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Featured Presenter:
Steven Reiss, PhD is a Professor Emeritus in the Department of Psychology at The Ohio State University. Dr. Reiss is also a past director of the Nisonger Center (1991 - 2007). He has published extensively on the mental health aspects of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). This work demonstrated diagnostic overshadowing, which has been cited in hundreds of research papers studying psychiatric and mental health needs of persons with IDD. The Reiss Screen and Reiss Scales are psychometric instruments being used to screen for mental health problems in persons with IDD. Dr. Reiss' research work on intellectual disability has been recognized with four national awards including the Distinguished Research Award of the Arc of the United States, the American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Distinguished Research Award, the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Distinguished Services Award, and NADD’s Frank J. Menolascino Award for Excellence. Dr. Reiss also created a multifaceted theory of the nature of intrinsic motivation. This work identifies general principles of motivated behavior in a wide variety of circumstances. Reiss' theory of motivation, which extends beyond IDD, is used by multinational companies, schools, disability centers and will be the topic of his presentation at the Nisonger Center Topics in Developmental Disabilities.