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8:00 am-9:00 am, Children's National Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Main

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# Animal Models of Brain Development and Autism



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Autism is a highly prevalent neurodevelopmental disorder that affects one's ability to properly navigate the social world. Work presented here will highlight specific strategies employed by the Laboratory for Developmental Neuroscience (Joshua Corbin, PI) in the Center for Neuroscience Research at Children's National to understand the development of key brain regions implicated in autism and to use this knowledge to generate rational therapeutic strategies to ameliorate deficits in social reciprocity in individuals with autism.

### **Learning Objectives:**

Attendees of this session will be able to:

- 1. Identify what are the unknowns regarding understanding the biology of autism
- 2. Explain how animal models can be utilized to help develop novel therapeutics for autism treatment
- 3. Recognize how both basic and translational research approaches can be leveraged to understand and treat autism

#### Accreditation Information:

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