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# SESPECS RESEARCH TO PRACTICE SYMPOSIUM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> • 10AM-1PM  
NORMAN HALL ROOM 250

The Third Annual SESPECS Research-to-Practice Symposium will focus on bringing together all of our Special Education, School Psychology, and Early Childhood Studies graduate students with faculty from within and outside of UF's College of Education in a professional conference-like environment. Dr. Howard Wills will serve as our keynote speaker highlighting his work in applied research in supporting adolescents and young adults with autism. Following our keynote presentation, refreshments will be served and students will display their own research work during a poster session. We cordially invite all UF College of Education faculty and students to attend this event.



## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Howard Wills, PHD

Dr. Howard Wills is an Associate Research Professor at Juniper Gardens Children's Project (JGCP) which is an urban community-based research program of the University of Kansas (KU). He received his doctoral training at KU with Don Bushell, Jr. and Don Baer, both pioneers in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis. Dr. Wills also has an M.B.A. from KU and is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. His current research interests include: a) evidence-based academic and behavioral interventions for students with challenging behavior, b) development and evaluation of multi-tiered systems of support and classroom management interventions, and c) technology based self-monitoring to support children and adults with disabilities. Over 15 years at JGCP, Dr. Wills has been fortunate to have been Principal or Co-Principal Investigator for over \$14 million in federal funding. This work has been carried out with colleagues across the country and has been widely published. Among his current projects, Dr. Wills is leading an intervention development and evaluation grant supporting adolescents and young adults with autism in school, work, and community settings.

**Keynote Presentation:** *Doing Science and Doing Good: Applied Research in Supporting Adolescents and Young Adults with Autism.*