AutCom has outdone itself in planning our 25th anniversary conference. We all know that people on the autism spectrum have multitudes of talent, and we have gathered a lot of it.

You don’t want to miss this outstanding opportunity to both hear presentations by those who identify as autistic and to be able to talk with them and with other attendees who understand and share your passion for making a good life with autism.

Here are the Keynote Addresses we are looking forward to (in alphabetical order of presenter):

**More Than Neurodivergent: Autistic Rights in Social Justice Movements**
Lydia Brown, a disabled activist and writer whose work focuses on violence against multiply-marginalized disabled people.

**Typed Words, Loud Voices**
Elizabeth (Ibby) Grace, an Autistic disability activist and Assistant Professor of Education at National Louis University in Chicago.

**Who Defines Social Justice? The Culture Clash between Academia, the Service Industry, and True Advocates**
Linda Rammler, Technical Assistance Director at the University of Connecticut Center for Excellence in Developmental, Research and Service, the spouse of a person with disabilities and an adoptive parent and foster parent of youth with behavioral health needs.

**The Power and Right to Connect**
Emma Zurcher-Long and Ariane Zurcher. Emma is a public speaker, a writer and is Autistic. She communicates by typing. Ariane is a writer, public speaker, artist, award-winning jewelry designer and mother.

Over the course of two days, there will be five groups of concurrent sessions. Here are some of the Titles and Presenters:

**The Autism Women’s Network: Community Organizing and Advocacy for Disabled Women**
a panel presentation by Corina Becker, Sharon daVanport, Morénike Giwa Onaiwu, and Heather Thomas.

**Collateral Damage: Terrible Risks and Audacious Hopes at the intersection of Race and Disability**
Kerima Çevik.

**Collaborative Advocacy in the Autism Community: An Inclusive Framework for Social Change**
Beth Ryan and Leah Kelley, members of PACLA (Parenting Autistic Children with Love and Acceptance).

**Thirty Years of Art Making**
Larry Bissonnette, who will discuss his journey as an artist which he describes as “My path to making my art leave the world of disability, pushing in many old ideas and launching new perspectives about the abilities of people with autism.”

**I Stand with Henry**
Tracy Thresher and Henry Frost. Tracy, the man, has been mentoring Henry, a teen. Both communicate by typing.

**Reaching Up through the Keyboard to a Brighter Life**
Mark Utter, blogger and movie-maker.

**Our Lives Now Because of Supported Typing**
Mike Hoover and Rob Cutler.

**The Road Map to Independent Communication**
Larry Bissonnette, Tracy Thresher, Pascal Cheng and Harvey Lavoy, III, who will focus on specific techniques and strategies that can be used to help individuals who use FC gain greater levels of independence with their communication.

**Congratulations! You’ve Been Accepted!...Our Experiences in the Journey of Higher Education**
Jenn Seybert and Jamie Burke, who both earned university degrees using typing to communicate.

. . . and many more!

To register for the conference, use the form on page 3, or go to the website: www.autcom.org.

For hotel, make reservations online or call (603) 625 - 1000 and ask for the AutCom conference reduced rate.
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