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## **We've got the whole world in our hands: Shifting the worldview of the autism paradigm**

Tyler T. Whitney, Psy.D.

### **Teleconference Description**

Does an environmental view of autism spectrum disorders make sense? With a bevy of emerging information linking autism spectrum disorders to environmental influences can we continue to defend the concept of a stable environment? What are the health impacts of a changing environment? Genetic predisposition can lead to vulnerability during environmental change. Will public policy protect those predisposed to ASD? These and other questions are facing scientists as the watchmen of our ever changing world. Is autism recovery possible?

A newly proposed model suggests that autism is a "whole body" condition not simply a brain-behavior relationship. This presentation will give an overview of some of the new autism environment theories as well as proposed directions for future research into care and intervention.

### **Speaker Biography**

Tyler T. Whitney, Psy.D., is the Clinical Director at the Intermountain Center for Autism and Child Development (ICACD) in Meridian, Idaho. Dr. Whitney works with children and adolescents, their families, and systems in which problems with self-regulation, relational development, cognitive dysfunction, self-concept, and information processing difficulties are evident. He has staff privileges at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center (Boise and Meridian facilities) and he consults with hospitals, residential facilities, IMfCRs and school districts throughout the United States. Additionally, in 2008, Dr. Whitney was appointed full member to

INSAR (International Society of Autism Research). He lives in Idaho with his wife, Jane and their children.

WHEN: Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009

TIME: 2-3pm Eastern Time  
*(Please dial in a few minutes before 2:00 p.m. so we can start on time!)*

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