

Thursday March 22 ALL KINDS OF MINDS Panel From 6-8 p.m., Baker Library

The speakers:

Nathan Rowlett - Nathan Rowlett was diagnosed with a right hemisphere learning disability at age ten, with an emphasis on visual/spatial and fine motor difficulties. With the help of his family and dedicated individuals, who gave him the tools to succeed, he graduated in 2004 from Beloit College. He is currently working at building his own business helping individuals learn to use their computers, and as a homework tutor of elementary kids around Chicago.

Jeannie Gutierrez, Ph.D. – Jeannie Gutierrez received her doctorate in clinical psychology and child development from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Gutierrez has been on the faculty of the Erikson Institute and at the Arizona School of Professional Psychology. She has taught in the areas of child development and assessment, the impact of culture on parenting and child development, and consultation and supervision. Dr. Gutierrez has published in the areas of child assessment and Mexican mother’s conceptions of child development. She is a clinical psychologist who specializes in working with children and families. Dr. Gutierrez has and continues to work as a consultant to schools and social service agencies. Dr. Gutierrez is particularly interested in working with ability-diverse children and their families. She has and continues to receive additional clinical training within the Stanley Greenspan Floortime or DIR model of intervention

Jeannie will talk about what signs to look for to know when interventions might be helpful, how to get the most out of evaluations and how schools can help.

Matthew Cohen, J.D. and Uncle to Baker Middle Schooler Emma

Cohen – Matthew is a prominent and nationally known special education attorney who will speak to the legal framework governing special education and how to navigate it when parents have children who will be transitioning to public high school who might need services and/or accommodations.

Lauren Naset – Lauren is a former Wilmette special education teacher in District 30. She has tutored Baker students and helped in their transition IEP meetings to turn contentious meetings into collaborative ones. She is currently pursuing dual degrees in clinical social work and child development at the Erikson Institute for Advanced Studies in Child Development in Chicago. She writes: “I look forward to being a lifelong learner, teacher, and advocate for all types of children and families.”

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