out last year's Decoding Discrimination discussions and resources here.](#) We look forward to conducting these critical conversations and are excited to connect with you again this year.

Events Timeline

- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute)/ Engagement Award with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ May 8
- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ May 15
- EIRG Advisory Board Meeting--EIRG PCORI Engagement grant/Northwestern University
 - ◆ May 15
- Rehearsal--Decoding Discrimination 2023
 - ◆ May 15
- Panel & Roundtable--Decoding Discrimination 2 Panel & Roundtable/FDM & NDRN
 - ◆ May 18
- Community Advisory Board--Quarterly Meeting for NCDPR (National Center for Disability and Pregnancy Research) Community Advisory Board as Advisory Board Member
 - ◆ May 23
- Meeting--AUTmosphere Equity Network CAB Meeting 15/Social Dynamics of Intervention (SoDI) Lab, Life Course Outcomes Research Program, & A.J. Drexel Autism Institute
 - ◆ May 24

- Meeting--National Parenting Research Center Advisory Board
 - ◆ May 25
- Mobilize Women 2023 Prep Call --Review of the content brief/Ellevate Network
 - ◆ May 30
- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ May 30
- Product Advisory Team--Family Voices: Black Autistic Girls and Health Care/Family Voices
 - ◆ May 31
- Meeting--AUTmosphere - Social Dynamics of Intervention (SoDI) Lab, Life Course Outcomes Research Program at A.J. Drexel Autism Institute
 - ◆ May 31

June 2023

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- Published paper on autism, wandering, and pediatric care.
- PCORI research ongoing.
- Proposal review for research with Ohio State's Nisonger Center.
- Board Meetings.
- Prep call for IDDEAL.
- Consulting with Family Voices.
- Speaking event with Mobilize Women 2023 event.
- Virtual conference with STAR.
- Gifted Homeschoolers virtual conference.

Publication

- ★ Hotez E, Giwa Onaiwu M. A Neurodiversity-Oriented Approach to Address Autism Wandering as a "Problem Behavior" in Pediatrics. *Cureus*. 2023 Jun;15(6):e40862. doi: 10.7759/cureus.40862. eCollection 2023 Jun.
 - Taking a compassionate and positive view of neurodiversity, the study looks at wandering and other so-called "problem behaviors" such as wandering by autistic children. The study targets pediatricians, and suggests by lowering stress levels for autistic children, engaging and synchronizing support networks, and working with larger social systems, wandering can be curtailed.

Roles & Expansion of Praxis

Research:

- ★ Meetings for projects and research related to PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) early childhood autism research project with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) at Northwestern University as Co-Lead.
- ★ Proposal and grant review. Answering grant reviewer's questions for a proposal with Ohio State University's Nisonger RRTC (Rehabilitation Research and Training Center engaging adults with IDD in health research.

Board Meetings:

- ★ IEC Nominating Committee Meetings for IIDDEAL.
- ★ Quarter 2 2023 IEC Board of Directors Meeting.
- ★ IIDDEAL: Identify parts of a Health Outcomes Framework that are needed to change research and practice for people with IDD and their families.

Consultations & Planning:

- ★ Product Advisory Team meeting-Advancing the Quality of Health Care Transition for Black Autistic Adolescent Girls Project.

Speaking Engagements:

- ★ Speaker for Mobilize Women Summit 2023 with Ellevest Network. Talk was on Disability, Innovation, and the Future of Work.



Panels, Presentations, & Webinars:

- ★ Virtual Summit Autism Backstage Invitation for Sensory Health and Autism
- ★ Gifted Homeschoolers Virtual Conference.
 - How to support your multi-exceptional child, Gifted Homeschoolers offering personal experience from growing up autistic and also parenting multi-exceptional children.
 - Gifted Homeschoolers: A nonprofit organization whose mission is “to empower every gifted and multi-exceptional family to make strategic, proactive, and intentional educational choices.” GHF envisions “a diverse world of multi-generational families, educators, and professionals supporting each other through community, education, and creating content relating to gifted home education” and seeks to “empower gifted families to make strategic, proactive, and intentional educational choices.
 - *Advocacy Without Borders consulted with GHF Leadership to coordinate a speaking engagement for the Gifted Homeschoolers’ Virtual Conference, “How to support your multi-exceptional child.”*

2023 GHF Conference Day 3 – Sunday, June 4



The GHF Gifted Home Education Conference – Come as You Are : Authenticity and Acceptance

Events Timeline

- IEC Nominating Committee Meetings--IIDDEAL — Institute for Exceptional Care/IEC as Council Member
 - ◆ June 1

- Virtual Conference-- Gifted Homeschooler's Virtual Conference, supporting multi-exceptional children
 - ◆ June 4
- Mobilize Women Summit 2023--Disability, Innovation, and the Future of Work/Ellevest Network
 - ◆ June 7
- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute)/ Engagement Award with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ June 12
- Advisory Board Meeting--Award with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG)/Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ June 12
- Virtual Summit--Sensory Health and Autism
 - ◆ June 15
- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute)/ Engagement Award with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ June 19
- Quarterly Meeting--Q:2 2023 IEC Board of Directors Meeting/Institute for Exceptional Care (IEC)
 - ◆ June 20
- PCORI Resubmission Discussion--PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute)/ Engagement Award with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ June 21
- Proposal Review--Grant reviewers' questions regarding proposal/Agenda Questions And Responses OSU RRTC
 - ◆ June 23
- Product Development Team meeting--Product Advisory Team: Black Autistic Girls and Health Care/Family Voices
 - ◆ June 26

July 2023

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- PCORI research efforts ongoing.
- IIDDEAL Prep Call #4.
- Consultations with NYU and University of Mississippi.
- Meeting with Shrub Oak International School.
- Consulting on Family Voices.
- Virtual meeting with Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice.
- DEIB Corporate training event with Bank of America.

Roles & Expansion of Praxis

Research

- ★ Meetings for projects and research related to PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) early childhood autism research project with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) at Northwestern University as Co-Lead.

Board Meetings

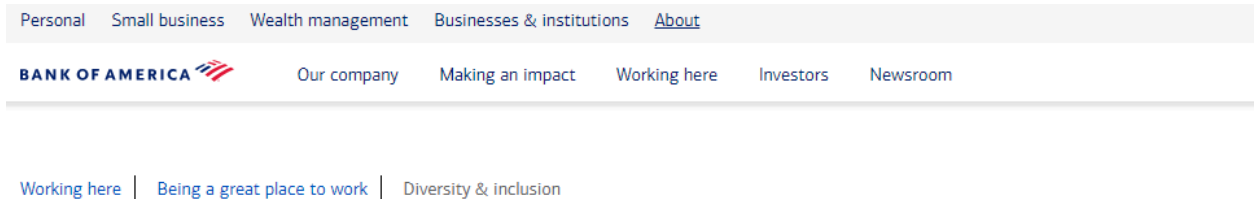
- ★ Meeting for Felicity House Group Discussion (discussion about autism and advocacy).
- ★ Quarter 3 2023 IIDDEAL Advisory Council Meeting.

Consultations & Planning:

- ★ IIDDEAL Prep Call #4-Health Outcome Framework topic areas for in-person discussion.
- ★ Meeting with Eric Bass to discuss possible Kind Theory partnership with Neurability Technologies.
- ★ Brainstorm Session with the Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning, The University of Mississippi. Discussing experiences accessing family support services as a mother of children with autism.
- ★ Product Advisory Team meeting-Advancing the Quality of Health Care Transition for Black Autistic Adolescent Girls Project.
 - Family Voices' National Health Care Transition Resource Center
- ★ Consultation with Yewande Richard from NYU about studying additional care and support services for African immigrant mothers of children with complex needs in the United States.
- ★ Meeting with Dr. Sweetapple to discuss Shrub Oak International School.

Panels, Presentations, & Webinars

- ★ Virtual meeting--Access the Vote: Disability and Democracy (Virtual) with Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice.
- ★ Bank of America Corporate Interview: Neurodiversity and DEIB (Neurodiversity and Intersectionality in the Workplace).



Being a diverse and inclusive workplace

At Bank of America, we value all our differences – in background, experience and viewpoints, including socioeconomic status, race, national origin, religion, age, gender, gender identification and expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, disabilities and veteran status.

Events Timeline

- Phase 2 Focus Group--Live Notes in Otter with Angelina Rivera
 - ◆ July 6
- Community Meeting-Meeting for Felicity House Group Discussion(discussion about autism and advocacy)/Felicity House Group
 - ◆ July 6
- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ July 10
- EIRG Advisory Board Meeting--EIRG PCORI Engagement grant/Northwestern University
 - ◆ July 10
- Meeting--AUTmosphere Equity Network CAB Meeting 16/Social Dynamics of Intervention (SoDI) Lab, Life Course Outcomes Research Program, & A.J. Drexel Autism Institute
 - ◆ July 12
- Virtual meeting--Access the Vote: Disability and Democracy (Virtual)/Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice

- ◆ July 19
- Consultation--Meeting with Dr. Sweetapple about Shrub Oak International School
- ◆ July 20
- Quarterly Meeting--Q:3 2023 IIDDEAL Advisory Council Meeting/IEC
- ◆ July 24
- Brainstorm Session--Disabled on campus edited collection/Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning, The University of Mississippi
- ◆ July 24
- Consultation--Meeting with Eric Bass of Neurability Technologies
- ◆ July 25
- Product development Team meeting--Product Advisory Team: Black Autistic Girls and Health Care (Family Voices)
- ◆ July 26
- Corporate Interview: Neurodiversity and DEIB Interview with Morénike Giwa Onaiwu (Neurodiversity and Intersectionality in the Workplace)/working with a team at Bank of America
- ◆ July 27
- Consultation--Yewande Richards' Zoom Meeting (discussing experiences accessing family support services as a mother of children with autism)/Yewande Richards with NYU
- ◆ July 27
- Prep Call #4--IIDDEAL Health Outcomes Framework Prep Call #4/Institute for Exceptional Care (IEC)
- ◆ July 27
- PCORI Engagement Award-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
- ◆ July 31

August 2023

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- AIR-P Publication.
- Research with PCORI and Children's National Hospital continues.
- Project management meetings for various groups and initiatives.
- Various nonprofit organization board meetings, including regularly scheduled meetings and agenda specific.
- Consultations and plannings.
- Continuing collaborative initiatives with Sunstorm Stories, AWN, and Felicity House.
- Webinars with Felicity House and Brilliant Minds Collective.
- SunStorm Stories.

Publication

- ★ AIR-P Publication.
- ★ Hotez E, Haley M, Martinez-Agosto JA, Anderson J, Brown H, Choi K, et al (including Onaiwu MG). Updates to the Autism Intervention Research Network on Physical Health (AIR-P) Research Agenda. Cureus. 2023 Aug;15(8):e44388. doi: 10.7759/cureus.44388. eCollection 2023 Aug.
 - Update on research with AIR-P, based on input from qualtrics surveys. This data was distributed throughout research nodes and to researchers. The agenda was updated to reflect surveyed information.

Roles & Expansion of Praxis

Research:

- ★ Meeting--ASD+OB/GYN Study meeting,with AIR-P GSR Node.
- ★ Follow up consultation for SAAT Feedback for a research grant awarded to Division of Pediatric Neuropsychology- Children's National Hospital's Autism Center of Excellence.
 - The research has to do with the ongoing phenomenon of late/missed diagnosis for members of marginalized classes, such as race and gender identity.
- ★ Meetings for projects and research related to PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) early childhood autism research project with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) at Northwestern University as Co-Lead.
 - EIRG Advisory Board Meeting: Group 1 (Mod 4)

Meetings

- ★ CCD Anti-Racism Committee Meeting.
- ★ IEC Education Committee Meeting/Institute for Exceptional Care (IEC)
- ★ All Neurotypes Meeting.
- ★ Quarter 3 IEC Executive Committee Meeting.
- ★ Researcher Debrief for Autistic Researcher predoctorate fellowship granted by Autism Speaks.
- ★ Community Advisory Board Meeting for Houston's HIV/AIDS Research Team (UT-HART) .

Consultations & Planning:

- ★ Publication of Manuscript based on Pillars Intervention Literature Review Project Steering Committee. With The National Autism Center - May Institutes focused on evaluating ADA practices.
- ★ Organization Meeting with The Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning at the University of Mississippi for Disabled on campus - edited collection org meeting #2.

Panels, Presentations, and Webinars

- ★ Circle 8 Virtual Workshop at Felicity House.
- ★ Sunstorm Stories recording with Ebony.
- ★ Webinar--Disability & RACE: Intersectionality Between Identity + Disability Advocacy
- ★ Webinar with Brilliant Minds Collective.
 - Brilliant Minds Collective: a U.S. based culturally centered non profit think tank focused on economic growth in marginalized communities.
 - *Advocacy Without Borders consulted with their neurodivergent undergraduate intern to plan and be the featured presenter for a virtual symposium, Disability & RACE: The Intersectionality Between Identity and Disability Advocacy.*
 - The presentation focused on the intersection of autism and race and “dismantling ableism and racism and promoting disability inclusion and equity by recognizing the voices of individuals with disabilities from underrepresented groups.”

Events Timeline

- Quarterly Meeting--Q:3 IEC Executive Committee Meeting/Institute for IEC
 - ◆ August 1
- Researcher Debrief-Autistic Researcher Predoc Debrief/Autism Speaks
 - ◆ August 2

- Meeting--ASD+OB/GYN Study meeting with AIR-P GSR Node
 - ◆ August 3
- All Neurotypes meeting--All Neurotypes meeting with Sam Brandsen
 - ◆ August 3
- Consultation--SAAT Feedback ACE (Adaptive Cognitive Evaluation) SAAT/Child Mind Institute
 - ◆ August 4
- PCORI Engagement Meeting-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ August 7
- Meeting--IEC Education Committee Meeting/Institute for Exceptional Care (IEC)
 - ◆ August 9
- All Neurotypes meeting--All Neurotypes meeting with Sam Brandsen
 - ◆ August 10
- Onboarding Meeting--Phases ACE (Adaptive Cognitive Evaluation)
 - ◆ August 11
- Committee Meeting--CCD Anti-Racism Committee Meeting
 - ◆ August 11
- PCORI Engagement Meeting-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ August 14
- Webinar--Disability & RACE: Intersectionality Between Identity + Disability Advocacy/Brilliant Minds Collective, Inc.
 - ◆ August 15
- Organization Meeting--Disabled on campus - edited collection org meeting #2/Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning-The University of Mississippi
 - ◆ August 16
- All Neurotypes meeting--All Neurotypes meeting with Sam Brandsen
 - ◆ August 17
- Circle 8 Virtual--Virtual Workshop at Felicity House as Guest
 - ◆ August 17
- PCORI Engagement Meeting-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ August 21
- Advisory Board Meeting--EIRG Advisory Board Meeting: Group 1 (Mod 4)/Northwestern University
 - ◆ August 21

- Monthly Meeting--CAB meeting/UT-HART (ACTG/HPTN)
 - ◆ August 21
- Sunstorm Stories--Sunstorm Stories recording with Ebony/NDRN & FDM
 - ◆ August 22
- Meeting--Assent Manuscript/Autistic Women's and Nonbinary Network
 - ◆ August 29
- Sunstorm Stories--Sunstorm Stories Recording/NDRN/FDM
 - ◆ August 30

September 2023

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- White House briefing
- Presentation session for Society for Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics.
- Discussed the Impact of Words in the Autism Community.
- Research with PCORI, AIR-P, Racial Disparities, and AHRQ meeting.
- Numerous board and advisory board meetings.
- Discussed autism-positive language used in interviews with Academic Autism Spectrum Partnership in Research and Education.
- Product Advisory Team for Family Voices Organization.
- SENG webinar.

Roles & Expansion of Praxis

Panels, Presentations, & Webinars:

- ★ Provided a pre-recorded session for a live conference for the Society for Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics.
- ★ Learning Session Meeting with the Autism Society discussing Impact of Words in the Autism Community.
- ★ Webinar for SENG.
 - Supporting the Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG): SENG is a nonprofit for gifted and talented individuals to help them reach their goals, in different areas. SENG aims to empower families and communities to make this happen.
 - *Advocacy Without Borders consulted with the team on accessible and culturally sensitive techniques and content and subsequently led a SENG webinar (SENGinar).*

Research:

- ★ GSR Node Meeting--Gender, Sexuality, and Reproductive Health node for AIR-P.
- ★ Meetings for projects and research related to PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) early childhood autism research project with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) at Northwestern University as Co-Lead.
- ★ Research meetings to discuss and reflect on study regarding Racial Disparities in Autism Diagnosis and Health, to be published as a paper.
- ★ Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Meeting--Consulting Agreement and Orientation regarding AHRQ's Technical Expert Panel on Disease Prevention and Health Promotion for People with Disabilities.



Board Meetings

- ★ Recurring All Neurotypes meeting.
- ★ Quarter 3 2023 IEC Board of Directors Meeting.
- ★ EIRG Advisory Board Meeting related to PCORI research with Northwestern University.
- ★ Shrub Oak International School Meeting
- ★ Quarter 3 2023 IEC Board of Directors Meeting.
- ★ Quarter 3 Disability Council Meeting (Bi-Annual) for Lovevery Disability Council.

Additional Meetings:

- ★ White House Briefing--White House Briefing on the Impacts of a Republican Shutdown. Hosted by Senior Advisor to the President and Director of Public Engagement Steve Benjamin, with special guest Senior Advisor to the President Anita Dunn, to discuss potential impacts of an Extreme Republican Shutdown.
- ★ Anti-Racism Committee Meeting with the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services.
- ★ Trust and Reciprocity Seminar to help faculty and staff build research partnerships with scholars and community partners on the autism spectrum.

Consultations & Planning

- ★ Consulting on employment surveys interviews-- advising about questions asked of potential candidates in interviews regarding Academic Autism Spectrum Partnership in Research and Education.
- ★ Product Advisory Team meeting-Advancing the Quality of Health Care Transition for Black Autistic Adolescent Girls Project.
 - Family Voices' National Health Care Transition Resource Center



Events Timeline

- ★ PCORI Engagement Meeting-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - September 4
- ★ Recurring All Neurotypes meeting--All Neurotypes meeting with Sam Brandsen
 - September 7
- ★ Virtual Conference--Society for Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics
 - September 10
- ★ Virtual Interview--Employment Surveys (advising about questions asked of potential candidates in interviews), with Academic Autism Spectrum Partnership in Research and Education
 - September 10
- ★ Project Management Meeting--SoDI Project Management/ADJAI
 - September 11
- ★ PCORI Engagement Meeting-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - September 11
- ★ Quarterly Meeting--Q:3 2023 IEC Board of Directors Meeting/IEC
 - September 12
- ★ Webinar--Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG) as speaker
 - September 14
- ★ All Neurotypes meeting--All Neurotypes meeting with Sam Brandsen
 - September 14

- ★ Meeting--Racial Disparities in Autism Diagnosis and Health
 - September 15
- ★ CCD Meeting, Reflection and Discussion--Anti-Racism Committee
 - September 15
- ★ All Neurotypes meeting--All Neurotypes meeting with Sam Brandsen
 - September 21
- ★ AJ Drexel Autism Institute Trust and Reciprocity Seminar--Building research partnerships with scholars and autistic community partners
 - September 22
- ★ PCORI Engagement Meeting-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - September 25
- ★ Advisory Board Meeting--EIRG Advisory Board Meeting/Northwestern University
 - September 25
- ★ Product Advisory Team meeting: Black Autistic Girls and Health Care
 - September 26
- ★ Meeting--Shrub Oak International School
 - September 26
- ★ GSR Node Meeting--Gender, Sexuality, and Reproductive Health node/Autism Intervention Research Network on Physical Health (AIR-P) at UCLA
 - September 26
- ★ Consulting Agreement and Orientation Meeting--AHRQ's Technical Expert Panel on Disease Prevention and Health Promotion for People with Disabilities/Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
 - September 27
- ★ Board of Directors Meeting--Q:3 2023 IEC Board of Directors Meeting/IEC
 - September 27
- ★ Disability Council Meeting--Q3 Disability Council Meeting/Lovevery
 - September 28
- ★ White House Briefing--White House Briefing on the Impacts of a Republican Shutdown, hosted by Senior Advisor to the President and Director of Public Engagement Steve Benjamin, with special guest Senior Advisor to the President Anita Dunn, to discuss the potential impacts of an Extreme Republican Shutdown.
 - September 28
- ★ Learning Session--Impact of Words in the Autism Community/Autism Society
 - September 28

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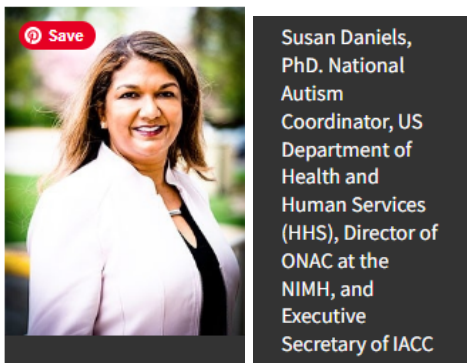
Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- Stanford Neurodiversity Summit with IACC, NIH, and NIMH.
- Meetings for AWN, Kind Theory, All Neurotypes, and Simpatico Mentoring Program.
- Meeting for Duke's ACE Advisory Committee.
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Roles & Expansion of Praxis

Panels, Presentations, & Webinars:

- ★ Stanford Neurodiversity Summit
 - After delivering the keynote address, Dr. Susan Daniels (from NIH & NIMH) used the breakout session for an impromptu IACC, giving the floor to IACC neurodivergent members, including Dr. Onaiwu.
 - The panel was not in the program, nor was it recorded. In Dr. Daniel's own words: *"I asked each panelist to share their experiences serving on the IACC and what they felt were some of the most important accomplishments of the committee. It was a very stimulating discussion, and the panel received many compliments afterward."*



Meetings:

- ★ AWN Planning Meeting as EJR Co-Chair.
- ★ BSSC Meeting, Kind Theory.



★ All Neurotypes Board Meeting.



★ Simpatico Advisory Committee Meeting for AANE.



★ PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) at Northwestern University for research and development projects.

★ Fall 2023 Duke Autism Center of Excellence (ACE) External Advisory Committee Meeting.

- In 2021, Dr. Onaiwu was invited as the keynote speaker at Duke during Autism Acceptance Month. They subsequently joined Duke's ACE Advisory Committee.

Events Timeline

- AWN Co-Chairs' Planning Meeting--Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network (AWN) as EJR Co-Chair
 - ◆ October 1
- Duke Committee Meeting--Fall 2023 Duke Autism Center of Excellence External Advisory Committee Meeting
 - ◆ October 2
- IACC Panel--IACC Panel, Stanford Neurodiversity Summit/Stanford Medicine
 - ◆ October 2
- BSSC Meeting--Kind Theory
 - ◆ October 3
- PCORI Engagement Meeting-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ October 9
- Simpatico Advisory Committee Meeting--Simpatico Mentoring Program/AANE
 - ◆ October 9
- PCORI Engagement Meeting-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ October 26
- PCORI Engagement Meeting-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ October 30

November 2023

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- Published_ *A Neurodiversity and Gentle Parenting Journey in Color*.
- Keynote and PATC Conference.
- Several ongoing research appointments and collaborations including AIR-P, PCORI, and the Nisonger Center at Ohio State.
- Board meetings, including Quarter 4 meetings.
- SunStorm Stories continued.
- Several advisory consultations with various groups and people.
- Prep call with UCSF for conference.

Publication

- ★ Onaiwu MG, editors. *A Neurodiversity and Gentle Parenting Journey in Color*. Lincoln: DragonBee Press; 2023.
 - This is a republishing from a previously published chapter in the anthology *Respectfully Connected: Journeys in Autism, Parenting, and Neurodiversity*.

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Speaking Engagements

- ★ PATC Conference Keynote: Forged by Fire: The Intersection of Race, Disability, & Gender in association with Drexel University.
 - PATC: Pennsylvania Training Center.

Research:

- ★ Co-Investigator and on the board for research project with Ohio State University's Nisonger RRTC (Rehabilitation Research and Training Center). Investigators Meeting Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Health and Function for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). Ongoing research project engaging adults with IDD in health research. Principal Investigator is Susan Havercamp.
- ★ AIR-P meeting with the leadership board (ANSWER [formerly ARRB]).
- ★ PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) early childhood autism research project with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) at Northwestern University as Co-Lead.

Board Meetings

- ★ Weekly meeting for All Neurotypes.
- ★ Quarterly Meeting for NCDPR through Lurie Institute & Brandeis.
- ★ Quarter 4 IEC Executive Committee Meeting.
- ★ IEC Education Committee Planning.
- ★ Quarter 4 IIDDEAL Advisory Council Meeting.

Onboarding event:

- ★ With University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus, ITH Effective Communication Advisory Board onboarding in relation to collaborative research efforts.

Projects:

- ★ Rescheduled Sunstorm Stories Meeting.

Consultations, Advisory Meetings & Planning:

- ★ Anti-Racism Committee Meeting with the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disability Services (NASDDDS).
- ★ Advisory Committee for Disability & Philanthropy Forum Advisory Committee with Emily Harris of Harris-Strategies.com.
- ★ “Autism by the Numbers Planning Call” for planning reproductive health article outline
- ★ UCSF Conference Prep Meeting to prepare Dr. Onaiwu as panelist.
- ★ Intentional Leadership Speaker Meeting with Zingerman’s Community of Business.

Events Timeline

- Planning Meeting--AIRB4 CAB Planning Meeting/ ADJAI, Drexel University
 - ◆ November 1
- All Neurotypes meeting--All Neurotypes meeting with Sam Brandsen
 - ◆ November 2
- Anti-Racism Committee Meeting/National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disability Services
 - ◆ November 3
- Community Advisory Board--Quarterly Meeting for NCDPR (National Center for Disability and Pregnancy Research) Community Advisory Board as Advisory Board Member
 - ◆ November 6

- Keynote at Conference: PATC Conference Keynote: Forged by Fire: The Intersection of Race, Disability, & Gender/Drexel University
 - ◆ November 7
- Quarterly Meeting--Q:4 IEC Executive Committee Meeting/Institute of Exceptional Care
 - ◆ November 7
- Advisory Committee--Disability & Philanthropy Forum Advisory Committee
 - ◆ November 8
- All Neurotypes meeting--All Neurotypes meeting with Sam Brandsen
 - ◆ November 9
- Planning Call--Autism by the Numbers Planning Call/Reproductive health article outline
 - ◆ November 13
- Thesis Interview--Thesis Interview with Riley McNally/M.S. Arts Administration Student Thesis Interview
 - ◆ November 14
- FDM Meeting--Foundations for Divergent Minds & Child Trends
 - ◆ November 16
- All Neurotypes meeting--All Neurotypes meeting with Sam Brandsen
 - ◆ November 16
- Investigators Meeting--RRTC 2023 Investigators Meeting/Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Health and Function, Ohio State University Nisonger Center
 - ◆ November 17
- Anti-Racism Committee Meeting--CCD Anti-Racism Committee
 - ◆ November 17
- PCORI Engagement Meeting-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ November 20
- Conference Prep Meeting--Panelist Conference Prep Meeting/University of California, San Francisco
 - ◆ November 20
- Education Committee Planning--IEC Education Committee Planning/Institute for Exceptional Care
 - ◆ November 21
- Sunstorm Stories--Rescheduled Meeting
 - ◆ November 22
- All Neurotypes meeting--All Neurotypes meeting with Sam Brandsen
 - ◆ November 23

- Intentional Leadership Speaker Meeting--Zingerman's Community of Business
 - ◆ November 27
- Quarterly Meeting--Q:4 2023 IIDDEAL Advisory Council Meeting/Institute of Exceptional Care
 - ◆ November 29
- Meeting--AIR-P-ANSWER/AIR-P and Kaiser Permanente
 - ◆ November 29
- Onaiwu MG, editors. A neurodiversity and gentle parenting journey in color. Lincoln: DragonBee Press; 2023/AWN .
 - ◆ November 30

December 2023

Quick Description (Month-at-a-Glance)

- Publication of research on autism and marginalized gender identity.
- Research through PCORI, Ohio State's Nisonger Center, and paper collaborations.
- Meeting for autism medical trial research.
- Regular meetings.
- Sunstorm Stories.
- Consultations for future events.

Publication

- ★ Lai MC, Amestoy A, Bishop S, Brown HM, Onaiwu MG, Halladay A, et al. *Improving Autism Identification and Support for Individuals Assigned Female at Birth: Clinical Suggestions and Research Priorities*. Lancet Child Adolesc Health. 2023 Dec;7(12):897-908.
 - Study determined that autistics assigned female at birth and those with diverse gender experience have more missed or late diagnosis and less support for their neurodiversity. The study suggests ways to create more equity in health care, professions associations and policy makers. Study is in affiliation to several of the professional organizations Dr. Onaiwu has worked with.

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Research

- ★ Co-Investigator and on the board for research project with Ohio State University's Nisonger RRTC (Rehabilitation Research and Training Center). Investigators Meeting Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Health and Function for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). Ongoing research project engaging adults with IDD in health research. Principal Investigator is Susan Havercamp.
- ★ Meetings for projects and research related to PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) early childhood autism research project with Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) at Northwestern University as Co-Lead.
- ★ Meeting for Participatory Research Paper with Emily Hotez.
- ★ HART CAB meeting (HIV research).

- ★ Consulted with Axial Therapeutics and Camille Proctor of the Color of Autism about medical trials and research into GI health and autistic irritability.



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"Irritability is one of the most common reasons why caretakers seek my assistance for their children diagnosed with autism. Antipsychotic medications are commonly used as treatment but come with myriad side effects that can limit their use," said Roger J. Jou, MD, MPH, PhD, Child Psychiatrist, Yale School of Medicine, and Principal Investigator of the Tapestry Autism Study. "AB-2004 leverages the gut-brain connection; it works in the gut by trapping bacterial byproducts and removing them in the stool, which reduces their absorption into the body and ultimately their negative effect on the brain. I eagerly anticipate the results of the phase 2 clinical trial of AB-2004 to assess the possibility this novel approach reduces irritability associated with autism."

"We are pleased to announce the successful completion of enrollment in our Phase 2b clinical trial – a critical milestone that brings us closer to our goal of addressing the significant unmet need for a safe and effective therapy to treat irritability in autism that works differently from existing medications," said Stewart Campbell, CEO of Axial Therapeutics. "On behalf of the team at Axial, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the children and adolescents who enrolled in the trial, their families, and caregivers. We also want to thank the clinicians and their staff at over 25 clinical sites who have played an essential role in ensuring that the potential of AB-2004 could be fully explored. We look forward to sharing data in the first quarter of 2024 and bringing forward this innovative therapy to improve the lives of people with autism and their families."

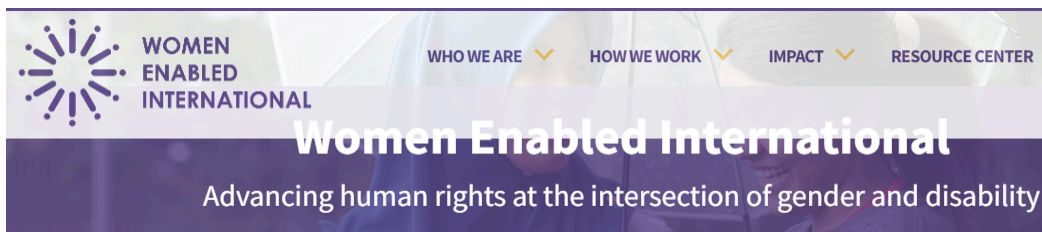
About the AB-2004 Phase 2b Trial

Meetings, Events, and Projects:

- ★ AWN Virtual Retreat (3 hour online event) as EJRC Co-Chair.
- ★ Felicity House.
- ★ All Neurotypes meeting
- ★ Sunstorm Stories (continued from 2022)
 - Remaining Intro Recordings
 - Stories of people from diverse areas, with intellectual and developmental disabilities, often people of color, sharing their life stories during the COVID19 pandemic, to ensure inclusion and representation in the life impacts of the pandemic.

Consultations & Planning

- ★ Meeting with Nigel of AutisticaPalooza to discuss a conference for Autistic women in October 2024.
- ★ Consultation with Women Enabled International.
 - Meeting with Janie Mejias (human rights for gender and disability)



- ★ Tech check for UCSF Online Conference on Evidence-Based Interventions for Individuals Diagnosed with ASD.

Events Timeline

- Tech check--UCSF Online Conference on Evidence-Based Interventions for Individuals Diagnosed with ASD
 - ◆ December 1

- Virtual Retreat--Autistic Women's & Nonbinary Network 3 hour Virtual Retreat as EJR Co-Chair
 - ◆ December 3
- PCORI Engagement Meeting-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ December 4
- Sunstorm Stories--Remaining Intro Recordings/National Disability Rights Network
 - ◆ December 5
- Consultation--Meeting with Nigel of Autistica Palooza to discuss conference for Autistic women in October
 - ◆ December 12
- Consultation--Meeting with Janie Mejias/Women Enabled International
 - ◆ December 12
- Annual Meeting--Felicity House SAAB Annual Meeting
 - ◆ December 12
- Meeting--Louder Than Words program meeting with Kind Theory
 - ◆ December 13
- Investigators Meeting--RRTC 2023 Investigators Meeting: REEP Can You Hear Us Now Project Resources/Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Health and Function, Ohio State University Nisonger Center
 - ◆ December 15
- Consultation--Participatory Research Paper with Emily Hotez/UCLA Health
 - ◆ December 15
- PCORI Engagement Meeting-- PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Engagement grant/Early Intervention Research Group (EIRG) Northwestern University as Co-Lead
 - ◆ December 18
- CAB Meeting--HART (HIV research) CAB meeting DEC2023
 - ◆ December 18
- EIRG Advisory Board Meeting--EIRG PCORI Engagement grant/Northwestern University
 - ◆ December 18
- Autism Meeting--Axial/Color of Autism Meeting/Red House E-Comm
 - ◆ December 21