

**“GroupMe”**  
**Assistive Technology**  
**Online Support**

Hwajung Hong is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year Ph.D student in Human-Centered Computing at Georgia Tech. Her research interest lies within developing assistive technology offering solutions to problems of relevance within the autism spectrum domain. She has studied how technology can assist older individuals with autism, from adolescents transitioning into adulthood to young adults learning to live independently. Recently, she facilitated an online social network supporting independence & Person Centered Planning with a young adult who has autism and how he could learn daily living and social skills from distributed caregivers. Ms. Hong has been deeply influenced by her mother working for adults with physical and cognitive disabilities through vocational rehabilitation center's in Korea for 10 years.

Jennifer Kim is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year master student in computer science at Georgia Tech. and is interested in developing technology for people on the autism spectrum, with emphasis in helping them to learn social skills. She has participated in a number of local autism awareness and support events including Atlanta autism consortium, social night out for adults @ Emory Autism Center, A5 meeting, and SPECTRUM. Ms. Kim has more than twenty years of personal experience with ASD because her younger brother who is now 21 years old also has Autism. He has fueled her passion for supporting people with autism and who struggle with learning social behavior.

In addition, Ms. Hong and Ms. Kim are currently recruiting volunteers who are young adults with Aspergers, 18 y/o and older, and are interested in A/T resources particularly an online social network service which can support their independence. These opportunities will also be discussed in greater detail.

**Georgia Asperger's Organization**

is a parent led organization dedicated to reaching and teaching families and communities about Asperger's Awareness, PDD, and HFA (high functioning autism) through family and community events, workshops, guest speaker meetings, and monthly support groups.



**Guest Speaker's**  
**Ms. Hwajung Hong &**  
**Ms. Jennifer Kim**

**January 19, 2012**  
**7:00 – 8:30**

**Location:**  
**Barrow Regional Medical Ctr.**  
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