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Since 1974, ABAI has existed to serve its members and society by providing the community of behavior analytic scientists, educators, students, and practitioners with a meeting place, both physical and intellectual, to come together to learn from and teach one another.

Every year we gather in cities around the United States at the annual convention and in cities around the world for conferences, meetings, and workshops to share our research and catch up with friends, colleagues, and mentors. Ours is a diverse community but one that shares a scientific foundation embodied by ABAI’s mission, “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.”

We, the ABAI Executive Council, had the opportunity to consider afresh the meaning of our mission when we met in early December to conduct the business of the Association, review the recent past, and plan for the future.

As noted in ABAI President Patrick Friman’s column in the summer 2010 issue of *Inside Behavior Analysis*, the expansion of the practice of behavior analysis has resulted in conflict that has diverted the attention and resources of ABAI from its above stated mission. Therefore, at its December 2010 meeting, the ABAI Executive Council voted unanimously to reaffirm ABAI’s mission and refocus our resources in directions consistent with this mission. Here are some first steps.

**Research**

The Executive Council has commissioned a task force, composed of outstanding basic and applied researchers, to make recommendations for enhancing the quality of our annual convention. Because the task force’s recommendations may be a year in the making and additional years may be required for implementation, the Council has already taken three steps toward improving the quality of convention presentations and posters: (i) over the coming years program chairs will use gradually more stringent criteria when accepting/rejecting papers, symposia, and posters, (ii) program chairs will reject submissions for empirical papers/posters that do not include summary data, and (iii) a second (February)
poster submission deadline will be introduced for the 2012 convention. The latter will improve the “freshness” of the convention content.

In addition, ABAI has and will continue to support smaller, single-track conferences designed to improve the interface of behavioral science with other scientific disciplines. An example is the upcoming behavioral-economics conference, which we hope our science membership will support by attending. The lineup of speakers for that conference is outstanding and the conference represents an important step toward integrating behavioral science with neuroscience and the broad field of behavioral economics. In addition, ABAI is planning both a theory conference in Santa Fe, NM and a global warming conference (location yet to be determined) in 2012. Finally, previous initiatives to improve the quality of the annual convention will remain in force (e.g., the B. F. Skinner lectures, the Science Board’s dedicated convention time).

Practice
We, along with many members of the Association, have come to the conclusion that, although important, our recent focus on some particularly complex and controversial professionalization issues (e.g., lobbying for ABAI’s model licensing act) has resulted in a shift of attention away from our core concerns related to the scientific and scholarly basis of the field. If we continue on this route as an Association, certain professional issues within a subset of the areas in which behavior analysis is relevant will consume even more of the Association’s resources. We believe that this will inevitably compromise our primary mission, which is to “support the growth and vitality of the science of behavior analysis.”

To restore balance, ABAI will not have or promote a particular model licensing act. That said, we still endorse the primary justification for a model licensing act, consumer protection, and believe that licensure, because it regulates actual practice, is the best way to achieve that aim. We are also aware that the immediate need for practitioners in the area of autism and developmental disabilities is great. For that reason, where licensure is not feasible or has not yet been established, we would support professional certification that is based on relevant scientific knowledge and demonstrated practical competence.

Consistent with ABAI’s mission, Council reformulated the mission of the Practice Board. Its primary mission is now to bring the scholarship of a scientific Association to issues facing practitioners. There are a number of ways in which this might play out. One is for the Practice Board to listen to practitioners with an ear toward identifying the behavioral challenges they commonly encounter and for which they are unsure of best practice. The Board could then facilitate the identification of empirically supported best practices, perhaps by commissioning literature reviews published in peer-reviewed journals such as Behavior Analysis in Practice. The Practice Board’s goal would be to ensure that this work is completed by independent scholars who are guided by the extant data. If successful, the ABAI Practice Board would be viewed by those outside the Association as a trusted source of empirically supported practice guidelines.

ABAI will support the practice of behavior analysis in ways consistent with our scientific focus. Our emphasis on practice will be to promote the empirical foundations of all areas of application.

Education
ABAI’s position, reiterated and reconfirmed at this meeting, is that ABAI accredited programs will generate scientists and science-based practitioners by, among other coursework and experiences, training students in the experimental and theoretical foundations of the field. This position is reflected in the new undergraduate accreditation standards, posted on the web at http://www.abainternational.org/BA/education/Education.asp; these go into effect immediately. Revised standards for accrediting graduate programs, also on the website, will go into effect in 2015 and, until then, programs can gain accreditation under the current standards. ABAI has appropriated funds and commissioned the Education Board to facilitate the accreditation of more programs over the next five years and develop the infrastructure that will help current programs to meet the additional requirements.

Summary
This is a pivotal time for the Association. This reaffirmation allows us to remain an association inclusive of all the diverse constituents in behavior analysis – a step towards the mending of growing rifts between subsections of our membership and preventing further divides by focusing on the one that unifies us all - science. With a reaffirmation of ABAI’s scientific mission, new initiatives consistent with that mission may now be undertaken. We have outlined some of these above (enhancing the quality of the ABAI conference, providing scientific support to inform best practice, supporting ABAI accredited training programs) and others will be developed with the input of our Science, Practice, and Education Boards. We look forward also to receiving input from our members, affiliated chapters, and other boards not previously mentioned. Without your contributions of ideas, time, and labor, this Association would not exist.

We welcome your feedback. Please send your input via e-mail to mail@abainternational.org.
Great Heights: The ABAI Annual Convention in Denver

BY MARIA E. MALOTT

The location of ABAI’s 37th Annual Convention provides an opportunity for a metaphor that is too tempting to ignore.

Each year, ABAI puts together an event that not only strives to surpass the convention of the previous year, but also raise the robustness and exposure of the field to loftier heights. In this context, it is only fitting that Denver, CO—the Mile High City—will host the 2011 convention.

The convention will take place in the Colorado Convention Center, which is located in the heart of downtown Denver. Aside from offering breathtaking views of the Rocky Mountains and Denver skyline, the convention center is within walking distance of approximately 300 restaurants, nine theatres of the Denver Performing Arts Complex, and a wide variety of shopping opportunities.

As in previous years, the 2011 Annual Convention will offer a lively venue for discussion and networking to anyone interested in the philosophy, science, education, and practice of behavior analysis. Once more, we expect more than 4,000 participants to gather for this event, which will serve as a network center for ABAI’s 32 special interest groups, 73 affiliated chapters, organizational members, and undergraduate and graduate programs (including most of ABAI’s 23 accredited graduate programs). The ABAI Expo will highlight these groups and others, with over 100 posters from behavioral organizations.

On Friday, before the convention officially starts, there will be several special events you will want to be sure to attend. First, we will welcome all ABAI members who made donated to the Society for the Advancement of Behavior Analysis (SABA) in 2010 and 2011 to the Friends of SABA Reception, both to show our gratitude and to
recognize their contributions and commitment to the field. Later, we invite everyone to attend the International Development Welcome Reception. This year we anticipate more than 40 countries be represented at the convention—a sign of the gains behavior analysis is making abroad.

During this event, we will recognize the 2010 SABA International Development Grant winners: James T. Ellis, Jeremy H. Greenberg, and Jun Yu. Finally, Friday’s events will conclude with the Behavior Bash at the Grand Hyatt, Denver. Sponsored by the ABAI Student Committee, this year’s relaxing and entertaining event will feature a behavior analysis trivia game. We encourage you to come to this event, test and show-off your behavior analysis knowledge, and take a shot at winning some great prizes that range from gift certificates to an iPod.

The ABAI Expo will take place on Saturday evening. This event is like a behavior analysis marketplace for services, organizations, ABAI boards, special interest groups, affiliated chapters, graduate and undergraduate training programs, and internship opportunities. We hope you can come to browse posters, talk with representatives, and network with colleagues.

The 2011 program will include nearly 1,400 events that cover many areas of behavior analysis, including applied animal behavior; autism; behavioral pharmacology; clinical, family, and behavioral medicine; community interventions, social and ethical issues; developmental disabilities; human development; experimental analysis of behavior; education; organizational behavior management; teaching behavior analysis; theoretical, philosophical, and conceptual issues; and verbal behavior. New to the program two focus area tracks: practice and science.

The 2011 Society for the Advancement of Behavior Analysis Awards will recognize leaders in the field. This year we will celebrate the accomplishments of Jacob L. Gewirtz (Distinguished Service), Erik Arntzen (International Dissemination), Dean L. Fixsen (Scientific Translation), and The Ohio State University (Programmatic Contributions).

In his Presidential Address, Richard Malott will describe some of his heroes in the field as he outlines the ambitions and hopes that draw people to behavior analysis. His speech—aptly titled, “Dream Chasers”—captures the optimism many of us bring to the field that behavior analysts can make a difference in both the lives of individuals and the world at large.

We are honored to host the 2011 Presidential Scholar, Edward R. Christophersen, who will provide an address titled, “Applied Behavior Analysis Outside of the Research Setting.” An active researcher, author and lecturer, Dr. Christophersen provides clinical services to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers who present with common behavior problems. He is a professor of pediatrics at the University of Missouri–Kansas City Medical School.

### B. F. Skinner Lectures at the 2011 Annual Convention

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Integral to the ABAI program is the B. F. Skinner Lecture Series, which accentuates contributors from complementary disciplines. This is a wonderful opportunity not only to learn from scholars outside our field, but also to provide a comprehensive perspective of behavior analysis. The 2011 series will feature 17 lectures.

This year’s program will also include 36 invited addresses covering topics ranging from the growing role of applied behavior analysis in providing animal care in zoos to the influence of sub-vocal behaviors on listening and auditory imagining. Invited events for the convention will include papers, panels, and symposia featuring Marleen T. Adema, William H. Ahearn, Mark P. Alavosius, Jon S. Bailey, Jordan M. Bailey, William M. Baum, Anthony Biglan, Bruce and Claire M. Bothwell, James E. Carr, Philip N. Chase, Judith E. Favell, William C. Follette, Richard M. Foxx, R. Wayne Fuqua, Mark Galizio, Leonard Green, and others.

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Edward Taub
Constraint-Induced Therapy: The Use of Operant Training to Produce New Treatments in Neurorehabilitation

A presentation discussing constraint-induced therapy and how it serves as an example of the ways behavior analysis can contribute to the field of neurorehabilitation.

Ethan Watters
The Globalization of the American “Mind”

A talk based on his recent book, Crazy Like Us: The Globalization of the American Psyche, in which he reviews work by cross-cultural psychiatrists that has shown the various forms mental illnesses have appeared in different cultures and periods in history and the how American culture and science is impacting mental health landscape of the globe today.

J. Stevens Welsh
B. F. Skinner’s Living Legacy in American Education

A presentation discussing how B. F. Skinner’s approach to measuring the behavior of organisms has helped create the foundation for accountability developments in today’s American education system.

Robert Whittaker
Anatomy of an Epidemic: Psychiatric Medications and the Astonishing Rise of Mental Illness in America

A talk centering on the “medical model” paradigm of care for mental illness and the case for rethinking this approach.
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After attending so many intellectually stimulating presentations, we hope you remember to take a night to relax and join us Monday evening for the ABAI Social. Featuring music and dancing, the social is an ideal way to unwind from the convention with friends and colleagues.

Continuing education remains an important facet of the convention and will be available again this year for both psychologists and certified behavior analysts. ABAI’s job placement service—Jobs in Behavior Analysis—is the perfect place can learn about career opportunities and receive assistance arranging interviews. Furthermore, we invite you to peruse behavior analytic books in our bookstore, where you will also have the opportunity to meet with many of the available publications’ authors.

We are pleased to offer a complete 2011 program, which is now available online. At the ABAI website, you can access online scheduling services, review presentations, and plan and print your personalized convention schedule. This year we have added new sorting features and the ability to add personal appointments to your schedule. Your schedule will be saved on your ABAI Portal, allowing you to print it whenever and as often as you need. Soon, we will be releasing an app that will allow you to download your most recent personal convention schedule directly to your iPhone.

Another new feature for convention registrants this year is our Online Learning Center. This exciting service—the result of hard work and innovation from our team—is designed to allow attendees to get the most out of their convention experience. With the purchase of the Annual Convention Premiere Pack, you can access the Online Learning Center and up 50 hours of audio and visual content, including the B. F. Skinner lectures, Invited Presenters, the ABAI Opening Event and SABA Awards, the Presidential Address, and the Presidential Scholar Address. Another valuable feature of this service is the ability for you to earn PSY and BACB continuing education credit for approved sessions. (For more information on the Online Learning Center and Premiere Packs, please visit www.abainternational.org).

After the convention, you will have the opportunity to provide feedback on all of the events you attended. Each event’s online description will contain a button that will allow you evaluate each session from the convenience of your own computer. This feedback—which will provided to presenters, the ABAI Council, and the Annual Convention Program Committee—will allow for the consideration of attendees’ input on event quality and provide presenters with the opportunity to improve the content and delivery of ABAI convention presentations.

We would like to thank the leadership of the Four Corners Association for Behavior Analysis—Erin Rasmussen (president), Nicole Bank, Michele R. Bishop, Andrew W. Gardner, Peter Killeen, Steven Lawyer, and Pamela Martien—for their hard work and for welcoming the convention to Colorado. Since 2007, this affiliated chapter has worked to promote the science of behavior in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah. The chapter will welcome attendees during the “Welcome to Denver!” event on May 29, Sunday night.

We would also like to acknowledge Ramona Houmanfar and Raymond Pitts, Program Committee co-chairs, for their outstanding work and recognize the support provided by Richard W. Malott, Program Board coordinator, and all of the Program Board area coordinators: Robert W. Allan, Karen Anderson, Jennifer M. Asmus, Jennifer L. Austin, Patricia Bach, Matthew C. Bell, Ronnie Detrich, Lori Diener, Grant Gautreaux, Timothy Hackenberg, Per Holth, Jonathan Kanter, Kennon A. Lattal, Dorothea C. Lerman, Heather McGee, Caio Miguel, Gary Novak, Anna Ingeborg Pétursdóttir, Jonathan Pinkston, Hayne W. Reese, Joel E. Ringdahl, Ted Schoneberger, Jessica Singer-Dudek, Jennifer Sobie, Jeffrey H. Tiger, Thomas J. Waltz, Cathy Watkins, Michael Weinberg, and Jennifer Zarcone.

Through their efforts, the ABAI program has undergone a careful review, with revisions and rejections, to ensure quality events. (Please see Ramona Houmanfar’s article on the following page for more program information.)

Finally, I would like to thank ABAI staff members for their hard work and dedication to making this convention a success. Together, we encourage you to reach up with us and climb to Denver for another terrific convention! ❖
By the Numbers: Data on the 2011 Annual Convention

By Ramona Houmanfar

We are looking forward to another strong program at the 2011 annual convention in Denver. As in the past, our success is due to the continuous support provided by the ABAI administration staff, Executive Council, and the Program Committee. The following is a brief overview of the 2011 convention program.

Program Report
As this newsletter goes to press, there are 1,538 total submissions for 2011, including 681 posters, 271 panels and symposia, 255 papers, 42 invited addresses, 10 invited tutorials, 52 business meetings, 17 reunions, 15 special events, 113 expo posters, and 78 workshops. Overall, there has been a stabilizing pattern of growth over time (see Figure 1).

Area Coordinators
The hard work and effort of the area coordinators resulted in 52 invited presentation submissions and tutorials. Moreover, 17 of the invited addresses and tutorials will be conducted by non-ABAI members (The B. F. Skinner Lecture Series). The updated list of co-coordinators for program areas is available on the ABAI website at www.abainternational.org/aba/conv.asp.

The successful recruitment of new co-coordinators for a majority of areas would not be possible without the help and support of their senior counterparts. We are grateful to these colleagues for their contribution to the vitality of the ABAI program.

I would like to thank my co-chair, Ray Pitts, for his invaluable collaboration, and all the area coordinators and other members of the Program Committee for their outstanding efforts. In addition, on behalf of the Program Committee, I would like to thank Maria Malott and her exemplary staff members for their support and guidance.

Figure 1. Number of presentations by year.
2011 Opening Event and Awards Ceremony

2011 SABA Awards

Chair of raymond M. Miltenberger
(University of South Florida)
Saturday, May 28 at 11:30 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.

Award for Distinguished Service to Behavior Analysis

Jacob L. Gewirtz
(Florida International University)

Following graduation from the Townsend Harris Preparatory High School of the City College of New York, Jacob L. Gewirtz received a BS from Brooklyn College, followed by MS and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Iowa (1948) where he majored in the conceptual areas of conditioning/learning and developmental psychology. Subsequently, he taught sequentially in psychology departments: first at the University of Chicago; then at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; the University of Maryland, Baltimore County; Temple University; and the State University of New York, Stony Brook where he was a professor/director of the doctoral program in developmental psychology as well as professor of pediatrics. From 1956 to 1976, he served as chief of the Infant Conditioning and Development Lab in the Clinical Center of the National Institutes of Health. In 1980, at Florida International University, he became chair of the Department of Psychology, then served as director of the developmental-psychology doctoral program, after which he established—and to this day remains director of—the behavior analysis programs. He has served concurrently as a clinical professor of pediatrics and psychiatry at the University of Miami Medical School.

His long-term research interest has been in the concurrent conditioning of parental behavior by infant behavior, and vice versa, in routine settings.

Abstract

This paper summarizes facets of a research program on “emotional” processes in early human-infant behavioral development, in which I have long been involved. I have studied experimentally and successfully several developmental research themes of human infancy such as operant-learning processes, where the variance in the infant behaviors studied could be accounted for by their relations to the parent-provided proximal antecedent and consequent stimuli. These infant emotional phenomena include those termed “attachment,” “fear of the dark,” “fear of strangers,” and “jealousy.” I illustrate how these phenomena can be based on operant learning processes that, as process explanations, constitute remarkable discrepancies from nominal conceptions of “process” in the developmental and clinical literatures. For the most part, infant emotional phenomena heretofore have been explored by nonexperimental means, often under the aegis of nominal process theories that resort to explanatory fictions (e.g., an “insecurely-attached” infant, an “anxious” infant). Mainstream developmentalists tend to minimize or exclude entirely the contributions of environmental factors, most specifically of antecedent and contingent stimuli provided via caregiver behavior, and of learning, to the infant (problem) behaviors at issue. Thus, many infant emotional responses are gratuitously conceptualized in the developmental literature as biologically based, or equally bad, as resulting from the nonprocess pseudocausal hollow variable of chronological age.

Award for International Dissemination of Behavior Analysis

Erik Arntzen
(Akershus University College)

Dr. Erik Arntzen received his Ph.D. from University of Oslo, Norway, in February 2000. Arntzen’s dissertation was focusing on variables influencing responding in accordance with stimulus equivalence. He also holds a degree in
clinical psychology. He is currently a professor of behavior analysis at Akershus University College (AUC). Dr. Arntzen is also the head of the master's program in behavior analysis at AUC. His research contributions include both basic and applied behavior analysis, with an emphasis on research in relational stimulus control and verbal behavior. He has also been interested in ethical considerations and core values in the field of behavior analysis. Furthermore, he has research projects within the areas of gambling behavior and consumer behavior. Dr. Arntzen has published papers in a number of different journals including Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis, The Psychological Record, Behavioral Interventions, European Journal of Behavior Analysis, Experimental Analysis of Human Behavior Bulletin, Analysis of Gambling Behavior, The Analysis of Verbal Behavior, Psychopharmacology, The Service Industries Journal, and Journal of Organizational Behavior Management. Dr. Arntzen is the president of the European Association of Behavior Analysis (EABA) and he is also the secretary of international affairs in the board of the Norwegian Association of Behavior Analysis. He has presented papers at conferences world-wide. Dr. Arntzen is one of founders and also one of the editors of the European Journal of Behavior Analysis. He has served on the editorial boards of several journals, including the Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis, The Psychological Record, International Journal of Psychology and Psychological Therapy, and The Behavior Analyst Today. Dr. Arntzen is the current president of EABA and was the local organizer of the 2009 ABAI international conference in Oslo.

Abstract
Behavior analysis has always had a strong position in applied settings in Norway, perhaps stronger than in any other European country. However, until recently an academic emphasis has been missing. Approximately 7 years ago, a master's program in behavior analysis was established at Akershus University College to facilitate the dissemination of behavior analysis in Norway. In 2010, a Ph.D. program followed. The addition of these programs as part of the education system has opened the possibilities for teaching all aspects of behavior analysis, such as (a) conceptual or theoretical analysis, (b) experimental behavior analysis, and (c) applied behavior analysis. These programs are necessary conditions for the dissemination of behavior analysis and also prevent the impression that behavior analysis is just a “bag of tricks.” Furthermore, I think the possibilities for training students in laboratory settings has made a great impact on the field by opening opportunities for collaboration with different laboratories and allowing for the global exchange of students and ideas.

Award for Scientific Translation
Dean L. Fixsen
(Florida Mental Health Institute)
Dean L. Fixsen, Ph.D. began his career in human services in 1963 as a psychiatric aide in a large state hospital for children with profound developmental delays. Dean received his doctorate in experimental psychology from the University of Kansas in 1970. Dean has spent his career developing and implementing evidence-based programs, initiating and managing change processes in provider organizations and service delivery systems, and working with others to improve the lives of children, families, and adults. Over the past five decades, Dean has co-authored over 100 publications including the highly regarded monograph, “Implementation Research: A Synthesis of the Literature” (http://nim.fpg.unc.edu/resources/publications/Monograph/index.cfm). He has served on numerous editorial boards (including Implementation Science; http://www.implementationscience.com) and has advised federal, state, and local governments. Dean currently is a senior scientist at the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dean is co-director (with Karen Blase) of the National Implementation Research Network (http://nim.fpg.unc.edu); co-director (with Karen Blase, Rob Horner, and George Sugai) of the State Implementation and Scaling up of Evidence-based Practices Center (www.scalingup.org); and co-chair (with Bianca Albers and Jennifer Schroeder) of the Global Implementation Conference (www.implementationconference.org).

Abstract
The Teaching-Family Model is a product of applied behavior analysis and an example of mission-driven research and development. As outlined by Montrose Wolf and Lonnie and Elaine Phillips in 1967, the goals were to develop a treatment program that is humane,
effective, satisfactory to consumers, cost efficient, and replicable. In this quest, procedures led to practices that led to programs. In 1970 Saleem Shah, director of the NIMH Center for Crime and Delinquency and a big supporter, called our wonderful research on procedures a “bag of tricks” and our insistence on behavioral language a “sacred cow.” We soon learned he was right. Judges, probation officers, social workers, and others in the real world of human services wanted a program that could help children. Funders and referral agents wanted a description in plain language. Shah’s advice led us down the path of program replication, and that led us to a science of implementation of evidence-based programs and other innovations. In 1981 Stephanie Stolz reviewed the lack of adoptions of innovations from applied behavior analysis and asked, “does anybody care?” In 2011 we can say, “Yes, Stephanie, they do care,” but we have to help them care.

Award for Enduring Programmatic Contributions to Behavior Analysis

The Ohio State University
Sheila R. Alber-Morgan, Ralph Gardner III, and Nancy Neef will accept the award on behalf of the program’s faculty, students, and graduates. Their presentation will consist of a brief overview of the program’s evolution, milestone events, accomplishments, and present day activities.

Abstract
For the past 40 years, The Ohio State University’s (OSU) special education program has helped advance the science of applied behavior analysis to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities. Because much of the research by OSU faculty and students takes place in inclusive classrooms, vocational, and community settings, learners without special needs and the practitioners who serve them also benefit. The M.A. program, accredited by ABAI in 1995, emphasizes the design, implementation, and evaluation of curricular and instructional interventions to improve academic, social, self-care, and vocational skills. Students may choose from a wide variety of school, residential, employment, and other community settings in which to complete field experience requirements and conduct their thesis research. Master’s program graduates work as classroom teachers, behavior analysts, or program supervisors in public schools, private schools, or community agencies. The Ph.D. program prepares leadership personnel for special education whose research, teaching, and professional practice are grounded in the philosophy of behaviorism and the methodological and technological principles of applied behavior analysis. Since 1987 OSU has received a series of Leadership Training Grants from the U.S. Office of Special Education that provide tuition and stipends for students in the nation’s only special education doctoral program explicitly built upon behavior analysis. In 1995 OSU was the first doctoral program to receive ABAI accreditation. While OSU faculty members have published hundreds of peer-reviewed journal articles and authored dozens of books in education, special education, and behavior analysis, the ultimate measure of the program’s contributions can be found in the accomplishments of the program’s graduates whose work has helped bring evidence-based instructional practices to teachers and students around the world.
Convention

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• Opportunities to earn PSY and BACB CE credit for CE-approved sessions

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Luís Oliveira
(Washington University in St. Louis)
After earning a bachelor’s degree in psychology (with an emphasis on industrial psychology) at the University of Minho, in Portugal, Luís Oliveira became interested in the experimental analysis of behavior. He went on to receive a master’s degree at Minho under the supervision of Dr. Armando Machado. During this period, his research focused on experimental tests that distinguished between two major models of timing, SET and LeT, using a double bisection task with pigeons. Luís then entered the doctoral program at Washington University in St. Louis in 2008 under the supervision of Dr. Leonard Green in order to pursue research on choice behavior and decision-making. He has been investigating interspecies similarities and differences in impulsivity and self-control using delay and probability discounting procedures. One recent experiment has successfully obtained probability discounting functions in pigeons with a procedure in which the pigeon experiences each of the programmed probabilities in a one-shot (as opposed to repeated gambles) fashion. His next study will shed light on whether pigeons show a magnitude effect and the Allais Paradox, both of which have been frequently observed in human studies of decision under risk.

In the human discounting literature, the choice alternatives typically involve monetary rewards (real or hypothetical), whereas with nonhuman animals, the choice alternatives are directly consumable outcomes (food, liquids, or drugs). Luís currently is evaluating delay discounting with pigeons in which the outcomes are more like those used with humans, namely conditioned reinforcers (tokens). Other research projects include an investigation of the relation between food deprivation and degree of discounting in pigeons and the evaluation of the parameters of the hyperboloid discounting function when monetary amounts vary over a wide range, under situations involving gains and losses.

In 2009, Luís was awarded a prestigious doctoral fellowship from the Foundation for Science and Technology (Portugal). The recognition of his efforts by SABA through its awarding him the Experimental Analysis of Behavior Fellowship will further motivate Luís to pursue his research interests and thereby contribute to the continuing development and the enhancement of behavior analysis.

Mary Sweeney
(Utah State University)
As an undergraduate at Purdue University, with the guidance of Peter Urcuioli, Mary developed a senior thesis on reflexivity in pigeons that is now published in the Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior. Mary was thrilled to be able to continue her education as a graduate student of Timothy Shahan at Utah State University. Specifically, her interests lie in developing mathematical models of behavior, studying animal models of substance abuse and relapse, and forming interdisciplinary collaborations between behavior analysis and other fields of science.

Her first project was working with Dr. Shahan to modify the existing behavioral momentum-based model of relapse to better account for the resurgence phenomenon in which alternative reinforcement is used to help eliminate an operant response. It fits existing data well, and in addition it raises important theoretical questions about reducing resurgence that have not yet been investigated empirically. A related professional goal is to be able to communicate the applied significance of basic research through skillful use and explanation of animal models of drug seeking.

In order to accomplish this, Mary has developed the surgical, animal care, and project management skills necessary to conduct intravenous cocaine self-administration studies in rats. With the support of the SABA Experimental Analysis of Behavior (EAB) Fellowship and her advisor, she is developing the technical skill and writing abilities that will be key in obtaining and maintaining a research faculty position after graduation.
In order to provide novel contributions to the field of EAB, Mary strives to be informed through interdisciplinary relationships. For example, she and Dr. Shahan are currently working with members of the Animal, Dairy, and Veterinary Sciences Department to develop animal models appropriate for examining cognitive deficits reported by survivors of viral encephalitis. Using the five-choice serial reaction time task, they will test attention, impulsivity, compulsivity, and motivation in hamsters that have survived West Nile Virus. If successful, this joint venture has the potential to open up a new vein of EAB that combines psychology and biology to study the behavioral consequences of infectious diseases.

Mary looks forward serving the science through these research paths, and she greatly appreciates the support provided by the SABA EAB fellowship.

Sidney W. and Janet R. Bijou Fellowship

Genevieve DeBernardis  
(University of Nevada, Reno)

Genevieve M. DeBernardis received her first exposure to behavior analysis working as a research assistant for Dr. Scott S. Hall at the Center for Interdisciplinary Brain Sciences Research at the Stanford University School of Medicine during the summers of 2003 and 2004. There, she helped investigate how the environment affects the development of behavior in children diagnosed with fragile X syndrome, an inherited mental impairment.

After receiving her Bachelor of Science in Cell Biology and Neuroscience and Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art from Montana State University, Bozeman (2005), Genevieve was accepted into the doctoral program in behavior analysis at the University of Nevada, Reno under the supervision of Dr. Linda J. Parrott Hayes. During her first two years in the program, Genevieve gained clinical experience working with adults with developmental disorders in the Person-Centered Assessment Training and Habituation Program, as well research experience in the Complex Human Behavior Laboratory. She also had the opportunity to explore her interests in interdisciplinary research by coordinating a National Science Foundation Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research sponsored interdisciplinary workshop which brought together researchers from fields of machine learning, nonlinear control, and behavior analysis to examine the construction and measurement of machine simulations of human behavior.

Genevieve’s current line of research stems from her master’s thesis, which focused on examining the capacity of persons to predict novel behavior of other persons. The results of this study showed that the degree of relational intimacy (i.e., the type of shared history) was an especially important factor in the development of this capacity. The duration of the relationship (i.e., length of shared history) was also important, though to a lesser extent. She has continued to explore her interests in these factors by examining the acquisition of perspective taking in normally developed, preschool-aged children. She believes that if the role of these factors could be verified, procedures could be developed to establish this repertoire in very young children, enhancing their social development with life-long benefits. Furthermore, a better understanding of this phenomenon could lead to training techniques suited to persons showing perspective-taking deficits or who had previously been unable to learn this skill.

Sidney W. and Janet R. Bijou Fellowship

Richard May  
(Swansea University)

Richard May received his undergraduate (BSc) degree in psychology from the University of Reading in 2004. Following graduation, he gained employment as an instructor therapist on a number of home-based early intensive behavioral intervention programs (EIBI) for children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. Inspired by his experience on these clinical programs and with a desire to expand his theoretical understanding of the science of behavior analysis, he was part of a group of individuals who undertook one of the first ever, Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB)-approved graduate training programs in applied behavior analysis in the UK, under the guidance of Principal Instructor Simon Dymond and other members of the “ABA Lecturers’ Cooperative”. Following subsequent qualification as a board certified assistant behavior analyst (BCaBA), Richard relocated to Toronto, Canada and began working at Adventure Place, a center

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providing EIBI for children with autism, as part of the Toronto Partnership for Autism Service (TPAS). Initially working in the role of instructor therapist, Richard was promoted to the role of program supervisor in 2007.

In 2008, Richard returned to the UK to pursue a master’s program in behavior analysis at Swansea University, in addition to continuing to provide supervision of EIBI programs. Under the guidance of Simon Dymond and Jennifer Austin, his master’s thesis involved the development and evaluation of a visual-prompting board designed to aid instructors in the delivery of discrete trial instruction. The research reported in Richard’s thesis was subsequently published in Research in Autism Spectrum Disorders (2011, 5, 305-316). Richard also contributed to a further research project examining the evidence base for relational frame theory, subsequently published in The Behavior Analyst (2010, 33, 97-117).

In 2009, Richard was awarded a Teaching Studentship by the Department of Psychology at Swansea University and commenced his doctoral (Ph.D.) training under the supervision of Simon Dymond. His Ph.D. concerns a synthesis of verbal behavior analysis and derived relational responding. Specifically, by undertaking an analysis of the conditions under which generative verbal behavior occurs in children with and without autism, he hopes to be able to contribute to the existing body of behavior analytic research on establishing emergent verbal repertoires. Utilising the latest advances in touch screen technology and portable computing, he is also aiming develop an augmentative communication device based on the relational completion procedure (RCP; Dymond & Whelan, 2010), which as well as functioning as a communication tool, will also be designed to teach and test emergent verbal behavior.

Doctoral Dissertation Grant

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Adrienne Juarascio

Doctoral Dissertation Grant

Adrienne Juarascio

(Drexel University)

Adrienne Juarascio is a third year doctoral student in Drexel University’s Clinical Psychology program. She received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Pennsylvania in May of 2008. Her research and clinical interests focus on third generation cognitive behavioral therapies for eating and anxiety disorders. She is also interested in relational frame theory and is examining the predictive validity of a thin ideal Implicit Relational Assessment Procedure for changes in weight, disordered eating, and body dissatisfaction during the freshman year of college. Adrienne currently works as a counselor at The Renfrew Center, and as a therapist at the University of Pennsylvania’s Childhood and Adolescent OCD, Tic, Trich, and Anxiety Group and at Drexel University’s Social Anxiety Treatment Program. Adrienne’s current line of research focuses on the efficacy of acceptance and commitment therapy as a treatment for eating disorders. Previous work conducted by Adrienne and colleagues demonstrated that acceptance and commitment therapy was more effective than standard cognitive behavioral therapy at treating subthreshold eating pathology in a group of depressed or anxious patients presenting for treatment at a student counseling center. Her doctoral dissertation will assess whether the addition of acceptance and commitment therapy groups to treatment as usual at a residential treatment facility for eating disorders can improve treatment outcome. Adrienne hopes to continue this line of research, with the goal of developing more effective treatments for eating disorders.

Doctoral Dissertation Grant

Soyeon Kang

(Ms. Kang is a doctoral candidate in the Autism and Developmental Disabilities Program in the Department of Special Education at the University of Texas at Austin. She has worked with children with and without disabilities for over 7 years as a researcher and teacher. Her main research interests include functional behavior assessments and evidence-based interventions for children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and developmental disabilities who have problem behaviors. Ms. Kang’s career goal is to improve the quality of life for individuals with disabilities and their families. During her graduate studies, she has participated in several lines of research in the area of ASD and developmental disabilities under Dr. Mark O’Reilly’s supervision. One of her goals is to pursue research that can be concretely applied in practice and directly benefit individuals with disabilities. She is currently completing her dissertation on “an evaluation of the rate of problem behavior maintained by different reinforcers across preference assessments”.

Ms. Kang’s interest in the topic stemmed from a practical challenge. She was conducting a preference assessment with a child with ASD.
However, the child displayed problem behavior whenever his chosen item was withdrawn. He resisted choosing any other item so she could not continue the assessment. This inspired a question about the functions of problem behavior, which resulted in the study to examine if the occurrence of problem behavior maintained by different reinforcers exhibited a different tendency across different preference assessment formats. According to the results, problem behavior maintained by a particular reinforcer occurred more in the format where the evoking condition is present than where it is absent. Thus, format selection could help avoid problem behavior during preference assessments. This is important because if any variable conflicts with the implementation method of an assessment, results may be affected, leading to ineffective intervention.

Ms. Kang was nominated as an awardee of the 2011 Doctoral Dissertation Grant by the Society for the Advancement of Behavior Analysis (SABA). She feels honored and sincerely thanks the supporters at the SABA. SABA's encouragement and support will be a powerful reinforcement to continuously and actively pursue her research and career goals.

Master's Thesis Grant
Meredith Berry
(Utah State University)
Meredith Berry received her undergraduate degree in psychology from the University of Florida (UF). While at UF, she studied behavioral pharmacology and human choice and decision making under the direction of Marc Branch, Tim Hackenberg, and Brian Kangas. After earning a BS from UF, Meredith decided to pursue a graduate degree studying experimental analysis of behavior at Utah State University (USU). Meredith is in the process of earning her MS from USU under the direction of Amy Odum, who has helped to expand both her perspective of behavior analysis and her research interests. Her current research interests include relapse of operant responding; the influence of context on relapse of conditional discrimination; factors affecting remembering, expression of match-to-sample, and delayed-matching-to-sample performance; resistance to change; sensitization; and the influence of attention and mood-induction on impulsivity and self-control. While pursuing various research interests and working toward academic goals, Meredith hopes to contribute to the understanding of contextual cues on resistance to change and relapse by extending relapse preparations to conditional discrimination performance. Additionally, Meredith would like to thank the Society for the Advancement of Behavior Analysis for supporting graduate student research. She would also like to thank her undergraduate and graduate mentors, collaborators, and everyone in the experimental psychological science labs at USU.

Master's Thesis Grant
Tracy Lepper
(Texas Christian University)
Tracy received her bachelor’s degree in psychology from Western Michigan University in 2006. She is currently dual-enrolled in master’s programs at Western Michigan University in applied behavior analysis and at Texas Christian University in experimental psychology. Her Texas Christian University master’s thesis entitled, “A Comparison of the Effectiveness of Discrimination Training and the Stimulus-Stimulus Pairing Procedure When Utilized to Increase Target Vocalizations of Children With Autism,” received financial support from the SABA. Tracy plans to continue translational research that is aimed understanding the role of conditioned reinforcement during language acquisition at Texas Christian University, where she plans to continue her graduate studies.

International Development Grant
James Ellis
(Melmark New England)
For nearly 3 years, James Ellis has been traveling quarterly to Georgetown, Guyana to provide a week of consultation for a young boy with autism whose family is there on a temporary placement with the British Embassy. His primary focus has been to develop and oversee the educational program for this child and to train and support the staff working with him. There are no mandated services for children with special needs in Guyana, and there is no such a thing as an individualized education plan. Schools for children with special needs exist, but none are geared toward children with autism. The services that are...
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available are not based on a model of applied behavior analysis, and there are no resources within the country to guide the development of these services. Ellis has been working diligently with the child’s mother to develop services for children with autism in Guyana, and they have started a pilot classroom with the hope of replicating it throughout the country.

Since September of 2010, the British Embassy has been donating classroom space, and three young boys with autism are receiving services. Local businesses have donated furniture and money for basic supplies. Two of the tutors staff the classroom, and their wages are being covered by donations and by a small stipend paid by the boys’ parents. Oversight is provided pro bono during Ellis’ quarterly visits, through twice-monthly Skype sessions, and through weekly sharing of data, documents, and videos via Dropbox. Skype and Dropbox are free, and Melmark, New England has donated a Flip video camera. Maintaining communications on a long-term basis will require a laptop and printer, and this is where SABA comes in! Funding provided by the 2010 International Development Grant will cover the purchase of a laptop and printer. This grant moves the program one step closer to providing ongoing educational services based on a model of applied behavior analysis to children with autism in Guyana.

International Development Grant

Jeremy H. Greenberg
(The Children’s Institute of Hong Kong)
As the Director of The Children’s Institute of Hong Kong (TCI), Jeremy H. Greenberg has been tasked with the provision of educational and behavior analytic services to English-speaking students with special needs. TCI works closely with The Harbour School (THS), a kindergarten and primary international school, to provide inclusive opportunities in every aspect of the general education curriculum, socially and academically. The partnership with THS is a unique program of inclusion for the South East Asia region.

As TCI develops and matures, it must establish the systems and curricula to ensure the success of both organizations. Social skills are constantly being targeted along with many other academic objectives. As TCI uses verbal behavior analysis for instructional decisions to accomplish student objectives effectively, the school has a great need for curricula that will enable the systematic pursuit of fluency and generality of academic goals for all students.

The SABA grant will be used to fund the entire collection of resources from Morningside Press that will fulfill this need. This curriculum will benefit the current student body as well as those who may join the school in years to come. Furthermore, since Morningside Press is an organization affiliated with applied behavior analysis, the grant will be “recycled” back into the field. Everyone wins!

Greenberg is excited for the successes the students will achieve as TCI employs behavioral instruction with new materials.

International Development Grant

Jun Yu
(Idaho State University)
The SABA International Development Grant will facilitate the research of Jun Yu on behavioral family therapy in China, as part of the international development in behavior analysis. The project will implement and evaluate the effectiveness of behavioral family therapy (BFT) to treat disruptive child behavior of 2- to 7-year-olds in mainland China. Additionally, caregivers’ feedback will be collected to inform improvements to BFT for Chinese families. The study will recruit up to 20 families that meet inclusion criteria. The treatment protocol is based on the empirically supported program, Helping the Noncompliant Child (McMahon & Forehand, 2003). It is expected that children’s scores on the aggressive behavior subscale on the Chinese version of the Child Behavior Checklist will be lowered, caregivers will increase positive behaviors, and children will decrease noncompliance during observations of caregiver-child interaction. This study is an important step in disseminating BFT in mainland China and accommodating BFT for Chinese families. The grant will be used to help establish a therapy room at Shanghai Normal University. It is hoped that this study will have a lasting impact on the development of BFT in China by training students and professionals who can provide BFT to Chinese families.
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Assessment of Potential Aggression and Behavior Problems in an Animal Shelter Environment
Emily Weiss
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Saturday, May 28
3:00 pm

How Expert Witness Assessments Can Contribute to the Development of Dog Bite Education Programs and the Prevention of Bite Fatalities
Suzanne Hetts
(Animal Behavior Associates)
Sunday, May 29
4:00 pm

Drugs of Abuse and Decision-Making: Insights From Animal Models
Barry Setlow
(University of Florida)
Sunday, May 29
1:30 pm

Clinical, Family, Behavioral Medicine
Anatomy of an Epidemic: Psychiatric Medications and the Astonishing Rise of Mental Illness in America
Robert Whitaker
Saturday, May 28
1:00 pm

Overmedicating America's Children: Medication and Alternatives to Treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
William E. Pelham, Jr.
(Florida International University)
Sunday, May 29
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Behavioral Pharmacology
Capturing Aspects of Social Influences on Drug Abuse With Animal Models
Janet Neisewander
(Arizona State University)
Saturday, May 28
5:00 pm

Experimental Analysis of Behavior
Learning Latent Structure
Yael Niv
(Princeton University)
Saturday, May 28
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Human Development
There’s Nothing as Practical as a Good Theory
Robert S. Siegler
(Carnegie Mellon University)
Saturday, May 28
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Overmedicating America’s Children: Medication and Alternatives to Treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
William E. Pelham, Jr.
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Education
The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program in the US: What Do We Know? What Can We Do?
Marlene Snyder
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Organizational Behavior Management
Performance Architecture: The Art and Science of Improving Organizations
Roger Addison (Addison Consulting)
Sunday, May 29
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Science
Out of Our Heads: Why You Are Not Your Brain and Other Lessons From the Biology of Consciousness
Alva Noe (University of California, Berkeley)
Sunday, May 29
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Computational and Economic Approaches to Normal and Pathological Cognition
Read Montague (Baylor College of Medicine)
Monday, May 30
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Constraint-Induced Therapy: The Use of Operant Training to Produce New Treatments in Neurorehabilitation
Edward Taub (University of Alabama at Birmingham)
Monday, May 30
9:00 am

Teaching Behavior Analysis
B. F. Skinners’ Living Legacy in American Education
J. Stevens Welsh (Nicholls State University)
Sunday, May 29
2:30 pm

Theoretical, Philosophical, and Conceptual Issues
Thinking Without Representations
Anthony Chemero (Franklin and Marshall College)
Saturday, May 28
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Verbal Behavior
Language as Prediction
Michael J. A. Ramscar (University of Stanford)
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Applied Behavior Analysis in the Zoological Environment

Kenneth T. Ramirez
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Monday, May 30
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O. Ivar Løvaas: Pioneer of Applied Behavior Analytic Intervention for Children With Autism

Claire M. Bothwell
(National Autism Association)

Autism as a Social Learning Disorder: From Research and Practice to Interpretation

William H. Ahearn
(New England Center for Children)
Monday, May 30
2:30 pm

Autism
Towards a Model for Developing Effective and Preferred Treatments for the Stereotypic Behavior of Persons Diagnosed With Autism

Gregory P. Hanley
(Western New England College)
Saturday, May 28
1:00 pm

Behavioral Pharmacology
Behavior Economics, Genes and Cannabinoids: Environmental and Biochemical Contributors to Food Rewards in the Context of Obesity

Erin B. Rasmussen
(Idaho State University)
Monday, May 30
1:30 pm

Clinical, Family, Behavioral Medicine
If You Can’t Always Get What You Want—Get What You Need: Introduction to Behavior Analytic Principals of Interpersonal Influence

Richard M. Foxx
(Penn State University)

William C. Follette
(University of Nevada, Reno)
Sunday, May 29
10:00 am

Community Interventions, Social and Ethical Issues
Reinforcement Gone Wrong

Robert L. Koegel
(University of California, Santa Barbara)
Sunday, May 29
9:00 am

Kurt Salzinger
(Hofstra University)
Sunday, May 29
9:00 am
Behavior and Social Issues: Advances in Applied Cultural Analysis

Mark P. Alavosius
(University of Nevada, Reno)

Mark A. Mattaini
(Jane Adams College of Social Work)

Richard F. Rakos
(Cleveland State University)

João Todorov
(Instituto de Educacao Superior de Brasilia)

Transforming High Poverty Neighborhoods: First Steps From the Behavioral Sciences

Anthony Biglan
(Oregon Research Institute)

Developmental Disabilities Problem Behavior: What’s Pain Got to Do With It?

Craig H. Kennedy
(Vanderbilt University)
Saturday, May 28
2:00 pm

The Motivation of Self-Injury: Looking Back to Move Forward

Jennifer J. McComas
(University of Minnesota)
Sunday, May 29
1:30 pm

Improving Practitioners’ Access to and Experience With the Research Literature

James E. Carr
(Auburn University)
Monday, May 30
9:00 am

Human Development Why Private Events Are a Mistake

William M. Baum
(University of California, Davis)
Monday, May 30
9:00 am

Education The Contribution of Single-Case Research to the Documentation of Evidence-Based Practices

Robert H. Horner
(University of Oregon)
Sunday, May 29
10:00 am

Increasing the Probability of Students Engaging in Assigned Work: The Additive Interspersal Procedure and the Discrete Task Completion Hypothesis

Christopher Skinner
(University of Tennessee)
Monday, May 30
2:30 pm

Experimental Analysis of Behavior Delay Discounting by Humans and Other Animals: Does the Species Matter?

Leonard Green
(Washington University in St. Louis)
Monday, May 30
10:00 am

Organizational Behavior Management Are you TED Worthy? Using Performance Systems Analysis to Target Public Awareness

Philip N. Chase
(Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies)
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2:00 pm

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Organizational Behavior Management (continued)
Organizational Behavior Management Consulting—Some of the Challenges of Growth

Terry E. McSween
(Quality Safety Edge)
Sunday, May 30
1:30 pm

Other
Can Behaviour Analysts Change the World?

Charles Fergus Lowe
(Bangor University)
Sunday, May 29
1:30 pm

Applied Behavior Analysis and DIR/Floortime: Compatible or Incompatible?

Robert K. Ross
(BEACON Services)
Monday, May 30
11:00 am

Practice
The Role of Intensive Behavioral Interventions Within School-Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

Robert H. Horner
(University of Oregon)
Saturday, May 28
3:00 pm

Contemporary Ethical and Professional Issues in Applied Behavior Analysis

Jon S. Bailey
(Florida State University)

Science
Behavioral Neuroscience

David W. Schaal
(Accuracy, Inc.)
Saturday, May 28
4:00 pm

R. Wayne Fuqua
(Western Michigan University)

What Does the Brain Do? Discussion of Alva Noe’s Lecture

M. Jackson Marr
(Georgia Institute of Technology)

Jane S. Howard
(California State University, Stanislaus)

David W. Schaal
(Accuracy, Inc.)

Edward K. Morris
(University of Kansas)
Sunday, May 29
10:30 am

Training Staff: Evidence-Based Strategies for Supervisors, Consultants, and Clinicians

Dennis H. Reid
(Carolina Behavior Analysis and Support Center)
Monday, May 30
10:00 am

Enhancing Extinction by Targeting Molecular Processes Involved in Learning

K. Matthew Lattal
(Oregon Health and Science University)
Sunday, May 29
9:00 am
Neurotransmitter Interactions Involved in Selection of Instrumental Responses and Effort-Related Choice Behavior

John Salamone
(University of Connecticut)
Monday, May 30
2:30 pm

Can Drugs Help Us Understand Cognitive and Executive Functions?

Jordan M. Bailey
(Auburn University)

Mark Galizio
(University of North Carolina, Wilmington)

Suzanne H. Mitchell
(Oregon Health and Science University)

Paul L. Soto
(Johns Hopkins University)
Monday, May 30
3:30 pm

Teaching Behavior Analysis in Virginia: Improving Services Through the Comprehensive Application of Behavior Analysis

Katherine Meincke Matthews
(The Faison School for Autism)
Sunday, May 29
11:00 am

Garfield Park Preparatory Academy: Strategies to Implement Applied Behavior Analysis in an Urban Public School

Denise E. Ross
(The Chicago School of Professional Psychology)
Monday, May 30
10:00 am

Theoretical, Philosophical, and Conceptual Issues
Naming and Categorisation: You Name It, You’ve Got It

Marleen T. Adema
(Bangor University)
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4:00 pm

Exploring, Visualization, and Data Analysis With JMP

Jay Moore
(University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)
Monday, May 30
10:00 am

Verbal Behavior Development as We Understand It Now

R. Douglas Greer
(Teachers College, Columbia University)
Monday, May 30
1:30 pm

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Neville Morris Blampied (University of Canterbury)
May 28, Saturday; 1:00 pm–1:50 pm

Facets of Operant Extinction
Kennon A. Lattal (West Virginia University)
May 28, Saturday; 2:00 pm–2:50 pm

Amy Odum (Utah State University)
May 28, Saturday; 3:00 pm–3:50 pm

Exploration, Visualization, and Data Analysis With JMP
Mia Stephens (SAS Institute, JMP Division)
May 28, Saturday; 4:00 pm–4:50 pm
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Richard W. Malott (Western Michigan University)

Richard Malott, Ph.D., BCBA-D (DickMalott@DickMalott.com) teaches behavior analysis at Western Michigan University (WMU), where he works with students interested in becoming practitioners, rather than researchers. He trains students to work with autistic children and to apply behavior systems analysis and organizational behavior management to human-services settings. He concentrates on training BA and MA students as well as Ph.D. students. Every summer, he runs the Behavioral Boot Camp, an intense 15-class-hour-per-week, 7.5 week, graduate-level, behavior-analysis seminar for students from WMU and around the globe. Originally, he taught an introductory behavior-analysis course to 1,000 students per semester, who produced 1,000 lever-pressing rats per year. Now, his students only condition 230 rats per year, but they also do 130 self-management projects and provide 13,500 hours of training to autistic children. To further those efforts, in 2008 he founded the Kalamazoo Autism Center. He also coauthored Principles of Behavior (the textbook previously known as Elementary Principles of Behavior). Since 1980, he has been working on a textbook called I’ll Stop Procrastinating When I Get Around to It. He has presented in 14 countries and has received two Fulbright Senior Scholar Awards. In 2002, he also received ABAI’s Award for Public Service in Behavior Analysis. And in 2010, he was elected president of ABAI. For more information, please see http://DickMalott.com.

Abstract

Here’s one of my favorite things about our field of behavior analysis: It’s filled with dream chasers—delightfully delusional behavior analysts devoting their lives to chasing the behavior analytic dream, to saving the world with behavior analysis, or at least some small chunk of the world, to helping all kids on the spectrum learn to talk, to disseminating behavior-analytic, computer-based instruction throughout public education, to ending global warming, to infusing their undergrad students with a love of behavior analysis, and also to understanding what makes us complex organisms and complex social systems tick, without forgetting our Skinner-box, our experimental roots. In other words, to finding out why the pigeon pecks the key and what that has to do with you and me. You name it, and there’s a small or large group of people using behavior analysis to achieve these illusive goals, working toward the wellbeing of humanity. I’d like to share a few of my heroes with you.

Edward R. Christophersen (Children’s Mercy Hospital)

Edward R. Christophersen, Ph.D., is a board-certified clinical psychologist at Children’s Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri, and a professor of pediatrics at the University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Medicine and the University of Kansas Medical Center. He has written and co-written several books on parenting, including Parenting That Works: Building Skills That Last a Lifetime and Treatments That Work With Children: Empirically Supported Strategies for Managing Childhood Problems. A fellow in clinical psychology in the American Psychological Association, he was elected an honorary fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics because of his unique and substantial contributions in the area of child health.

Abstract

The field of applied behavior analysis (ABA) has served both our area and the greater scientific community very well. In the early days, pioneers like Mont Wolf, Todd Risley, and Don Baer from the Department of Human Development and Family Life at the University of Kansas addressed issues across a broad range of topics such as (a) treatment of juvenile delinquents, (b) teaching language skills to inner city children, (c) increasing learning in the school setting, and (d) establishing a wide variety of functional skills of persons with intellectual disabilities. As important as the impact and acceptance of ABA has been in the field of psychology is the application and adoption of its principles by
other major professional groups. Closely related to my work has been the application of ABA to problems in pediatric practice, including the treatment of common presenting problems such as disruptive behavior and elimination disorders, as well as for more complex problems with serious medical sequel such as adherence to complicated treatment regimens for diabetes, cystic fibrosis, and childhood cancer.

ABA has accomplished much by doing a few basic things very well: defining the functional variables for a population; gathering as much data as practical; and using that data to direct the application of ABA to new and unique settings, problems, and challenges. The same basic methodological approaches used to solve important social problems were also used to gain acceptance into new areas of investigation and to new professional areas—in my case, in pediatric medicine. Getting ABA accepted into mainstream pediatrics was facilitated by publishing research of direct interest to pediatricians in their journals (e.g., Pediatrics), as well as presentations at literally dozens of meetings of the American Academy of Pediatrics and being seated on grant study sections with pediatricians. The publication of such investigations in journals traditionally thought to be outside of the domain of ABA was key in advancing the science of psychology and medicine outside of the research setting. Acceptance of ABA into mainstream medicine will be reviewed as well as new areas where ABA is making contributions.

Practice Board Events
ABAI is pleased to recommend sessions highlighting the efforts being pursued on behalf of practice and practitioners.

Ethical Issues in Applied Behavior Analysis
Chair: Jon S. Bailey
(Florida State University)
Saturday, May 28, 1:00 pm–2:20 pm
Korbel Ballroom 3A (Convention Center)
• Mary Jane Weiss
(The McCarton School)
• Ellie Kazemi
(California State University, Northridge)
• R. Wayne Fuqua
(Western Michigan University)
• Jon S. Bailey
(Florida State University)

Applied Behavior Analysis in Practice: Addressing Issues of Quality and Competence
Chair: Louise Denne
(TreeHouse School)
Discussant: Richard P. Hastings
(Bangor University)
Saturday, May 28, 2:30 pm–3:50 pm
Korbel Ballroom 3A (Convention Center)

A Selective Overview of the Behavioral Literature on Staff Training Protocols
LILLIAN PELIOS
(The American College of Greece)

Implementing the York System of Quality Assurance in a Complex Organization
MARGARET LYNN HOWARD
(Surrey Place Centre),
Adrienne M. Perry
(York University),
and Kelly Alves and Melissa A. Lavallee
(Surrey Place Centre)

Applied Behaviour Analysis: A Competence-Based Approach
LOUISE DENNE
(TreeHouse School)
and Richard P. Hastings and J. Carl Hughes
(Bangor University)

Approaches to Reducing the Frequency and Duration of Seclusion Time-Out
Chair and Discussant: Allen J. Karsina
(New England Center for Children)
Saturday, May 28, 4:00 pm–5:20 pm
Korbel Ballroom 3A (Convention Center)

Reducing Duration of Exclusionary Time-Out Through Systematic Fading
CATIA CIVIDINI-MOTTA, Kathryn G. Horton,
and Tracey Toran
(New England Center for Children)

Replacing Time-Out With a Functionally Alternative Break
KELLY L. MCCONNELL, Lindsay Grimm,
and Paula Ribeiro Braga-Kenyon
(New England Center for Children)

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**Ethical Challenges for Behavior Analysts**
Chair: Stephen R. Anderson
(Summit Educational Resources)
Sunday, May 29, 9:00 am–10:20 am
Korbel Ballroom 3A (Convention Center)
• Stephen R. Anderson
(Summit Educational Resources)
• Raymond G. Romanczyk
(State University of New York at Binghamton)
• Eric V. Larsson
(Lovasa Institute Midwest)
• Mary Jane Weiss
(The McCarton School)

**Overcoming Barriers to Adherence With Behavioural Recommendations in Non-Clinical Settings**
Chair: Kerry-Anne Robinson
(York Central Hospital Behaviour Management Service)
Discussant: Rosemary A. Condillac
(Brock University)
Sunday, May 29, 10:30 am–11:50 am
Korbel Ballroom 3A (Convention Center)

**The Development of an Intervention Package to Decrease Vocal Stereotypy When Adherence to Response Interruption and Redirection is Challenging**
KERRY-ANNE ROBINSON
(York Central Hospital Behaviour Management Service)

**The Development of a Behavioural Treatment Plan When Adherence to Behavioural Recommendations is Challenging for a Mother of a Teenager With Autism**
SARAH RALSTON
(York Central Hospital Behaviour Management Service)

**Increasing Adherence in a Non-Clinical Setting. How to Get Mediators to “Buy Into” Implementing Behavioural Treatment Recommendations**
ALICE JARA
(York Central Hospital Behaviour Management Services)

**Applied Behavior Analysis at Home and in Schools: Teaching Parents and Teachers to Take an Active Role in Intervention**
Chaired and Discussant: Nicole M. Troscail-Lasserre
(GNO Resource Center on Developmental Disabilities)
Sunday, May 29, 1:30 pm–2:50 pm
Korbel Ballroom 3A (Convention Center)

**Addressing Recommendations for Intervention Programs for Individuals With Autism Spectrum Disorder Within a Part-C Early Intervention System**
NICOLE M. TROSCAIL-LASSERRE and Jay A. Sevin
(GNO Resource Center on Developmental Disabilities),
and Maria T. Blanco, Gina Easterly, and Philip G. Wilson
(LOvaas Institute Midwest)

**Parent Skills Intervention Program: Description and Outcomes of a Summer Parent Skills Training Program**
LILLIE WILSON, Dorothea C. Lerman, 
Sarah J. Antal, Alyssa Martin, Rachel Pantermuehl, 
and Adrian Joy Sepulveda
(University of Houston-Clear Lake)

**Validation of Parent Collected Observational Data in the Natural Environment**
ADDEE F. ANDRUS and Nathan A. Call
(Marcus Autism Center),
Rosa I. Arriaga
(Georgia Institute of Technology),
Dana M. Swartzwelder
(Marcus Autism Center), 
and Nazneen Anwar
(Georgia Institute of Technology)

**Training Public School Teachers to Use Data Based Decision Analysis With Discrete Trial Training**
DANA ZAVATKAY
(Marcus Autism Center)
and Sarah Hively
(One for Autism)

**Teachers, Therapists, and Parents, Oh My! Behavioral “Tools” Training for Everyone**
Chair: Kimberly Crosland
(University of South Florida)
Discussant: Hewitt B. “Rusty” Clark
(University of South Florida)
Sunday, May 29, 3:00 pm–4:20 pm
Korbel Ballroom 3A (Convention Center)

**Can We Keep a Good Thing Going? New Name, New Audience, New Data; Same Great Stuff!**
BRYON NEFF
(Professional Crisis Management, Inc.)
and Stacie Neff
(Agency for Persons With Disabilities)

**Behavioral Tools Training With Teachers: Maintenance and Booster Training**
ISRAEL B. MILLER and Kimberly Crosland
(University of South Florida)

**Cross-System Behavioral Training Collaborative**
AMANDA KEATING
(University of South Dakota), 
Kimberly Crosland
(University of South Florida), 
and Nancy Saufley and Lindsay Brough
(University of South Dakota)

**Translating From Research to Practice in Community Settings**
Chair: Sara S. Kupzyk
(University of Nebraska-Lincoln)
Monday, May 30, 9:00 am–10:20 am
Korbel Ballroom 3A (Convention Center)

**Bridging the Gap Between Research and Practice in Education: What Adoption of Educational Fads Can Teach Us**
SARA S. KUPZYK and Danielle Parisi
(University of Nebraska-Lincoln)
Parent Education Training: A Literature Review of Best Practices With Recommendations for Dealing With Lack of Parental Adherence and Follow Through
DEE L. SHEPHERD-LOOK (California State University, Northridge)

Great GOOGLy-moogley!
JILL MCLAURY (Circle of Friends)
and Teri Pigman (Bright Futures Learning Services)

Making an Impact: What Behavior Analysis Can Gain From Going to Therapy
Chair: Timothy C. Fuller (University of Nevada, Reno)
Monday, May 30, 10:30 am–11:50 am
Korbel Ballroom 3A (Convention Center)
• Timothy C. Fuller (University of Nevada, Reno)
• William C. Follette (University of Nevada, Reno)
• Patrick C. Friman (Father Flanagan’s Girls and Boys Town)
• Claudia Drossel (University of Nevada, Reno)

Public Policy Strategies and Tactics for Behavior Analysts
Chair: Gina Green (Association of Professional Behavior Analysts)
Monday, May 30, 1:30 pm–2:20 pm
Korbel Ballroom 3A (Convention Center)
• William H. Ahearn (New England Center for Children)
• Gina Green (Association of Professional Behavior Analysts)
• Suzanne Letso (Connecticut Center for Child Development)
• Neil T. Martin (European Association for Behaviour Analysis)

Empirically Based Records in the Practice of Behavior-Analytic Therapies
Chair and Discussant:
Sonia Beatriz Meyer (Universidade de Sao Paulo)
Monday, May 30, 3:00 pm–4:20 pm
Korbel Ballroom 3A (Convention Center)

Controlled Practice: Continued Measurements and Production of Empirical Evidences in Behavior Analytic Therapies
ROOSEVELT STARLING and Sonia Beatriz Meyer
(University of Sao Paulo)

Behavior Categorization by an Outside Observer in Child and Adult Therapy
GIOVANA DEL PRETTE, Juliana Donadone, and Sonia Beatriz Meyer
(University of Sao Paulo)

Strategies for Disseminating Behavior Analysis Within Nonbehavioral Environments
Chair: Amanda S. Mentzer (The Graduate Center, Queens College, The City University of New York)
Tuesday, May 31, 9:00 am–10:20 am
Korbel Ballroom 2C (Convention Center)
• Oliver Wirth (National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health)
• Donald A. Hantula (Temple University)
• Nicholas L. Weatherly (Spalding University)
• Jeannine Plowman Stratton (Furman University)

Interacting as a Behavior Analyst in Multidisciplinary Teams
Chair: Christina M. Peters
(ReMeD)
Tuesday, May 31, 9:00 am–10:20 am
Korbel Ballroom 3A (Convention Center)

Where Do We Fit In? Navigating the Behavior Analyst’s Role as Part of a Multidisciplinary Team of Clinicians Working With Individuals With Brain Injury
CHRISTINA M. PETERS, Chris M. Schaub, Jim Conway, and Kevin Erdner
(ReMeD)

Tracker, Tracker Keeping Track of the Tracker. Systems to Support Data Collection and Management When Information Must Be Collected Across Setting and Providers and Used by an Interdisciplinary Team to Make Decisions
CHRISTINA M. PETERS, Chris M. Schaub, Kevin Erdner, and Jim Conway
(ReMeD)

The Importance and Utility of Behavior Analytic Principles and Programming in All Phases of Post-Acute, Neurobehavioral Rehabilitation for Survivors of Traumatic Brain Injury: A Case Study
CHRIS M. SCHAUB, Christina M. Peters, and Kevin Erdner
(ReMeD)

Integrating Behavior Analysis Into Unique Settings
Chair: Janet L. Montgomery (Florida Institute of Technology)
Tuesday, May 31, 10:30 am–11:50 am
Korbel Ballroom 3A (Convention Center)

Opportunities Knock: Increasing Integration of Behavior Analysis Services Into the Mental Health Community
JANET L. MONTGOMERY
(Florida Institute of Technology)

Error Prevention and Root Cause Analysis of Behavioral Crisis Events
LARAINA WINSTON and Merrill Winston (Professional Crisis Management, Inc.)

Role of Behavior Analysis in Diverse Cultures at End-of-Life Care
YASH P. MANCHANDA
(none)

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Professional Development Series

The Professional Development Series is an initiative of the ABAI Student Committee. All attendees are welcome.

Understanding the Publication Process
OTH; Applied Behavior Analysis
Chair: James Nicholson Meindl
(The Ohio State University)
Saturday, May 28, 5:00 pm–5:50 pm
302 (Convention Center)
• Richard M. Foxx
(Penn State University)
• William L. Heward
(The Ohio State University)
• Nancy A. Neef
(The Ohio State University)

International Applied Behavior Analysis
PRA; Applied Behavior Analysis
Chair: Sarah M. Dunkel-Jackson
(Southern Illinois University)
Tuesday, May 31, 12:00 pm–1:20 pm
Korbel Ballroom 3A (Convention Center)
• Rebecca Godfrey
(Central East Autism Program)
• Ainsley McPherson
(University of Nevada, Reno)
• Martha Hübner
(Universidade de Sao Paulo)
• Monika M. Suchowierska
(Warsaw School of Social Psychology)

On Being a Postdoc
OTH; Service Delivery
Chair: Christopher Krebs
(West Virginia University)
Sunday, May 29, 2:30 pm–3:20 pm
302 (Convention Center)
• Jonathan M. Siezak
(National Institute on Drug Abuse)
• Natalie Rose Bruner
(Johns Hopkins University)
• Mikhail Koffarnus
(Johns Hopkins University)

Applying to Graduate School
OTH; Theory
Chair: Jillian M. Chan
(St. Cloud State University)
Sunday, May 29, 1:30 pm–2:20 pm
302 (Convention Center)
• Genevieve M. DeBernardis
(University of Nevada, Reno)
• Erin Davis
(Erinoak Kids Central West Autism Intervention Services)
• Zainab Jaffer
(Kinark Child and Family Services)

Careers in Applied Animal Behavior
AAB; Applied Behavior Analysis
Chair: Jacquelyn M. MacDonald
(New England Center for Children)
Monday, May 30, 7:30 pm–8:50 pm
406 (Convention Center)
• Terri M. Bright
(Simmons College)
• Jennifer L. Sobie
(University of Illinois)
• Kathryn L. Kalafut
(Brown University)
• Indya N. Watts
(The Chicago School of Professional Psychology)

Teaching ABA in a Non-ABA Program
TBA; Applied Behavior Analysis
Chair: Chrystul E. R. Jansz
(University of Nebraska-Lincoln)
Sunday, May 29, 7:30 pm–8:20 pm
603 (Convention Center)
• James L. Soldner
(Assumption College)
• Cheryl A. Young
(Montana State University, Billings)
• Christine Hofner Barthold
(University of Delaware)

Affiliated Chapters Leadership Training
Chair: Gordon Bourland
(Trinity Behavioral Associates)
Friday, May 27, 1:00 pm–5:00 pm
Capitol Ballroom (Hyatt Regency)

ABAI training sessions are great opportunities for chapter leaders to gain knowledge and expertise on issues of central importance to their ABAI affiliated chapters. This training is for chapter leaders only. Although the chapter training is free for up to three officers per chapter, advance registration is required. This event is closed; attendance is by invitation only.

Friends of SABA Reception
Chair: Raymond G. Miltenberger
(University of South Florida)
Friday, May 27, 5:30 pm–7:00 pm
Agate ABC (Hyatt Regency)
ABAI members who made a donation to the Society for the Advancement of Behavior Analysis (SABA) in 2010 and 2011 are invited to a reception in honor of their contributions and commitment to the field. We are very grateful for the generosity of those who support the activities of ABAI and SABA. Donations fund student research fellowships, the Master’s Thesis and Doctoral Dissertation Endowment, and grants for students who are presenting authors at ABAI events.

International Development Welcome Reception
Chair: Martha Hübner
(Universidade de Sao Paulo)
Friday, May 27, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm
Centennial Ballroom FGH (Hyatt Regency)
The International Development Welcome Reception is scheduled for the first evening of the convention to welcome international members and review the international development of behavior analysis being conducted at ABAI. All members are welcome. 2010 International Development Awardees: James T. Ellis (Melmark, Inc.), Pilot Classroom for Children with Autism in Georgetown, Guyana; Jeremy H. Greenberg (The Children’s Institute of Hong Kong), Project RAISE (Reinforcement and Inclusion...
Parents, Professionals, and Students: Welcome to the ABAI Convention

Chair: Audrey Meissner
(Senior Author of the ABAI Convention)
Friday, May 28, 10:00 am–10:50 am
Korbel Ballroom 2B (Convention Center)

Parents and other caregivers of individuals with special needs (as well as professionals and students) are attending the ABAI convention in increasing numbers. This event will consist of a professional development session and socializing among like-minded attendees. We will provide an overview of ABAI and its convention, and highlight the types of events that parents, professionals, and students will encounter.

Parents, Professionals, and Students: Welcome to the ABAI Convention

Chair: Maria E. Malott
(Chair of the ABAI Convention)
Saturday, May 28, 7:30 pm–8:20 pm
Korbel Ballroom 2A (Convention Center)

Honoring Masaya Sato’s Life and Legacy (1932–2010)

Chair: Richard W. Malott
(Florida Institute of Technology)
Saturday, May 28, 7:30 pm–8:20 pm
Korbel Ballroom 2A (Convention Center)

Who Did What to Whom? Explication of Participant Profiles
Benjamin N. Witts
(University of Nevada, Reno)

Response Cost Redux: Procedure Versus Context
Joshua K. Pritchard
(Florida Institute of Technology)

Back to the Future of Applied Behavior Analysis
Corey L. Robertson
(Florida Institute of Technology)

Guilt by Association: How Words Mean What They Mean
Daniel C. Derosa
(Florida Institute of Technology)

Anosognosia and the Case of the Over-Confident Behavior Analyst
Jon S. Bailey
(Florida State University)

Ignite Roulette
After being wowed by an amazing series of IGNITE presentations by fellow behaviorists, get ready for some crazy improv, riotous laughter, and all around great fun while watching the same five well-prepared people bite the bullet and present something which they didn’t prepare at all for your entertainment and education! What do we mean? In this round, each person submits a presentation to the pool. From the pool, the presentations will be chosen at random by a “spin of a wheel”—potentially leaving us presenting something we’ve never seen before. If the idea of a 5 minute presentation that auto-advances regardless of the speaker seemed crazy—you ain’t seen nothin’ yet!

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Symposium in Honor of Jim Dougan: Reward Sensitivity and Choice Behavior in Hamsters and Rats

Chair: Gwen Lupfer-Johnson (University of Alaska Anchorage)
Discussant: Frances K. McSweeney (Washington State University)
Sunday, May 29, 3:00 pm–4:20 pm
404 (Convention Center)

Differences in Reward Sensitivity in Sprague Dawley Rats and Syrian Hamsters: Changes During Competitive and Solitary Responding
Leslie M. Wise and Valeri Farmer-Dougan (Illinois State University)

Changes in Locomotor Behavior and Reward Sensitivity During Amphetamine Exposure: Differences in Rat Versus Syrian Hamster Models
Valeri Farmer-Dougan and Leslie M. Wise (Illinois State University)

Suppression of Ethanol Consumption by High Fat Diets and Palatable Alternative Beverages in Dwarf Hamsters
Gwen Lupfer-Johnson, Kori Radcliffe, Chuck Crew, Alyssa Hoskie (University of Alaska Anchorage);
Zoe Merculieff (Mount Edgecumbe High School);
and Eric S. Murphy (University of Alaska Anchorage)

Health, Sport, and Fitness SIG: 6K Local Run
Chair: Marianne L. Jackson (California State University, Fresno)
Saturday, May 28, 8:00 am–9:30 am
Capitol Ballroom 6–7 (Hyatt Regency)
A 6K (just over 3 miles) run organized by members of the Health, Sport, and Fitness Special Interest Group. All levels of runners welcome. Will meet in the assigned room to communicate the route and then head out as a group. Please wear appropriate running attire.

Reunions and Receptions
Additional information about reunions and receptions is listed in the program book and on the ABAI website under the names of the chairs.

Auburn University
Chair: Linda A. LeBlanc (Auburn University)
Sunday, May 29, 8:30 pm–11:00 pm
Mineral Hall D (Hyatt Regency)

Welcome to Denver!
An Event Hosted by the Four Corners Association for Behavior Analysis
Chair: Erin B. Rasmussen (Idaho State University)
Sunday, May 29, 8:30 pm–11:00 pm
Centennial Ballroom H (Hyatt Regency)

The Ohio State University
Chair: Sheila R. Alber-Morgan (The Ohio State University)
Sunday, May 29, 8:30 pm–11:00 pm
Centennial Ballroom F (Hyatt Regency)
Simmons College Programs in Behavior Analysis  
**Chair:** Amanda N. Kelly  
(SEEM Collaborative)  
Sunday, May 29, 8:30 pm–11:00 pm  
Centennial Ballroom A (Hyatt Regency)

Speech Pathology Special Interest Group Social Hour  
**Chair:** Tracie L. Lindblad  
(Four Points Intervention Strategies, Inc.)  
Sunday, May 29, 8:30 pm–11:00 pm  
Agate ABC (Hyatt Regency)

University of Florida  
**Chair:** Erica Feuerbacher  
(University of Florida)  
Sunday, May 29, 8:30 pm–11:00 pm  
Quartz AB (Hyatt Regency)

University of Kansas  
**Chair:** Edward K. Morris  
(University of Kansas)  
Sunday, May 29, 8:30 pm–11:00 pm  
Centennial Ballroom B (Hyatt Regency)

Behavior Analysis Program at the University of Nevada, Reno  
**Chair:** Ramona Houmanfar  
(University of Nevada, Reno)  
Sunday, May 29, 8:30 pm–11:00 pm  
Centennial Ballroom E (Hyatt Regency)

University of North Carolina, Wilmington  
**Chair:** Christine E. Hughes  
(University of North Carolina, Wilmington)  
Sunday, May 29, 8:30 pm–11:00 pm  
Mineral Hall FG (Hyatt Regency)

University of North Texas Department of Behavior Analysis  
**Chair:** Richard G. Smith  
(University of North Texas)  
Sunday, May 29, 8:30 pm–11:00 pm  
Centennial Ballroom G (Hyatt Regency)

Western Michigan University: Reunion of Alumni, Students, Faculty, and Friends  
**Chair:** R. Wayne Fuqua  
(Western Michigan University)  
Sunday, May 29, 8:30 pm–11:00 pm  
Centennial Ballroom D (Hyatt Regency)

Behavior Analyst Certification Board: University Contact Faculty  
**Chair:** Gerald L. Shook  
(Behavior Analyst Certification Board)  
Saturday, May 28, 7:30 pm–8:20 pm  
401/402 (Convention Center)

Behavior Analyst Certification Board: Introduction and Application  
**Chair:** Christine L. Ratcliff  
(Behavior Analyst Certification Board)  
Sunday, May 29, 8:00 am–8:50 am  
403 (Convention Center)

Behavior Analyst Certification Board: Status and New Developments  
**Chair:** Gerald L. Shook  
(Behavior Analyst Certification Board)  
Sunday, May 29, 7:30 pm–8:20 pm  
403 (Convention Center)

Behavior Analyst Certification Board: International Certification Development  
**Chair:** Neil T. Martin  
(European Association for Behaviour Analysis)  
Monday, May 30, 7:30 pm–8:20 pm  
404 (Convention Center)

Behavior Analyst Online Special Interest Group  
**Chair:** Michael Weinberg  
(Orlando Behavior Health Services, LLC)  
Saturday, May 28, 7:30 pm–8:20 pm  
405 (Convention Center)

Behavior Analyst Today Meeting of Editors and Reviewers  
**Chair:** Darlene E. Crone-Todd  
(Salem State University)  
Sunday, May 29, 8:00 am–8:50 am  
406 (Convention Center)

Behavior Medicine Special Interest Group  
**Chair:** Alyssa N. Wilson  
(Southern Illinois University, Carbondale)  
Sunday, May 29, 7:30 pm–8:20 pm  
301 (Convention Center)

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Behavioral Gerontology Special Interest Group
Chair: Jonathan C. Baker
(Southern Illinois University)
Sunday, May 29, 8:00 am–8:50 am
304 (Convention Center)

Behavior and Social Issues Editorial Board Meeting
Chair: Mark A. Mattaini
(Jane Addams College of Social Work)
Sunday, May 29, 8:00 am–8:50 am
405 (Convention Center)

Behaviorists Interested in Gambling Special Interest Group
Chair: Jonathan C. Baker
(Southern Illinois University)
Monday, May 30, 7:30 pm–8:20 pm
304 (Convention Center)

Clinical Special Interest Group
Chair: Thomas J. Waltz
(University of Nevada, Reno)
Saturday, May 28, 7:30 pm–8:20 pm
407 (Convention Center)

Developmental Behavior Analysis Special Interest Group
Chair: Gary D. Novak
(California State University, Stanislaus)
Monday, May 30, 7:30 pm–8:20 pm
405 (Convention Center)

Dissemination of Behavior Analysis Special Interest Group
Chair: Joshua K. Pritchard
(Florida Institute of Technology)
Sunday, May 29, 7:30 pm–8:20 pm
406 (Convention Center)

Direct Instruction Special Interest Group
Chair: Wendy L. Kozma
(BEACON Services)
Sunday, May 29, 7:30 pm–8:20 pm
601 (Convention Center)

Education and Treatment of Children Editorial Review Board Meeting
Chair: Stephanie M. Peterson
(Western Michigan University)
Sunday, May 29, 7:30 pm–8:20 pm
404 (Convention Center)

Evidence-Based Practice Special Interest Group
Chair: Mark T. Harvey
(Florida Institute of Technology)
Saturday, May 28, 7:30 pm–8:20 pm
301 (Convention Center)

The Experimental Analysis of Human Behavior Special Interest Group
Chair: Manish Vaidya
(University of North Texas)
Monday, May 30, 7:30 pm–8:20 pm
407 (Convention Center)

Health, Sport, and Fitness Special Interest Group
Chair: Marianne L. Jackson
(California State University, Fresno)
Sunday, May 29, 7:30 pm–8:20 pm
302 (Convention Center)

Iowa Association for Behavior Analysis
Chair: Evelyn Jo Horton
(The Homestead)
Monday, May 30, 7:30 pm–8:20 pm
303 (Convention Center)

Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis
Chair: Lillie Wilson
(University of Houston–Clear Lake)
Sunday, May 29, 8:00 am–8:50 am
302 (Convention Center)

Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior: Meeting for Authors, Prospective Authors, and Board Members
Chair: James E. Mazur
(Southern Connecticut State University)
Saturday, May 28, 7:30 pm–8:20 pm
403 (Convention Center)

Journal of Organizational Behavior Management Editor’s Meeting
Chair: Timothy D. Ludwig
(Appalachian State University)
Monday, May 30, 7:30 pm–8:00 pm
301 (Convention Center)

Journal of Precision Teaching and Celeration
Chair: Richard M. Kubina, Jr.
(The Pennsylvania State University)
Saturday, May 28, 7:30 pm–8:20 pm
605 (Convention Center)

Kentucky Association for Behavior Analysis
Chair: Nicholas L. Weatherly
(Spalding University)
Saturday, May 28, 7:30 pm–8:20 pm
404 (Convention Center)

Nevada Association for Behavior Analysis
Chair: Kenneth MacAleese
(Advanced Child Behavior Solutions, LLC)
Sunday, May 29, 8:00 am–8:50 am
601 (Convention Center)

New York State Association for Behavior Analysis
Chair: Vicki Madaus Knapp
(Summit Educational Resources)
Saturday, May 28, 7:30 pm–8:20 pm
603 (Convention Center)

Northwestern Association for Behavior Analysis
Chair: Dana J. Stevens
(Whitworth University)
Saturday, May 28, 7:30 pm–8:20 pm
406 (Convention Center)

The Ogden R. Lindsley Standard Celeration Chart Share
Chair: Malcolm D. Neely
(Standard Celeration Society)
Monday, May 30, 7:30 pm–9:30 pm
Centennial Ballroom E (Hyatt Regency)
Ohio Association for Behavior Analysis  
**Chair: Morten Haugland**  
(Haugland Learning Center)  
Monday, May 30, 7:30 pm–8:20 pm  
302 (Convention Center)

Organizational Behavior Management Network  
**Chair: Heather M. McGee**  
(Western Michigan University)  
Monday, May 30, 8:00 pm–8:50 pm  
301 (Convention Center)

Parent Professional Partnership Special Interest Group  
**Chair: David A. Celiberti**  
(Association for Science in Autism Treatment)  
Sunday, May 29, 8:00 am–8:50 am  
404 (Convention Center)

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You may pay membership dues and register for workshops and the convention online at www.abainternational.org.

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(Western Michigan University)
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2 Developing Social Skills in Learners With Autism Spectrum Disorders: From Assessment to Intervention
Mary Ellen McDonald
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and Erin Sparacio and Joyann Tramuta
(Eden II Programs/The Genesis School)
CE: PSY/BACB
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3 Applied Behavior Analysis and Speech-Language Pathology: An Integrated Approach to Promoting Language in Learners With Autism
Joanne Gerenser and Bonnie M. Forman
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CE: PSY/BACB
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4 Programming From the Verbal Behavior-Milestone Assessment and Placement Program: Procedures Derived From a Public School Support System
Michael Miklos and Amiris Dipuglia
(Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Net)
and Linda T. Franchock
(Pennsylvania Verbal Behavior Project)
CE: PSY/BACB
Member: $180, Nonmember: $230

5 Augmentative and Alternative Communication: Proloquo2Go and Considerations When Using Technology With Those Diagnosed With Autism
Rebecca Godfrey
(Central East Autism Program, Canada)
and Katelyn Ferguson
and Mario Notarianni
(York Behaviour Management Services)
CE: PSY/BACB
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6 Developing the Social Skills of Students With Autism Spectrum Disorder Served in Inclusive Settings
Robert F. Putnam and Marisa Petruccelli
(May Institute)
CE: PSY/BACB
Member: $180, Nonmember: $230

7 Building Cooperation and Motivation to Learn
Anna Matchneva
(I Step Ahead Services, Inc.)
and Alexia Stack
(private practice)
CE: PSY/BACB
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8 Obtaining Insurance Reimbursement for Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention for Autism: How We Do It. Medical Necessity Determinations, Billing, and Management of Recovery-Oriented Treatment
Eric V. Larsson, Kara L. Riedesel, and Charryse M. Fouquette
(Løvaas Institute Midwest)
CE: BACB
Member: $195, Nonmember: $245

9 First 3 Months of Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention for a Child With Autism: Major Goals and Challenges
Monika M. Suchowierska
(Warsaw School of Social Psychology)
and Linda S. Heitzman-Powell
(University of Kansas Medical Center)
CE: PSY/BACB
Member: $190, Nonmember: $240

10 Preparing for Adulthood: Vocational and Life Skills Training for Teenage Students With Autism
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12 Strategies for Increasing Parent Fidelity of Implementation and Decreasing Child Challenging Behavior During Problematic Routines
Amanda L. Little and Jennifer Shubert
(University of Texas at Austin)
and Nanette L. Perrin
(Early Childhood Autism Program)
CE: PSY/BACB
Member: $180, Nonmember: $230

13 Motivating Learner Participation Without the Use of Escape Blocking, Forced Physical Prompts or Nagging
Robert Schramm
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14 From Diagnosis to Indistinguishable: Developing Individualised Early Intensive Intervention Programmes for Young Learners With Autism
Kimberly Wroblewski
and Mary Hopton-Smith
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Jonathan W. Kanter
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(Advances Learning Center)
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Michelle Ennis Soreth
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and Tara Frederick
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Jaime Gardner
(University of Nevada School of Medicine),
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and Thouraya Al-Nasser
(University of Nevada, Reno)
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Michael Fabrizio
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Kerri L. Milyko
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Minnesota Northland ABA Regional Conference

BY KIM TASKY

The third annual MNABA Regional Conference was held on Friday, September 24, 2010 at the Radisson University Hotel on the beautifully scenic University of Minnesota campus. Collaboration between the Executive Council of MNABA and the Center for Continuing Studies at St. Cloud State University helped facilitate the most highly attended and successful conference to date. In attendance were over 125 people representing professionals, parents, students, and everyday behavior analysis enthusiasts.

As MNABA grows, so does our commitment to providing outstanding educational and informational opportunities to our members. Dr. Michael Potegal launched this year’s conference as keynote speaker, encouraging the building of cross-disciplinary bridges between psychological and neuroscientific work on emotion and functional behavior assessment. With the energy high, the conference continued with Maria Valdovinos, who spoke eloquently on the importance of continued assessment of behavior function when administering psychotropic medication. Other presenters of the day addressed topics such as performance management, positive behavioral support strategies for challenging behaviors, and a 6-year follow up and outcome study of 35 children with autism.

The field of behavior analysis wouldn’t be where it is today without the important research completed by the academics, professionals, and students in our field. This year, MNABA was proud to award Marissa L. Henrickson with first place for her exceptional poster presentation titled, “Detecting False Positives in Multielement Designs: Potential Implications for Brief Analysis.” The study first identified the probability of generating false positives using continuous measures in multielement designs and then empirically evaluated new guidelines for decreasing false positives in those designs. Henrickson demonstrated that the new guidelines decreased the presence of false positives to less than 5% for all graphs except those depicting two data points and two data paths.

This year’s second place award winner was Tyler K. Krueger for his poster presentation titled, “The Use of Response Cost to Treat Automatically Reinforced Spitting.” In the study, Krueger determined that noncontingent access to a reinforcer with the addition of a brief response cost procedure successfully reduced the rate of automatically reinforced spitting. Additionally, the study demonstrated the important clinical utility of the treatment by producing similar, ongoing results in the child’s special education classroom.

With another spectacular conference behind us, MNABA and the Center for Continuing Studies at St. Cloud State University would like to thank the speakers, poster presenters, conference exhibitors, and all the participants for making this year’s regional conference extraordinarily successful. Planning for the 2011 conference is already in progress and we look forward to providing yet another exciting venue to further the field of behavior analysis.

From left to right: MNABA’s Conference Committee Chair Sarah Roberts, President April Rapp, and Secretary/Treasurer Tim Moore.
Direct Instruction: Special Interest Group

BY WENDY KOZMA

Professionals working with individuals with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) make up a significant number of the participants attending the annual ABAI conference. A quick survey of the annual conference “browse by program area” menu testifies to a tremendous interest in autism within the applied behavior analysis community. As the number of individuals diagnosed with ASD has continued to increase significantly during the past decade, practitioners, educators, students, parents, and other professionals are seeking out education and training in behavioral science-based interventions. The significance of evidence-based instructional practices has been established and numerous studies support direct instruction (DI) as an effective practice within this domain. Direct instruction is a system of teaching in which instructional variables are controlled through the use of carefully designed instructional materials, instructional sequences, and teaching strategies to ensure students will master content at a reasonable rate.

Direct instruction is a logical choice for a wide variety of learners. Frequently, the instructional needs of learners with ASD and other challenges are often not so dramatically different from the needs of typically developing learners. As a stated goal, the Direct Instruction Special Interest Group (DI SIG) is striving to coordinate and support a continuum of ongoing education, training, and networking opportunities for all individuals interested in direct instruction implementation as an effective evidence-based instructional practice.

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Specific features of direct instruction that support this population include:

• General Case Instruction, which teaches intended generalizations while prohibiting incorrect generalization. Instruction becomes most efficient when more content is taught in less time.

• Formats, which provide consistent instructional routines, wording, and arrangement of learning tasks. Such formats support learners sensitive to changes in routines while providing systematic fading of prompts.

• Standardized Error Correction Procedures, which also increase instructional efficiency through prevention of error patterns that interfere with generalization and fluency development.

In January, ABAI hosted its Sixth Annual Autism Conference. In conjunction with this conference, chairs for the Autism SIG, the DI SIG, and the Parent Professional Partnership (PPP) SIG initiated a collaborative endeavor. This collaboration is intended to plan for/provide ongoing training in DI for professionals on multiple levels (introductory, intermediate, and advanced/research level) and to offer education and support for parents.

In conjunction with a conference entitled Effective Programs for Learners With Autism Spectrum Disorders, the Association for Direct Instruction hosted an invitation-only half-day forum for practitioners with considerable expertise in utilizing DI programs with learners diagnosed with ASD. The forum was held on August 15 in Columbus, Ohio, and was followed by a 2-day conference. Several members of the DI SIG were invited to participate in the forum.

The forum participants brought various challenges, administrative practices, implementation strategies, and other ideas to the table. These elements were categorized with respect to learner characteristics and discussed in relationship to obstacles and challenges to DI implementation. Solutions were proposed including modifications and adaptations and a systematic process for determining best practices guidelines implementing solutions was begun. A network of professionals was established, and a committee formed to develop research topics validating the effectiveness of DI implementation with learners on the spectrum. Several research proposals were established at the conclusion of the conference.

The event initiated an important opportunity to advance the use of DI with learners on the spectrum. The sponsoring association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and supporting the use of DI programs. The Association for Direct Instruction hosts DI conferences, provides online networking and assistance, and publishes the Direct Instruction News and The Journal of Direct Instruction. For more information on the Association for Direct Instruction please visit www.adihome.org.

The Institutes for Behavior Resources’ 50th Anniversary Event Honors Founder Dr. Joseph V. Brady on May 2–3, 2011, in Baltimore

BY REID BLANK

Author’s note: This event will also recognize the leadership of Congressman Elijah E. Cummings (D–MD) and honor the memory of Carol Butler, former Institutes for Behavior Resources (IBR) REACH Director.
The diverse programs of the IBR are inextricably linked to its founder, Joseph V. Brady, Ph.D., who pioneered and advanced multiple fields within the behavioral sciences that are commonplace today. Joe Brady, as he is known to his thousands of colleagues, collaborators, and students in the many fields he helped shape, is an ever-creative force who has worked tirelessly for six decades applying the principles of behavioral psychology to improve life and well-being for all—on Earth and beyond! Dr. Brady created IBR to be a living laboratory that provides services and conducts research to extend the benefits of behavioral approaches to solving a great variety of human and social challenges. While IBR is well known in its community for innovative and effective substance abuse programs, others outside of its region know IBR as a unique center of experimentation and development of human performance, behavioral analysis, and safety initiatives utilized by NASA, the National Institute of Health, the Department of Transportation, the U.S. military, state and local governments, multiple transportation modes, and other applied fields.

With its 50th anniversary in 2011, IBR is planning a celebration of its many accomplishments and to honor Dr. Brady, and others, such as the Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, who have contributed to the evolution of IBR as a unique and outstanding community, national, and international resource. The celebration will focus on two events: (1) a 2-day conference on May 2–3 at Hurd Hall on the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine campus, highlighting new and evolving developments by leaders in the fields to which Dr. Brady contributed so fundamentally and (2) a gala dinner on May 2 at the American Visionary Arts Museum on the evening between the two conference days to celebrate both IBR's accomplishments as well as the contributions of Dr. Brady and community leadership honoree, Representative Cummings. IBR plans this as a fun, truly celebratory event for all of those associated with the organization's history and Dr. Brady's career.

IBR's 50th anniversary events will also be dedicated to the memory of Carol Butler, director of IBR's innovative mobile substance abuse service and dedicated patient advocate, whose passing in 2009 affected all of us at IBR and many throughout the substance abuse services community.

To learn more about IBR's specific plans for the event and opportunities to participate and/or support this memorable occasion, visit www.ibrinc.org/anniversary.

Any net proceeds from the gala dinner will go toward the development of the Joseph V. Brady Behavioral Sciences Center and related IBR educational activities. IBR welcomes contacts from anyone who would like to get involved in event planning and development as well as those interested in serving on the Event Organizing Committee and making or securing contributions. The key contact for event planning is:

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For more information about IBR's 50th anniversary event and regular updates, please visit: www.ibrinc.org/anniversary.
St. Amant

St. Amant (www.stamant.mb.ca) is a comprehensive resource for Manitobans with a developmental disability, acquired brain injury, or autism. It is a nonprofit organization and offers a wide range of care through the Community Living Program, River Road Place Program, and River Road Child Care. St. Amant also offers a number of treatment services and programs available to in-house and community-based children and adults through the Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) Program, Research Centre, Community Living Stabilization Service, Family Care Program, Psychology Services, occupational therapy, speech therapy, physiotherapy, school, Adult Day Program, Recreation Services, medical and psychiatric clinics, and spiritual care.

St. Amant is committed to ensuring that individuals with developmental disabilities, brain injury, or autism receive evidence-based treatments. St. Amant offers autism services programming through its ABA Program. ABA uses behavioural science and techniques in a planned and systematic way to assess, teach, and improve socially significant behaviours to help an individual with autism to live a full and fully functional life. Our program is funded by the Province of Manitoba to provide intensive behavioural intervention for children diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. Preschool children receive home-based early intensive behavioural intervention for up to 3 years, while school-age children can receive intervention, both at school and at home, for up to 3 years or until they reach Grade 4 (whichever comes first). Currently a behaviour analysis autism consultation service is being developed to provide additional support to children who have completed the 3-year, school-age program. This support has been mandated by the province to include an educational component to build capacity for ABA in the school system. ABA involves emphasis on changes and adjustments in the current environmental conditions with the objective of promoting learning and positive change in behaviour. Our behaviour analysts aim to improve socially important behaviour by using tools based on procedures that have been evaluated in reliable and objectively measured experiments. We teach new behaviours or increase and maintain relevant and desired behaviours, generalize or transfer behaviour across situations or responses, restrict or narrow conditions under which interfering behaviours occur, reduce interfering behaviours, and through these processes enhance the quality of life for the children and their families. The programming is tailored to each child and is based on an evolving body of knowledge. ABA interventions are supervised by qualified behaviour analysts familiar with current research in the field.

The St. Amant Research Centre works to improve quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities through research and education. We use an interdisciplinary approach to create new knowledge and translate our research into useful information for caregivers, practitioners, and policy-makers. We aim to create a world where all people, regardless of their abilities, are able to develop to their fullest potential. Our current areas of research include supporting choice-making, best practices for early intervention for children with autism, how people with developmental disabilities access health care, education for health care professionals, how families are affected by and cope with developmental disabilities, effective teaching technologies, and knowledge translation.

The St. Amant Community Living Stabilization Service (CLSS) is a comprehensive treatment plan that aims to foster behavioural stability, prevent permanent out-of-home placements, and prevent the breakdown of other supports. Individuals who receive services from the Family Services-Supported Living Program and experience immediate or imminent behavioural or psychological problems that jeopardize their ability to remain in their homes are eligible for the CLSS. Participating individuals may be challenged by a broad spectrum of issues including aggressive or destructive behaviours, temporary life adjustment problems, depression, and other mental health diagnoses. Once a participant is accepted into the program, the CLSS team completes a thorough clinical assessment, develops a comprehensive treatment plan, and trains care providers to implement the plan. The CLSS team consists of behavioural psychologists, psychiatrists, registered nurse consultants, clinical pharmacists, behaviour analysts, and treatment staff.

Psychology Services has two areas: referral for challenging behaviour (with a focus on increasing positive behaviors and replacing behaviors of concern) and psychological testing to help the Supported Living Program establish whether an individual is eligible for supports and to assist Children’s Special Services in transition planning for Adult Services. Our challenging behaviour services typically involve two phases: assessment and treatment. During behavioral assessment, our team conducts and in-depth functional assessment or functional analysis, working closely with caregivers. The final step in the assessment process is a report that details results and recommendations. If caregivers choose to continue, the treatment phase begins. Treatment involves teaching caregivers to implement a reinforcement program that increases positive behaviors and prevents/decreases negative behaviors. Caregivers record information on a checklist that the consultant graphs and summarizes. To start the process, training and consultation is provided weekly in the client’s natural setting. Our involvement gradually decreases.
as caregivers become more comfortable and skilled at implementing recommendations. Additional interventions, such as anger management training, is provided as needed. Individuals are often referred to Behavioural Services when they display noncompliance, aggressive behaviors (toward individuals and property), self-injurious behaviors, disruptive behaviors, and inappropriate verbal behaviors. Following assessment and treatment, individuals frequently show increased compliance and independence in daily living activities including toileting, dressing, bedtime and mealtime routines, positive social behaviors, positive play behaviors, and anger management skills.

St. Amant is a great organization to work for that provides many benefits to both employees and clients and was recently awarded “Manitoba’s Top Employers 2011.” St. Amant prides itself on both providing exceptional evidence-based service as well as supporting continued research through the Research Centre, local partnerships like the University of Manitoba’s ABA Program, and national research efforts.

For more information, please contact Kirsten Wirth at kwirth@stamant.mb.ca, or (204) 256-4301, extension 3476.
Opportunities for Behavior Analysts

The Institute of Professional Practice
Clinical Coordinator—Adult Services

Responsibilities include: coordination of clinical programming with day services; supervising the development, implementation, and analysis of all behavioral intervention programs; ensuring quality and consistency of program implementation; interacting with regulatory agencies; and in-servicing staff in applied behavior analysis (ABA) and related subjects. While candidates with a bachelor’s degree and relevant experience will be considered, preferred candidates will have a master’s degree in a relevant field (or be enrolled in a master’s degree program) and prior experience in ABA with individuals with developmental disabilities and physically handicapping conditions. Candidates should submit resume to amartin@ippi.org or mail to Allison Martin, IPPI, 1764 Litchfield Turnpike, Woodbridge, CT 06525. Tel. (203) 389-6956 ext. 110.

St. Amant Applied Behavior Analysis Program for Children With Autism
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Applied Behavior Analysis Consultant Position
The applied behavior analysis (ABA) consultant is responsible for programming across each child’s daily life and environments as well as providing guidance and training to each child’s team at home and school. The consultant reports to the clinical coordinators of the preschool and school-age programs. It is an extremely dynamic and rewarding position.

About St. Amant
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The ABA Program (http://stamant.mb.ca/main/ABAProgram.html) is a program within St. Amant and serves preschool and school-aged children with autism in their homes, day cares, preschools, and schools. It is a 100% provincially funded program.

We are looking for individuals with masters’ degrees in applied behaviour analysis who are BCBAs (or eligible to sit for the BCBA), Ph.D.s in applied behaviour analysis with the ability to register with the local psychology regulatory body (http://www.cpmb.ca/), or Ph.D.s in other disciplines who are BCBAs and are able to register with the local psychology regulatory body.

For more information, please contact Kirsten Wirth at kwirth@stamant.mb.ca, or (204) 256-4301 ext. 3476.
Calendar of Upcoming Conferences
For more details, please visit the websites indicated and the Affiliated Chapters section of the ABAI website.

2011

February
North Carolina ABA
February, 16–18
Charlotte, NC
Crowne Plaza Charlotte Hotel
www.nc-aba.com

29th Annual Western Regional Conference
February 17–19
Burlingame, CA
Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport
www.calaba.org

Behavior Analysis Association of Michigan
February 24–25
Ypsilanti, MI
Eastern Michigan University; Student Center
www.baam.emich.edu

Texas ABA
February 25–27
Gavelston, TX
Gavelston Convention Center
www.txaba.org

March
Heartland ABA
March 3–4
Omaha, NB
University of Nebraska, Omaha; Thompson Alumni Center
www.hlaba.org

Connecticut ABA
March 4
Cromwell, CT
Crowne Plaza Hotel
www.ctaba.org

British Columbia ABA
March 11–12
University of British Columbia; Scarfe Building
www.bc-aba.org

March (cont.)
Pennsylvania ABA
March 24–25
Hershey, PA
Hershey Lodge and Convention Center
www.pennaba1.org

New Jersey ABA
March 25
Edison, NJ
Pines Manor
www.njaba.org

Queens College
Developmental Disabilities Conference
March 25
Flushing, NY
Queens College, CUNY
qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/Psychology/

Behavioral Research & Translation: Behavioral Economics
March 25–27
Chicago, IL
Hyatt Regency, Chicago
www.abainternational.org

Organizational Behavior Management Network
March 31–April 1
Tampa, FL
Sheraton Suites Airport
Westshore Hotel
www.obmnetwork.com

April
Four Corners ABA
April 1–2
Santa Fe, NM
LaFonda on the Plaza
www.4caba.org

ABA Italy
April 6–8
Milan, Italy
www.aarba.org

April (cont.)
Experimental Analysis of Behaviour Group
April 18–20
London, United Kingdom
University City London, Department of Psychology
eabg.bangor.ac.uk/index.htm

Kansas ABA
April 23
Overland Park, KS
The University of Kansas, Edwards Campus
www.kansaba.org

May
Norwegian ABA
May 11–15
Golsfjellet, Norway
Storefjell Resort Hotel
www.atferd.no

37th Annual ABAI Convention
May 27–31
Denver, CO
Colorado Convention Center
www.abainternational.org

July
Animal Behavior Society and International Ethological Conference
July 25–30
Bloomington, IN
Indiana University
www.indiana.edu/~behav11/index.shtml

September
XX Brazilian Meeting of Psychotherapy and Behavioral Medicine
September 7–10
www.xxencontroabpmc.com.br

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