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# We're Not Broken— Changing the Autism Conversation

**Eric Garcia '14** will draw from his wealth of experience navigating education as an autistic person. Garcia will describe resources, supports and strategies that both he and other autistic people have found important for academic success in high school and college. In addition to academic challenges that autistic people may encounter, he will address social challenges as well. He will share insights about his journey as a Latino autistic person and approaches he's used to succeed both academically and in his career.

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Eric Garcia is a journalist covering politics in Washington, D.C. He uses his life experience as an autistic person as a springboard to discuss what many autistic people have been saying for years: autism is a part of their identity; they don't need to be fixed. His frustration with media's coverage of autism inspired him to write about it. His recent book, *We're Not Broken – Changing the Autism Conversation*, explores how autistic people wrestle with systems that were not built with them in mind.

*The Burnett Seminar services parents of teens and young adults with ADHD/ILD. Its mission is to inspire this population that success in life is possible*



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