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## DR. GRACE IAROCCI

Simon Fraser University

From autistic subjects to autistic partners: How autism research is enriched with a community-based participatory methodology

**Thursday, 24 November | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**David Strong Building, Room C103**

Presented by [the Department of Psychology](#)

Dr. Iarocci is a Professor in the Department of Psychology at Simon Fraser University. Her main line of research focuses on developing a better understanding of autistic individuals and uniquely integrates basic research, a developmental systems perspective, and a larger societal lens.

Historically, autistic people have been marginalized and subjected to therapies which encourage them to “mask” their societally unacceptable behaviours. To this day, funding for autism “cures” and the organizations that purport them receive widespread approval. Autistic self-advocacy has reinforced the need for participatory research to address the exclusion of the autistic community from the research process. In this talk Dr. Iarocci will illustrate how empowering autistic people through involvement in research not only improves their outcomes but also the research process.

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