

# UC DAVIS MIND INSTITUTE



**Wednesday, Dec. 14,  
2016**

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

No rsvp required. Seating is limited and available on a first come basis.

**UC Davis MIND Institute**

2825 50th Street

Sacramento, CA 95817

*Parking at Lawrence J. Ellison  
Ambulatory Care Center*

*4860 Y Street*



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The UC Davis MIND Institute is a collaborative international research center, committed to the awareness, understanding, prevention and care of neurodevelopmental disorders.

## Distinguished Lecturer Series

**Steve Silberman**

Author

### *Great Minds Don't Always Think Alike*

Steve Silberman will present "Great Minds Don't Always Think Alike," a deep look at the hidden history of autism and the promise of a future in which everyone is given the support they need to reach their maximum potential. A question-and-answer period will follow the free, hour-long lecture.

#### *About the Speaker*

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Steve Silberman is an award-winning science writer whose articles have appeared in *Wired*, the *New Yorker*, the *MIT Technology Review*, *Nature*, *Salon*, *Shambhala Sun*, and many other publications. He is also the author of the *New York Times* best-selling *NeuroTribes: The Legacy of Autism and the Future of Neurodiversity*, which unearths the secret history of autism, long suppressed by the same clinicians who first became famous for discovering it, while also discovering surprising answers to the crucial question of why the number of diagnoses has soared in recent years. The book received a California Book Award as well as the Samuel Johnson Prize for Non-Fiction — the first popular science book to win the prize in its 17-year history. Silberman speaks regularly at schools and universities, advocacy groups and organizations, and corporations including Microsoft, Google, and Apple.

In his book and his keynote presentations, Silberman shares little-known stories of the researchers and psychiatrists who pioneered the first autism diagnoses while also providing long-sought solutions to the autism puzzle. In an effort to shed light on the growing movement of "neurodiversity," Silberman discusses the evolution of autism and explores the need for a more humane world in which people with learning differences and those who love them have access to the resources they need to live happier, healthier, more secure, and more meaningful lives.

Silberman's writing has earned him numerous accolades and awards, including a 2010 Science Journalism Award for Magazine Writing from the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Kavli Foundation for his article titled "The Placebo Problem". His writing on science, culture, and literature has been featured in a number of anthologies, including *The Best American Science Writing of the Year* and *The Best Business Stories of the Year*.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.prhspeakers.com/speaker/steve-silberman> and <http://stevesilberman.com/>.