

**HUSKIES FOR
NEURODIVERSITY AND NNL
PRESENT**

**NEURODIVERGENT
INTERSECTIONAL
IDENTITIES DINNER**

**6:00-7:30PM PDT
HUB332 & ZOOM
THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023**

Panelists will discuss how neurodiversity interacts with other identities they hold as queer folks, people of color, university students, and disability advocates. Financial support and free pizza generously provided by the Neuroscience for Neurodiverse Learners project of UW DO-IT.

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MEET THE PANELISTS



KATIE WELCH, SHE/THEY

I am a non-traditional student who identifies as a white, fat, demiwoman and a demisexual. I am autistic, bipolar, and an ADHDer. I am an interviewer with Huskies for Neurodiversity, intern for the Student Disability Commission, and am an incoming volunteer for the mental health advisory panel for Disability Rights Washington. I major in medical anthropology and disability studies and minor in bioethics. My career goal is to work in autistic self-advocacy and the autism community.



MARA KIRDANI-RYAN, THEY/SHE

I've proudly come out seven times over the course of my life, first as queer, then polyamorous, then as non-binary (they/them then, they/she now) and autistic, then transgender, then as a person requiring gender-affirming medical interventions, and finally with the name I chose for myself, Mara. Besides the many disclosures, I'm a white PhD candidate in computing education who has the privilege of always accessing education. My research explores what careers and aspects of neurodivergence are legitimized in computing spaces, how learners experience these norms, and how to create educational spaces that resist these norms.



MEI EYRE, THEY/HE

I'm a Black, queer, trans, AuDHD graduate student in the iSchool and soon-to-be Librarian. You can find me at the Special Collections Library, writing papers on Black and Native traditional ways of knowing, or touching dirt and communing with the plants and animals outside.



TIARA SCHWARZE-TAUFIQ, ANY PRONOUNS

I am the founder of Huskies for Neurodiversity. I am a child of Indonesian immigrants and I was diagnosed with ADHD at the age of 18. I am interested in all things disability justice and neuroscience, especially social epidemiology and how our institutions and social structures shape our mental health at every level, from populations to single cells. I graduated from the University of Washington at the age of 19 with degrees in Neuroscience and Public Health, and I am currently a research scientist studying Alzheimer's Disease in stem cells. You can generally find me planning events like these, feeding my cell culture plates, or simply sitting under a tree somewhere trying to identify plants I see on walks.