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Thursday, February 20
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Hamilton College 322
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Girls are 4x less likely to be diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) than boys, but the reason for this sex disparity is unclear. Recent research suggests that girls with ASD are more likely to be missed, or misdiagnosed, than boys - even when they demonstrate significant autism symptoms. New and established tools for objectively quantifying social behavior could increase girls’ access to timely diagnosis and personalized supports. In this talk, I will describe what we have learned from recent studies of social perception, natural language, and camouflaging in girls and boys with and without ASD.

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