

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

2025 Neurodiversity & Disability SYMPOSIUM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025 • CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO • REGISTER TODAY!



Keynote Speaker

Jennifer White-Johnson

Jen White-Johnson is a Disabled and Neurodivergent artist and designer educator who centers Black Disabled joy and futures in her work, informed by disability justice and Black feminist disability framework. Jen has

presented her disability justice activist work and collaborated with a number of brands and art spaces across print and digital such as Target, Coachella, and Adobe Design. Her work is also permanently archived at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the National African American Museum of History and Culture in DC. Jen holds a BA in Visual Art from The University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) and a MFA in Graphic Design from the Maryland Institute College of Art, where she also imparts her knowledge as a current instructor. Jen resides in Baltimore, MD, with her husband and 11-year-old son.



Keynote Speaker

Eric Garcia

Eric Garcia is the Washington Bureau Chief and Senior Washington Correspondent at the *Independent* and the author of the book *We're Not Broken: Changing the Autism Conversation*. He is also a columnist for MSNBC. He previously worked as an assistant editor at

the Washington Post's Outlook section and an associate editor at *The Hill*, as well as a correspondent for *National Journal*, *MarketWatch*, and *Roll Call*. He has also written for the *Daily Beast*, the *New Republic*, and *Salon.com*. Garcia is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Schedule at a Glance*

8:00AM	Welcome
8:15—9:30AM	Keynote: Jennifer White-Johnson
9:45—11:00AM	Concurrent Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alex Plank• Blake Warner, M.A.
11:15AM—12:30PM	Concurrent Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• John Marble• Marjorie Solomon, Ph.D.
1:45—3:00PM	Concurrent Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jennifer White-Johnson• Dr. Josie Blagrove
3:15—4:30PM	Keynote: Eric Garcia
4:30—5:00PM	Book Signing with Eric Garcia

*Schedule subject to change

Fees

- **Early Bird Rate!** (through Jan. 1): \$165
- Regular Rate (beginning Jan. 2): \$195
- Chico State Students, Staff, and Faculty: \$50

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Online Registration: Register up to 3 people at a time online if you wish to pay by credit card. If you need to pay by purchase order, select PO as the form of payment, and our team will reach out to you.

Far Northern Regional Center Registration: FNRC clients can use our FNRC online form to register up to 3 approved attendees.

Group Registration: For group discounts, or groups from the same org with more than 3 people, use our group registration form.

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NEURODIVERSITY & DISABILITY PRE-SYMPOSIUM EVENTS

Thursday, February 6, 2025 • Chico State Campus

Calling All Service Providers! • 1–4PM • Registration Required

We invite service providers in employment, education, healthcare, housing, and more to collaborate, share best practices, and build partnerships that support Neurodivergent and Disabled individuals across Northern California. Hosted by Dr. Josie Blagrove, this event fosters innovation and strengthens connections across fields. Join us!

Artist Meet & Greet with Jennifer White-Johnson • 5:30–7PM • BSO Gallery (Ayers 105) • Free and Open to the Public

Meet acclaimed artist Jennifer White-Johnson and explore her powerful work on accessibility, identity, and social justice. Her art will be featured at the BSO Gallery throughout the week of February 3, open Monday–Friday, 8AM–5PM.

Movie Screening: *Ezra* • 7PM • Laxson Auditorium • 1 Ticket Included with Each Paid Registration • Guest Tickets: \$5 (purchase details TBA) • Rated R

Enjoy the heartfelt film *Ezra* (2023), followed by a chance to meet with the producer/autism advocate, Alex Plank.