



Made to Hear: Cochlear Implants and Raising Deaf Children

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3-5 PM
330 Student Union**

This talk will present research based on accounts of and interviews with families who adopt the cochlear implant for their deaf children. It will go over the experiences of mothers as they navigate the health care system, their interactions with the professionals who work with them, and the influence of neuroscience on the process. In particular, the talk will reveal that implantation has the central goal of controlling the development of the deaf child's brain by boosting synapses for spoken language and inhibiting those for sign language, placing the politics of neuroscience front and center.

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