



## UNC SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK 2014-2015 CLINICAL LECTURE SERIES FOCUS ON FAMILY AND DISABILITY SEMINARS

Lectures on Tuesdays 12-2 pm at UNC School of Social Work Auditorium

Catered meet-and-greet lunch begins at 11:15 pm

**September 9: Charting the Life Course Framework: Supporting individuals with disabilities and their families across the lifespan - Michelle “Sheli” Reynolds, PhD**

This workshop will describe current services and supports within the historical context of the disability service system, introduce and apply a life course framework for working with individuals and families, with sensitivity towards significant shifts in changing needs and tasks at distinct stages across the life cycle.

**October 14: New Directions in Disability - Chris Egan, MSW, CCSW**

This workshop will describe the role and history of the NC Council on Developmental Disabilities in promoting positive outcomes for individuals with disabilities, explain the critical issues in the disability field both nationally and in NC, and provide a vision for the current initiatives of the NCCDD.

**November 11: The Parenting Spectrum: The Challenges and Gifts of Raising a Child with Autism Spectrum Disorder - Sherry Mergner, MSW, LCSW**

In this highly personal narrative, the presenter, a mother of a child with autism and a licensed clinical social worker, describes her own journey of adjustment to the reality of her child’s autism. Autism is like a puzzle, as is parenting a child with ASD. This workshop will help both parents and professionals better understand and connect its pieces.

**January 13: Two Roads Diverged: Creating Enviable Lives for Individuals with Disabilities and their Families - Ann Turnbull, Ed.D and Rud Turnbull, JD, LL.M**

Borrowing from Robert Frost’s poem “The Road Not Taken,” Ann and Rud will use their family story with a focus on their son, Jay, to emphasize how families can divert from the segregation road to the inclusion road. They will describe a group solution-finding process that they used, Group Action Planning, which involves forming reliable alliances to generate energy and joy in creating supports for inclusive living.

**March 17: Realizing the College Dream with Autism Spectrum Disorder - Ann Palmer, BA**

This workshop will discuss strategies for preparing the student with ASD/DD for the transition into college, explain the laws protecting the student with a disability in college and the importance of self-advocacy by the student, and discuss supports available for students with ASD/DD in the college setting.

**Pre-Registration is Required for Attendance**

**Student discount 85% = \$5/event Faculty discount 60% = \$13.20/event Staff = free of charge**

**To pre-register and for info on these and other programs, please visit [cls.unc.edu](http://cls.unc.edu)**

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