

Pacific Rim Conference Topical Themes

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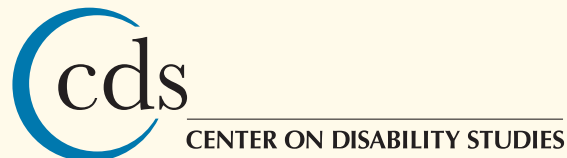
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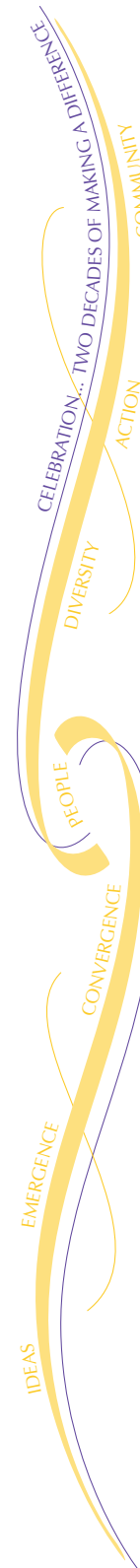
Greg Smith, Author.
Keynote Speaker
for Pac Rim 2007.



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The **autism** strand of the Pac Rim conference focuses on multi-disciplinary supports and research-based strategies for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families.

The featured keynote speaker is **Brenda Smith Myles**, author of several books on autism and Asperger's syndrome that focus on social skills and education. Dr. Myles is a professor of Special Education at the University of Kansas as well as an established researcher and expert on autism. Her work focuses on practical strategies to improve educational and behavioral outcomes for parents and educators.



One of the highlights of the autism strand is a showing of *Beautiful Son*, a 2007 movie about a family's journey through the diagnosis and early treatment of their son. Hawaii filmmakers **Don and Julianne King** realized that something was wrong with their son Beau when he began to lose the ability to speak and interact with the rest of the world. This movie follows the family as they seek medical and alternative therapies to help Beau. *Beautiful Son* will be followed by a panel discussion and opportunity for audience interaction.



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Lee Grossman, president of the Autism Society of America and parent of a child with autism, will also speak on Federal research and funding opportunities.

Lee Grossman began his involvement with the Autism Society of Hawaii following the diagnosis of his son in 1991.

In addition, there are 20 breakout sessions that include topics related to social skills, communication, innovative therapies and more. The autism strand will also incorporate three 2-hour interactive workshops and a variety of topical sessions and posters.

Thank you to the Department of Education and Autism Society for their support of this topic area. For more information about the Autism strand, please contact Jean Johnson at jeanj@hawaii.edu or Jenny Wells at jwells@hawaii.edu

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