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A BRAIN ORGANOID CREATED FROM
MY CELLS? ETHICAL CHALLENGES IN
HUMAN BRAIN ORGANOID RESEARCH

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ABOUT OUR SPEAKER



Kate MacDuffie, PhD MA is a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Washington Autism Center and the Treuman Katz Center for Pediatric Bioethics at Seattle Children's. Trained in clinical psychology and bioethics, Dr. MacDuffie's research is focused on understanding the ethical and social impacts of advances in neuroscience on children and adults affected by psychiatric, neurological, and neurodevelopmental disorders. Dr. MacDuffie received the first neuroethics-focused K99/R00 Award through the NIH brain initiative to investigate the perspectives of biospecimen donors towards research using brain organoids. In her approach, she seeks to draw in and learn from the voices of those who are most likely to be most impacted by cutting-edge science, but who are not often included in the design, conduct and dissemination of such research. She uses a combination of qualitative, quantitative, and conceptual methods with the overarching goal of embedding the perspectives of research participants and other impacted stakeholders into the practice and process of neuroscience research.

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