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Dr. Raymond Miltenberger, Ph. D. (University of South Florida)



Dr. Ray Miltenberger received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Western Michigan University in 1985 after completing a pre-doctoral internship at the Kennedy Institute at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Currently, he is the director of the Master's Program in Applied Behavior Analysis at the University of South Florida. Dr. Miltenberger serves on the Executive Councils of ABAI and FABA and is a member of the board of directors of SABA. He is on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, *Behavioral Interventions*, and *Journal of Positive Behavioral Interventions* and serves as an associate editor for *Education and Treatment of Children*. Dr. Miltenberger's research focuses on teaching safety skills to children and individuals with mental retardation, analysis and treatment of repetitive behavior disorders, and functional assessment and treatment of problem behaviors. He has published over 175 journal articles and chapters, has co-edited a text on analysis and treatment of tics and repetitive behavior disorders, and has written a behavior modification textbook, now in its fourth edition. Dr. Miltenberger has received a number of awards for his teaching and research including the 2008 APA Division 25 Award for Distinguished Contributions to Applied Behavioral Research.

Presidential Address

**Steps to Take and Missteps to Avoid on the Quest for Mainstream Relevance
Dr. Patrick Friman (Father Flanagan's Girls and Boys Town)**



Dr. Patrick C. Friman received his Ph.D. from the University of Kansas under the late Montrose M. Wolf. He is the current Director of the Behavioral Pediatrics and Family Services Program at Father Flanagan's Boys' Home and the former Director of Clinical Training and Associate Chairman of Psychology at the University of Nevada at Reno. He is currently a Clinical Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Nebraska School of Medicine and, in addition to the University of Nevada, he was formerly on the faculties of Johns Hopkins, University of Pennsylvania, and Creighton Schools of Medicine. He is the past editor of the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, the most influential applied journal in the field of behavior analysis. He is also on the editorial boards of eight other peer reviewed journals. He has published more than 150 scientific articles and chapters and two books. The primary focus of his scientific and clinical work in is in the area of Behavioral Pediatrics and Behavioral Medicine. Dr. Friman's work in behavioral pediatrics has concentrated on the gap between outpatient well child medical care on one side, and referral-based clinical child psychologic and psychiatric care, on the other. The gap includes a broad range of child health-related behavior problems that first present in pediatric medical settings but that are either outside the core curriculum used to train physicians or require more time for evaluation and treatment than is typically available in well child visits. A primary goal of his research is to demonstrate the powerful role behavior analysis can play in the assessment and treatment of health related behavior problems that present in primary care. An example involves a paper on solving bedtime problems published in the *Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine*. Widespread interest in the paper resulted in its presentation at a large press conference in New York City sponsored by the American Medical Association where Dr.

Friman was introduced to the press by the Surgeon General of the United States at that time, Dr. David Satcher. Dr. Friman's work in behavioral medicine has concentrated on early disease detection, environmental factors that influence male spermatogenesis, and adherence to medical treatment regimens.

Presidential Scholar's Address
Why People Believe Weird Things
Dr. Michael Shermer (Skeptics Society)



Dr. Michael Shermer is the Founding Publisher of Skeptic magazine, the Executive Director of the Skeptics Society, a monthly columnist for Scientific American, the host of the Skeptics Distinguished Science Lecture Series at Caltech, and Adjunct Professor of Economics at Claremont Graduate University. Dr. Shermer's latest book is *The Mind of the Market*, on evolutionary economics. His last book was *Why Darwin Matters: Evolution and the Case Against Intelligent Design*, and he is the author of *Science Friction: Where the Known Meets the Unknown*, about how the mind works and how thinking goes wrong. His book *The Science of Good and Evil: Why People Cheat, Gossip, Share Care, and Follow the Golden Rule*, is on the evolutionary origins of morality and how to be good without God. He wrote a biography, *In Darwin's Shadow*, about the life and science of the co-discoverer of natural selection, Alfred Russel Wallace. He also wrote *The Borderlands of Science*, about the fuzzy land between science and pseudoscience, and *Denying History*, on Holocaust denial and other forms of pseudohistory. His book *How We Believe: Science, Skepticism, and the Search for God*, presents his theory on the origins of religion and why people believe in God. He is also the author of *Why People Believe Weird Things* on pseudoscience, superstitions, and other confusions of our time. Dr. Shermer received his B.A. in psychology from Pepperdine University, M.A. in experimental psychology from California State University, Fullerton, and his Ph.D. in the history of science from Claremont Graduate University (1991). He was a college professor for 20 years (1979–1998), teaching psychology, evolution, and the history of science at Occidental College (1989–1998), California State University Los Angeles, and Glendale College. Since his creation of the Skeptics Society, Skeptic magazine, and the Skeptics Distinguished Science Lecture Series at Caltech, he has appeared on such shows as *The Colbert Report*, *20/20*, *Dateline*, *Charlie Rose*, *Larry King Live*, *Tom Snyder*, *Donahue*, *Oprah*, *Lezza*, *Unsolved Mysteries* (but, proudly, never *Jerry Springer!*), and other shows as a skeptic of weird and extraordinary claims, as well as interviews in countless documentaries aired on PBS, A&E, Discovery, The History Channel, The Science Channel, and The Learning Channel. Shermer was the co-host and co-producer of the 13-hour Family Channel television series, *Exploring the Unknown*.