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SSC NASNTI to host a 'Live Virtual Presentation' with Dr. Temple Grandin



SSC NASNTI is pleased to announce a live virtual presentation with **Dr. Temple Grandin** on Monday, November 10, 2025 in the Jeff Johnston Auditorium. The presentation will start at 2:00 PM and end at 3:00 PM. Dr. Temple Grandin is a distinguished professor of animal science at Colorado State University. When she was two and a half years old, she had no speech and all the symptoms of severe autism. Early intensive speech therapy enabled her to speak by age four.

Her mother always encouraged her interest in art and urged her to draw many different things. Good teachers and mentors were essential for Temple's success. Her high school science teacher challenged her with interesting projects where she had to figure

out how to make things work. When studying in school became a pathway to becoming a scientist, she was motivated to study.

Facilities she has designed are located in the United States, Canada, Europe, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, and other countries. In North America, almost half of the cattle are handled in a center track restrainer system that she designed for meat plants. Curved chute and race systems she has designed for cattle are used worldwide and her writings on the flight zone and other principles of grazing animal behavior have helped many people to reduce stress on their animals during handling. She has also developed an objective scoring system for assessing handling of cattle and pigs at meat plants. This scoring system is being used by many large corporations to improve animal welfare. Other areas of research are cattle temperament, environmental enrichment for pigs, reducing dark cutters and bruises, training procedures, and effective stunning methods for cattle and pigs at meat plants.

An HBO movie titled *Temple Grandin* was made about her life. In 2024 a documentary entitled "An Open Door" was produced about her life. Temple was inducted into The National Women's Hall of Fame and The Academy of Arts and Sciences. Some of her most important books are New York Times bestsellers *Visual Thinking, Animals in Translation, Thinking in Pictures, The Autistic Brain*, and *The Way I See It*. Prior to Dr. Grandin's virtual presentation, NASNTI will showcase the HBO movie, 'Temple Grandin.' Stay tuned for details!



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