



Press Release: *Council for Exceptional Children's Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities* announces 2023 research 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 Research Award will be given to Dr. Veronica Fleury. This research award is presented to those demonstrating exceptional effort and involvement in furthering the cause of persons with autism, intellectual disability, and other developmental disabilities through research. Dr. Fleury is an associate professor of Special Education in the School of Teacher Education at Florida State University. Her research is focused on optimizing learning opportunities for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). She is described as an innovative, collaborative, committed, and inspiring researcher. One nominator, Dr. Kelly Whalon, of Florida State University, noted that Dr. Fleury's research "has helped us understand how shared reading can serve as a context to teach young children with ASD foundational emergent literacy skills that may lead to improved reading outcomes." Another nominator, Addie McConomy, of Florida State University, stated that Dr. Fleury "shares her findings in an authentic way, truly addressing the research to practice gap" and that she is "generous with her knowledge in autism and research methodologies."

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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