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**Julia Bascom** serves as Executive Director at the Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN). ASAN is a national grassroots disability rights organization run by and for autistic adults, advocating for systems change and ensuring that the voices of autistic people are heard in policy debates and the halls of power. ASAN believes that the goal of autism advocacy should be a world in which autistic people enjoy equal access, rights, and opportunities. Before joining ASAN, Julia served on the DD council in her home state of New Hampshire and co-led an inter-agency team to revitalize self-advocacy within the state. Julia edited *Loud Hands: Autistic People, Speaking*, an anthology of writings by autistic people, and currently serves on the advisory board of Felicity House, the board of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities, and the board of Allies For Independence.

## THE EIGHTH ANNUAL AUTISM PUBLIC HEALTH LECTURE

### Nothing About Us Without Us: Autistic People Shaping Research and Policy About Our Lives

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

*Continental Breakfast provided 8:30 am – 9:00 AM*

Behrakis Grand Hall  
3210 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Introductory remarks from the office of Senator Bob Casey, Jr. and Mayor Jim Kenney

Julia Bascom will provide an overview of the autistic self-advocacy movement, and describe the purpose, process, and ethical necessity of participatory policymaking and research. Drawing on ASAN’s work, she will lay out what a policy and research agenda informed by autistic people themselves would entail, and how to get there.



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