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Upcoming conferences

36th Annual Convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis International

May 28 – June 1, 2010

San Antonio, TX

Contact: ABA

<http://www.abainternational.org>

500 West Centre Ave., Suite 1

Portage, MI, 49024

44th Annual Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapy (ABCT) Convention

November 18 - 21, 2010

San Francisco, CA

Contact: AABT

convention@abct.org

305 7th Avenue

New York, NY 10001-6008

(212) 647-1865

63rd Annual Meeting: Gerontological Society of America (GSA)

November 19- 23, 2010

New Orleans, LA

Contact: GSA

<http://www.geron.org>

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online

Plans for a newer, more user-friendly Web site are in the works! The old Web site (behavioral-gerontologysig.googlepages.com/home) is still running, and past newsletters and information may still be found there.

Come to the Behavioral Gerontology Special Interest Group business meeting Sunday, May 30, from 8-8:50am, in room 215 (CC) for more information!

contribute

We welcome announcements or feature items from members of the SIG. If you would like to make a contribution to the SIG newsletter, please contact Maranda Trahan at mtrahan@siu.edu

Also, please forward any electronic version of this newsletter to other professionals and students who might be interested in joining our SIG. A membership form is included.

ABAI2010

ABAI 2010 in San Antonio is quickly approaching!! We are excited to see several presentations in the area of gerontology. Below is a list of these presentations. For more information on these events and all other ABAI events, please visit the ABAI webpage at www.abainternational.org. We hope to see you all in San Antonio!

SATURDAY, MAY 29

1:30 - 2:50 p.m.

LONE STAR BALLROOM SALON D (GRAND HYATT)

#37 Symposium: Characterizing behavioral deficits in individuals with & without dementia

6 - 7:30 p.m.

EXHIBIT HALL A (CC)

#97 Poster Session: (98) Probability discounting: Does age affect risk sensitivity?

SUNDAY, MAY 30

9:00 - 10:20 a.m.

TRAVIS A/B (GRAND HYATT)

#149 Symposium: A behavioral prescription for middle-aged and older adults: Eat better, sleep better, and get active.

LONE STAR BALLROOM SALON D (GRAND HYATT)

#151 Symposium: Stimulus over-selectivity as a model of cognitive functioning in older adults: Mindfulness as a potential intervention

10:30 - 11:50 a.m.

CROCKETT C/D (GRAND HYATT)

#180 Paper Session: The back for action program: Its effects on activity levels and resultant benefits to health and well being of people over 70

12 - 1:30 p.m.

EXHIBIT HALL A (CC)

#202 Poster Session: (84) Non contingent reinforcement and treatment of problem behavior of elderly in long-term residential care in Norway.

#202 Poster Session: (86) Using stimulus equivalence procedures to teach name-face relations to older adults with AD.

BG SIG meeting

Sunday, May 30 Rm. 215 8-8:50 a.m.

We extend a warm welcome to all members and any new members who are interested in attending or joining the SIG. At the meeting we discuss strategies to promote behavior analytic research in the area of aging and discuss programs and services throughout the country for older adults.

We will again be electing officers and anyone interested is encouraged to participate. If you have not attended ABA recently, please join us this year.

MONDAY, MAY 31

3:30 - 4:50 p.m.

214C (CC)

#468 Symposium: Verbal behavior applications with children to older adults - Evaluation of verbal behavior in older adults

LONE STAR BALLROOM SALON D (GRAND HYATT)

#463 Symposium: Mouse models with short term memory deficits: The use of titrating delayed match to position procedure

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

9:00 - 9:50 a.m.

TRAVIS A/B (GRAND HYATT)

#494 Paper Session: Dementia Patients.

9:00 - 10:20 a.m.

TEXAS BALLROOM SALON C (GRAND HYATT)

#502 Symposium:

Behavior analysis involved in 4 psychology areas - Gerontology and behavior analysis: Past present future

1:00 - 1:50 p.m.

BONHAM C (GRAND HYATT)

#549 Paper Session:

Preference - Age, diffusion, and place preference reversal

Student research award

Each year the Behavioral Gerontology SIG provides one student researcher with a cash award for \$50 at the Association of Behavior Analysis International conference. Graduate or undergraduate students who are first author on a behavioral gerontology related talk or poster are invited to submit their presentations for consideration. A panel of experts in the field of behavioral gerontology are recruited each year prior to the ABAI annual conference to serve as judges. The winner of the award is acknowledged during the conference and on the BG-SIG website. In addition, the winner is given a monetary award of \$50.

To submit your presentation please send a text or digital version of your Powerpoint presentation to Linda LeBlanc at leblanc@auburn.edu or Auburn University, Alabama, Department of Psychology, 226 Thach Hall Auburn University, AL 36849. Entries are due the **first Friday of May**.

Submitted presentations are reviewed using the following criteria:

- Clear objectives
- Appropriate methods
- Review of results and discussion
- Significance of findings

Encourage your students to present!

Spotlightprogram

University of Nevada, Reno

We are pleased to highlight the behavior analysis program at the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) as this issue's Spotlight on Graduate Programs. The behavior analysis program, housed in the psychology department, offers training for a master's and doctoral degree.

The behavior analyst certification board has preapproved the course sequences for each of the degree programs, and the Association of Behavior Analysis International has accredited the doctoral degree program. In addition, the behavior analysis program has an off-campus, satellite master's degree program, which prepares students outside of Reno, NV to become board

certified behavior analysts.

Each degree program, on- and off-campus, offers training in a variety of areas, including occupational health and safety, complex human behavior, theory and philosophy of behaviorism, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, and developmental disabilities.

Some of the faculty members have interests in aging. Drs. Jane Fisher and William O'Donohue are professors in the clinical psychology program at UNR and have conducted research and/or written on a variety of behavioral gerontology topics. Students interested in applying to UNR should view the website below to find out more information regarding the application process.

<http://www.unr.edu/psych/behavior/index.html>

Recentpublications

Baker, J. A., LeBlanc, L. A., & Raetz, P. B. (2008). A behavioral conceptualization of aphasia. *The Analysis of Verbal Behavior*, 24, 147-158.

Drossel, C. & Fisher, J. E. (2006). Dementia: The role of contingencies in excess disability. *European Journal of Behavior Analysis*, 7, 177-180.

Gallagher, S. M., & Keenan, M. (2009). Stimulus equivalence and the MMSE in the elderly. *European Journal of Behavior Analysis*, 10, 159-165.

Gallagher-Thompson, D., Steffen, A., Thompson, L. W. (2008). *Handbook of behavioral and cognitive therapies with older adults*. New York, NY: Springer.

LeBlanc, L. A., Cherup, S. M., Feliciano, L., & Sidener, T. M. (2006). Using choice making opportunities to increase activity engagement in individuals with dementia. *American Journal of Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias*, 21, 318-325.

Yury, C. A., & Fisher, J. E. (2007). Preventing excess disability in an elderly person with Alzheimer's disease. *Clinical Case Studies*, 6, 295-306.

Yury, C. A., & Fisher, J. E. (2007). Meta-analysis of the effectiveness of atypical antipsychotics for the treatment of behavioral problems in persons with dementia. *Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics*, 76, 213-218.

Membership

ABAI BEHAVIORAL GERONTOLOGY SIG 2009/2010 DUES & MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATE

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please complete the form below and return it with your 2009/2010 Membership Dues (\$5.00, which can be in the form of cash, money order, or check made out to Allison Jay or Linda LeBlanc). If you are a renewing member, please use the top of the form to indicate any changes in personal data to be included in the 2009/2010 Membership Directory. New members are requested to complete the entire form. Please print or type the form.

NAME:

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INTEREST AREAS IN BEHAVIORAL GERONTOLOGY:

Assessment
Staff Training
Independent Living
Other (describe)

Dementia
Clinical Treatment (e.g., depression, incontinence, insomnia, etc.)
Community Programs (e.g., senior centers, transportation, meals, etc.)

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