

TEDxUSU to Include CPD Researcher | CPD

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Vonda Jump

Vonda Jump, senior researcher at Utah State University's Center for Persons with Disabilities, has been selected as one of 12 presenters at the TEDxUSU event on October 23 in the Caine Performance Hall.

Jump's presentation, entitled "Unlocking the secrets of a baby's brain through a parent's heart," details some of her recent research into brain development. Recent brain research is clear, according to Jump, who said, "Babies' brains develop through their interactions with their primary caregivers, and the types of interactions they have impact their brains differentially. Babies depend on their primary caregivers for physiological self-regulation and brain organization in the early months. What babies need is a consistent, sensitive, and appropriately responsive caregiver for optimal development. In this regard, the baby's brain mirrors the parent's heart."

The Office of Research and Graduate Studies brought TEDx to USU in 2012 with the hope that the conference would help underline the university as a thought-provoking venue where challenging thinkers share insight with the community. TEDxUSU is meant to push attendees and online viewers to think outside of their comfort zone by engaging them in new and different subjects.

Since then, the each year's event has sold out within hours, and the talks have garnered hundreds of thousands of views on YouTube.

This year's TEDxUSU event will include two speaking sessions held in the Caine Performance Hall, separated by an extended intermission in the Kent Concert Hall atrium. The intermission will include food and interactive exhibits related to the talks.

TEDxUSU
x = independently organized TED event

Tickets will be available this year through a lottery process, beginning Sept. 21. Those who wish to attend must sign up for the lottery before Oct. 5. This process is meant to streamline and simplify the ticket purchasing process. For more information on purchasing tickets visit tedx.usu.edu.