

Bring Your Own Brain: Thank you for joining us!
The webinar will begin shortly

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Meet our panelists



Carolyn P. Phillips (moderator)

Carolyn is internationally recognized in the fields of assistive technology, inclusive design, accessibility and disabilities. She serves as Co-Director of the Georgia Tech Center for Inclusive Design and Innovation and Director & Principal Investigator of Tools for Life, Georgia's Assistive Technology Act Program.



Caroline Connell

Caroline is a technical communicator and support specialist at Virginia Tech and is currently working towards her PhD in human-centered design. She's also been an international reporter, teacher, line cook, mechanical engineer, and MMA fighter.



Sam Farmer

Sam is an author, father, husband, musician, computer consultant, and autism spectrum community contributor. In his writing, Sam shares his stories and insights on how one can achieve greater happiness and success in the face of challenges and adversity.



Johnathan Flowers

Johnathan is a visiting assistant professor in the Department of Philosophy at Worcester State University. His research on affective computing and machine intelligence aims to transform how we think about user experience and human/computer interaction across a breadth of identities and embodiments.



Rua M. Williams

Rua is an associate professor in the User Experience Design program at Purdue University. Their research focuses on engaging disabled people in testimony and design to inform research interventions on unethical research practices and transform research inquiry in technology.



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Welcome!

We'll start with a brief word from Dr. Scott Midkiff, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer for Virginia Tech



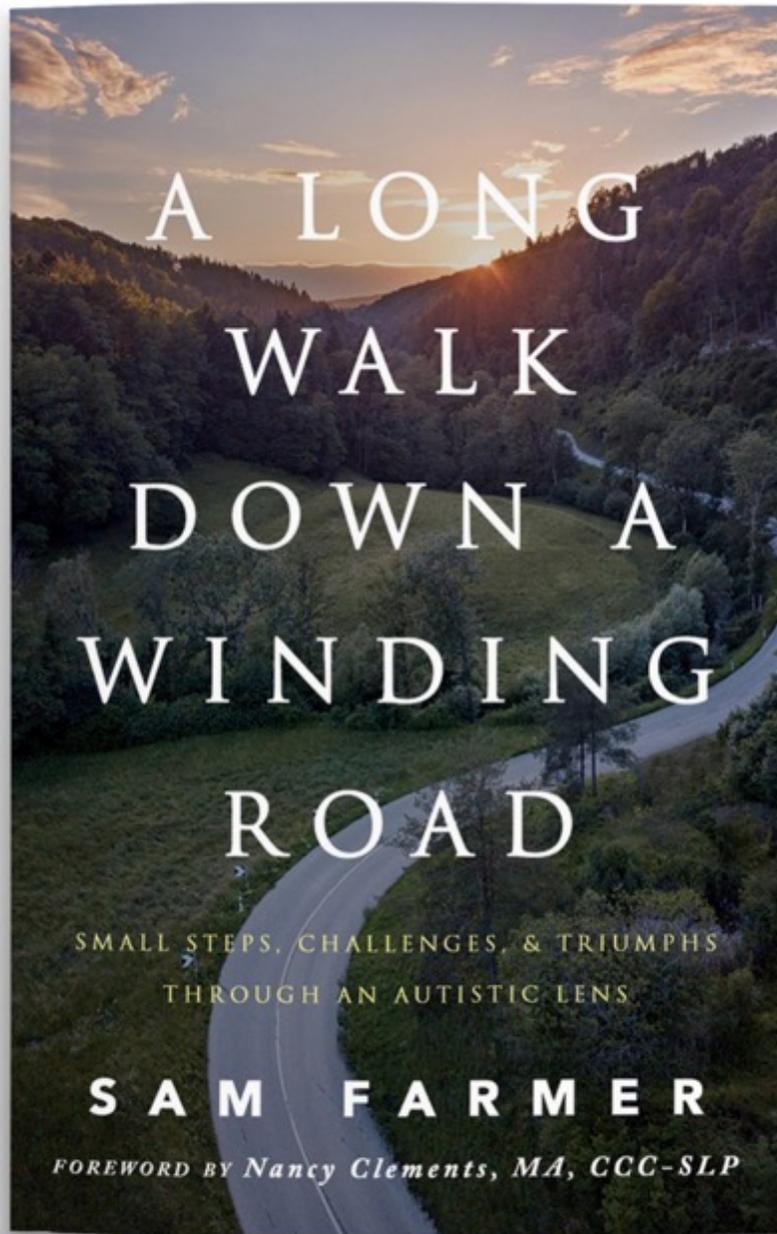


Intermission

The webinar will resume in about 10 minutes

Stay tuned to learn how to enter to win a copy of Sam Farmer's book, *A Long Walk Down a Winding Road*

...and for some great resources related to tonight's discussion.



Enter to win a paperback copy of Sam Farmer's book! Capture the QR code below or click the link in the chat to access the entry form:



Also available for purchase as ebook or paperback. More information at <https://www.samfarmerauthor.com/book>

Resources: books, articles & essays

(We'll put these links in the chat and share post-event)

- *Neurodiversity: Some Basic Terms & Definitions* from Neurocosmopolitanism: Dr. Nick Walker's notes on autism, neuroqueering, & self-liberation
<https://neurocosmopolitanism.com/neurodiversity-some-basic-terms-definitions/>
- *Opinion: The Violence of Hostile Accommodations* by ChrisTiana ObeySumner:
<https://southseattleemerald.com/2020/02/11/opinion-the-violence-of-hostile-accommodations/>
- *Sincerely, Your Autistic Child: What People on the Autism Spectrum Wish Their Parents Knew About Growing Up, Acceptance, and Identity* (book) <https://awnnetwork.org/publications/>
- *On Being Included: Racism and Diversity in Institutional Life* by Sara Ahmed (book).
<https://www.dukeupress.edu/on-being-included>

Resources: programs & organizations

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College Internship Program: a comprehensive transition program for young adults with autism and learning differences

<https://cipworldwide.org/>



Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network provides community and support for Autistic women, girls, nonbinary people, trans people of all genders, Two Spirit people, and all others of marginalized genders.

<https://awnnetwork.org/>



Asperger/Autism Network provides individuals, families, and professionals with information, education, community, support, and advocacy

<https://www.aane.org/>

Virginia Tech Resources

(We'll put these links in the chat and share post-event)

- Virginia Tech Autism Clinic & Center for Autism Research: <https://www.vtcar.science.vt.edu/>
- Career and Professional Development: <https://career.vt.edu/>
- InclusiveVT (Office for Inclusion & Diversity): <https://www.inclusive.vt.edu/>
- Accessible Technologies: <https://www.assist.vt.edu/>
- Services for Students with Disabilities: <https://ssd.vt.edu/>

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Thank you for joining us tonight!

- Go to <https://it.vt.edu/neurodiversity> for
 - A recording and transcript of tonight's event (available in a few days)
 - Links to the resources mentioned in the discussion and on the intermission slides
 - Post-event access to the entry form for our book giveaway

