
The 2014-2015 Campus Community Book Project (CCBP) will feature *Thinking in Pictures: My Life with Autism* by acclaimed researcher of animal behavior, professor, inventor and best-selling author, Temple Grandin. Dr. Grandin will speak in Jackson Hall at the Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts on February 10, 2015.

According to acclaimed and *New York Times* best-selling author, Deborah Tannen, Temple Grandin’s book “is the document of an extraordinary human being, one who, in gracefully and lucidly bridging the gulf between her condition and our own, sheds light on the riddle of our common identity.” In *Thinking in Pictures*, Temple Grandin reveals a lot about the traits of persons with autism. The title of her book describes her brain’s thinking mechanism – thinking in pictures – and her love for animals, which has made Dr. Grandin not just an advocate for animal rights but also a sought after expert in animal behavior.

Temple Grandin’s book is the thirteenth Campus Community Book Project sponsored by the Office of Campus Community Relations. As with previous books, *Thinking in Pictures* will provide the campus community a catalyst for exploring ideas and issues relevant to our contemporary lives.

In addition to *Thinking in Pictures* (updated in 2006 to include recent research, therapy and resources), Temple Grandin has also written and co-written many other books about autism, Asperger’s syndrome and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. In 2010, HBO featured the Emmy Award-winning docudrama (“Temple Grandin”) based on her life as a woman with autism who revolutionized practices for the humane handling of livestock.

Campus and community members are encouraged to incorporate the book into campus and community programs and to adopt the book for 2014-2015 courses across the disciplines. Members of the University and greater community are also invited to be a part of the CCBP Program Planning Committee, which will convene in May 2014. If you are interested in being a part of the book project planning team, please contact Mikael Villalobos, Chair of the Campus Community Book Project at mbvillalobos@ucdavis.edu.


The book is now available at the UC Davis Bookstore at the discounted price of $11.95. Limited copies will also be available for loan at the Office of Campus Community Relations.