



Press Release: *Council for Exceptional Children's Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities* announces 2023 early career award recipient

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The awards committee of the *Council for Exceptional Children's Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities* announced today that the 2023 Tom E.C. Smith Early Career Award will be given to Dr. Leslie A. Bross. This award is presented to those in the beginning stages of their career that are contributing to teacher education in a significant way. Dr. Bross, is an Assistant Professor at University of North Carolina, Charlotte where she coordinates the ASD Graduate Certificate program. She is described as an exceptional, creative, and enthusiastic teacher educator, researcher and student mentor. Her nominator, Dr. Jason Travers of Temple University noted that, "Dr. Bross embodies the dedication and professionalism in teacher education reflected by the DADD Early Career Award."

This prestigious award is presented by *The Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities (DADD)*, a special interest association within the *Council for Exceptional Children*, the largest international professional organization in the world dedicated to supporting the needs of students with disabilities. Originating in 1963, DADD is a leading voice in the field of education for students with autism, intellectual disability, and other developmental disabilities through research dissemination, active participation in the creation of nationally recognized professional practice standards, and robust professional networking. The award ceremony will take place at DADD's annual conference in Clearwater, Florida on January 19, 2023.

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