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ON THE COVER: Sun sets behind the National Museum of African American History and Culture (opened in 2016), a Smithsonian Institution museum located on the National Mall. Photo: JAMES D. BURCH

ABAI 46th Annual Convention:

BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS *in the* CAPITAL

BY MARIA E. MALOTT

ABAI goes to Washington D.C. this year with an outstanding program on the science and application of behavior analysis. The convention will open with the Society for the Advancement of Behavior Analysis (SABA) awards, which recognize great contributors to our discipline.

The Statue of Freedom by Thomas Crawford sits atop the dome of the U.S. Capitol Building, Washington, D.C. Photo: MARTIN C. BURCH

The Award for Distinguished Service to Behavior Analysis will be given to João Claudio Todorov for investigating contingencies that affect the behavior of large groups of individuals. Julia Todorov-Thomsen will receive the award and speak on Todorov's behalf. Leonard Green will accept the Award for Scientific Translation and will reflect on his work on steep delay discounting and addictive behavior. Matthew Johnson will receive the Award for Effective Presentation of Behavior Analysis in the Mass Media for his dissemination in popular media of research in understanding and treating substance abuse. This year, SABA will recognize two recipients of the Award for International Dissemination of Behavior Analysis, Jennifer Austin and Julian Leslie, who will speak about the development of behavior analysis in the United Kingdom and Ireland, respectively. Two organizations will be recognized with the Award for Enduring Programmatic Contributions to Behavior Analysis. The first recipient, for contributions in autism, is the Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD); founder and CEO Doreen Granpeesheh will accept the award. Beginning in 1990, under her vision and leadership, CARD has become the largest ABA provider in the world. In addition, PAXIS will be recognized for its long-standing contributions to behavior analysis in education. Dennis Embry, president and senior scientist, will receive the award.

This year's program includes a thematic track on trauma in its many forms—physical, emotional, and psychological. The field of behavior analysis is well equipped to understand, prevent, and treat these conditions. The series includes four sessions focusing on behavior analytic and neurological perspectives on trauma, coping, and prevention. See details on page 20.

The program also includes a track on sustainability that addresses how behavior science can help the planet in the face of climate change. It will address research, community action, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

This year's Presidential Scholar Address will be delivered by Alan E. Kazdin, Sterling Professor of psychology and child psychiatry at Yale University and past president of the American Psychological Association. Kazdin's address will focus on the treatment of antisocial behaviors among children and adolescents and highlight current problems, risks and causal factors, and treatments.

Erin Rasmussen will deliver this year's Presidential Address. In her presentation, "Compassionate Behaviorism," Rasmussen will discuss how behavior analysts addressing socially significant issues must also incorporate perspectives outside of the discipline to understand the complex contingencies of social groups, networks, and organizations.

The B. F. Skinner Lectures bring 16 distinguished scholars from the broader scientific community

consistent with behavior analysis. These presentations will feature speakers from fields focused on clinical and school psychology, trauma, medicine, education, space exploration, language, neuroscience, history, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, and medical administration. A complete list of these talks, their titles, and presenters, can be found on pages 12–13.

In addition, the program includes 53 invited presentations and tutorials featuring a variety of topics, including human-dog relationships, recent advances in Relational Frame Theory, and bidirectional naming and problem solving. A complete list of invited presentations and tutorials can be found on pages 14–19.

In addition to 70 invited addresses and tutorials, the program includes over 700 posters, 355 panels and symposia, and 95 workshops. Opportunities to collaborate and learn about other behavior analysis programs and organizations will be found during 55 business meetings, and 23 reunions and receptions. The ABAAI Expo includes representation from 145 organizations (ABAAI Boards, chapters, special interest groups, and university programs and other organizations).

In addition to this outstanding program, The U. S. Capital offers a wide range of cultural destinations, including the Smithsonian museums, among which is the new National Museum of African American History and Culture, iconic American monuments like the Lincoln and Washington memorials, the Library of Congress, and the National Mall. The ABAAI team has compiled a list of attractions and restaurants near the convention center and headquarter hotel that can be found on our website: www.abainternational.org/events/annual/washington2020/local-attractions.aspx.

If you want to make the most of the convention, be sure to download the ABAAI app (search your app store for "ABAAI Events"), which includes the entire program with real-time updates—right on your phone. This single tool will allow you scan and track your CE, create personal schedules for ABAAI events, and receive association updates on your mobile device.

The 46th Annual Convention program would not have been possible without the work of ABAAI's Program Board. Coordinator Federico Sanabria and Committee Chair Jonathan Tarbox have once again overseen the completion of an impressive program, with the assistance of 30 area coordinators: Nathan Hall and Valeri Farmer-Dougan (applied animal behavior); Tom Higbee, Corina Jimenez-Gomez, and Tiffany Kodak (autism); Sally Huskinson and Carla Lagorio (behavioral pharmacology and neuroscience); Amy Murrell and Michele Traub (clinical/family/behavioral medicine); Sarah Richling and Tom Szabo (community, social, and sustainability issues); Yaniz Padilla Dalmau and Kelly Schieltz (developmental disabilities); Jo Ann Pereira Delgado and Jessica Singer-

Dudek (behavioral development); Erik Arntzen and Karen Lionello-DeNolf (experimental analysis of behavior); Robin Coddington and Renee Hawkins (education); Nicole Gravina and Byron Wine (organizational behavior management); Michael Hixson and David Palmer (philosophical, conceptual, and historical issues); Mark Shriver (practice); Derek Reed (science); Lin Du and Gabrielle Lee (teaching behavior analysis); and Einar Ingvarsson and Sarah Lechago (verbal behavior). Also, thanks to the ABAI staff for their careful planning the preparation and execution of the convention.

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Run the Numbers: Data on the 46th Annual Convention in Washington, D.C.

BY FEDERICO SANABRIA

The Program Board looks forward to another strong program at the 46th Annual Convention in Washington DC. Our continued success with this convention is due to the support provided by the ABAI administrative staff and Executive Council. The following is a brief overview of the 2020 convention program.

Program Report

As this issue goes to press, there are over 1,500 submissions for 2020, including over 700 posters, 355 panels and symposia, 109 papers, 70 B. F. Skinner Lectures and invited presentations/tutorials, 55 business meetings, 23 reunions, 18 special events, over 145 expo posters, and 95 workshops (see Figure 1).

Current guidelines in the call for papers state that (a) members are limited to one oral presentation and one chair or discussant role and can be presenting author on two posters; (b) presentations involving a single study should be submitted as posters, or submitted as part of an integrated

symposium; (c) for symposia, submissions that involve an integrated series of presentations organized around a central theme, involve presentations from multiple institutions rather than from a single laboratory, and contain a discussant outside of the presenting group are encouraged. In implementing these guidelines, the Program Board has also strengthened their emphasis on the peer review role of area coordinators, including decisions to reject submissions that do not meet the expected level of scientific quality. In general, the membership has been quite supportive of these changes, but the committee will continue to review challenges and explore the need for further clarifications of guidelines as we go forward.

An updated version of the convention data and associated analyses will be provided at the upcoming convention and in the summer issue of *Inside Behavior Analysis*. After the convention, all relevant information will be carefully examined by the Program Board, the ABAI office, and Executive Council.

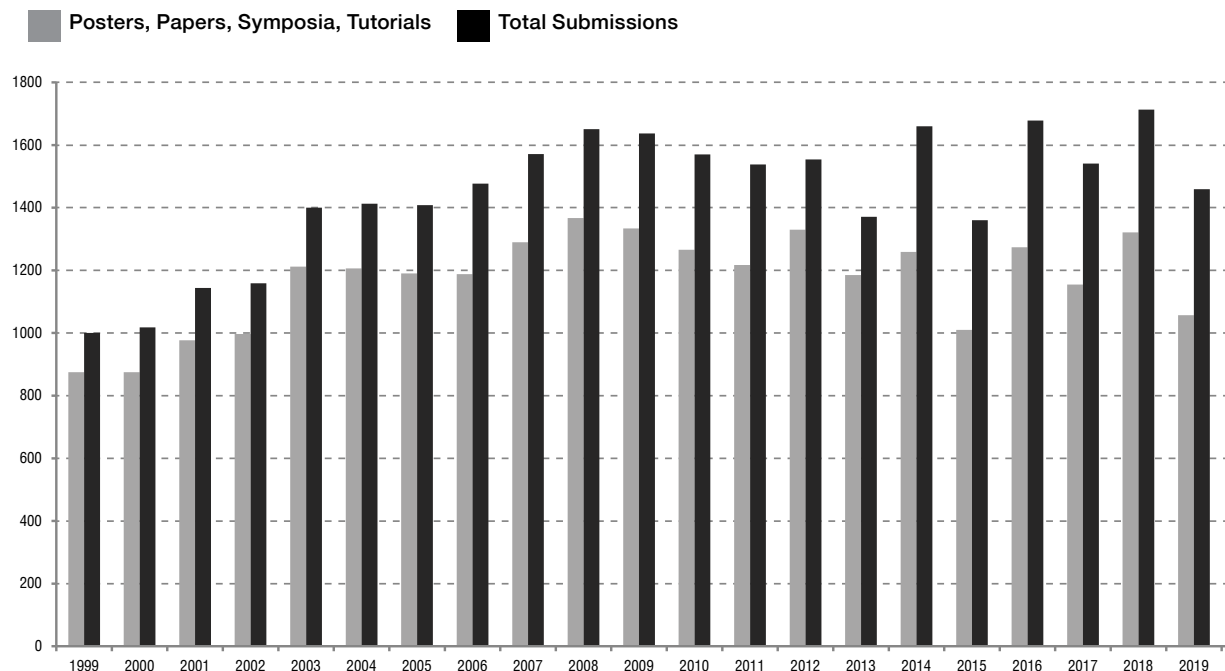


Figure 1. Posters, papers, panels, symposia and tutorials, 1999–2020, compared with total submissions.

Area Coordinators

The hard work and effort of the area coordinators resulted in 68 invited presentations, including papers, symposia, panels, and tutorials. Fifteen of the invited presenters are non-ABAI members (i.e., B. F. Skinner lecturers). The individuals who contributed to this process include new area co-coordinators Erik Arntzen (EAB), Lin Du (TBA), Sally Huskinson (BPN), Byron Wine (OBM), Mark Shriver (PRA), and Sarah Lechago (VRB).

There would be no convention without the committed work of Program Committee Chair Dr. Jonathan Tarbox, all the area coordinators, and the other members of the Program Board. Finally, on behalf of the Program Board, I would like to thank Maria E. Malott and the ABAI staff for their support and guidance.

Registration

Available at the 46th Annual Convention Registration Desk:

- On-site registration
- Pre-registration badge pick-up
- Purchase family badge
- Workshop registration
- Purchase continuing education package
- Become an ABAI member (and save on registration!)
- Register for upcoming ABAI conventions and conferences

Name Badges

Name badges are required for entry into all ABAI events and presentation rooms, and for access to ABAI on-site services, including the bookstore, exhibits, and job placement services. Registrants receive a name badge on site. Replacement name badges will be provided for \$35. Your name badge will be printed with your preferred first name (nickname) in addition to your full first and last name and affiliation.

Family Badges

Family attending only your convention presentation must purchase a family badge for \$20 or they will not be permitted into your event.

Convention Materials

Attendees may pick up their name badges, any workshop tickets, and other materials at the pre-registration desk.

hours

Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 2,
L Street Bridge

Thursday, May 21	12:00 pm–7:00 pm
Friday, May 22	7:00 am–8:00 pm
Saturday, May 23	7:00 am–8:00 pm
Sunday, May 24	7:00 am–7:00 pm
Monday, May 25	8:00 am–7:00 pm

Cancellation Policy

Requests for registration refunds for the 46th Annual Convention in Washington, DC—minus an \$80 cancellation fee—will be met provided they are made prior to midnight (EDT) May 1, 2020.

Transfer Policy

Requests for registration transfers (attendee replacements) for the 46th Annual Convention in Washington, DC, received by midnight (EDT) May 1, 2020, will be processed in the ABAI office prior to the convention. Requests made after this date will be processed on site at the registration desk. There will be an \$80 processing fee for transfers.

Pre-Convention Workshops

Admission to workshops is by ticket only. You must present your ticket at the door to attend. Workshops may be canceled due to low enrollment, so advance registration is advised. Registrants will receive workshop ticket(s) at the registration desk with their name badge.

2020 Opening Event and Awards Ceremony

SABA Awards

CHAired BY MARK A. MATTAINI
(JANE ADDAMS COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK-
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO)
SATURDAY, MAY 23, 8:00 AM–9:50 AM

The Society for the Advancement of Behavior Analysis (SABA) provides financial support for the field of behavior analysis. As a 501(c)(3), nonprofit organization, SABA accepts tax-deductible donations, distributes donations through grants and fellowships, and recognizes leaders in behavior analysis with its annual awards ceremony.

recognized—by the Brazilian government with the Cross of the Ordem de Rio Branco, by SABA with the Award for International Dissemination of Behavior Analysis, and by an award from the Ibero-American Federation of Psychological Associations.

Award for Scientific Translation

Leonard Green

(Washington University in St. Louis)

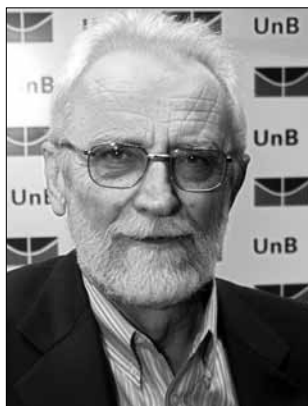
Len Green received his undergraduate degree from the City College of New York and his Ph.D. from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. After completing post-doctoral research, he ventured west of the Mississippi (despite thinking he still would remain east of the river) where he is professor of psychological and brain sciences and professor of economics at Washington University in St. Louis, as well as Director of Undergraduate Studies. His research concerns choice and decision-making in rats, pigeons, and people, with a particular interest in models of self-control, impulsivity, and choice and decision-making. He is one of the developers of ‘behavioral economics,’ a transdisciplinary field that combines the experimental methodology of psychology with the theoretical constructs of economics. He is co-author of the book *Economic Choice Theory: An Experimental Analysis of Animal Behavior*, and editor of *Advances in Behavioral Economics*, the third volume of which is subtitled *Substance Use and Abuse*. His research has been funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, National Institute on Aging, and the McDonnell Center for Higher Brain Function. He served on the Executive Board of the Society for the Quantitative Analysis of Behavior, was president of the Society for the Experimental Analysis of Behavior, and was editor of the *Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior*. He is a Fellow of the Association for Behavior Analysis International and the Association for Psychological Science, and was president of Division 25 (Behavior Analysis) of the American Psychological Association. He received the Victor G. Laties Award for

Award for Distinguished Service to Behavior Analysis

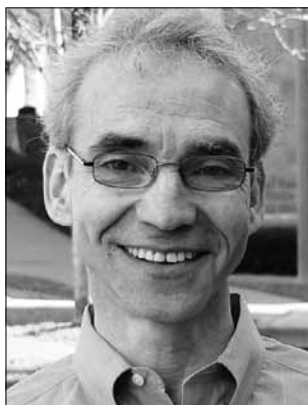
João Todorov

(Universidade de Brasília)

Dr. Todorov received his Ph.D. from Arizona State University. He held faculty positions at the University of Virginia at Fredericksburg and the University of São Paulo at Ribeirão Preto before his appointment at the University of Brasília in 1973, where he has spent most of his career. Retired since 2000, he is professor emeritus and also still serves as a researcher. From 2000–2009, he was a professor at the Catholic University of Goiás. Dr. Todorov’s career as a behavior analyst includes a remarkable range of achievements in research, education, and service to his discipline and his country. At Brasília, Dr. Todorov served variously as department chair, dean of graduate studies and research, vice-president, and president of the university, all while leading generations of Brazilians to behavior analytic research and academic careers that continue his legacy, and helping to secure a place for behavior analysis in the nation’s academic governance. His scholarly contributions span important basic research topics (e.g., multiple and concurrent schedules, avoidance, and pharmacology), applications to the solution of societal problems—his more recent focus, and dissemination of behavior analysis to the public (with more than 150 articles in the Brazilian media). Dr. Todorov’s many contributions have been widely



João Todorov



Leonard Green

Lifetime Service from the Society for the Experimental Analysis of Behavior in 2018.

Award for Dissemination

Julian Leslie

(Ulster University)

Julian Leslie obtained his doctorate in experimental psychology from Oxford University in 1974. Since then, he has served in academic posts in Northern Ireland, where he has been a full professor since 1986. Dr. Leslie has published textbooks on behaviour analysis in 1979, 1996, 2000, and 2002. In addition to teaching undergraduate and postgraduate courses, he has successfully supervised 48 students who have obtained Ph.D.s in various fields, including experimental analysis of behaviour, applied behaviour analysis, psychopharmacology, behavioural neuroscience, experimental psychology, and applied psychology. Three of these Ph.D.'s were concerned with behavioural strategies to address environmental issues. In 1977, he co-founded the group, Behaviour Analysis in Ireland, which became a chapter of ABAI. In 2004, the group became the Division of Behaviour Analysis of the Psychological Society of Ireland, for which he currently serves as the Division chair. Dr. Leslie organised the Third European Meeting for the Experimental Analysis of Behaviour in Dublin, Ireland 1999, and has co-organised 13 annual conferences of the Division of Behaviour Analysis from 2007–2019, variously in Dublin, Galway, and Athlone. He has been a keynote speaker at the European Association for Behaviour Analysis in Milan in 2006; in Crete, Greece in 2010; at the Brazilian Association for Behaviour Analysis, Salvador in 2011; at the 30th International Conference of the Spanish Society for Comparative Psychology in 2018; and at the 10th International Conference of the Association for Behavior Analysis International in Stockholm in 2019.

Award for Dissemination

Jennifer L. Austin

(University of South Wales)

Jennifer L. Austin received her Ph.D. in Psychology from the Florida State University, where she had the privilege of studying under the supervision of Dr. Jon Bailey. For over 20 years, she has worked as a behaviour analytic researcher and clinician, whilst also playing a key role in the development of behaviour analysis programmes in the United States and the United Kingdom. She currently serves as professor of psychology and head of behaviour analysis at the University of South Wales (USW), where she directs the MSc Behaviour Analysis and Therapy and PgDip Behaviour Analysis Supervised Practice programmes. She also serves as the clinical director of the USW Behaviour Analysis Clinic, which is the only university-based behaviour analysis clinic in Europe. Dr. Austin's research and clinical interests have focussed primarily on behaviour analytic applications in mainstream education, as well as applying our science to populations that are relatively underserved by the field, including children who have experienced trauma and prisoners. She has been a key driver in the development of the UK Society for Behaviour Analysis, which seeks to protect consumers of behaviour analysis, whilst also working toward professional recognition of behaviour analysts in the UK. Dr. Austin has published over 30 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, and is a former associate editor of the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, *Behavior Analysis in Practice*, and *Education and Treatment of Children*.



Julian Leslie



Jennifer L. Austin

Award for Effective Presentation in the Mass Media

Matthew W. Johnson

(Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine)

Matthew W. Johnson, Ph.D., has broad expertise on psychoactive drugs, addiction, and risk behavior. Early contributions include research contributing to the recognition that delay discounting, or the devaluation of future consequences, is a fundamental behavioral



Matthew W. Johnson



**Center for Autism and
Related Disorders**



process broadly relevant to addiction. His early research also validated methods and developed analytic techniques that have since become widely adopted in delay discounting research. He has conducted tobacco/nicotine research throughout his career, determining the role of nicotine and nonpharmacological factors in tobacco use and addiction. This includes recent research on e-cigarettes and current research funded by the Food and Drug Administration using behavioral economics to evaluate cigarettes with potentially modified risk. Applying behavioral economics to sexual risk behavior, Matt has conducted seminal research implicating delay discounting in condom use decisions. He published the first human research determining the effects of cocaine administration on sexual decision making and risk, providing important information for addressing the high rates of HIV among cocaine users. Matt is also a leading expert on the effects of psychedelic drugs and has conducted seminal work that has expanded basic and therapeutic interest in these compounds, including research suggesting potential therapeutic effects of psilocybin in cancer-related psychiatric distress and smoking cessation. He has conducted studies administering nearly all classes of psychoactive drugs. Matt has published 119 articles and chapters including studies on cocaine, tobacco/nicotine, methamphetamine, alcohol, psilocybin, dextromethorphan, salvinorin A, GHB, cannabis, opioids, benzodiazepines, and cathinone-like compounds ("bath salts"). He has been internationally sought as a science communicator on psychoactive drugs and addiction, being interviewed by the CBS's *60 Minutes*; CNN's *Wolf Blitzer Show*; Fox Business News; BBC; National Public Radio, including *Morning Edition* and the *Kojo Nnamdi Show*; *Labyrinth* (a public television show in the Netherlands); *The New York Times*; *The Washington Post*; *The Globe and Mail*; *The Daily Mail*; *USA Today*; *CBS News*; *The Baltimore Sun*; *The Atlantic*; *The Washingtonian*; *Psychology Today*; *Scientific American*; and *Nature*, among others. Matt was quoted and his research was described in Michael Pollan's best-selling book *How to Change Your Mind: What the New Science of Psychedelics Teaches Us about Consciousness, Dying, Addiction, Depression, and Transcendence*.

Award for Programmatic Contributions

Center for Autism and Related Disorders

The Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD) was founded in 1990 by **Doreen Granpeesheh, Ph.D., BCBA-D**, at the suggestion of O. Ivar Lovaas, Ph.D., who wanted the participants in his groundbreaking study to have an ABA program to attend when they aged out of his University of California, Los Angeles research. What began as a one-woman practice in Westwood, California, grew into the largest ABA provider in the world—with more than 260 clinic locations in 33 states. Having practiced, researched, and advocated for ABA for over 40 years, Dr. Granpeesheh provides a view of the earliest years of behavioral applications to the treatment of autism, and speaks of the ways in which access to ABA has grown, largely as a result of the onset of health insurance funding. Dr. Granpeesheh shares the lessons learned in the field, describes how data-driven decisions continue to shape behavior analysis, and shares her insights on future directions.

Award for Programmatic Contributions

PAXIS Institute

In 1968, Baer, Wolf, and Risley wrote: "Better applications [of behavioral science], it is hoped, will lead to a better state of society, to whatever extent the behavior of its members can contribute to the goodness of a society." **Dennis D. Embry** grew up with that idea and passion—even before he was their student, but they had the practical science. Only a few things from ABA have been brought to population-level scale—with measured population-level benefits. This talk will cover how the PAXIS Institute has achieved population-level impact on violence, mental health, addictions, and academics using ABA and other proven science. The driving example in this talk, and paper, uses the *Good Behavior Game*, because it was the first publication on a whole classroom implementation of ABA. Scaling up and scaling out *Good Behavior Game* is a function of having worked with *Sesame Street*, implementing national child-safety efforts in New Zealand, implementing an ABA tobacco control strategy, and understanding and building a business based on sales rather than grants. Achieving population-level benefits with ABA is unlikely to happen as a direct result of an NIH

grant—the contingencies are not aligned. Both the *Good Behavior Game* at the micro-level and as our international prevention-science company involve selection by consequences to achieve the what Baer, Wolf, and Risley envisioned. This talk will lay out a step-by-step pathway to population-level impact of ABA informed prevention science that they foresaw 50 years ago, but did not live to see. From these lessons, we might succeed in bettering the world they predicted. ❖

Behavior and Social Issues

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Affiliated with the Behaviorists for Social Responsibility special interest group, *Behavior and Social Issues* is a peer-reviewed, interdisciplinary scientific journal which serves as a primary scholarly outlet for articles that advance the analysis of human social behavior, particularly with regard to understanding and influencing significant social problems. The journal is particularly interested in publishing work related to issues with social justice, human rights, and sustainability implications, but all serious social issues are of interest. Articles considered for publication should be grounded in behavior analytic and behavioral systems science.

The primary intellectual framework for the journal is the science of behavior analysis and its sub-discipline of cultural systems analysis,

but contributions from contrasting viewpoints will occasionally be considered if of specific interest to behavior analysts. We recommend that potential authors examine recent issues to determine whether their work is appropriate to the journal. Appropriate contributions include theoretical and conceptual analyses, research articles and brief reports, dialogues, research reviews, and book reviews.

Behavior and Social Issues is an appropriate forum for the work of senior scholars in the field, many of whom serve on the editorial board, as well as for the work of emerging scholars, including students, who have an interest in the contributions of a natural science of behavior to constructing cultures of social justice, human rights, and environmental sustainability.

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B. F. Skinner Lecture Series

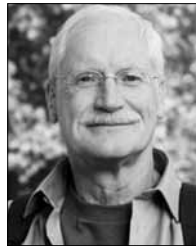
The B. F. Skinner Lecture Series features distinguished speakers from fields other than behavior analysis. Presenters in this series were selected and invited by the area coordinators.

Applied Animal Behavior
**Why Do Captive Animals Perform
Abnormal Repetitive Behaviours?**



Georgia Mason
University of Guelph
Sunday, May 24
11:00 am

Behavioral Pharmacology
and Neuroscience
About Reward



Wolfram Schultz
University of
Cambridge
Saturday, May 23
5:00 pm

Developmental Disabilities
Bullying Among Youth in the Digital Era



Rebecca P. Ang
National Institute of
Education, Nanyang
Technological
University
Sunday, May 24
4:00 pm

Autism
**Neurobehavioral Biomarkers
of Autism Spectrum Disorder**



Gabriela Rosenblau
George Washington
University
Monday, May 25
9:00 am

Clinical, Family,
Behavioral Medicine
**Acceptance and Commitment Therapy
for Post-Traumatic Problems in Living**



Sonja V. Batten
Flexible Edge
Solutions
Saturday, May 23
11:00 am

Education
**Using Implementation Science
to Open the Black Box of
Trauma-Informed Schools**



Stacy Overstreet
Tulane University
Saturday, May 23
4:00 pm

Behavioral Development
**Improving Observed Parenting
and Enhancing Well-Being in
Parents of Young Children With
Autism Spectrum Disorder**



Marla Brassard
Teachers College,
Columbia University
Monday, May 25
8:00 am

Community, Social, and
Sustainability Issues
**Scaling Up Behavioral Therapy for
Public Health: The Case of Acceptance
and Commitment Therapy for Stopping
Cigarette Smoking**



Jonathan Bricker
University of
Washington
Monday, May 25
10:00 am

Experimental Analysis
of Behavior
**The Influence of Social Synchrony
and Social and Motor Context on
Social Communication, Social
Interaction, and Restricted and
Repetitive Behaviors in Autism**



Paula Fitzpatrick
Assumption College
Monday, May 25
9:00 am

Organizational
Behavior Management
**Understanding Process Behavior
Using Lean Six Sigma Techniques**



Jennifer Hooks
Medical University of
South Carolina
Monday, May 25
12:00 pm

Science
**Onward and Upward:
Behavioral Science Principles and
Practice in Human Space Exploration**



Pete Roma
NASA Johnson
Space Center
Sunday, May 24
12:00 pm

Teaching
Behavior Analysis
**Keys to School Success: Bridging the
Outcomes of the Boehm Test of Basic
Concepts-3 to Language Development**



Ann E. Boehm
Teachers College,
Columbia University
Sunday, May 24
10:00 am

Philosophical,
Conceptual, and
Historical Issues
**Experimental and Behavioral
Psychology at Harvard
From William James to B. F. Skinner**



Sara Schechner
Harvard University
Monday, May 25
9:00 am

**Leveraging Technology
for Health Behavior Change**



Sherry Pagoto
University of
Massachusetts
Medical School
Sunday, May 24
5:00 pm

Verbal Behavior
**How Children Learn Early
Communicative Gestures**



Elena Nicoladis
University of Alberta
Sunday, May 24
3:00 pm

**Climate Change Demands Behavioral
Change: Giving the Future a Chance**



Elke Weber
Princeton University
Monday, May 25
4:00 pm

Invited Events

Applied Animal Behavior
A Dog's Life: Using Behavior Analysis to Investigate the Human-Dog Relationship and Address Behavioral Issues



Erica Feuerbacher
 Virginia Tech
 Sunday, May 24
 3:00 pm

Behavioral Development
The Interaction Between Development and Instruction



Kieva Hranchuk
 St. Lawrence College
 Sunday, May 24
 5:00 pm

Clinical, Family, Behavioral Medicine
Recent Advances in Relational Frame Theory: Implications for Education and Clinical Behavior Analysis



Yvonne Barnes-Holmes
 Ghent University
 Saturday, May 23
 12:00 pm

Autism
A Search for Efficiency in Teaching Basic Skills to Implement Autism Intervention: Research on Technology-Based Training in Brazil



Romariz Barros
 Federal University of Pará-Brazil; National Institute of Science and Technology on Behavior, Cognition, and Teaching
 Saturday, May 23
 10:00 am

Designing Instruction for All Learners: How Verbal Development Informs Curriculum



Jennifer Weber
 Teachers College, Columbia University
 Sunday, May 24
 6:00 pm

Expanding Behavior Analysis to Promote Better Outcomes for Persons With Disabilities



Alison Cox
 Brock University
 Monday, May 25
 8:00 am

Behavioral Pharmacology and Neuroscience
Operant Conditioning to Address Poverty and Substance Use Disorders



August Holtyn
 Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
 Monday, May 25
 5:00 pm

Effective Leadership and Supervision



Ellie Kazemi
 California State University, Northridge
 Saturday, May 23
 3:00 pm

Community, Social, and Sustainability Issues

Building Effective Teams: An Interdisciplinary Task



Nora Rangel
Universidad de
Guadalajara
Sunday, May 24
12:00 pm

Developmental Disabilities

Evidence-Based Supervision and the Use of Technology as an Effective Tool for Training Values-Driven Professionals Across Cultures



Katerina Dounavi
Queen's University
Belfast
Sunday, May 24
4:00 pm

Scientist-Practitioners in Action: Cultivating Clinical and Academic Careers With Behavior Analytic Roots



Gregory Reed
Howard University
Sunday, May 24
5:00 pm

Education

SYMPOSIUM: Siegfried Engelmann's Direct Instruction: Faultless Communication, Measurably Superior Learning, and the Quest for Widespread Adoption



Shepard Barbash



Timothy A. Slocum
Utah State University



Jean Stockard
University of Oregon



Janet Twyman
blast
Sunday, May 24
3:00 pm

Experimental Analysis of Behavior

What Your Future Self Wants You to Know Now



Amy Odum
Utah State University
Sunday, May 24
6:00 pm

There's a Time and a Place for Everything



Sarah Cowie
University of Auckland
Monday, May 25
3:00 pm

Organizational Behavior Management Countering Countability Culture: A Behavioral Systems Perspective on the Replication Crisis



Donald Hantula
Temple University
Monday, May 25
10:00 am

Behavior-Based Safety Driving: Improve Your Driving With the B-BS Protocol



Fabio Tosolin
Association for the
Advancement of
Radical Behavior
Analysis
Monday, May 25
11:00 am

Other

Relational Skills Training for Enhancing Intelligence: The Science of Destabilizing Stable Traits



Bryan Roche
National University of
Ireland, Maynooth
Sunday, May 24
11:00 am

Philosophical, Conceptual, and Historical Issues

Multiple Exemplar Training: Illustrations, Limitations, and Preliminary Guidelines



Per Holth
Oslo Metropolitan
University
Sunday, May 24
10:00 am

A Behavior Analytic Theory of Complex Behavior



**Henry D.
Schlinger Jr.**
California State
University, LA
Monday, May 25
8:00 am

Practice

Systemic Behavior Analysis: A Therapeutic Approach for Optimizing Best Practices for Children With Autism Spectrum Disorder and Their Families



Angeliki Gena
University of Athens
Sunday, May 24
11:00 am

Don Baer Lecture: Gains and Losses on the Balance Sheet: ABA 1964–2020



Sigrid Glenn
University of North
Texas
Sunday, May 24
12:00 pm

Science

PANEL: Obtaining Federal Funding for Behavior Analytic Research: A Panel Discussion With Program Directors



Alan Tomkins
National Science
Foundation



Emily Doolittle
Institute of Education
Sciences
Saturday, May 23
10:00 am

PANEL: Computer Technology and the Future of Behavior Analysis: A Panel With Discussion



Casey J. Clay
University of Missouri



**Darlene E.
Crone-Todd**
Salem State University



Aaron J. Fischer
University of Utah
Saturday, May 23
11:00 am

PANEL: Advocating, Lobbying, and Disseminating: Advice for Behavior Analysts From Relevant Stakeholders and Experts



Juliane Baron
Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences



Erin Heath
American Association for the Advancement of Science
Saturday, May 23
3:00 pm

PANEL: Quantitative Theories of Relapse to Improve Functional Communication Training: A Panel With Discussion



Jennifer J. McComas
University of Minnesota



Joel Eric Ringdahl
University of Georgia



Timothy A. Shahan
Utah State University
Saturday, May 23
5:00 pm

PANEL: Behavioral Economics: A Panel Discussion on Its Past, Present, and Future



Warren Bickel
Virginia Tech Carilion Research Institute; Virginia Tech



Steven R. Hursh
Institutes for Behavior Resources, Inc.



Amy Odum
Utah State University
Sunday, May 24
5:00 pm

**Teaching Behavior Analysis
Current Dimensions of Applied Behavior Analysis in China:
A Reflection of Twenty Years of Dissemination and Progress**



Weihe Huang
Creating Behavioral + Educational Momentum
Sunday, May 24
8:00 am

Skill Acquisition Learning Arrangements: How the Little Things Can Make a Big Difference



Daniel M. Fienup
Teachers College, Columbia University
Monday, May 25
11:00 am

**Verbal Behavior
Bidirectional Naming and Problem Solving**



Caio F. Miguel
California State University, Sacramento
Monday, May 25
3:00 pm

Small Steps Toward a Complex and Integrated Reading and Writing Repertoire



Deisy de Souza
Universidade Federal de São Carlos
Monday, May 25
4:00 pm

Invited Tutorials

Practice

Professional Competency: You May Have It Now, but Can You Keep It?



Edward J. Daly III
University of
Nebraska-Lincoln
Sunday, May 24
8:00 am

Realizing the Potential of Applied Behavior Analysis to Improve Outcomes in Adolescents and Young Adults With Autism



Peter Gerhardt
The EPIC School
Sunday, May 24
10:00 am

Designing Effective Game-Based Instruction: A Tutorial



Linda A. LeBlanc
LeBlanc Behavioral
Consulting LLC
Monday, May 25
10:00 am

Building Independence and Complex Social Play in Children With Autism Spectrum Disorders Using Photographic Activity Schedules and Social Scripts



Thomas Higbee
Utah State University
Monday, May 25
11:00 am

Training and Treating Wholeheartedly: Identifying a Role for Compassion Practices in the Profession of Behavior Analysis



Bridget A. Taylor
Alpine
Learning Group
Monday, May 25
3:00 pm

Introduction to a Behavioral Analysis of Cognitive Loss and Functional Decline



Claudia Drossel
Eastern
Michigan University
Monday, May 25
4:00 pm

Science

The Nurture Consilience: Evolving Societies That Work for Everyone



Anthony Biglan
Oregon
Research Institute
Monday, May 25
10:00 am

SQAB Tutorials

The Society for Quantitative Analyses of Behavior (SQAB) will be sponsoring the following tutorials at the 46th ABAI Annual Convention in Washington, D.C.:

How Advanced Computer Technology Can Advance Research and Practice in Behavior Analysis



Ellie Kazem
California State
University, Northridge
Saturday, May 23
10:00 am

Creating Artificial Organisms Animated by a Selectionist Theory of Adaptive Behavior Dynamics



Jack McDowell
Emory University
Saturday, May 23
3:00 pm

Using Quantitative Theories of Relapse to Improve Functional Communication Training



Brian D. Greer
Rutgers Robert
Wood Johnson
Medical School
Saturday, May 23
4:00 pm

Back to the Lab: Human Behavioral Pharmacology Methods, Outcomes and Meanings



William W. Stoops
University of
Kentucky
Saturday, May 23
12:00 pm

More information on the SQAB tutorials can be found in the program book and on the ABAI website. For more information on the schedule for the SQAB conference, check the following page.



Special Tracks

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

PANEL: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Strategies and Challenges in Recruitment



Sarah E. Bloom
University of South Florida



Michael Perone
West Virginia University



Jomella Watson-Thompson
University of Kansas
Saturday, May 23
10:00 am

Cultural Responsiveness, Social Justice, and Behavior Analysis



Shahla Ala'i
University of North Texas
Monday, May 25
11:00 am

Management of Well-Being in Organizations and Beyond



Ramona Houmanfar
University of Nevada, Reno
Monday, May 25
12:00 pm

Trauma

Behavioral and Neurological Perspectives on Trauma



Patrick C. Friman
Boys Town



K. Matthew Lattal
Oregon Health
Saturday, May 23
11:00 am

Effects of Trauma on Risk and Protective Factors



Jeannie A. Golden
East Carolina University



Marla R. Brassard
Teachers College, Columbia University
Saturday, May 23
12:00 pm

Prevention of Traumatic Events: Use of Antecedent and Generalization Strategies



Ron Van Houten
Western Michigan University



Raymond G. Miltenberger
University of South Florida
Saturday, May 23
3:00 pm

Flexibility After Trauma: Exploring Vitality Through ACT and Feldenkrais Method



Miranda Morris
DC ACT Consortium



Chrish Kresge
Saturday, May 23
4:00 pm

Sustainability

The First Carbon Based Valley to Create Community, Social and Sustainability: Using Behavior Sciences for Population Level Change



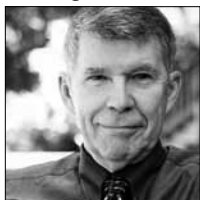
Dennis D. Embry
PAXIS Institute
Saturday, May 23
5:00 pm

Of Immediate Consequence: A Strategic Plan for Expanding Behavioral Science Research on Climate Change and Multi-Level Community Action



Julia Fiebig
Ball State University;
ABA Global
Initiatives LLC
Sunday, May 24
3:00 pm

SYMPOSIUM: Growing the Behavioral Biome: Putting a Strategic Plan Into Action



Anthony Biglan
Oregon Research
Institute



Holly Seniuk
Behavior Analyst
Certification Board



Andrew C. Bonner
Behavior Analyst
Certification Board
Sunday, May 24
3:00 pm

PANEL: Coordinating Interdisciplinary Sustainability Research: What We've Learned About Community Intervention Research



Anthony Biglan
Oregon Research
Institute



Lisa Coyne
Harvard Medical
School; Suffolk
University; McLean
Hospital



Jessica Ghai
Boston University
Sunday, May 24
5:00 pm

PANEL: Behavior Analysis and Sustainability: Designing Community Interventions, Collaboration and Outreach, and Obtaining Funding



Holly Seniuk
Behavior Analyst
Certification Board



Julia Fiebig
Ball State University;
ABA Global
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Tiffany Dubuc
University of Nevada,
Reno



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Sunday, May 24
6:00 pm

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Wojciech Białaszek, SWPS University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Warsaw, Poland - *Effort Discounting: Recent Advances and Remaining Challenges*

Daniel Bennett, Princeton University, Princeton NJ, USA - *Mood, Attention, and Reinforcement Learning in Psychiatric Illness*

Yogita Chudasama, National Institute of Mental Health, Bethesda MD, USA - *Functional Neuroanatomy of Frontal-Temporal Circuits in Executive-Emotional Behavior*

Sarah Cowie, University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand - *Choosing a Future from a Murky Past*

Danielle M. Dick, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond VA, USA - *How Novel Quantitative Analyses Can Advance Our Ability to Identify and Understand Genetic Influences on Behavior*

Rogelio Escobar, National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico - *Creating and Improving Behavioral Research Equipment: The Maker Movement in the Operant Laboratory*

Wayne W. Fisher, Rutgers University, New Brunswick NJ, USA - *Using quantitative models to promote rapid, generalized, and durable decreases in destructive behavior in children with autism*

Jonathan E. Friedel, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Morgantown WV, USA - *Discrete Choice Experiments: Modeling Choice of Aggregated Groups*

Mikhail N. Koffarnus, University of Kentucky, Lexington KY, USA - *Much Ado about Zeros: Recent Thoughts on Demand Analyses*

Ian Krajbich, Ohio State University, Columbus OH, USA - *Decomposing Preferences with the Drift Diffusion Model*

Caitlin A. Orsini, University of Texas at Austin, Austin TX, USA - *Hormonal Regulation of Cost/Benefit Decision Making in Male and Female Rats*

Derek D. Reed, University of Kansas, Lawrence KS, USA - *The Behavioral Economics of Simulated Purchasing: Validity, Utility, and Prospects for Translation*

Matthew R. Roesch, University of Maryland, College Park MD, USA - *Impact of Prior Cocaine Self-Administration on Behavior and Neural Firing during Manipulation of Reward Size and Delay*

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Utah State University

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Vanderbilt University

Jessica Torelli

Washington University in St. Louis

Yu-Hua Yeh

Western Michigan University

Kelsey Webster

Convention Highlights

2020 ABAI Presidential Address: Compassionate Behaviorism

Monday, May 25, 6:00 pm–6:50 pm
Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 3,
Ballroom AB



Erin B. Rasmussen

Erin B. Rasmussen (Idaho State University)

Dr. Erin B. Rasmussen is an associate professor of psychology at Idaho State University. She conducts research on the behavioral pharmacology and behavioral economics of food and exercise reinforcement using animal models of obesity, as well as humans, with special emphasis on drugs that affect the cannabinoid and opioid neurotransmitter systems. She has published her research in such journals as the *Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior*, *Pharmacology, Biochemistry, and Behavior*, *Behavioural Pharmacology*, and *Behavioural Processes*. She is the current president of the Four Corners Association for Behavior Analysis. Dr. Rasmussen received her Ph.D. in 2001 from Auburn University under the direction of Dr. Christopher Newland. She previously served on the faculty of the College of Charleston (2001–2004).

Abstract

Many are concerned about the state of the world. The effects of climate change, political polarization, and backlash to social movements that cultivate equality threaten our future. Even outside and within our own discipline, conflict continues. Many of us joined ABAI because we support the vision that the problems of the world can be solved through the principles of behavior analysis. Can they?

Perhaps. Many of the answers to the world's problems still reside within the discipline; indeed, our own community of behavior scientists and behavior analysts have continued to generate some of the solutions. However, seeking perspective outside of the discipline to understand the complex contingencies of social groups, networks, and organizations is also critical. An integration of these viewpoints is the foundation for a compassionate behaviorism—a philosophy that includes the action and verbal behavior of humility, behavioral flexibility, self-control, perspective taking, and empathy. These terms will be carefully defined and their

functions discussed. Compassionate behavioral action can be and should be practiced at multiple levels: toward our earth, towards outsiders of our verbal communities, to those within our verbal communities, and even towards ourselves.

2020 ABAI Presidential Scholar's Address:

Treating Antisocial Behaviors Among Children and Adolescents: From Behavior to Social Context

Saturday, May 23, 6:00 pm–6:50 pm
Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 3,
Ballroom AB

Alan E. Kazdin (Yale University)

Alan E. Kazdin, Ph.D., ABPP, is Sterling Professor of psychology and child psychiatry (Emeritus) at Yale University. Before coming to Yale, he was on the faculty of The Pennsylvania State University and the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. At Yale, he has been Director of the Yale Parenting Center, Chairman of the Psychology Department, Director and Chairman of the Yale Child Study Center at the School of Medicine, Director of Child Psychiatric Services at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Kazdin's research has focused primarily on the treatment of aggressive and antisocial behavior in children and adolescents. His 750+ publications include 50 books that focus on methodology and research design, interventions for children and adolescents, behavioral and cognitive-behavioral treatment, parenting and child rearing, and interpersonal violence. His work on parenting and childrearing has been featured on NPR, PBS, BBC, and CNN, and he has appeared on the *Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, *ABC News*, *20/20*, and *Dr. Phil*. For parents, he has a free online course (Coursera), *Everyday Parenting: The ABCs of Child Rearing* (ABCs = Antecedents, Behaviors, Consequences). Kazdin has been editor of six professional journals (*Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, *Psychological Assessment*, *Behavior Therapy*, *Clinical Psychology: Science and Practice*, *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, and *Clinical Psychological Science*). He has received a number of professional awards including the

Outstanding Research Contribution by an Individual Award and Lifetime Achievement Award (Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies), Outstanding Lifetime Contributions to Psychology Award and Distinguished Scientific Award for the Applications of Psychology (American Psychological Association), the James McKeen Cattell Award (Association for Psychological Science), and the Gold Medal Award for Life Achievement in the Science of Psychology (American Psychological Foundation). In 2008, he was president of the American Psychological Association.

Abstract

Conduct disorder in contemporary psychiatric diagnosis systems refers to a pattern of antisocial behaviors including acts of aggression, property destruction, stealing, vandalism, and cruelty. This is a lifelong impairing condition that has enormous costs

to individuals, families, and society. This presentation highlights the problem, risk and causal factors and current treatments. One of the treatments we have studied is parent management training, which relies on principles and techniques of behavior analysis. Changing child, adolescent, and parent behavior seemed to be the major challenge as my work began. That turned out not to be anywhere near as daunting as addressing the challenges in society that directly support, foster, and in some cases cause aggression and antisocial behavior. The presentation will convey limitations of current intervention research, using my own work as a case study, and attend to broader foci that fall outside of any single model of behavior or discipline. Novel models of intervention delivery will be illustrated to convey ways to reach people in need but who receive none of our interventions or services.



Alan E. Kazdin



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Student Committee Events

Student Welcome Event

Chair: Kathryn M. Roose (University of Nevada, Reno)

Friday, May 22, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M2, Marquis Ballroom 6

The ABAI Student Committee will be hosting a Special Welcome Event for current and future student members. During this session, Student Committee Members will review useful information and distribute materials to help you make the most of your convention experience. From tips on how to put your best foot forward to an overview of important events, your Student Committee has you covered. ABAI 2020 Student Survival Kits will be available to attendees on a first come, first served basis—so don't be late!

Student Trivia Night

Chair: Allyson R. Salzer (University of Kansas)

Friday, May 22, 8:30 pm–10:00 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M2, Marquis Ballroom 6

Grab your friends and join the Student Committee for a fun night of trivia! Drop in at any time and join one or all rounds of trivia, hosted by leading researchers and academics in the field of behavior analysis. Test your knowledge about the ABAI organization, the field of behavior analysis, and our nation's capital, Washington, D.C. Questions will range from easy to difficult and prizes will be delivered for winners of each team. Come mingle with other students and faculty and kick off the conference with a friendly game of trivia!

Business Leaders in ABA
OBM/TBA; Service Delivery

Chair: Tangchen Li (The Ohio State University; DoFun Academy)

Saturday, May 23, 4:00 pm–4:50 pm
Fairmont, Rouge

- **Megan Miller (#dobetter Pod)**
- **Mary Sawyer (Fit Learning Atlanta)**
- **David Bicard (Great Leaps Learning Center)**

Giving Effective and Engaging Oral Presentations

TBA/EDC; Theory

Chair: Allyson R Salzer (University of Kansas)

Saturday, May 23, 10:00 am–10:50 am
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Independence A-C

- **Patrick C. Friman (Boys Town)**
- **Florence D. Digennaro Reed (University of Kansas)**
- **Amy J. Henley (Western New England University)**

Branching Out: Finding Success in Diverse Areas of Practice

AAB/DEV; Service Delivery

Chair: Ronald J. Clark (Florida Institute of Technology)

Saturday, May 23, 3:00 pm–3:50 pm
Fairmont, International Ballroom

- **Christy A. Alligood (Disney's Animal Kingdom and University of Florida)**
- **Amber Marie Maraccini (Renown Health)**
- **Janet S. Twyman (blast)**

Developing an Assertive Communication Style in Professional Settings

OBM/EDC; Service Delivery

Chair: Laura Barcelos Nomicos (University of Nevada, Reno)

Saturday, May 23, 3:00 pm–3:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M2, Marquis Ballroom 5

- **Carol Pilgrim (University of North Carolina Wilmington)**
- **Martha Costa Hübner (University of São Paulo)**
- **Cynthia M. Anderson (May Institute)**

How to Win Friends From Other Disciplines: Successful Outcomes Through Collaboration

TBA/CBM; Service Delivery

Chair: Kathryn Atkins (University of Maryland, Baltimore County; Kennedy Krieger Institute)

Saturday, May 23, 3:00 pm–3:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Independence A-C

- **Claire C. St. Peter (West Virginia University)**
- **Evelyn Rachael Gould (McLean Hospital, Harvard Medical School; FirstSteps for Kids, Inc.)**
- **Peter Girolami (Kennedy Krieger Institute)**

Writing as a Young Professional: Strategies for Time Management, Avoiding Common Pitfalls, and 7th Edition Updates

TBA; Theory

Chair: Ashley Andersen (University of Nebraska Medical Center, Munroe-Meyer Institute)

Saturday, May 23, 4:00 pm–4:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Archives

- **Daniel R. Mitteer (University of Nebraska Medical Center's Munroe-Meyer Institute)**
- **Adam M. Briggs (Eastern Michigan University)**
- **Ashley Marie Fuhrman (Children's Specialized Hospital—Rutgers University Center for Autism Research, Education, and Services)**

The Joys (and Perils) of Writing: How to Prepare a Manuscript for Publication

TBA/EDC; Theory

Chair: Jovonnie L. Esquiedo-Leal (University of Nevada, Reno)

Sunday, May 24, 10:00 am–10:50 am
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Archives

- **Ruth Rehfeldt (Southern Illinois University)**
- **Mitch Fryling (California State University, Los Angeles)**
- **Richard F. Rakos (Cleveland State University)**

Professional Perspectives: Essential Questions in Graduate School for Professional Preparation in ABA

TBA/DEV; Service Delivery

Chair: Bradley Ray Tiefenthaler
(Montana State University Billings,
Family Outreach, Inc.)

Sunday, May 24, 12:00 pm–12:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Independence D

- **Ellie Kazemi** (California State University, Northridge)
- **Cheryl A. Young-Pelton** (Montana State University in Billings)
- **Jackie Mohler** (Family Outreach)

How to Approach Social and Systemic Change

CSS/OBM; Service Delivery

Chair: Edward Brandon Amezcua
(University of North Texas)

Monday, May 25, 8:00 am–8:50 am
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Independence D

- **Traci M. Cihon** (University of North Texas)
- **Ramona Houmanfar** (University of Nevada, Reno)
- **Jomella Watson-Thompson** (University of Kansas)

More Strategies for Empowering Women: Managing Professional and Personal Life

CSS; Service Delivery

Chair: Fernanda Suemi Oda (The University of Kansas)

Monday, May 25, 10:00 am–10:50 am
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Liberty N-P

- **Sarah A. Lechago** (University of Houston-Clear Lake)
- **Laura L. Grow** (Garden Academy)
- **Florence D. Digennaro Reed** (University of Kansas)

I Graduated and Now I'm a Supervisor: How do I Manage My Time Effectively and Become an Awesome Supervisor?

TBA/OBM; Service Delivery

Chair: Avner Fraidlin (Western Michigan University)

Monday, May 25, 11:00 am–11:50 am
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Archives

- **Jennifer N. Fritz** (University of Houston-Clear Lake)
- **Shawn P. Quigley** (Melmark)
- **Kathy Fox** (Haugland Learning Center)

Networking and Making Connections: Advice From Experts on How to do it Right!

CSS; Service Delivery

Chair: Adrienne Jade Bohlen (Western Michigan University)

Monday, May 25, 12:00 pm–12:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Independence D

- **Denise Ross** (University of Wisconsin Milwaukee)
- **Jonathan C. Baker** (Western Michigan University)
- **P. Raymond Joslyn** (Utah State University)

Peer Review is Still Better Than Facebook: An Introduction to Peer Review and Some Cautions, Concerns, and Recommendations for the Consumer of Behavior Science and Behavior Analysis Information

TBA/EDC; Theory

Chair: Donald A. Hantula (Temple University)

Monday, May 25, 4:00 pm–4:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Independence A-C

- **Mark R. Dixon** (Southern Illinois University)
- **Mitch Fryling** (California State University, Los Angeles)
- **Jonathan J. Tarbox** (University of Southern California; FirstSteps for Kids)

The Supervision Experience: Utilizing ACT and RFT Approaches to Create Effective Dialogue Within the Supervisor- Supervisee Relationship

TBA/EDC; Theory

Chair: Jessica M. Hinman (Southern Illinois University, Carbondale)

Monday, May 25, 4:00 pm–4:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Archives

- **Dana Paliliunas** (Missouri State University)
- **Becky Barron** (Southern Illinois University)
- **Mary Rachel Enoch** (Antioch University New England)

Remembrances Celebrating Murray Sidman's Life

Chair: Paula Ribeiro Braga-Kenyon
(Kadiant)

Sunday, May 24, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M2, Marquis Ballroom 4

Murray Sidman lived a long life in which he gave so much to the field of behavior analysis, influenced so many students, and mentored so many behavior analysts around the world. Dr. Sidman had vital roles in the founding of *JEAB* and in planting the seeds of what have become incredible behavior analysis programs across the globe. A shining example of the result of his international efforts is the strong behavior analysis programs now in many Brazilian universities, where researchers keep vigorous lines of research initiated by him alive to this day. Dr. Sidman has influenced so many of us, personally, academically and professionally. This panel will highlight some of his many major contributions to the science of behavior analysis including single-subject methodology and experimental designs, coercion and its effects, avoidance behavior, stimulus control, errorless learning, programmed learning, and stimulus equivalence. In this memorial panel, we will also

share some personal stories of how Dr. Sidman (or Murray to many of us) continued to teach us until his very last days. Murray was a kind and loving person, and he will be sorely missed. His lessons will continue to guide us in advancing behavior analysis and in creating a less coercive world.

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Barbara C. Etzel (1926-2019)

Chair: Kenda Morrison (University of North Texas)

Sunday, May 24, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Liberty L
All are welcome to join us for a program of memories about Dr. Barbara Etzel's pioneering work and meaningful life as a gracious teacher, mentor, colleague, and friend. Audience members will have an opportunity to share their favorite reminiscences. Cash bar available.

Social Events

International Reception

Chair: Per Holth (Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences)

Friday, May 22, 9:00 pm–10:30 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M2, Marquis Ballroom 1-5

All registrants are welcome to join us in celebrating the diversity of our membership and the world-wide dissemination of the science and practice of behavior analysis. A short presentation about international development in the field and ABAI global efforts will be followed by ample time to socialize with friends and colleagues from around the world.

Friends of SABA Reunion

Chair: Michael J. Dougher (University of New Mexico)

Sunday, May 24, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Independence A-C

ABAI members who donated to the Society for the Advancement of Behavior Analysis (SABA) in 2018 and 2019 are invited to a reception in honor

of their contributions and commitment to the field. We are grateful for the generosity of those who support the activities of ABAI and SABA.

ABAI Social

Monday, May 25, 8:00 pm–11:55 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M2, Marquis Ballroom 1-10

Join your friends and colleagues for one last night of music, dancing, and celebration!

Accreditation and Verified Course Sequence Events

New U.S. and Non-U.S. Programs Interested in ABAI Accreditation and VCS

Chair: Jenna Lynn Mrljak (Association for Behavior Analysis International)

Saturday, May 23, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Archives

This is an open meeting to disseminate information to new U.S. and non-U.S. programs interested in pursuing accreditation or obtaining a verified course sequence (VCS) through ABAI.

Accreditation and Verified Course Sequences: Recognition of University Training in Behavior Analysis

Chair: Jenna Lynn Mrljak (Association for Behavior Analysis International)

Sunday, May 24, 11:00 am–11:50 am
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Independence E

- **Michael F. Dorsey (Amego Inc.)**
- **Michael Perone (West Virginia University)**
- **Jenna Mrljak (Association for Behavior Analysis International)**

The discipline of behavior analysis is experiencing rapid growth, which is especially noticeable in recent the increase of university programs offering training in behavior analysis. There are currently two mechanisms for university training programs to be recognized: accreditation of degree-granting programs and verification

of course sequences. This panel will present these systems, including their procedures for obtaining and maintaining recognition along with their respective goals. This session is designed for current VCS coordinators, program directors of ABAI-accredited programs, and those interested in applying for either system of recognition.

Other Highlighted Events

Behavior Analysis in the Domain of Psychology

Chair: Peter R. Killeen (Arizona State University)

Sunday, May 24, 8:00 am–9:50 am
Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 3, Ballroom AB

- **Anthony Biglan (Oregon Research Institute)**
- **Michael J. Dougher (University of New Mexico)**
- **Alan E. Kazdin (Yale University)**
- **Mark A. Mattaini (Jane Addams College of Social Work-University of Illinois at Chicago)**
- **Derek Reed (University of Kansas)**
- **Susan M. Schneider (Root Solutions)**

Whereas behavior analysts take due pride in the unique characteristics that distinguish us from mainstream psychology, those characteristics also distance us from psychology, cheating us of attention, recognition, support, and employment opportunities. Is it possible to remain true to our behavioral tenets, while improving our communication and presence in the larger intellectual community? If so, how do we go about it? We are fortunate to have Dr. Alan E. Kazdin, an early pioneer of behavior modification and expert in single case (N of 1) research designs in clinical and applied settings. He has succeeded in what we aspire to do--formulating and validating empirically grounded behavioral interventions, in particular for

children and teenagers. He has been embraced by psychologists in general, having served as the president of APA and winning the APA gold medal for lifetime achievement. He also has a significant public audience (e.g. <https://slate.com/author/alan-kazdin>; <https://time.com/author/alan-kazdin>; and <https://amzn.to/2NiAp4c>). In this panel he will discuss with leaders in our field his thoughts about ways in which we can advance our agenda, and regain a seat at the table of empirically-based behavioral psychology writ large.

CPT Billing Codes: An Update From the ABA Billing Codes Commission Julie Kornack (Center for Autism and Related Disorders)

Sunday, May 24, 10:00 am–10:50 am
Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1, Salon C

In the 18 months since the 2019 CPT I billing codes for adaptive behavior took effect, members of the ABA Billing Codes Commission have worked to disseminate information, resolve problems, address concerns, and identify next steps. This presentation builds on the information presented in the workshop ABA Billing Codes Commission Presents: Is That Billable? Understanding How to Bill Ethically and Effectively. This presentation will provide an update on the work of the ABA Billing Codes Commission and will address recurrent questions, including the effort to increase uniformity in how the codes are interpreted; the proper use of Medically Unlikely Edits; the process to value codes; and the next steps in the Commission's effort to bridge the gap between billable services and ABA that reflects best practices.

ABAI Program Board Meeting Chair: Federico Sanabria (Arizona State University)

Sunday, May 24, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1, Salon G

A meeting of board members to discuss the annual convention program. Open to all attendees.

The ABAI Licensing Committee: Why? When? What? Who? Where?

Chair: Gordon Bourland (Trinity Behavioral Associates)

Sunday, May 24, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1, Salon A

- Michael F. Dorsey (Amego Inc.)
- Grant Gautreaux (Nicholls State University)
- Gordon Bourland (Trinity Behavioral Associates)

The ABAI Licensing Committee was established in the last 3 years to serve as a resource for behavior analysis organizations interested in licensure of behavior analysts. The Committee is a component of the Affiliate Chapters Board. The members are highly experienced behavior analysts who have experience in effectively addressing public policy issues in state government, especially pertaining to behavior analyst licensure. The reasons for the establishment of the committee, its history, operation, previous, current and anticipated activities, and the resources that it offers behavior analytic organizations will be described. The presentation will address, also, the fit of Committee activities with a behavior analytic perspective on social institutions (e.g., how its activities are relevant to metacontingencies effecting social institutions, exemplify Skinner's perspective regarding behaviorists engaging with issues relevant to a culture, incorporation of behavior analytic principles in addressing public policy issues, and promote ethical behavior in the culture). Audience participation will be encouraged.

ABAI Annual Business Meeting

Chair: Peter R. Killeen (Association for Behavior Analysis International)

Monday, May 25, 7:00 am–7:50 am
Marriott Marquis, Level M2, Marquis Ballroom 5

The purpose of the annual meeting of members is for ABAI leadership to provide an update on the ongoing activities of and major developments in the association.

Noteworthy Activities

Noteworthy Activities provide attendees the opportunity to take a break, get some exercise, meet convention presenters, and more. We encourage you to check out these unique events.

Special Interest Group Leadership Training

Chair: Michael J. Dougher (University of New Mexico)

Friday, May 22, 3:00 pm–6:00 pm

ABAI is pleased to offer a Leadership Training Session for officers of ABAI Special Interest Groups (SIGs) for the purpose of providing strategies for guiding the growth of SIGs and providing services to members and constituents. This training is for SIG leaders only. Although the SIG training is free for up to three officers per SIG, registration is required. This event is closed; attendance is by invitation only.

Affiliated Chapters Leadership Training

Chair: Michael F. Dorsey (Amego Inc.)

Friday, May 22, 2:00 pm–5:00 pm

ABAI is pleased to offer a Leadership Training Session for officers of ABAI affiliated chapters for the purpose of providing strategies for guiding the growth of chapters and providing services to members and constituents. Although this training is free for up to three officers per chapter, advanced registration is required and attendance is by invitation only.

Professional Photographs

Saturday, May 23, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm;

Sunday, May 24, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm

Bring your badge and have your professional photograph taken for use in social media, professional online bios, and more!

Career Fair

Sunday, May 24, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm

Visit participating companies seeking prime candidates in the field of behavior analysis. Additional details for job seekers, employers, and recruiters, and be found on Career Central (www.abainternational.org/career-central/career-fair.aspx).

Passport Prize Drawing

Monday, May 25, 2:45 pm–3:00 pm

Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 2, Hall D

Pick up your passport at the Registration Desk; visit the exhibitors indicated in the passport and have each square initialed; drop your completed passport in the box at the bookstore; and join us on Monday for the prize drawing!

Presenter Meet and Greets

Saturday, May 23, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm;

Sunday, May 24, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm;

Monday, May 25, 2:45 pm–3:00 pm

Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 2, Hall D

Meet presenters to discuss their research, ask questions, or just say “hi.” Check our website to see who will be participating.

Author Signings

Saturday, May 23, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm;

Sunday, May 24, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm;

Monday, May 25, 2:45 pm–3:00 pm

Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 2, Hall D

Purchase one of the many titles available at the bookstore and stop by to have it signed by the author! Check the web page to see who will be participating.

Health, Sport and Fitness SIG Events

Friday, May 22, 7:00 am–7:50 am;

Saturday, May 23, 7:00 am–7:50 am;

Sunday, May 24, 7:00 am–7:50 am;

Monday, May 25, 7:00 am–7:50 am

Walter E. Washington Convention Center

Energize yourself with morning exercise such as a fun run or yoga. Check the website for details.

Diversity Track (non-invited)**On the Frontiers of Social Justice in Applied Behavior Analysis: Emerging Discourses**

Chair: Malika Pritchett (University of North Texas)

Saturday, May 23, 12:00 pm–12:50 pm

Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Liberty N-P

Beyond Politically Correct: Practical Steps Toward a More Equitable and Culturally Diverse Behavior Analysis

Chair: Elizabeth Hughes Fong (Saint Joseph's University)

Saturday, May 23, 3:00 pm–4:50 pm

Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Liberty M

Challenges and Solutions in Delivering ABA Services to Underserved Communities Across Various Cultural and Socioeconomic Backgrounds

Chair: Oswaldo Ochoa (Bloom Behavioral Health)

Saturday, May 23, 5:00 pm–5:50 pm

Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 2, Room 207B

Discrimination in Behavior Analysis and Beyond: False Dichotomies, Disparagement Humor, Implicit Bias, and #MeToo Cusp

Chair: Diana J. Walker (Visions, LLC; The Chicago School of Professional Psychology)

Sunday, May 24, 8:00 am–9:50 am

Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Liberty N-P

Barriers to Career Growth for Women in Behavior Analysis

Chair: Anika Costa (Brett Dinovi and Associates)

Sunday, May 24, 10:00 am–10:50 am

Marriott Marquis, Level M1, University of D.C./Catholic University

Treatment of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Children With Autism Spectrum Disorder

Chair: Catherine De Los Luga (Claremont Graduate University)

Sunday, May 24, 3:00 pm–4:50 pm

Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 2, Room 202A

May We Offer Another Perspective? Ethics and Cultural Considerations

Chair: Amanda N. Kelly (BEHAVIORBABE; Distinguished Organization of Behavior Enterprises; Hawai'i Association of Behavior Analysis)

Sunday, May 24, 6:00 pm–6:50 pm

Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Liberty M

Behavior Analysis in Service of Gender and Sexual Minorities: State of the Field

Chair: Patrick Wade Richardson (University of Louisiana at Lafayette)

Monday, May 25, 8:00 am–8:50 am

Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Liberty M

Cultural Considerations in Service Delivery

Chair: Shariffah Azzaam (Florida Institute of Technology)

Monday, May 25, 8:00 am–8:50 am

Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Liberty N-P

Evaluating the Effects of Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity Within the BCBA/RBT Supervision Model

Chair: Shawn Capell (Covenant 15:16 LLC)

Monday, May 25, 9:00 am–9:50 am

Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Liberty M

More Strategies for Empowering Women: Managing Professional and Personal Life

Chair: Fernanda Suemi Oda (The University of Kansas)

Monday, May 25, 10:00 am–10:50 am
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Liberty N-P
Examining Racial and Implicit Bias Within the Field of Applied Behavior Analysis

Chair: Vanessa Bethea-Miller (Bethea-Miller Behavioral Consulting)

Monday, May 25, 11:00 am–11:50 am
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Liberty N-P

ABA in Community and Public Health Settings

Chair: Gerald McKeegan (Friends Hospital)

Monday, May 25, 3:00 pm–4:50 pm
Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1, Salon B

Isms: Why We Hate and What To Do About It

Chair: Beverly Kirby (Team ABA LLC)

Monday, May 25, 5:00 pm–5:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Liberty M

Culture and Diversity SIG Meeting

Chair: Beverly Kirby (Team ABA LLC)

Monday, May 25, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Liberty I-L

Reunions and Receptions

ABAI reunions and receptions provide opportunities to for alumni, colleagues, and friends to reconnect, network, and socialize during the convention. All reunions will be on Sunday, May 24, between 7:00 pm–10:00 pm. Additional information is listed in the program book and on the ABAI website (www.abainternational.org/events/annual-2020).

Business Meetings

Additional information on business meetings is listed in the program book and on the ABAI website.

A Meeting of the Canadian ABAI Chapters: Updates From Across the Country

Friday, May 22, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Liberty I

JEAB Business Meeting

Friday, May 22, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M1, University of D.C.

Behavioral Development Special Interest Group Business Meeting

Friday, May 22, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M2, Marquis Ballroom 8

Louisiana Behavior Analysis Association

Friday, May 22, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M1, Georgetown

Acceptance and Commitment Training and Psychological Flexibility Special Interest Group

Friday, May 22, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Liberty L

Business Meeting of the New York State Association for Behavior Analysis

Friday, May 22, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Independence D

Addiction Special Interest Group

Friday, May 22, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Liberty M

Behavior Analysis and the Arts

Friday, May 22, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M2, Salon 12

Sexual Behavior: Research and Practice Special Interest Group

Friday, May 22, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M2, Marquis Ballroom 7

Illinois Association for Behavior Analysis

Friday, May 22, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M1, Catholic University

Behavioral Gerontology Special Interest Group

Friday, May 22, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M2, Marquis Ballroom 9

Nevada Association for Behavior Analysis

Friday, May 22, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M2, Salon 13

The Foundation for the Advancement of a Strategic Science of Teaching

Friday, May 22, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Independence B

Teaching Behavior Analysis Special Interest Group Business Meeting

Friday, May 22, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Independence A

Behavior Analysis in Health, Sport, and Fitness SIG Business Meeting

Saturday, May 23, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M1, University of D.C./Catholic University

Behavior Analysis for Sustainable Societies Business Meeting

Saturday, May 23, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M1, Georgetown

Autism Special Interest Group

Saturday, May 23, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Independence E

***Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis* Business Meeting**

Saturday, May 23, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M2, Marquis Ballroom 3/4

Student Committee Business Meeting

Saturday, May 23, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Capitol/Congress

UncomfortableX: Second Annual ABAI Meet-Up

Saturday, May 23, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Independence A-C

Crime, Delinquency, and Forensic Behavior Analysis Special Interest Group Business Meeting

Saturday, May 23, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M2, Marquis Ballroom 6

China Association of Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons/Professional Committee of Behavior Analysis

Saturday, May 23, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M2, Marquis Ballroom 7

Speech Pathology and Applied Behavior Analysis Special Interest Group Business Meeting

Saturday, May 23, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Independence D

Experimental Analysis of Human Behavior Special Interest Group

Saturday, May 23, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M2, Marquis Ballroom 5

Neuroscience SIG

Saturday, May 23, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M2, Marquis Ballroom 8

New U.S. and Non-U.S. Programs Interested in ABAI Accreditation and VCS

Saturday, May 23, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Archives

OBM Network Annual Meeting/*Journal of Organizational Behavior Management* Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 23, 7:00 pm–8:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M2, Marquis Ballroom 1/2

Rehabilitation and Independent Living Special Interest Group Business Meeting

Sunday, May 24, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1, Salon C

Behaviorists for Social Responsibility Business Meeting

Sunday, May 24, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 2, Room 207B

How the Association for Science in Autism Treatment Supports the Important Work of Behavior Analysts

Sunday, May 24, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1, Room 102

Update: A Strategic Plan for Reintegrating Behavior Analysis Principles

Sunday, May 24, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 2, Room 207A

Verbal Behavior Special Interest Group

Sunday, May 24, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 2, Room 206

Clinical Special Interest Group

Sunday, May 24, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1, Room 103

SIG Español

Sunday, May 24, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1, Salon I
Chair: Mapy Chavez Cueto (Alcanzando)

Perspectives on Behavior Science Editorial Board and Author Meeting

Sunday, May 24, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 2, Room 202B

Open Educational Resources Special Interest Group

Sunday, May 24, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1, Salon H

Positive Behavior Support Special Interest Group

Monday, May 25, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Independence F-H

Education and Treatment of Children Editorial Board Meeting

Monday, May 25, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Independence A-C

Behavior Analysis in Military and Veteran Affairs

Monday, May 25, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M1, University of D.C./Catholic University

History of Behavior Analysis SIG

Monday, May 25, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Independence E

Behavioral Medicine Special Interest Group Business Meeting

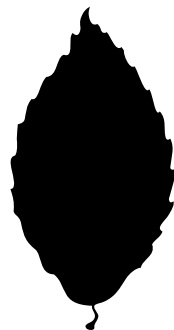
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Marriott Marquis, Level M1, Georgetown

Ethics SIG: Special Interest
Group for Behavior Analysts
Interested in Ethics

Monday, May 25, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Independence D

Diversity Submission Culture
and Diversity SIG Meeting

Monday, May 25, 7:00 pm–7:50 pm
Marriott Marquis, Level M4, Liberty I-L



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SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS

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The Walter E. Washington Convention Center , host to the 46th Annual Convention May 21-25, was designed to be environmentally friendly, with an extensive recycling program and a commitment to reducing its carbon footprint. Washington, DC was the world's first LEED Platinum city, and offers many ways to get around sustainably and otherwise support green efforts.

ABAI's Continuing Education Program

General Information

One of ABAI's primary objectives is to provide educational opportunities for members and other professionals to review recent research, discuss current theoretical issues, and learn new methods in the application of behavior analysis to societal problems. While ABAI does not require participation in the continuing education (CE) program for membership, involvement is encouraged.

The CE program is designed to meet needs for self-improvement and to provide continuing academic training for psychologists and behavior analysts as required by many licensing associations and specialty boards. ABAI maintains records of all CE credits.

ABAI is a Learning Type ACE provider for the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB), is approved by the American Psychological Association (APA) to sponsor CE for psychologists, is approved by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) to offer CPD for school psychologists, and is approved by the Qualified Applied Behavior Analysis Credentialing Board (QABA) to offer CE for those with Applied Behavior Analysis Technician or Qualified Autism Services Practitioner credentials. ABAI maintains responsibility for this programs and its content.

Continuing Education Sessions

CE type(s) available are indicated in the session details on the following pages, in the online program, and in the conference app. Not all sessions are approved for all CE types.

Continuing Education Obtainment

To receive CE credit, please take the following steps:

- Download the ABAI app for iOS or Android (search your app store for "ABAI" or "ABAI Events").
- Complete the user profile and select CE type(s).
- Scan QR codes as you enter and exit each session.
- Connect to the Internet to automatically sync with ABAI's database.
- Pay for the CE package at the registration desk or online: \$85 for ABAI members; \$105 for nonmembers.

Continuing Education Certificates

CE certificates will be available in your ABAI portal after the convention. You must remit payment for the CE package and have scanned in and out of every session you wish credit for in order to view your certificate(s).

Workshops

Workshops are subject to cancellation due to low enrollment, so advance registration is advised. The fee for continuing education is included in the price of the workshop.

Review workshop offerings on the following pages. To view detailed descriptions of all workshops, visit our online program at www.abainternational.org/events/annual-2020 and click "Workshops."

Cancellations and Refunds

Cancellations received on or after April 16, 2020, will not be eligible for a refund, but registration may be transferred to another member.

Ethics

ABAI expects its members to uphold the highest standards of personal and professional behavior in the conduct of their work and the advancement of behavior analysis. ABAI embraces the diversity of professions within its membership; thus, each ABAI member should adhere to the ethical standards that have been defined for his or her profession.

Pre-Convention Workshops

Please see the ABAI website (<http://www.abainternational.org/events/program-details/summary.aspx>) for detailed workshop information including rooms, descriptions, learning objectives, activities, and target audience. In order to better accommodate the attendance demands for each workshop, rooms will not be assigned until May 10. Select pre-convention workshops are available for continuing education credit for behavior analysts certified by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (CE: BACB), psychologists licensed by the American Psychological Association (CE: PSY), CPD school psychologists by the National Association of School Psychologists (CE: NASP), and applied behavior analysis technicians or qualified autism services practitioners certified by the Qualified Applied Behavior Analysis Credentialing Board (CE: QABA).



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Introducing the ABA Billing Codes Commission

We are excited to introduce the ABA Billing Codes Commission—created to facilitate evidence-based applied behavior analysis by advancing the multi-disciplinary understanding, dissemination, and standardization of the adaptive behavior CPT® billing codes.

A Decade of Progress

When health insurance began to cover applied behavior analysis (ABA) as a medically necessary treatment, ABA-specific billing codes did not exist, resulting in inconsistent coding and reimbursement. In 2010, the ABAI Practice Board established the Insurance Code Committee, chaired by Travis Thompson, to assist practitioners with coverage concerns. This committee began working with the American Medical Association (AMA) to submit the first of several applications to develop billing codes for assessment and treatment components of evidence-based ABA. The co-chairs of this committee participated as ad-hoc members of a CPT Editorial Panel ABA work group and presented research to support the unique characteristics and medical necessity of ABA services.

To develop a revised comprehensive proposal for the addition of adaptive behavior services codes, a multidisciplinary work group was formed. The work group drafted assessment codes for intake and monitoring progress for early intensive behavioral intervention and functional behavioral assessment of severe destructive behavior. The goal was to propose two sets of CPT codes (assessment and treatment) to form the basis for reimbursable ABA services. In August 2013, the multidisciplinary work group submitted a code change application to the CPT Editorial Panel.

From there, co-chairs of the Insurance Code Committee hosted workshops with affiliated chapters in the US on the new codes, as well as an attendee information session during the 2014 Annual Convention. ABAI also hired an expert in medical coding and reimbursement issues to help educate members. To evaluate the temporary Category III codes, the AMA would perform two reviews to determine their value based on how providers used them. The codes would be discontinued if they were not used or were improperly implemented.

An ABA services work group was then formed, comprising representatives of ABAI, the BACB, APBA, and Autism Speaks. This group worked from 2015–2019 to develop a proposal to modify the Category III codes. Work group members assembled research evidence of the efficacy of ABA interventions, focusing on the following:

- early intensive behavioral intervention for children with autism,
- treatment for severe problem behavior in children and adults with disabilities,
- treatment of tics and Tourette disorder with habit reversal, and
- increasing social skills.

Additionally, they met with behavior analysts and other stakeholders to discuss their experiences using the Category III codes, and sent a survey to more than 8,000 practitioners for further input on proposed changes to the temporary code set. This feedback was helpful in drafting a proposal for new and revised codes.

In February 2017, the ABA services work group presented the code change application to the CPT Editorial Panel. This application contained the following items:

- a revised code set,
- rationale for proposed revisions,
- vignettes of patients and descriptions of services,
- evidence review,
- policy statements, and
- descriptions of providers for these services.

Starting on January 1, 2019, eight modified codes were approved as Category I (97151–97158) and two modified codes remained Category III (0362T, 0373T). To help achieve consistency in use and implementation of the new codes, the work group prepared a coding conversion crosswalk for practitioners to navigate changes from prior billing codes.

These changes were significant in encouraging more consistent adherence to the descriptors as approved by the CPT Editorial Panel and reducing denials of ABA services on the premise that they lack evidence of efficacy and medical necessity.

Current Initiatives

A great deal of work remains to ensure that billing codes are interpreted by funding sources and employed by behavior analysts in ways that facilitate evidence-based ABA. Current initiatives of the commission include increasing awareness of proper use of MUEs, focusing on concurrent billing of codes 97153 and 97155 and the authorization of assessment codes 97151 and 97152, providing a rationale for the authorization of 373T, and maintaining updates on the current status of MUES.

Members

Association for Behavior Analysis International



Represented by Julie Kornack and Maria Malott

The mission of ABAI is to contribute to the well-being of society by developing,

enhancing, and supporting the growth and vitality of the science of behavior analysis through research, education, and practice. ABAI has been involved in the initial proposal and more recent revisions of ABA billing codes for almost a decade and is dedicated to these continuing efforts with the support of fellow members of the commission.

American Psychological Association Services, Inc.



Represented by Stephen Gillaspay

APA Services, Inc. is a companion professional organization to the American Psychological Association (APA) serving all members and advocating for psychology.

APA is the leading scientific and professional organization representing psychology in the United States, with more than 118,000 researchers, educators, clinicians, consultants, and students as its members. The mission of the organizations is to promote the advancement, communication, and application of psychological science and knowledge to benefit society and improve lives.

Behavioral Health Center of Excellence



Represented by Sara Gershfeld Litvak

Behavioral Health Center of Excellence (BHCOE) is an ANSI Accredited Standards Developer created to meet accreditation needs specific to organizations providing

behavior analysis services. BHCOE's accreditation requirements undergo regular review according to international standards for organizations that grant accreditation. BHCOE Accreditation® is a certification given to an applied behavior analysis provider once it has demonstrated it has met and continues to meet an assortment of clinical and administrative standards as determined by an independent third-party evaluator.

Behavioral Intervention Certification Council



Represented by Teresa Cook-Guercio

The mission of BICC is to enhance public protection by developing and administering a certification program consistent with the needs of behavior analysts to recognize individuals who are qualified to treat the deficits and behaviors associated with autism spectrum disorder using the principles and procedures of applied behavior analysis.

National Coalition for Access to Autism Services



Represented by Bryce Miler

The National Coalition for Access to Autism Services (NCAAS) is a nonprofit organization that seeks to preserve and expand access to the services and supports

necessary to ensure that people with autism have every opportunity to fulfill their potential. NCAAS is the voice of the nation's premier autism treatment providers, working with Congress, federal and state agencies, payors, and regulators to ensure access to services across all demographics and all geographies. NCAAS members provide services to tens of thousands of families affected by autism spectrum disorder in nearly every state, contracting with commercial insurers, TRICARE, Medicaid, CHIP programs, and school districts.

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2019 Webinars (available online—FREE to ABAI members)

Treatment of Severe Destructive Behavior in Children With Autism Using Functional Communication Training Wayne Fisher, Munroe-Meyer Institute, University of Nebraska Medical Center

The most important advancement in the treatment of destructive behavior is the development of functional analysis (FA), which behavior analysts use to prescribe effective treatments. One such treatment is functional communication training (FCT), which behavior analysts typically prescribe when an FA implicates social reinforcers (e.g., attention) for destructive behavior. With FCT, the interventionist delivers the consequence that has historically reinforced destructive behavior, contingent on an appropriate communication response, and places problem behavior on extinction. Although this straightforward approach can be highly effective, many pitfalls and practical challenges arise when caregivers in natural community settings implement this treatment. In this presentation, Wayne Fischer presents data and describes a line of research rooted in behavioral momentum theory aimed at increasing the effectiveness, efficiency, and practicality of FCT for individuals with ASD who display destructive behavior in typical community settings.

Functional Assessment of Persistent Staff Performance Issues Using the Performance Diagnostic Checklist—Human Services Tyra Sellers, Behavior Analyst Certification Board

Supervisors and leaders are responsible for evaluating the performance of those they supervise. Even after providing high-quality training, individuals in supervisory positions are likely to encounter some staff who exhibit persistent performance issues. Therefore, it is necessary to employ systematic diagnostic procedures to evaluate these issues. This talk reviews the Performance Diagnostic Checklist—Human Services, an evidence-based functional assessment tool used to identify functional barriers to desired performance and function-matched performance management interventions.

The Generalization of Mands

Caio Miguel, California State University, Sacramento

The mand is a type of verbal operant whose response form is under control of a motivating operation (MO). It is the first verbal operant to be acquired, directly benefits the speaker, leads to the development of other behaviors, and may serve to replace problem behavior. Even though the topography of the mand is under the functional control of an MO, its occurrence is influenced by a multitude of variables functioning as discriminative stimuli (SDs). Thus, the generalization of mands can occur across both MOs and SDs. Additionally, the same MO may evoke new mand topographies—a form of response generalization. During this talk, Caio Miguel describes these two types of mand generalizations as a way to influence future research and clinical practice.

Utilizing OBM Strategies in Clinical Practice

Janet Lund, Kadiant

The 5th Edition BCBA task list (effective January 2022), includes a new section entitled, “Personal Supervision and Management.” This section outlines the expectation that BCBAs will utilize basic OBM procedures in their organizations and supervisory relationships. The webinar provides an overview of evidence-based organizational behavior management (OBM) techniques. Topics include a description of the most common OBM procedures utilized in the literature and practical ways to implement these strategies in clinical practice.



A Few Lessons From Murray Sidman

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WE ARE HONORED TO SHARE this tribute to Dr. Murray Sidman, author of *Tactics of Scientific Research and Coercion and Its Fallout*, and a renowned and respected scientist who was known particularly for his work on avoidance, errorless learning, and stimulus equivalence. It is not our intent here to discuss Dr. Sidman's scientific contributions, however, but to touch on how he personally influenced each of us and many others who had the privilege to know him. Hence, we will refer to Dr. Sidman from here on as Murray.

We were first influenced by Murray upon reading his chapter “Functional Analysis of Emergent Verbal Classes” (1986) in the early 1990s, which inspired us, in our teens at the time, to engage in a discussion of the theoretical implications of an expanded unit of analysis (to four or more terms) in describing and predicting behavior. Although the major goal of that chapter was to provide grounds to account for behavior not directly taught, as it was called by the research in stimulus equivalence, our discussion focused on how to account for behavioral variability as units of analysis increase to a potentially infinite number. How would we treat variability? What would happen to probability in behavior analysis?

A few months later, we presented our undergraduate theses at the First International Convention on Behaviorism and Sciences of Behavior, organized by Dr. Peter Harzen in 1992 in Guadalajara, Mexico. Sitting in the front row were Murray and Rita Sidman, Fred Keller and Frances Scholl Keller, William Shoenfeld, Maria Amelia Matos, our professors Tereza Serio and Maria Amalia Andery, Peter Harzen, and Ullin Place, as well as many other prominent researchers in behavior analysis, all there to discuss the effects of expanding units of analysis from three-term to five-plus-term contingencies.

The 1986 chapter seemed to suggest that the more contingencies, the less prediction and control—begging the question why that would be desirable. Murray’s model of describing complex behaviors was, of course, right on, and he encouraged us to accept his constructive feedback and take it as a learning opportunity. He also let us know he admired our scientific and analytical curiosity and courage.

After that conference in Mexico Murray invited us to study with him as graduate students in applied behavior analysis at Northeastern University (NU) in Boston. We moved to the United States in 1996 and encountered many Americans who wondered how we would manage working and obtaining a master’s degree, as well as completing mundane tasks such as grocery shopping. At the time we barely spoke English, knew nothing about American culture, and knew even less about how to work with adults diagnosed with severe autism—the primary area of our studies at NU. Murray defended us many times, explaining why he had invested so much in us and demonstrating his belief that we would be successful. With that, we learned a second lesson: in many cases students are as successful as their mentors are determined they will be.

After we finished graduate school, Murray continued to mentor us and offered support even when we followed paths he may not have chosen for us. In this way he continued to help us understand that consequences are the essence of responsibility.

These are only a few of the thousands of lessons we and many others have taken from Murray. We have been touched and changed by them, and we feel grateful to be able to impart them so others may also benefit.

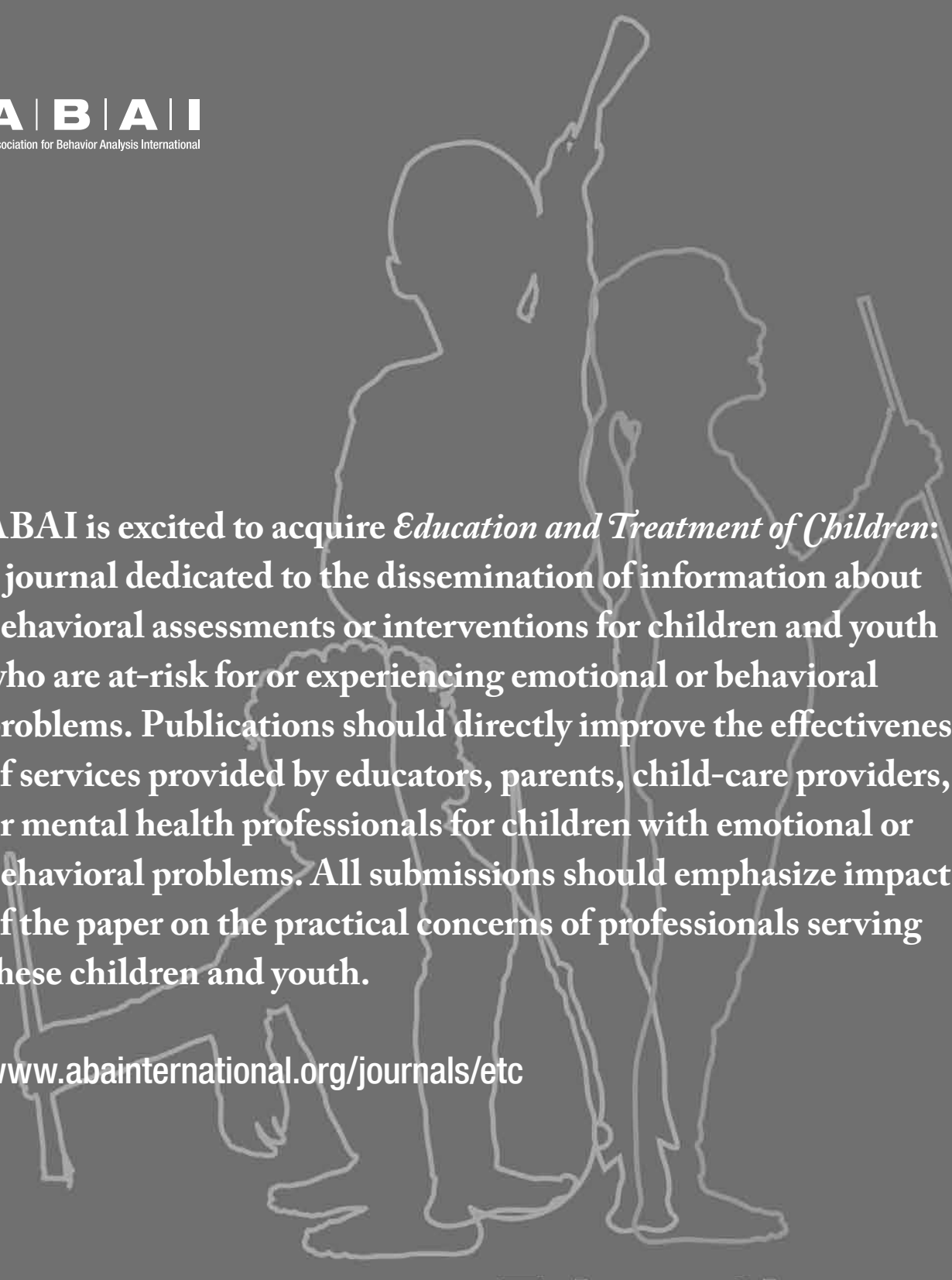
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Connecticut ABA 16th Annual Conference

March 6
Uncasville, CT
Mohegan Sun
www.ctaba.org

California ABA 38th Annual Western Regional Conference

March 6–7
Santa Clara, CA
Santa Clara Convention Center +
Hyatt Regency Santa Clara
<https://calaba.org/conference>

Pennsylvania ABA 22nd Annual Conference

March 24–26
Lancaster, PA
Eden Resort
<http://www.pennaba.org>

Swedish ABA Annual Meeting

March 27
<https://www.swaba.se/>

April

New Jersey ABA 15th Annual Conference

April 3
Somerset, NJ
<https://njaba.org/>

Virginia ABA 16th Annual Meeting and Conference

April 17–18
Newport News, VA
Newport News Marriott at City Center
www.virginiaaba.org

April (cont.)

Kansas ABA Annual Conference and Career Fair

April 18
Overland Park, KS
BEST 110, University of Kansas
Edwards Campus
www.kansaba.org

Norwegian ABA Seminar

April 22–26
Gol, Norway
Storefjell Høyfjellshotell
www.atferd.no

Texas ABA 34th Annual Regional Conference

April 23–26
San Antonio, TX
Hyatt Regency San Antonio
Riverwalk
new.txaba.org

May

Massachusetts ABA 10th Annual Conference

May 15
Marlborough, MA
Hyatt Regency Chicago, Swissôtel
Best Western Marlborough
www.massaba.net

ABAI 46th Annual Convention and Pre-Convention Workshops

May 21–25
Washington, DC
Walter E. Washington Convention Center and the Marriott Marquis
Washington, DC
www.abainternational.org/events/annual-2020.aspx

August

Japanese ABA 38th Annual Conference

August 28–30
Toyohashi, Aichi Prefecture, Japan
Aichi University Toyohashi Campus
<http://www.j-aba.jp>

September

Minnesota Northland ABA Conference

September 24–25
Bloomington, MN
www.mnaba.org

October

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October 7–9
New Orleans, LA
Astor Crowne Plaza
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