About the Presenter:

Cristan Farmer is a doctoral student in the IDD psychology program at Ohio State's Nisonger Center. Her research interests include clinical trials, psychopharmacology, and problem behaviors like aggression. She is currently working on her dissertation, “Characterization of Aggressive Behavior in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders,” in which cluster analysis figures prominently. Cluster analysis has a mixed reputation in behavioral research, and is viewed by some to be little more than “black magic” (Jain & Dubes, 1988).

In this presentation, she will share her experience (and some tips) regarding cluster analysis.