

PRESS RELEASE

Author to Speak at FSU Autism Project Fundraiser

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla.-- Stephen Shore, author of "Understanding Autism for Dummies," will join the Florida State University Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) in an effort to raise funds for the FSU Autism Project. Following a silent auction, Shore will deliver a presentation, "Life On and Slightly to the Right of the Autism Spectrum: An Inside View Towards Success." Shore, diagnosed with "strong autistic tendencies," was nonverbal until age 4. With help from teachers and family, he has become a world-renowned author of books such as "Beyond the Wall: Personal Experiences with Autism and Asperger Syndrome" and "Ask and Tell: Self-Advocacy and Disclosure for People on the Autism Spectrum." Shore, who earned a doctoral degree in special education from Boston University, often works with children, talking about life on the autism spectrum. He also is a speaker and consultant on adult issues relating to education, relationships, employment, advocacy and disclosure. The FSU Autism Project was established to provide funding for services related to autism in the areas of research, training, community outreach and family needs. The fundraiser will be held:

Friday, FEB. 6

6 – 9:30 P.M.

The Carriage House at Goodwood Museum

1600 Miccosukee ROAD

TALLAHASSEE

The cost is \$25 per person, \$40 per couple or \$50 for a family. Discounts are available for CARD clients. Hors d'oeuvres, desserts and a cash bar will be available. Early registration is recommended by Feb. 2. For more information or to register, call Veronica Jones at (850) 488-3514 or visit <http://autism.fsu.edu>.