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ACTIVITIES AT AJ DREXEL AUTISM INSTITUTE (3RD – 7TH, FEBRUARY 2023)

1. Work meeting with the research group of Prof. Diana Robins and Prof. Giacomo Vivanti, Director of AJ Drexel Autism Institute da Drexel University.

1.1. Visit planning meeting with Prof. Vivanti ([Link of Curriculum](#)). The objectives of the visit will be a training of students and professors of our Graduate Program in ESDM (Early Start Denver Model) and evidence-based practices in early intervention for autism.

1.1.1. Prof. Vivanti will participate in the Call for Visiting Professor to come to the Graduate Program in Developmental Disorders in October 2023.

2. Workshop with students from the AJ Drexel Autism Institute at Drexel University about the functioning of the educational and health systems in Brazil (care of children and adolescents with ASD). We showed an institutional video of the MPU and the Mackenzie Center for Research on Childhood and Adolescence.

2.1. Visit to the Programs at the institute: a) Modifiable Autism Risk Factors Research Program, b) Research Program in Early Detection and Intervention.

2.2. Working lunch with Prof. Diana Robins, Prof.

Ashley Demarchena, Prof. Giacomo Vivanti and Prof. Georgina Perez: a) Official authorization was requested for the use of the revised version of the M-CHAT (authored by Prof. Robins), for use in a research project between the Graduate Program in Developmental Disorders/MPU and the University of Virginia, under the coordination of Prof. Maria Cristina T.V. Teixeira; b) Evaluation of the possibility of training course for doctoral student of our Graduate Program to obtain fellowship for certification in the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule, Second Edition/ADOS-2.



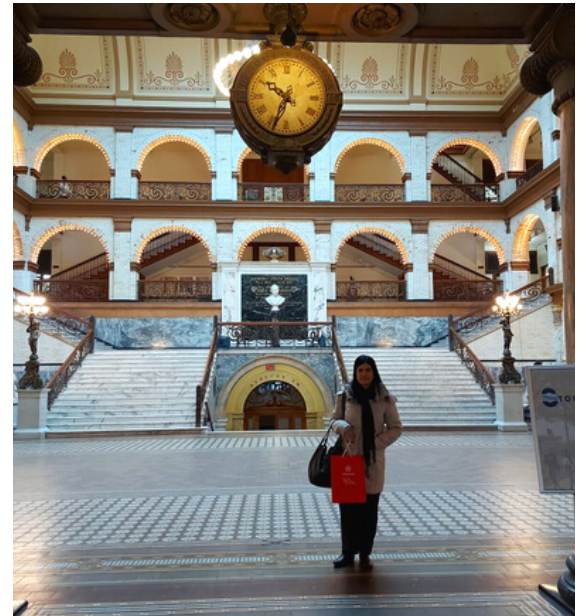
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However, Prof Robins recommended seeking permission from the authors of The Toddler Autism Symptom Inventory (TASI/ semi-structured interview designed for use in developmental evaluations of children age 12-36 months, for translation and cultural adaptation to Portuguese of Brazil. Prof Robins will mediate this request with Prof. Kirsty L Coulter of the University of Connecticut.

3. Work on research projects on transcultural assessment of emotional explosions in autistic children using the Emotional Outburst Questionnaire) and discussion of data collected in Brazil about emotional and behavioural profile of children and adolescents with ASD with Professor Georgina Liz Perez.



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ACTIVITIES AT UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA/SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
(8TH – 13TH/FEBRUARY 2023)

1. Workshop with undergraduate students from the School of Education and Human Development at the University of Virginia. During the meeting I showed the functioning of the educational and health systems in Brazil for children and adolescents with ASD, as well as the institutional video of the MPU and the Mackenzie Center for Research on Childhood and Adolescence.



2. Meetings with Prof. Micah Mazurek, Prof. Pam DeGuzman, Prof. Tanya Evans, Prof. Mandy Rispoli and Prof. Filip Loncke. **3.** Meetings with Prof. Michaela DuBay and writing of a cross-cultural research project for a comparison between Brazilian and American toddlers for screening autistic signs and other emotional behavioral problems (using the Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers/M-CHAT-R and Child Behavior Checklist For Ages 1½-5/CBCL/1½-5). The data collection will be in daycares from Charlottesville/VA and São Paulo/SP.



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4. Meeting for MoU planning between University of Virginia and MPU with Prof. Stephanie Morano, Prof. Scott Gest, Prof. Filip Loncke, Prof. LaVae Hoffman and Prof. Michaela DuBay. Objectives: to establish a new academic collaboration.

ACTIVITIES AT CENTER FOR AUTISM & RELATED DISABILITIES OF UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI/ UM-NSU CARD. (14TH – 16TH/FEBRUARY 2023)

1. Technical visit to the Transition & Adult Program at Center for autism & related disabilities.
2. Visit to the Child & Family Service for diagnosis and treatment of children with autistic sign.
3. Meeting with Professors Jennifer Durocher and Aníbal Gutierrez to prospect a research partnership with the Graduate Program in Developmental Disorders in treatment effectiveness for individuals with autism, and the use of technology to bring about behavior change.



Visit photos - Activities at Center for autism & related disabilities of University of Miami

