

# MONTESSORI TEACHERS COLLEGE

## Presents

# Autism: A Montessori Approach

Early Childhood, Lower Elementary Morning Workshop

Saturday November 23, 2013

9:00 a.m. – 12 noon

12 Bannockburn Ave. Toronto, ON M5M 2M8

This workshop is designed to introduce Montessori teachers to ways of working effectively with children with autism spectrum disorder (typically mid to low functioning). Participants will begin with an overview of ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder), including common behavioral problems. Following the exploration of autism, participants will have the opportunity to view video footage of the blend of an ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) Montessori program.

The goal for this workshop is to help Montessorians develop confidence that there are methods such as ABA that work for a child with autism spectrum disorder in a Montessori classroom. The hope is that more schools can provide an inclusive program for children with autism.



**Michelle Lane-Barmapov** was the founder of the Lane Montessori School for Autism (previously known as the Toronto Montessori School for Autism) in Toronto, Canada. This school was the first in the world to combine Applied Behavior Analysis with the Montessori curriculum. In 2005, Michelle was awarded The Premier's Award in recognition of her outstanding work in special education and Montessori. In the fall of 2010 the school had to close due to a lack of funds. Michelle, who attended Montessori as a child, currently works as a French Montessori teacher during the school year and lecturer during school breaks. In addition to having a bilingual (French/English) B.A., and an Early Childhood Montessori certificate, Michelle is currently working on her Masters in Health Studies. She has

spent many years conducting workshop, coaching parents and teachers, as well as consulting. Her consulting and training business, now simply called LANE, offers families and professionals the opportunity to learn about the blended method of ABA and Montessori. Michelle is married to Oren Barmapov. They live in Toronto, Canada and share three children, Alliyah, Amos and Jaguan.

To reserve your spot please complete the registration form and return to Montessori Teachers College, with payment, no later than November 15, 2013.