Dr. Temple Grandin will speak March 31 at 5:00 p.m. in the Taggart Student Center (TSC) Ballroom at Utah State University. The event is free to the public and will be followed by a book signing.

Grandin is a renowned American author, animal behavior expert and an advocate for people with autism. She is a professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University and a world leader in designing humane facilities for livestock. In North America, almost half of the cattle are handled in a center track restrainer system that she designed for meat plants. Curved chute and race systems she has designed for cattle are used worldwide and her writings on principles of grazing animal behavior have helped many people to reduce stress on their animals during handling.

Additionally, she is is widely celebrated as one of the first individuals on the autism spectrum to publicly share insights from her personal experience, and has written numerous books on the autism. In 2010, HBO released an Emmy Award winning film on Grandin's life.

Grandin will be discussing her recent book, “The Autistic Brain: Helping Different Kinds of Minds Succeed.” The event is sponsored by the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services and the Center for Persons with Disabilities, and will be broadcast live to Utah State University Regional campuses.

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