**REGISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE**

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<th>Professional</th>
<th>BEFORE March 31, 2020</th>
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<td>2 Days</td>
<td>$255.00 + $48.75 HST = $303.75</td>
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<td>$240.00 + $36.00 HST = $276.00</td>
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<td>$285.00 + $42.75 HST = $327.75</td>
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**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATIONS** April 8, 2020

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** $_____

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

- Fees Must Be Paid Prior To Event
- Please Make Cheque Payable To Autism Awareness Centre Inc.
- Visa
- MasterCard
- Cheque Enclosed
- Purchase order #: _______
- Card Number: _______
- Expiry Date: _______
- 3 Digit Code: _______
- Signature of Cardholder (Must be signed)
- Special Needs: Do you have any special dietary needs?  
  - Yes
  - No

**SEND COMPLETED FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:**
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**CONFERENCE**

**HALIFAX, NS**

April 16 & 17, 2020

Featuring Speakers...

**Dr. Cathy Pratt**

Supporting Individuals on the Autism Spectrum with Co-occurring Mental Health Issues

**Peter Vermeulen**

Autism as Context Blindness

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the past, she served on the Board of the National Autism Society and is a Past Chair. Dr. Pratt also serves on the Panel of Professional Advisors for the Autism Society. In addition, she is a member of the National Autism Leadership Collaboration. She also served as a member of the expert working group on services and as a member of the public review committee for the Research Roadmap of the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee and in 2010 was invited to the White House to provide feedback on the president’s initiatives on autism spectrum disorders.

Dr. Pratt was the Shibles Distinguished Visiting Professor in the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Maine. In 2016, Dr. Pratt was awarded with the Charles Heineman Allied Professional Award through the Indiana Psychological Association. She writes and presents internationally on the following topics: autism spectrum disorders, functional behavior assessment/positive behavior supports, applied behavior analysis, instructional approaches, evidence-based practices, systems change, and policy.

Dr. Cathy Pratt, BCBA-D, is the Director of the Indiana Resource Center for Autism located at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, Indiana’s University Center for Excellence in Disabilities. Most recently, Dr. Pratt has become the director of the Indiana School Mental Health Initiative. Dr. Pratt serves on numerous Advisory Boards, including the Advisory Boards of Maap Services, Inc., the Temple Grandin/Eustacia Cutler Autism Fund, the Autism Society of Indiana and the College Internship Program. In addition, she is a member of the expert working group on services and as a member of the public review committee for the Research Roadmap of the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee and in 2010 was invited to the White House to provide feedback on the president’s initiatives on autism spectrum disorders.

In this presentation, we will present a framework that helps us to gain a deeper understanding of the typical information processing style in ASD, which we have named context blindness. The concept of context blindness unifies the existing cognitive models in autism (theory of mind/extreme male brain, executive functioning, and central coherence) and it is embedded within the new findings in brain science about the predictive mind: the brain is not computing, but guessing and it makes its guesses based on contextual sensitivity; but most of all, the concept of context blindness offers a unique and practical understanding of autism.

Difficulties understanding and using context can explain why communication, social interaction and (unpredictable) changes are so challenging for people with autism. We will explain the concept of context blindness in interaction with the audience and provide concrete examples and anecdotes. We will explain how a good understanding of the autistic mind is the cornerstone of autism friendliness and the first step in striving for Quality of Life and happiness for people with autism.

**Friday, April 17**

**PETER VERMEULEN**

**Autism as Context Blindness**

Anyone wanting to support people with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) needs to understand how people on the spectrum perceive and understand the world. Anyone who wants to empathize with people with autism, should learn to see the world ‘through autistic glasses’.

Register Before March 31, 2020 to Receive Early Bird Pricing

Registration Deadline for this Conference is April 8, 2020.

**CONFERENCE DETAILS**

**Registration Includes**

Sessions, session materials, and refreshment breaks. Delegates are on their own for lunch. If you do not receive a confirmation within 7 business days prior to the conference, please contact Autism Awareness Centre. Registrations received after the deadline may not be sent a confirmation prior to the conference.

**Cancellation Policy**

Cancellations must be in writing and received prior to March 31, 2020. A $50.00 administration fee will be charged. No refunds issued after March 31st. You may send a substitute in your place.

**Conference Venue**

**Hotel Halifax**

1990 Barrington Street, Scotia Square, Halifax, NS, B3J 1P2

Phone: (902) 425-6700 or (833) 357-8155

Room rates per night before applicable taxes: 2 double beds or 1 King bed: $139

All rates are subject to applicable taxes (2% Marketing Levy & 15% HST)

In order to receive the group rate, reservations by attendees must be received on or before March 15, 2020.

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