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Amateur architect Dr. William Thornton originally designed the U.S. Capitol in 1793, with significant input and revisions by professional architect Benjamin Henry Latrobe, a friend of Thomas Jefferson, and Charles Bulfinch, the first professional American-born architect. Congress held their first session on November 17, 1800. Partially burned by the British in 1814 during the War of 1812, reconstruction of the expanded Capitol was completed in 1826. Most of the workforce were slaves.

The 1850s expansion of the Capitol Building to accommodate the increasing size of both chambers more than doubled the length of the building, making Bulfinch's original dome appear small and out of proportion. Thomas U. Walter, appointed Architect of the Capitol by President Millard Fillmore, oversaw not only the expansion, but also designed the fireproof cast-iron dome still seen today. Sculptor Thomas Crawford created the Statue of Freedom that sits atop the dome, although in Crawford's original version, the figure wore a Phrygian cap—a Roman symbol of emancipated slaves. Upon seeing the initial design, Jefferson Davis, U.S. Secretary of War in charge of the Capitol construction (and later President of the Confederacy), exploded with rage and ordered the cap removed. Crawford began losing his sight in 1856 and died in 1857 of brain cancer. Philip Reed, an enslaved man in the nation's capital, ultimately cast the statue in 1860 and, after his emancipation in 1862, worked to install the Statue of Freedom atop the dome.

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President's Column

The Lincoln Memorial seen from the Washington Monument

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ABAI *Unites* in Nation's Capital

BY MARK GALIZIO

WASHINGTON, DC IS AN exciting place to be on any Memorial Day weekend, but this year it reached an even higher pitch for us as behavior analysts from all over the world converged for the 51st Annual Meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI). I've attended all but a few of

those 51 meetings and this one really stood out with numerous outstanding presentations, many festive social events, and 3,508 enthusiastic attendees! There were far too many superlative events to feature them all, but I will note a few personal highlights below.

The action started early for some of us as 29 workshops were held Thursday and Friday (May 22/23) providing training across a wide range of program areas including Autism; Clinical/Family/Behavioral Medicine; Developmental Disabilities; Education, Organizational and Behavioral Systems Analysis; Philosophical, Conceptual and Historical Issues; and Verbal Behavior and Cognition.

On Friday evening, our amazing Student Committee



Enthusiastic Attendees Relish Exceptional Programs

staged their Student Welcome session along with Student Trivia night. There were also several Special Interest Group business meetings, and the evening wrapped up with the International Reception hosted by Marcelo Benvenuti (University of Sao Paulo) that celebrated the diversity and global reach of ABAT's membership. And all this before the conference opening event!

The Society for the Advancement of Behavior Analysis (SABA) awards were featured at Saturday's opening event chaired by SABA President Chris Newland. This is always one of my favorite sessions because not only do we honor our outstanding colleagues, but each awardee gives a short presentation reflecting on some aspect of their distinguished careers. I often find these talks to be among the high points

of the meeting and this year's awardees did not disappoint!

The first award for Distinguished Service to Behavior Analysis was to two-time ABAT President Mike Perone (West Virginia University) who has served our field in so many ways. Although the title of his talk (Things I Have Learned About Service—So Far) seemed remarkably inauspicious to me, those familiar with Mike as a speaker were not surprised that his presentation was insightful, funny and poignant. Hopefully all who heard it were inspired to volunteer for ABAT service work (we always need volunteers)!

The SABA Award for Scientific Translation went to Tim Hackenberg (Reed College), whose high-impact research has made signal contributions across a wide



A participant enjoying a Sunday morning presentation



range of topics. His presentation on token economies epitomized the best of translational science as his work has spanned the continuum from basic research on token reinforcement in animals to use of token economies in applied settings. Although not

able to attend the meeting, Julio de Rose (Universidade Federal de Sao Carlos) received the SABA Award for International Dissemination for his critical role in the development of behavior analysis in Brazil. The Award for Effective Presentation of Behavior Analysis in the Mass Media went to Alexandra Kurland (The Clicker Center) who hosts a weekly podcast called “Equiosity.” She is known for bringing clickers and positive reinforcement to the horse training world and has used behavioral principles to facilitate a shift away from aversive control in horse training. The final award for Enduring Programmatic Contributions went to the University of Guadalajara Center for Behavioral Students and Research and was accepted by Carlos de Jesus Torres, who described the distinguished

history of the program (I have fond memories of presenting a mini-course there many years ago as part of their visiting faculty series).

After the single track Awards Ceremony concluded, we were all faced with the challenge of which of the many talks to attend (a problem throughout the conference!). I was fortunate enough to attend Ami Klin’s (Marcus Autism Center) brilliant presentation in the Doreen Granpeesheh Speaker Series: “Toward ABA Leadership in the Science of Profound Autism: Challenges and Opportunities.” He discussed a number of interesting developments on the genetics, neuroscience, and early diagnostic markers of profound autism and the importance of ABA leadership to translate these advances into clinical practice.

Saturday continued with a total of 92 panels, paper sessions, tutorials, and symposia. I enjoyed a cutting-edge symposium on relapse mitigation chaired by Carla Martinez-Perez (University of Florida) and on to the first of three poster sessions. Each session was loaded with great research with 421 total posters (Saturday, 145; Sunday, 143; Monday, 133). The sessions were exciting and busy with lively conversations along every aisle. Posters are a great way to get an early view of cutting-edge science across every subarea of behavior analysis. It was impossible to visit all of the posters in any of the two-hour sessions. I made a short



Francis Mohie, Chioma Ndalla, Rodney Asikhia, Usifo Asikhia, & Micah McNeil posing on Monday afternoon in the exhibit hall

list of the ones I most wanted to see, but even so, I couldn't take them all in.

Special events following the poster session included a B F Skinner lecture from Kostadin Kushlev (Georgetown University) entitled "The Digital Paradox: Why Smartphones Haven't Made Us Happier and How to Reclaim our Well-Being." We also had presentations from the winners of the Scholarly Contributions to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Paper competition: Zeinab Hedroj (University of Nebraska Medical Center's Munroe-Meyer Institute) and Denise Passerelli (Universidade Federal de Sao Carlos). My Presidential Address "Found in Translation" was the final Saturday presentation. I tried to make the point that translational science provides a bridge that unites all behavior analysts across our many different areas of specialization and interest. But the evening was still young, and the ABAI Expo delighted many of us well into the night.

Sunday opened with an interesting invited talk from Mark Bouton (University of Vermont) on the role of attention as a factor in the distinction between goal-

directed and habitual behavior. I enjoyed a symposium chaired by Stephanie Gonzalez (University of North Texas) on "Remembering Past Events: A Survey of Recent Basic and Applied Behavioral Research in Episodic Reporting." Presenters provided behavioral approaches to topics traditionally seen as in the purview of cognitive psychologists (full disclosure—I was a co-author on one of these presentations).

Another symposium that I found of great interest was "Recent Evaluations of Timeout Procedures in Basic and Applied Research" chaired by Haillie McDonough (Northern Michigan University). Although timeout is among the most widely used behavioral techniques worldwide, there is relatively little research on its effects and many unanswered questions, but the presenters in this symposium are starting to address several of these.

One of the late Sunday presentations that I found of great value was a B F Skinner Lecture by Julianne Baron, Executive Director of the Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Science (FABBS), of which ABAI is a member. She chronicled the devastating impact that funding cuts have had at the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, and other federal scientific agencies and urged us to work with FABBS to defend science. After a packed Sunday of talks, it was great



Thom Ratkos concentrates on a presentation



Priyanka Bhabu browsing texts in the bookstore

to relax later at the evening's reunions and chat with old friends and former students.

Monday's events started bright and early with the Annual Business Meeting kicking things off at 7:00 a.m. Each of our board coordinators presented their annual reports: Mitch Fryling-Program, Benjamin Witts (St. Cloud State University)-Education, Ramona Houmanfar (University of Nevada-Reno)-Publications, Claudia Drossel (Eastern Michigan University)-Practice, Jonathan Pinkston (University of Kansas)-Science, Gordon Bourland (Trinity Behavioral Associates)-Chapters, Rocio Rosales (University of Massachusetts-Lowell)-Membership, and Jovonnie Esquierdo-Leal (California State University, Fresno)-Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. These reports gave us all a brief view of the amazing range of activities in support of behavior analysis provided by ABAI.

After the Business meeting, I wandered over to a remarkable invited address by John Wixted (University of California, San Diego) on eyewitness memory. Conventional wisdom has it that wrongful convictions often occur due to faulty eyewitness memory. John's research has revealed that, in fact, eyewitnesses are actually quite reliable (especially if they express confidence in their identification)—IF they are questioned shortly after the event. However, trials do not take place until months or years later, and it is here that faulty identifications are more common. John's testimony as an expert on eyewitness memory has been used to exonerate several people who

were wrongly convicted, and this research has clear implications for the justice system.

Monday continued with many great talks, symposia and panel discussions and culminated with the final speaker, Presidential Scholar Ed Wasserman (Iowa University) who described how many innovative behaviors that seem to appear through design can be understood, not through the genius of the innovator, but rather through shaping by consequences. His talk provided many examples of such shaping (including the development of B F Skinner's pigeon guidance system) and was a fitting conclusion to a great program that included 312 total sessions.

But the Monday night ABAI Social Event was still to come—with two separate venues no less! And that reminds me to mention that a great many of the conference highlights for me were not in the program. They included catching up with dear friends and making several new ones. Those impromptu chats in the hallway and in the corridors of the poster session are always special events. I'm often delighted to get excited by a talk and then inspired to read new things or design a new experiment. These are some of the intangible rewards that make the conference experience



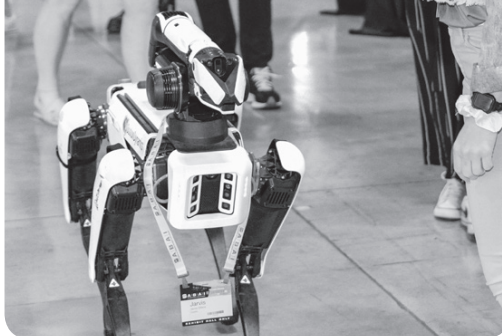
so special (and were sorely missed when we were online during the COVID times).

Congratulations and thanks go to Program Board Coordinator Mitch Fryling and Program Committee Chair Linda Hayes and the many Program Area Coordinators whose work was critical in making the conference such a success. I also want to acknowledge the extraordinary contributions of Program and Convention Managers Maria Malott (ABAI) and Jessica Van Stratton (ABAI) as well as the rest of the ABAI team who somehow manage to keep all the moving parts on track. Finally, I am pleased to announce new Executive Council members: President-Elect--Ramona Houmanfar, At-Large Representative--Len Green (Washington University), and Student Representative-Elect--Daniela Galvis-Quintana (University of Nevada-Reno).

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at next year's Annual Meeting to be held in San Francisco, May 21-25, 2026. But if you are already jonesing for another conference (I certainly am!), consider attending the Single Case Conference, September 26-28, 2025 in Minneapolis; the Twelfth International Conference in Lisbon, Portugal, November 11-13, 2025; and the 20th Annual Autism Conference in New York City, January 15-17, 2026. I hope that you can join us for some of these special events! ❖



ABOVE: SABA Awardees pictured left to right: Alexandra Kurland, Carlos De Jesús Torres (Center for Behavioral Studies and Research), Michael Perone, and Timothy D. Hackenberg



Awardees, pictured left to right: Deisy das Graças de Souza, Julian C. Leslie, Hedda Meadan, Maria Valdovinos, Rocío Rosales, Mitch Fryling, Stephanie Peterson, M. Christopher Newland, Rita Olla, Jomella Watson-Thompson, and Mary Jane Weiss.





Thank you to our amazing Program Board for arranging such an exceptional lineup of speakers for the 2025 Annual Convention.

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Andresa De Souza**
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Thank you to our invited speakers for their insightful presentations that greatly enriched our conference experience.

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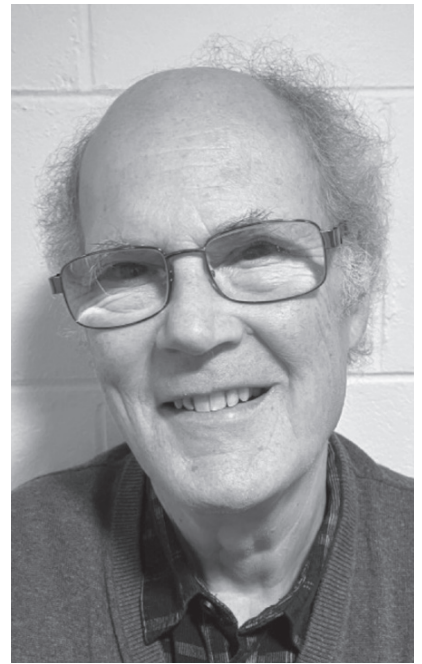
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Mentors play a critical role in career trajectories. To recognize those who have gone above and beyond for their students, the Student Committee created the Outstanding Mentor Awards.

Student members submit a nomination letter and the Student Committee makes the selections. Awardees were recognized during the Presidential Address at the 51st ABAI Annual Convention in Washington, DC.



Deisy das Graças de Souza



Julian C. Leslie

Meet ABAI's 2025 **OUTSTANDING MENTORS**

Deisy das Graças de Souza received her Ph.D. in experimental psychology from the Universidade de São Paulo (USP), mentored by João Claudio Todorov and Carolina Bori. She was a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, where she worked with A. Charles Catania, and at the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Center, where she worked with William J. McIlvane. Throughout her career, she has been a member of the Department of Psychology at the Universidade Federal de São Carlos, where she attained the rank of professor in 2005. Her early career was characterized by publications on basic research on avoidance and choice behavior and she has been currently working on social behavior of nonhuman animals. Later, Dr. de Souza turned her attention to stimulus control, a topic in which she has made experimental, applied, and conceptual analyses of

phenomena involving stimulus equivalence, verbal behavior (especially reading and writing), and recombination of behavioral repertoires. Findings from her human laboratory studies were taken quickly into the field to facilitate reading and writing skills among young Brazilian children who were falling behind in school primarily due to reading deficits. The collective impact of this work is evidenced not only by the many publications it has generated in major outlets in Brazil and internationally, but also by its history of funding from Brazil's most highly competitive research agencies (FAPESP, CNPq). She has an extensive record of master's, doctoral and postdoctoral supervisions. Among her leadership positions are service as president of the Associação Brasileira de Psicologia, member of the Executive Council of ABAI, and as co-editor (Portuguese) of *Acta Comportamental* and editor of *Revista Brasileira*



Hedda Meadan



Maria Valdovinos



Mary Jane Weiss

de Análise do Comportamento/Brazilian Journal of Behavior Analysis. She is an ABAI's Fellow since 2018 and She received the Distinguished Service to Behavior Analysis Award, from the Society for the Advancement of Behavior Analysis (SABA), in 2022.

Julian C. Leslie: I obtained my doctorate from Oxford University in 1974 since when I have been in academic posts in Northern Ireland where I have been a full professor since 1986. I published textbooks on behaviour analysis in 1979, 1996, 2000, 2002 (the 1996 volume was reprinted until 2008 and remains in print, and the 2002 text also remains in print). As well as teaching undergraduate and postgraduate courses, and conducting basic and applied research, I have successfully supervised 57 students who have obtained PhDs in fields including the experimental analysis of behaviour, applied behaviour analysis, psychopharmacology, behavioural neuroscience, experimental psychology, and applied psychology. Three PhD's were concerned with behavioural strategies to address environmental issues. I have been lucky to collaborate with a number of excellent colleagues at Ulster University in the supervision of PhD students. It is a source of great pleasure to me that those PhD's have gone onto diverse roles in academia, the professions and businesses in many different countries.

In 1977 I was co-founder of the group, Behaviour Analysis in Ireland. In 2004, the group became the Division of Behaviour Analysis of the Psychological

Society of Ireland. I organised the Third European Meeting for the Experimental Analysis of Behaviour in Dublin, Ireland 1999, and have co-organised 18 annual conferences of the Division of Behaviour Analysis from 2007 to 2025, variously in Dublin, Galway and Athlone. I was on the program committee, as local Host, for the 11th International Conference of the Association for Behavior Analysis International in Dublin, September 2022. I have given a number of keynote addresses at international meetings in Italy, Spain, Sweden, Greece, the USA and Brazil.

In 2014, I was awarded a Doctor of Science degree by Ulster University for career research on the experimental analysis of behaviour, and in 2018 I was appointed as a Fellow, Association for Behavior Analysis International. I was awarded the Society for the Advancement of Behavior Analysis (SABA) Award for International Dissemination of Behavior Analysis in 2020.

Dr. Meadan is the Snyder Distinguished Professor in the Department of Special Education and Child Development at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. Her research focuses on a cascading intervention model for training and coaching natural change agents—such as family members, educators, and service providers—to use evidence-based strategies that support children's social communication skills in natural environments. She has widely published on interventions for children with disabilities and their families and on

training and coaching caregivers and professionals. One of the most rewarding aspects of her job is working with and mentoring students.

Maria Valdovinos is the Ellis and Nelle Levitt Distinguished Professor of Psychology. She received her doctorate in Developmental and Child Psychology from the University of Kansas and completed post-doctoral work at Vanderbilt University's Kennedy Center for Research on Human Development. Prior to beginning her studies in Kansas, Dr. Valdovinos worked in residential and day treatment settings with adults diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Her experiences in these settings led to her interest in evaluating the pharmacological treatment of challenging behavior. During her time at Drake University, she has had the opportunity to mentor nearly 100 students in her lab and research. Dr. Valdovinos is a Fellow of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and of the American Psychological Association's Division 33 Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities/Autism Spectrum Disorder. She is also a standing member of the Child Psychopathology and Developmental Disabilities (CPDD), National Institutes of Health study section. Dr. Valdovinos also serves on the editorial boards of the American Journal on *Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Behavior Analysis: Research and Practice*.

Mary Jane Weiss, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA is the Dean of the Institute for Applied Behavioral Science and the Director of the Ph.D. Program in ABA at Endicott College, where she has been for 14 years. Mary Jane is passionate about mentoring students in the skills needed for applied research, teaching in higher education, and professional practice. She enjoys observing the meaningful growth of individual students and is heartened by the passion, values, and skills of the next generation of ABA leaders. Her research interests center on defining best practice and humane ABA approaches, integrating compassionate care and cultural responsiveness into service delivery, and enhancing the ethical conduct and collaborative skills of practitioners. Mary Jane is also a long-standing member of the research team at Melmark. Mary Jane serves on the Scientific Council of the Organization for Autism Research, is Vice President of the Board of the Association for Science in Autism Treatment, is a member of the ABA Ethics Hotline, and serves as an Advisor to the Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies. She provides service to a variety of organizations within the field, is an active researcher, and is a frequent presenter at national and international conferences. ❖



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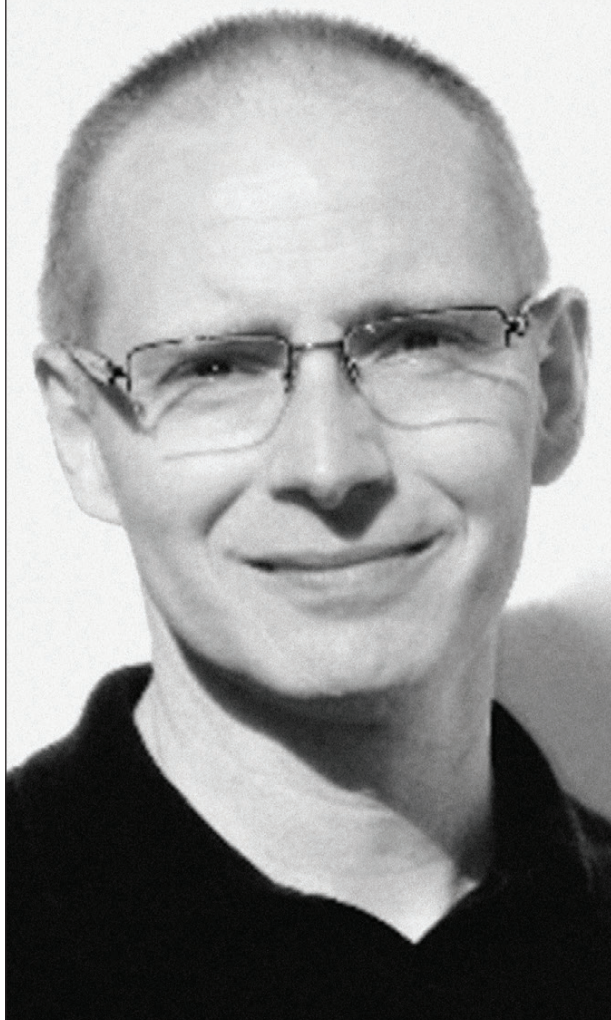
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DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION AWARD

Award for Distinguished Contributions to DEI: Affirmative Behavior Therapy: What Is It and Who Does the Affirming? *An Abstract of Dr. Martell's Thesis*

THIS ADDRESS PROVIDES A REVIEW OF THE WORK OF Christopher Martell, 2025 recipient of the ABAI Diversity Award. Dr. Martell was first author of a 2004 book on providing Cognitive Behavioral Therapies in an affirmative manner with Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Clients, the first such book to do this. Affirmative therapies not only apply to sexual or gender minority individuals. The admonition “nothing about us without us” from various disability and diversity advocates is relevant in work with any minoritized or marginalized groups. Affirmative

behavior analysis accounts for the role of culture and can provide insight into behavioral change that is relevant to individuals and non-discriminatory.

Dr. Martell will speak to the process by which affirmative CBT for LGB clients was begun, and how taking an affirmative stance can extend to functional analytic treatments like behavioral activation. ❖

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ABAI is proud to announce the 2025 Fellows of the Association for Behavior Analysis International.

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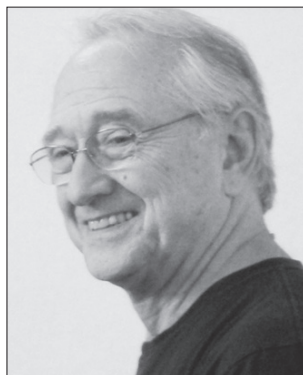


Dr. Karola Dillenburger

Karola Dillenburger, PhD., is Professor of Behaviour Analysis and Education and Founding Director of the Centre for Behaviour Analysis at Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland. Karola is a Board Certified Behaviour Analyst-Doctoral (BCBA-D), Clinical Psychologist (HCPC), and certified UK-Behaviour Analyst (UKBA). She is the President of the European Association for Behaviour Analysis (EABA).

Karola is published widely, including nine books and many multimedia training resources. Her research focuses mainly on neurodivergence, evidence-based interventions, behavioural parent training, parenting people with disabilities across the lifespan, bereavement, and trauma. She actively promotes professional recognition of behaviour analysts worldwide. She was awarded the Gold Medal from Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic.

Karola was born in Berlin, Germany and has lived and worked in Northern Ireland since 1982. She is married with four adult 'children.' Apart from her two grandsons, her hobbies include trail riding, cycling, spinning, and knitting.



David Eckerman

David Eckerman: My introduction to Behavior Analysis came as a Hamilton College undergrad followed by a PhD program at Columbia University. Perhaps my best work from this time showed pigeons learning a matching to sample task who were required to make a distinctive observing response for each kind of sample stimulus showed enhanced learning—a result that supported Cumming and Berryman's "Coding Hypothesis" proposing that "instructional" control by a sample stimulus is not merely "discriminative." I'm pleased that this proposal, with help from many investigators, has moved forward to the present-day Bi-directional Naming Proposal that when someone can describe whether a procedure is being done well or poorly it helps them carry out that procedure skillfully. My mentors for those years included Bill Stebbins, Bill Cummings, Nat Schoenfeld,



Martha Hübner

and Fred Keller—to whom I am very indebted. With my shiny new PhD, I traveled south in 1966 to Chapel Hill, NC where Marcus Waller had gathered a small crew of behavior analysts at the University of North Carolina. There I have enjoyed 59 years of affiliation with colleagues and valued students as we explored principles of response shaping, interactions between reinforcement schedules, and ways of characterizing and simulating reinforcement contingencies. Along the way I have tried to contribute to effective training of behavioral principles and laboratory skills through joining with others to develop computer-based exercises. For about 15 of those years, I collaborated with Kent Anger, Bob MacPhail and other behavioral toxicologists. I also spent several years extending my southern wanderings all the way to Brazil where I collaborated with Lincoln Gimenes, João Claudio Todorov and others from Universities in São Paulo and Brasília. A key step for me was joining forces with Professor Roger Ray of Rollins College in 2008. He was a committed inter-behaviorist and a genius at developing useful technology. Along with other collaborators, he and I used his still-active Train-to-Code computer system to teach young ABA practitioners to accurately categorize videotaped examples of well-delivered versus poorly delivered ABA procedures. This helped them improve their procedural integrity when delivering those procedures themselves. We attribute that improvement to the Bi-directional Naming Proposal I mentioned above. We had hope this approach would find an important role in the training and credentialing of good ABA service provision. A hope I still hold dear.

Martha Hübner: One of the highlights of the accomplishments of Dr. Hübner is her action to the diffusion of behavior analysis all over the world. Since 1979, she has been a partner of ABAI as a "member of contact of ABAI in Brazil," helping Brazilian colleagues to present their posters at the Annual Convention. Besides

Designation as Fellow of ABAI

The purpose of the ABAI Fellow designation is to recognize outstanding contributors to behavior analysis in one of the primary areas of (a) scholarly research, (b) professional practice, or (c) teaching/administration/service or any combination of (a), (b), and (c).

- Only Full members of ABAI are eligible to be named Fellows.
- The nominee must have a documented record of sustained and excellent contributions in one or more primary areas. An aggregate of contributions across the three areas may also make an individual eligible.
- Nominations are only accepted from current Fellows of ABAI, each of whom may make a single nomination per year, and the nominator will solicit a second letter of support from another Fellow.

this, she was elected President of the major scientific associations in Brazil and afterwards in ABAI, USA. She is a full professor of the University of São Paulo (USP) and a basic and applied researcher at the National Institute of Science and Technology in Behavior, Cognition and Teaching (INCT-ECCE), having published scientific papers in the main national Journals and in international journals, such as *The Analysis of Verbal Behavior*, *The Psychological Record*, among others. Dr. Hübner has teaching, research and application experience mainly in the topics of verbal behavior, learning, reading, stimulus equivalence, recombinative reading and autism. She works in favor of enlarging the bridges between basic and applied areas in behavior analysis.

Suzanne H. Mitchell, Ph.D., is a Professor at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) in the Department of Behavioral Neuroscience, with secondary appointments in Psychiatry and in the Oregon Institute for Occupational Health Science. She obtained her B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees at the University of Hull, England and her Ph.D. at SUNY-Stony Brook, USA, focusing on the economics of foraging behavior of rats. During a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Chicago, Dr. Mitchell worked with Harriet de Wit, Ph.D. to conduct some of the earliest studies using behavioral economics to describe people's use of alcohol, nicotine/cigarettes, and amphetamine in humans, and to develop procedures to measure delay discounting in rats. Afterwards, Dr. Mitchell was an assistant professor at the University of New Hampshire, before moving her lab to OHSU in 2001. Her research at OHSU focuses on identifying moderators and mediators of humans and rodent choice behavior, as well as examining the genetic and biological bases of delay discounting. Most recently she has returned to her earlier interests in energetic costs and her research has increased its scope to include effort-related decision-making in clinical populations. She has

received funding for her research from various NIH institutes (NHLBI, NIAAA, NIDA and NIMH), has served on numerous study sections, and has received awards for education and mentoring. She has served as Science Board Coordinator for ABAI, President of the Society for the Quantitative Analysis of Behavior and is currently Editor in Chief for the Journal of the *Experimental Analysis of Behavior*.

Mary Jane Weiss, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA is the Dean of Institute for Applied Behavioral Science and Director of the Ph.D. Program in ABA at Endicott College, where she has been for 14 years. She previously served as Director of Research and Training at the Douglass Developmental Disabilities Center at Rutgers University for 16 years. Her research interests center on defining best practice and humane ABA approaches, integrating compassionate care and cultural responsiveness into behavior analytic service delivery, enhancing the ethical conduct of practitioners, training clinicians to be effective at collaboration, and identifying effective instructional strategies for graduate education in behavior analysis. Mary Jane is also a long-standing member of the research team at Melmark. Mary Jane serves on the Scientific Council of the Organization for Autism Research, is Vice President of the board of Association for Science in Autism Treatment, is on the editorial board of Behavior Analysis in Practice, is on the ABA Ethics Hotline, and serves as an advisor to the Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies.

Dr. Thomas Zane is Professor of Practice and the Director of Online Programs in Behavioral Science in the Department of Applied Behavioral Science at the University of Kansas. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology from Western Michigan University and his doctorate in applied behavior analysis from West Virginia. of using scientifically



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Updates from ABAI's U.S.A. Affiliated Chapters

Alabama ABA

BY PAIGE MCKERCHAR

The Alabama Association for Behavior Analysis (ALABA) serves as a scientific and professional organization that embraces the principles and practices of behavior analysis. Their goal is to promote research that will advance the understanding of behavior, and to identify and promote the use of effective and humane behavioral procedures that meet individuals' educational and habilitative needs. In addition, ALABA strives to serve as a resource for political, legislative, and policy-making bodies in Alabama in ways that support the scientific and professional interests of behavior analysts.

The ALABA Executive Committee's most important task is hosting an annual convention that offers an opportunity to learn from nationally recognized behavior analysts and other knowledgeable professionals. Members look forward to gathering with former schoolmates, colleagues, and friends while networking with new professionals who often become colleagues and collaborators. The annual convention is also vital because it offers Board Certified Behavior Analysts and Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analysts a way to earn high-quality continuing education credits close to home.

Last year's convention was held October 17-18 at the Hilton Birmingham at UAB with a virtual option offered via BehaviorLive. Attendance at the two-day, one-track convention continued to grow with 228 in-person attendees and 38 virtual attendees.

The convention began with President-Elect, Dr. Laura Senn's Presidential Address, *An Overview of the Cliff in Alabama: Where We Are and Where We Can Go*. The remaining presentations included various Invited Speaker addresses and an Alabama Research Symposium focused on sharing the array of research being done in the State. Invited Speakers included: Dr. Caio Miguel presenting Bidirectional Naming and the Integrative Verbal Behavior Approach, Dr. Holly Gover presenting Prioritizing Choice and Assent in the Assessment and Treatment of Food Selectivity, Dr. Theodore Tomeny presenting Oft-Overlooked Nonautistic Siblings: Intervention and Outcome Across the Lifespan, Dr. Sarah Frampton presenting Application of Skinner's Analysis of Problem Solving to Teach Complex Behaviors, Dr. Alice Shillingsburg presenting Strengthening Gestures: A Critical Component to Building Robust Communication Skills for Autistic Children, Dr. Adithyan Rajaraman presenting Advocating for Trauma-Informed Care in ABA Services for Individuals Who Exhibit Dangerous Behavior, Dr. Robin Landa presenting Compassionately Addressing Severe Problem Behavior in Applied Settings, Dr. John Michael Falligant presenting Response Dynamics

in Automatically Maintained Self-Injury: Insights and Future Directions, and Dr. Kimberly Tomeny presenting Empowering Families: Collaborative Strategies to Promote Caregiver-Implemented Intervention. The line-up also included a panel discussion on Reflections and Predictions for Skill Acquisition Programs in ABA conducted with several of our invited speakers as panelists.

Congratulations to the new ALABA President-Elect: Lauren Elliott (Simplified Behavioral Health); Members-at-Large: Holly Patrick (Positive Behavior Supports Corporation) and C. Renee Renda (Jacksonville State University); and Student Representative: Malachi Jackson-Talmadge (Jacksonville State University). The 2025 Executive Committee, which also includes Sheridan O'Brien, Laura Senn, Amanda Niedfeld, and Jodi Robeson is working on plans for the 2025 convention scheduled for October 9-10 in Birmingham, AL.

Please visit www.AlabamaABA.com for more information and to become a member.

Alaska ABA

BY EMILY ICE

The Alaska Association for Behavior Analysis (AKABA) was formed in January 2014 and became affiliated with ABAI in March of 2016. Alaska Association for Behavior Analysis is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a goal to promote the science and theory of behavior analysis through the support of research, education and practice. Alaska Association for Behavior Analysis membership is open to everyone interested in behavior analysis in Alaska.

Membership benefits include low cost CEUs, discounted registration for AKABA Mini-Conference events, access to private members-only online forum, and updates on legislation and other events related to the practice and research of behavior analysis in Alaska. Please visit our website (www.alaskabehavior.org) for current events, news, and membership information.

In 2024, the Alaska Association for Behavior Analysis (AKABA) achieved significant milestones in both advocacy and professional development.

Advocacy for Medical Rate Adjustments

AKABA successfully participated in advocacy for adjustments to Medicaid reimbursement rates to account for inflation. The Alaska Department of Health announced a State Plan Amendment effective July 1, 2024, which included a 15.3% annual inflationary increase for Licensed Behavior Analysts. This adjustment includes a 12.1% legislative adjustment and a 3.2% inflation adjustment.

Annual Conference

AKABA hosted its annual conference titled "Better

Together" on April 26-27, 2024, at the University of Alaska Anchorage. The event featured a Rat Lab Tour and a social gathering on the first day, followed by a full day of presentations and poster sessions on the second day. The conference provided a platform for behavior analysts, paraprofessionals, and individuals interested in behavior analysis to engage and collaborate.

These initiatives underscore AKABA's commitment to advancing the field of behavior analysis in Alaska through effective advocacy and community engagement.

Arizona ABA

BY JESSICA PAINTER AND HANNA ROEN

AzABA had a successful 2024 with progress and growth. The organization prioritized several strategic objectives designed to improve internal functioning and external stakeholder engagement. All efforts to these ends were grounded in our mission and values. AZABA's values form the organizing principle of this report.

Be a Community Resource

AzABA will strive to present learning opportunities and professional development across a wide variety of interests, and seeks to maintain a pulse on the needs of those it serves.

In 2024, AzABA recorded over 1,000 individual members for the first time, and had 49 member agencies. We proudly offered 45.5 CEU credit hours including our annual conference. We continued to allocate funds to empower all Special Interest Groups and Committees to seek content for AzABA membership and continued efforts to create transparency in speaker fees and to provide generous honorariums to all speakers irrespective of other factors. This aligned with AzABA's commitment to treating all speakers equitably and captured the spirit of promoting diversity and inclusion. In addition, we increased our honorariums provided to invited conference speakers.

Advance our ability to practice

AzABA will fight for the integrity of behavior analysis in political and legal doings within our state.

Since its founding in 2011, the AzABA has been a national leader in promoting the ethical expansion of the behavior analytic scope. The Public Policy Committee engages in regular stakeholder meetings with representatives from government and state health plans to address barriers to care and preserve the ability to practice transdiagnostically. In 2024, AzABA continued its participation and support of the Behavior Analysis Subcommittee under the Board of Psychologist Examiners. We have also continued to advocate for better efficiencies within our licensing board. In 2024, we increased our communications to members regarding these efforts and invited them to advocate on an individual basis.

Purposeful governance

AzABA commits to process-driven, data-supported decision making and careful financial planning. The organization maintained a strong financial position, due largely to stable membership, high conference attendance, and sponsorships.

As is the case with any expanding volunteer-run organization, governance is critical. In 2024, a workgroup of board members did an extensive review and revision of our bylaws to better match the needs and functions of the association.

Connection

AzABA works to create a place where the behavior analytic community can come together to connect with each other, other professionals and/or community stakeholders. AzABA values the inclusion of its entire membership and the recognition of every voice.

AzABA continued to connect inside and outside of Arizona. Inside of the state the organization supported Arizona's Interprofessional Behavioral Health Collaborative which includes all other medical and allied health professional associations in the state to promote interprofessional collaboration. In collaboration with other ABAI affiliates, AzABA continued our commitment to host culturally responsive events.

AzABA established an outreach committee to execute membership recruitment efforts, partnerships and aid our program and marketing committees in fundraising efforts. A goal of this committee is to expand our network to smaller agencies as well as agencies across the state of Arizona, beyond our current majority in the Phoenix metro area.

One of AzABA's proudest accomplishments was holding the Annual Conference at a hotel for the first time ever. This investment into a hotel property increased connections through larger meeting space, better technology to accommodate our virtual attendees and allowed more time spent together with about a quarter of our attendees staying overnight at the hotel. Held on October 4-5, the conference had a total attendance of 561 participants, both in person and virtually including 53 scholarship recipients.

Integrity of Action

We evaluate all AzABA work through the lens of equity, diversity, and inclusion and ensure our actions represent our values in every objective.

Integrity in Action is a value that was adopted in 2022 in an effort to perpetuate the organization's legacy with respect to DEI and we have made decisions through that lens ever since. In 2024, our board of directors continued to build greater equity, diversity and inclusion on the board and in membership through evaluation of membership data and beginning an EDI leadership education series.

2024 was very successful year for AzABA. The Board of Directors, staff, members, and volunteers will carry this momentum into 2025 with plans to establish more leadership development practices, increase communications with members and stakeholders and expand our support for the future members of the industry.

Arkansas ABA

BY NICOLETTE CALDWELL

The Arkansas Association for Behavior Analysis (ArkABA) is dedicated to the advancement of the science and application of behavior analysis and committed to promoting research, education, and practice based on the principles of behavior analysis. ArkABA strives to disseminate knowledge from the science of behavior analysis to the public and to professional behavior analysts. ArkABA currently has 150 members, comprised of practitioners, academics, students, and affiliates from across the state of Arkansas. ArkABA members benefit from discounted rates for our annual conference, as well as free CEU opportunities throughout the year.

ArkABA achieved two major accomplishments in 2024. First, ArkABA hosted an in-person conference on the topic of Skills Across the Lifespan in Hot Springs, AR. We welcomed presenters Nicholas Maio-Aether, Miguel Avila, Dr. Claudia Dozier, Dr. Robin Arnall, Alexandra Vassar, and a panel of local and national practitioners. The event was attended by 89 persons from Arkansas and neighboring states.

Secondly, ArkABA continued to support the efforts to establish state licensure for behavior analysts in the state of Arkansas. We continued working with state representatives and senators in support of a licensure bill throughout 2024. After much compromise with state and government officials, a bill was filed in January 2025 for an optional state registration for behavior analysis. The registry bill successfully passed the house and is awaiting vote in the senate committee.

In the coming year, ArkABA will continue to focus time and energy on the establishment of licensure for behavior analysts, working with legislators across the state and the behavior analyst in the state with support from ArkABA members. We plan to host smaller CEU events across the state to foster more community and grow ArkABA leadership. We are also working to collaborate with neighboring state to co-host an event. ArkABA was thrilled to have the opportunity to present on our efforts, membership growth, and the benefits of membership at the 2024 Annual Association for Behavior Analysis International conference in Philadelphia, PA, and plans to send an ArkABA representative to the 2025 ABAI Conference in Washington D.C.

Association for Maine Behavior Analysis

BY REBECCA WATSON

Over the past year, the Association for Maine Behavior Analysis (AMeBA) has concentrated on the implementation of our strategic plan in an effort to continue evolving our organization with a focus on offering more events for membership engagement. Utilizing a process improvement strategy to establish and achieve goals, we have been able to increase member engagement through virtual networking, continuing education events, and social media. Other goals identified by our Board of Directors include further developing our website to be a more robust resource for AMeBA members, community members or other stakeholders, strengthening our partnerships with local organizations, and continuing to support networking opportunities.

AMeBA's membership committee has offered virtual continuing education events. These events have been open to members and non-members in order to increase participation, provide opportunities to connect with other behavior analysts in the state and disseminate information to interested persons. The membership committee also hosted and mediated virtual networking events for school-based providers on provider chosen topics, offering peer support throughout our rural communities.

AMeBA held its first online workshop event with guest presenter Dr. Sonja de Boer. The virtual workshop provided the opportunity for colleagues from across the country to share their professional experiences with one another.

AMeBA held an in-person conference this year in Lewiston, Maine. We welcomed speakers Dr. Paul Gavoni and Matt Cicoria. The conference was a stimulating day of connection for our members with topics that bookended AMeBA's virtual events.

Behavior Analysis Association of Michigan

BY JAMES T. TODD

We are pleased to report that our annual conference, now featuring both real-time online and recorded sessions, was a resounding success with over 500 registrants. Behavior analysis in Michigan continues to contribute positively to the state through diverse training programs in both basic and applied behavior analysis, as well as through our members' commitment to delivering effective, ethical, and science-based treatments for conditions such as autism, traumatic brain injury, addiction, and more. In addition, Organizational behavior management (OBM) and other non-clinical areas continue to expand their presence and offerings.

The Behavior Analysis Association of Michigan

(BAAM) annual convention, held February 20–21, 2025, at the Student Center on the campus of Eastern Michigan University (EMU), was particularly successful. With 502 registrants—422 in person and 60 online—the attendance was well aligned with the venue capacity. The participants represented more than two dozen universities and colleges from over eight states and Ontario. Following the recent retirement of the annual Michigan Autism Conference, which served the western side of the state, we anticipate even higher attendance and an expanded program in 2026. BAAM streamlined both the number and format of sessions to better suit the venue. To increase accessibility, we introduced real-time online streaming and recorded availability for most sessions via BehaviorLive. Sessions were held in the largest available rooms, ensuring that attendees could participate in the sessions of their choice. We extend special thanks to the students at Western Michigan University for their impressive poster presentations and enthusiastic participation in the poster session.

Many local and regional agencies sent staff and administrators, reflecting the expansion of behavior analysis opportunities statewide. The increased involvement of faculty and students from Central Michigan University, Michigan State University,

Oakland University, and the University of Toledo was especially encouraging. We were also pleased to offer dedicated sessions and poster presentations for our colleagues in clinical and applied intervention fields. BAAM gratefully acknowledges the contributions of all who engage in rigorous, science-based, empirical investigations of behavior.

All regular sessions were scheduled in meeting rooms overlooking EMU's Lake House area. BAAM extends special thanks to the staff of the EMU Event Planning Office—especially Meg Castro—the Catering Department, and the Student Center team for their invaluable support. The backing of the Eastern Michigan University Psychology Department, our primary sponsor, was essential to our success. Special thanks are also due to the BAAM staff and volunteers, managed by Eastern Michigan University Clinician-Behavioral and PhD Clinical program students Corin Magee, Silvia Verhofste, and Darian Grear. We also appreciate Caitlyn Sorensen-Kowalski's ongoing management of CEU accreditation and related matters.

BAAM once again featured two keynote addresses, both presented as special events. On Thursday, we reprised the classic "Mock Trial of B.F. Skinner," originally authored by Matthew Andrzejewski of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, with participation from some of the cast members from the original presentations of the Mock Trial at ABA and American Psychological Association Contentions nearly 30 years ago. This

presentation analyzed and defended the philosophical and conceptual foundations of behavior analysis—particularly B.F. Skinner's views—using a mock judicial trial format. The prosecution incorporated direct quotes from prominent critics such as Noam Chomsky, Daniel Dennett, and Alfie Kohn, while the defense presented quotes from leading behavior analysts including A. Charles Catania, Phillip Himeline, Ed Morris and James Todd, and Sigrid Glenn. On Friday, keynote speaker R. Wayne Fuqua—recently retired after 48 years at Western Michigan University—delivered a special invited address on Ethics for Practicing Behavior Analysts: Challenges and Practical Solutions. Wayne was honored with a commemorative plaque from BAAM in recognition of his extensive contributions to behavior analysis in Michigan, including his role in Autism Insurance Reform and co-authoring the Michigan Behavior Analysis licensing bill.

We also had a special invited address, "Towards Real-World Implementation of Digital Contingency Management for Substance Use Disorders," by Anne Fernandez of the University of Michigan. BAAM has been emphasizing contingency management in recent years, and based on hearing of this work on NPR, we invited Dr. Fernandez to present the work of her group at UM.

Additional convention sessions, too numerous to list here, are available for viewing via BehaviorLive online offerings and, soon, the BAAM website. For more information, please visit the BAAM website at www.baam.org.

Behavior Analysis Association of Mississippi

BY STEPHANIE MATTSON

Mission and History

The Behavior Analysis Association of Mississippi (BAAMS) is a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Mississippi, promoting ABAT'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. Our mission is to promote and support the practice, research, education, and dissemination of behavior analysis throughout the state of Mississippi. BAAMS serves as a scientific and professional reference group for all in the State of Mississippi who identify themselves as scientists or practitioners in disciplines which embrace the principles and practices of behavior analysis. BAAMS works to identify and promote the use of effective, humane, and ethical behavioral procedures in meeting the educational and habilitative needs of persons that are typically developing and persons with developmental disabilities within the State of Mississippi. Additionally, BAAMS

advises political, legislative, and policy-making bodies with respect to all matters pertaining to behavior analysis in the State of Mississippi and organizes and sponsors an Annual Convention, which serves as a forum for presentation of scientific progress, technological advancements, and clinical practice, as well as discussion of the affairs of the organization. BAAMS was founded on February 7, 2015 and became an affiliate state chapter of ABAI in 2015.

Officers

BAAMS is governed by an Executive Committee comprised of a president, past president, president-elect, treasurer, secretary, ABAI & APBA Representatives, the ad hoc student representative, and four members of the duly designated regions of the State.

President	Kayla Bates-Brantley, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Past President	Garret Yeager, BCBA, LBA
President Elect	Hailey Ripple, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Treasurer	Kathryn Rankin, BCBA, LBA
Secretary	Meredith Staggers, Ph.D., BCBA-D
ABAI Representative	Stephanie Mattson, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LBA
APBA Representative	Kayla Crook, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Region I Representative	Anna Claire Waldrup, BCBA, LBA
Region II Representative	Mary Autlman Weldon, BCBA, LBA
Region III Representative	Amanda Kirck, BCBA, LBA
Region IV Representative	Greg Standford, BCBA, LBA
Student Representative	No student representative for 2024

Elections for all officers and representatives are conducted near the Annual BAAMS Conference each year, which occurs annually in November. Present, past president, president-elect and student representative serve terms lasting January-December for each year. Treasurer and secretary serve 2-year terms. ABAI, APBA, and region representatives serve 3-year terms.

Membership

There are three types of membership with BAAMS: Full Members, Affiliate Member, and Student Member. The criteria and benefits of membership include:

- **Full Member** (including original Founding Member of BAAMS): Any individual holding (a) at least a bachelor's degree in behavior analysis, psychology, education, or related field, with training or professional experience in behavior analysis and whose full time professional commitment includes teaching, research, and/or practice in behavior analysis or (b) BACB certification (i.e., BCBA-D, BCBA, or BCaBA). Full members may vote and hold office.
- **Affiliate Member:** Any member evidencing interest in the discipline of behavior analysis, but lacking formal training therein, may apply for this class of membership. Affiliate members are entitled to all benefits except for (a) the right to vote on matters of

interest to the organization, and (b) the right to hold office. Affiliate members may serve as members on BAAMS committees.

- **Student Member** (including original Founding Student Member of BAAMS): Any individual pursuing formal training in the discipline of behavior analysis, which may include programs in behavior analysis, psychology, education, or a related field but not yet gainfully employed therein on at least a half-time basis may apply for membership in this category. Such application must be accompanied by an endorsement on letterhead by a program coordinator or program official certifying the applicant's student status. This application will be reviewed in a manner similar to the review of those candidates for Full Member status. Student members may neither vote nor hold office, though they may serve as members on BAAMS committees.

BAAMS currently has 78 active full members with 73 student members. Member meetings occurred as part of the annual meeting held at the BAAMS conference on October 24th and 25th, 2024.

Meeting Activity

The 2024 Annual BAAMS Conference took place in-person at The Riley Center in Meridian, MS on October 24th and 25th. Conference attendees could acquire nine general CEUs, two supervision CEUs, and one Ethics CEU for a total of 12 CEUs available. With 215 participants; speakers included:

- 1 **Dr. Karen Bearss, PhD** – Parent Training in the Real World
- 2 **Dr. Karen Bearss, PhD** – Parent Training using RUBI
- 3 **Dr. Zachary LaBrot, PhD, BCBA-D** – Behavioral Sleep Medicine in the Outpatient Setting
- 4 **Dr. Dan Gadke, PhD, BCBA-D** – Transition Programs and Providing Services to Adults with Autism
- 5 **Molly Dubuque, BCBA** – Creating Pathways to Promote Engagement with Front-Line Staff
- 6 **Dr. Emily Mathis, PhD, BCBA-D** – Ethical and Effective Treatment of Severe Behaviors in an Outpatient Setting
- 7 **Dr. Jeannie Golden, PhD** – Trauma and ABA
- 8 **Shawn Capell, BCBA** – Cultural Humility in Supervision Practices
- 9 **Student Research Poster Session**

The 2025 BAAMS Conference is currently scheduled for November 6th and 7th and will be held at the Riley Center in Meridian, MS.

Other Activity

The BAAMS Executive Committee for the 2024/2025 year also made it a priority to set goals and objectives that would be prioritized for the organization within the year.

A progress report across our five goals and supporting objectives can be found below:

GOAL 1: Increase membership of full members across the calendar year. Comparison points will be enrolled on December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2024.

Goal 1 Met: Membership increased from 77 to 78 active full members.

Objective 1: Maintain frequent social media posting (at least once a week) across the calendar year.

Objective Met: BAAMS organization posted to social media consistently and maintained posting across the year.

Objective 2: Send targeted emails to LBAs across the state who are not current members of BAAMS to encourage participation

Progress Towards Objective: BAAMS will begin sending emails in April 2025.

Objective 3: Send Qualtrics survey to current members to collect data on current level of commitment to BAAMS and solicit feedback and ideas for what they would like to see BAAMS provide/offer members.

Progress Towards Objective: The executive council met about this and an EC member is developing a survey to disseminate to BAAMS members.

GOAL 2: Increase advocacy for ABA services across the state by organizing specific advocacy efforts.

Objective 1: Plan a day at the capitol for BAAMS members to raise awareness for ABA services in Mississippi.

Objective Met: Secured a day at the capitol for April 1st, 2025.

Objective 2: Establish a legislative advocacy committee position to support advocacy efforts in Mississippi.

Objective Met: The position has been established and the BAAMS EC is working on amending bylaws and setting up a vote for the advocacy position..

GOAL 3: Increase member involvement and social opportunities beyond attending conference sessions.

Objective 1: Host a happy hour event in Meridian, MS that overlaps with the BAAMS conference dates to promote member involvement and social engagement.

Objective Met: BAAMS hosted a happy hour event for members on Thursday, October 24th at the Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian.

Objective 2: Host one virtual CEU event outside of the annual conference.

Objective Met: BAAMS promoted a virtual CEU event for BCBAs across the state in September 2024. The citation for the presentation is included below:

Mattson, S. L., Smith, H. M., Staggers, M., & Spencer, J. (2024, September). Behavior analysis goes to school: How behavior analysts can support students across the tiers.

Professional development training provided for behavioral professionals across the state of Mississippi. Virtual.

GOAL 4: Increase conference attendance by 10%.

Progress Towards Goal: Met all objectives and increased conference attendance by 4%.

Objective 1: Send targeted emails to members starting three months leading up to the conference and send one monthly leading up to the conference.

Objective Met: BAAMS sent targeted emails starting three months leading up to the conference.

Objective 2: Maintain current number of sponsors, speakers, and CEUs offered from the 2023 conference.

Objective Met: BAAMS offered the same number of sponsors, speakers, and offered more CEUs during the 2024 conference.

Objective 3: Develop a conference planning committee in March 2024 of EC members, or members at large who may be interested in planning and execution of conference-related tasks.

Objective Met: Conference planning committee successfully planned and executed conference-related tasks for the 2024 conference.

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Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy

BY STACIE BANCROFT

Babat 2024: MA Behavior Analysts

Babat continues to evolve and thrive as a collective of passionate behavior analysts, united not only by a shared commitment to scientific excellence but also by the strength of our local, supportive community. As we continue to grow, the ties between our members—across practice areas, research fields, and student bodies—are stronger than ever, pushing the boundaries of what we can achieve together.

Who We Are

Babat is guided by the leadership of our Board of Directors, with oversight from our Executive Director. This year, our President, Dr. Jill Harper, has continued to push forward her vision to strengthen the connections within the Massachusetts behavior analytic community. In her opening address at this year's conference, Dr. Harper emphasized the importance of fostering a culture of collaboration, where our members can be both supported and empowered to contribute meaningfully to the growth of the profession.

Under her leadership, Babat has continued to refine its systems, expand its initiatives, and encourage members to engage actively in shaping the future of the field. Dr. Harper works closely with Babat Executive Director, Dr. Stacie Bancroft, the Babat Board of Directors (now comprising 20 Directors and Assistant Directors representing 16 diverse affiliations), over 30 committee

members (drawn from more than 20 distinct affiliations) and our advisory groups. Our membership, now exceeding 3,500 professionals, includes practitioners from a broad range of fields, including autism services, academic faculty, researchers, graduate students, and more.

What We Do

The Babat Conference remains a cornerstone of our professional community, and this year's event was a resounding success. Our hybrid format, which drew attendees from across Massachusetts and beyond, allowed for diverse participation, and the event showcased an expanded list of over 40 invited speakers and a series of panels focusing on cross-disciplinary collaboration in line with our conference theme. Building on last year's success, we introduced additional opportunities for networking, including facilitated roundtable discussions, and several hands-on workshops designed to promote professional development in a more interactive and intimate setting. But our conference is just one part of the robust offerings we provide throughout the year. In 2025, we have expanded our calendar to include more than 25 events, with highlights including:

- **Monthly Member Roundtables:** Continuing our commitment to professional practice, these virtual sessions offer a space for behavior analysts to discuss common challenges, share insights, and develop solutions together.
- **The Babat Social:** Our in-person networking event saw an incredible turnout, providing a relaxed yet productive atmosphere for members to connect on both professional and personal levels.

Babat is also committed to honoring the achievements of our members, and in 2025, we recognized many professionals and students for excellence in their professional practice.

What We Are Working On

Babat is undertaking several exciting projects that will enhance our offerings and services to members. Notably, we have migrated to a new membership platform that will provide new ease and benefits to our members. We have also launched a new website.

In addition, we are focusing on increasing student engagement and support. This year, Babat has reduced the costs of event access for students and increased our student support services.

Lastly, Babat is continuing to explore innovative ways to make a positive impact on the field of behavior analysis beyond our local community. We are especially excited about our ongoing work with environmental sustainability—our members are already leading the way in this important area, and we're committed to continuing to promote and support research and practices that are both behaviorally sound and ecologically responsible.

California ABA

BY LIZ HERRERA KNAPP

The California Association for Behavior Analysis (CalABA) continues its commitment to actively serving our membership, stakeholders, community, and consumers of Applied Behavior Analysis. CalABA continues to remain the largest state association representing over 28,788 certified professionals (BCBA-D, BCBA, BCaBA, and RBT).

CalABA held its 43rd Annual Conference February 27th – March 1st in Pasadena, Ca with over 2,000 attendees in person and over 250 attending virtually.

The CalABA Board of Directors convened in-person for their Annual Board of Directors retreat

September 5th – 6th At the retreat the Board engaged in a strategic planning overview, toured the Convention Center 44th Annual, discussed membership benefits, and reviewed public policy updates and planning, as well as engaged in meaningful collaboration to address Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in our organization. This came on the heels of our extensive training and work with Twice Consulting.

CalABA has a continued commitment to serving the interests and needs of our membership, and this year continued to support the four CalABA Special Interest Groups: Adult Service Provider SIG (ASPSIG), Behavior Analysts in Education (BAESIG), Bay Area Behavior Analysis Collective (BABAC), and Behavior Analysts in Business (BIBA).

CalABA continues to be actively involved in public policy matters that are related to the practice of applied behavior analysis in California, continuing our work with Gina Green and Michelle Heid as Public Policy Consultants. Our Public Policy Consultants and Public Policy Committee are working to address challenges in our field and to move behavior analysis forward, as well as working to codify BCBAs in statute, where appropriate.

Colorado ABA

BY REBECCA URBANO POWELL

Colorado Association for Behavior Analysis (COABA) Update: A Year of Advocacy, Progress, and Future Plans

As we reflect on the past year, the Colorado Association for Behavior Analysis (COABA) is proud to share our significant accomplishments and outline our ambitious plans for the year ahead. With our commitment to advocating for behavior analysts and the individuals we serve, COABA has made notable strides in policy, education, and professional development.

Advocacy and Policy Successes

One of COABA's major achievements over the past year has been securing sustainable Medicaid reimbursement rates in Colorado in February 2024. Given the financial challenges facing many healthcare systems, these

rates were at risk of being reduced recently. However, through strategic advocacy and direct engagement with policymakers, COABA successfully defended these rates, ensuring continued access to high-quality ABA services for individuals in need.

Additionally, we have made significant progress in expanding access to ABA services in public schools under HB 22-1260. This legislation enables behavior analysts to provide services within public school settings. While we have successfully placed providers in several school districts, our work is not yet complete. COABA remains dedicated to pushing for 100% adherence to this policy across all school districts in Colorado.

Finally, we have formed a partnership with Juniper to secure needed data on network adequacy and insurance rates across CO providers.

Educational Outreach and Professional Development

Over the past year, COABA has hosted a series of town halls and webinars to educate and support behavior analysts in understanding and implementing HB 22-1260. These sessions have covered topics such as:

- What school-based ABA services look like in practice
- Effective collaboration with school teams
- Assessing medical necessity for school-based treatment

Additionally, COABA has provided webinars on emerging and relevant topics within the field, including Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Behavior Analysis, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) initiatives, and other critical issues shaping the practice of ABA.

Looking Ahead: Conferences and Workshops

COABA remains committed to offering high-quality professional development opportunities for behavior analysts. This year, we are excited to host our annual conference from November 6-8, 2025. The event will feature a diverse range of topics designed to advance the field and equip practitioners with cutting-edge research and practical strategies as well as continue to offer a free RBT Workshop.

In addition to our annual conference, COABA is organizing a summer workshop focused on two key areas:

- 1 Advocating for HB 22-1260 in Schools – Equipping behavior analysts with the knowledge and tools to navigate school-based ABA implementation and policy advocacy.
- 2 Scope of Competence in School-Based Treatment – Ensuring that BCBAs understand the unique competencies required for effective and ethical school-based practice.

Join COABA: Benefits of Membership

COABA invites all behavior analysts, students, and

professionals in related fields to become members and contribute to the advancement of ABA in Colorado.

Membership benefits include:

- Access to exclusive webinars and training sessions
- Advocacy updates and involvement in shaping state policy
- Networking opportunities with fellow professionals
- Discounts on COABA events, including our annual conference and workshops
- Free access to Juniper data re: insurance rates across CO

Conclusion

COABA is proud of the progress we have made over the past year and remains steadfast in our mission to advocate, educate, and support behavior analysts across Colorado. As we move forward, we encourage all ABA professionals to get involved—whether through advocacy, professional development, or community engagement. Together, we can continue to make a lasting impact on our field and the individuals we serve.

For more information about membership, upcoming events, and advocacy initiatives, visit our website or reach out to us directly. We look forward to another year of growth, collaboration, and meaningful change!

Connecticut ABA

BY ELIZABETH SMITH

The Connecticut Association of Behavior Analysts (CTABA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the development and advancement of the field of behavior analysis within the state of Connecticut through research, education, and dissemination of information. We held our 21st annual conference at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford, Connecticut on February 28, 2025. CTABA is pleased to share our progress from last year and plans for the next. Our newly appointed Executive Director, Margaret Fitch, has just begun her three-year term and has quickly stepped into this role with dedication to her responsibilities. CTABA holds annual elections to the BOD in February, with the term to begin at our Conference; to which we welcomed five Directors to the Board. Three Directors will be transitioning off the Board, including President Elizabeth Smith, as term limits have been met. For 2025-2027, Amy Lavoie will serve as President of CTABA, with Erica Bauer serving as Secretary, and Ruel Dixon continuing his work as Treasurer.

In order to effectively continue the work of CTABA, we have identified several goals for the CTABA BOD: (1) Create standard operating procedures (SOP) to collect annual data on CTABA's key performance indicators; (2) Implement SOPs for communications with members, potential members, and/or consumers; (3) create and ensure systems to ensure Committee/SIG/Task Force objectives

are met for completion of objectives, and (4) Ensure all BOD has awareness, access, and agreement to the above SOPs by identifying the current acting permanent products.

Our 21st annual conference was once again a sold-out event, with 533 attendees participating in the full conference and 116 attendees in workshops (held the day prior). We received overwhelming positive feedback regarding the content of our invited speakers, Dr. Mark Dixon, Dr. Andy Bondy, and Liat Sacks, BCBA. Our Conference Committee strives to ensure that our events are successful and provides continuing education opportunities for members, associate members (including RBTs, students, consumers, and direct care staff) and non-members to access our events, and the content of our speakers is diverse and offers relevant information to all attendees. This year, we offered additional workshops (6 sessions/21 CE credits); as well as a total of 15 presentations during the Conference. We offered a total of 16 CEUs during the Conference: Ethics (4.5); Supervision (4); and general CE (7.5) Our Organizational Members & Sponsorship Committee helps ensure that our local agencies and supporters are well represented and able to access networking opportunities. This year, we honored 21 Organizational Members and had new interest in sponsorships!

Our Equity and Inclusion Committee (formerly DISJ) has been tremendously supportive in its mission to increase the representation and diversity of our practitioners, as well as provide increased access for consumers of services with high quality, equitable and inclusivity. CTABA continues to implement a required Diversity training for the Board of Directors each summer at our annual retreat, which has been extremely beneficial and constructive to our standards. This year, a focus was on increasing accessibility options. The EI Committee began a Scholarship Fund this year for a Connecticut resident needing financial assistance for their continuing education. Future applicants should be accepted or enrolled in BCaBA or BCBA certificate program, ABA degree program, degree program with ABA focus or BACB approved degree program.

Our Public Policy and Legislative Outreach (PPLO) Committee continues to increase awareness of behavior analysis in the state. The CTABA PPLO committee has advocated for issues with the Department of Insurance and Department of Social Services, as well as the states' Medicaid plans, with positive results, such as a raise to Medicaid rates. This upcoming legislative session is requiring review and advocacy for several bills on the table; in which CTABA is submitting testimony to support ABA and BCBA's in the state.

CTABA's Membership committee has also demonstrated commitment to our mission in representing behavior analysts in our state. Our current membership has grown to 870 members, which is a 16.6% increase from

membership at this time last year. We seek to ensure we are representing the interests of practicing behavior analysts in our state. CTABA also has 21 Organizational Members renewed for this year. We are pleased with our growth in membership and will continue to seek ways to support our Professional and Associate Members in 2023!

CTABA has had a productive and successful year, and we look forward to continuing our growth in collaboration with our affiliate partners in 2025 and beyond.

Delaware ABA

BY MELISSA TICE MARTIN

The Delaware Association for Behavior Analysis (DEABA) was established as an affiliate chapter of ABAI in 2011. The Delaware Association for Behavior Analysis was created with the mission to promote the science, understanding, and practice of behavior analysis. Specifically, the organization shall:

- (a) *Serve as a scientific and professional reference and networking group for its members.*
- (b) *Disseminate information to promote its mission to a wider audience.*
- (c) *Organize an annual business meeting to provide a forum for discussion of the affairs of the chapter.*

Governance

Current Board Members of DEABA consist of:

President	Melissa Tice Martin, M.S., BCBA
Vice-President	Diliana Henry, M.S., BCBA, MPA
Treasurer	Victoria Hetrick, M.A., BCBA, LPCMH
Secretary	Sarah D'Amico, M.S., BCBA
Membership Director	Dafne Carnright, M.S., BCBA, LPCMH
Member-at-Large	Alia Bonner El, M.Ed., BCBA, LBS, LBA
Member-at-Large	Josefien O'Regan, M.A., BCBA

Membership

Membership is open to all persons interested in or actively engaged in behavior analysis. Being a DEABA member ensures timely access to news about upcoming events, CEs, and initiatives. DEABA offers an opportunity for connection and collaboration with behavior analytic colleagues across the state. Our members bring a wide range of experience and expertise to the ABA community and work as a collective voice for the profession of behavior analysis.

As an affiliate chapter of ABAI, DEABA members are able to obtain discounts on ABAI annual conference registration by requesting a letter from the chapter verifying proof of membership.

Membership is annual by the calendar year starting September 1st. Anyone wishing to become a member must submit a completed application form and pay the annual membership dues:

Full Member

Those certified as a BCBA-D, BCBA, BCaBA, RBT; Licensed Behavior Analysts; or a professional in a discipline directly related to behavior analysis whose professional commitment includes teaching, research, and/or practice in behavior analysis may apply for membership in this category. Full members may vote on membership decisions of the chapter. Annual dues are \$35.

Affiliate Member

Individuals evidencing an interest in the discipline of behavior analysis, but without formal training, licensure, or credential (e.g., students, parents, community providers, educators, etc.) may apply for membership in this category. Affiliate members may not vote on membership decisions of the chapter. Annual dues are \$20.

Conferences

In 2024, board representatives attended chapter training online and attended the ABAA Annual Convention in Philadelphia, PA in May.

In 2025, DEABA board representatives participated in ABAA chapter training opportunities online and attended the ABAA Autism Conference in January in New Orleans, LA, and the Annual ABAA Convention in May in Washington, D.C. A poster session and a social gathering were held to promote the chapter and to build interest in the organization. Planning for a conference to be held in Delaware 2025 is ongoing.

Activities for 2024–2025

The DEABA board members met quarterly during 2024–2025 to conduct business and plan for events and activities.

In September 2024, DEABA applied for and received determination from the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donors can deduct contributions and DEABA is qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers, or gifts as a public charity.

DEABA hosted two virtual Continuing Education events during 2024–2025 as a BACB-approved ACE provider.

DEABA board representatives acknowledged World Behavior Analysis Day celebrations on the DEABA Facebook page in 2024.

DEABA updated the DEABA.org website and made enhancements to ensure a smooth application and payment process for new and renewing members.

DEABA also started a digital newsletter and an Instagram account in order to expand and enhance our outreach and communication efforts.

DEABA continues to explore effective ways to promote behavior analysis and to increase the number of active members, as well as the benefits offered to our membership,

through social media, meetings, social opportunities, interest surveys, and CE events.

District of Columbia ABA

BY LERA JOYCE JOHNSON

District of Columbia ABA (DC ABA) celebrated its seventh year. Although technically, the District of Columbia is actually quite small geographically, its metropolitan area extends to nearby states of Maryland and Virginia (aka, the DMV). The District of Columbia also has a different political structure than the sovereign 50 states. It has a city council and mayor but is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the U.S. Congress which may impact any licensure effort in the District. Our neighbor affiliate chapters (VABA and MABA) have graciously supported the establishment of a DC ABA to focus on the specific needs of families and ABA providers in the District and the surrounding Metropolitan area. Neighboring states of Maryland and Virginia license behavior analysts. Currently, there is no licensing of behavior analysts in DC. As such, some insurance companies that only reimburse licensed therapists will not credential behavior analysts in DC. Some ABA-based treatment providers must make individual agreements with insurance companies that require only credentialed behavior analysts who are licensed. Person with disabilities and families of children with disabilities also lack the protection of quality of evidence-based services and ethical guidelines that licensing of credentialed behavior analysts allows. In July 2024, the DC City Council passed a licensing bill for behavior analysts in DC under the Board of Psychologists. The bill specified that one new member, a BCBA, would be added to the Psychology Board and that regulations would be in place within one calendar year. However, the position has not been filled and no regulations have been specified.

Mission

DCABA's mission is to promote the professional practice, ethics, research, and dissemination of behavior analysis, and to provide its members with support and continuing education opportunities within the field of behavior analysis. DCABA commits to promoting diversity and inclusiveness in our organization and within the field of behavior analysis.

Structure (Executive Board)

DC ABA is governed by an Executive Committee composed of the elected offices of President, Past-President, President-Elect/Vice President, and three At Large Representatives. The Committee is completed by the appointed positions of Secretary, Communication Officer, DEI (diversity, inclusion, and equity) coordinator, and Treasurer. The 2024 Executive Board is currently understaffed. The president position is currently shared between Mary Caruso-Anderson, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LBA

(VA & MD) and Lera Joyce Johnson, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LBA (VA & MD), both Past-Presidents, Lorena Trujillo, BCBA (At Large), Chrystal Foster, BCBA (At Large). Appointed positions include: Andrea Jones, BCBA (Treasurer). Ms. Gabriel Torres requested to withdraw from her position. Members of the Board have taken over most of their responsibilities, and graciously, they occasionally provide support while the Board seeks their replacements. The Executive Board meets once per month.

Membership

DC ABA offers four categories of membership: Full Membership, Professional Membership, Affiliate Membership, and Student Membership. Full membership is available to any individual holding an active behavior analyst credential, for example BCBA or BCBA-Ds, or other credentialed behavior analysts. Full members may vote on membership decisions of the chapter. Professional membership is available to any individual holding an active BCaBA or RBT credential. Affiliate membership is available to any individual who has evidenced interest in the discipline of behavior analysis. This membership category may include parents or family members of clients, community members, teachers, individuals in related services or providers of services to mutual clients of behavior analysts. Student membership is available to any individual pursuing formal training in the discipline of behavior analysis. Currently, benefits at each level include discounted CEUs and event registrations.

Membership declined following COVID-19 and several Executive Members relocated. Membership fees were waived to previous members in 2024.

Events and Activities

Our first year: DC ABA became incorporated in February 2018 and became an affiliate chapter of ABAI in March 2018. Dechert law firm assisted DC ABA (pro bono) with the complicated process to apply for non-profit status in DC. This process was delayed due to the government shutdown, but we received our non-profit status May 10, 2019 and became an affiliate chapter of APBA November 20, 2019.

In 2021, Executive Board members presented at ABAI:

Caruso-Anderson, M., Johnson, L.J., Bishop, S., Torres, G., Escobar, C., Schock, K., Zaklis, E., Jackson, J.L., Williams, C., & Hoffman, F.D.A.L. (2021, May 30). ABA service provision and Medicaid in the District of Columbia, In symposium: Lessons learned by behavior analysts from areas working on fully implementing an ABA Medicaid benefit. Presentation at the 477th Annual Convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis International, Virtual Conference, May 28-31, 2021

Current goals include: Our primary focus in 2024 was to

facilitate the submission of a licensing model act in the District of Columbia. Other goals included increasing resources for mentoring young professionals and parents, increased membership, including recruiting parent members. Andrea Jones, BCBA, has served as our liaison to DC City Council.

Visit us online! DC ABA has established a social presence through:

Website: districtaba.org

Facebook: [DC ABA](https://www.facebook.com/DCABA)

Twitter: [@districtaba](https://twitter.com/districtaba)

Florida ABA

BY MELISSA L. OLIVE

Like many state associations, the Florida Association for Behavior Analysis (FABA) continues to have successful year-over-year growth. Our membership at the end of 2024 was 2,110 which was likely due to increased interest in the transition to managed care. Our 2024 Conference was held at the beautiful J.W. Marriott Miami Turnberry Resort and Spa with 2,083 registered, including exhibitors. We welcomed 1,740 in-person attendees and 355 online attendees.

For 2025, we are actively planning our 45th Annual Meeting at the Sawgrass Marriott in Ponte Vedra, Florida in September 2025. FABA also regularly holds a smaller conference every spring, which is coordinated by the leaders of FABA's local chapters, called CoFABA. The conference has outgrown its location by topping 200 attendees two years in a row. The date and location for the 2026 CoFABA has not yet been identified.

One of our highlights in 2024 included hiring Peter Dams of Dams and Associates to guide us through strategic planning. The Board of Directors identified a Strategic Planning Steering Committee that worked in advance of the Strategic Planning meeting held at a campground in Inverness, Florida in July of 2024. Following the Strategic Planning meeting, the Steering Committee continued to meet to refine the plan which received full Board of Directors support in September of 2024. The Steering Committee continued to meet in the fall to develop due dates and timelines for various tasks and activities.

Outside of conference activities, FABA's Board of Directors and its Legislative and Public Policy Committee continue to be guided by our lobbyist and attorney Eric Prutsman, and our Public Policy Committee (PPC) to serve the organization for state-related legislative and policy matters. The PPC has been extra busy monitoring issues in the legislature that the PPC dubbed "Year of Autism Legislation." Additionally, our Media and Public Relations Committee has been working diligently to reach more FABA members through a re-defined social media campaign.

Four Corners ABA

BY NICOLE BANK

The Four Corners ABA (4CABA) mission is to promote the science of behavior and evidence-based technologies derived from the basic science in the Four Corners region of the U.S. (Utah, Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico), providing behavior analysts with an intellectual home. Chapter membership is open to anyone who is interested in the science and practice of behavior analysis. Most of our members have physical and/or academic roots in the Four Corners region. There are numerous benefits to being a 4CABA member, including being a part of a group of individuals who value the science and practice of behavior analysis and enjoy being part of a strong, productive, and vibrant community of scholars and practitioners. If you are interested in being a part of 4CABA, please take a look at our website for more information (www.4caba.org). In our ongoing efforts to increase membership and let other behavior analysts know what we've been up to, 4CABA also hosts an expo booth at the ABAI Annual Conventions. Make sure to stop by and say hello if you're attending the next Annual ABAI Convention—we'll be there!

The 18th Annual 4CABA Conference (2025)

The 18th Annual 4CABA Conference will be held at The Antlers Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado on April 4-5, 2025, organized by President Janet Twyman. This year's theme, "The Science of Learning: Better Teaching Through Behavior Analysis," will focus on transforming education and training through behavior science. The conference will feature a diverse range of presentations, including educational strategies, environmental enrichment, and innovative applications of behavior science.

Invited speakers and sessions will include:

- Denise Ross
- Anna Linnehan
- Kelsia King
- Brendan Boehr
- Rick Hester
- Ellie Kazemi
- Robert Pennington
- Adam Hockman

Key Highlights:

- Dixie Eastridge Memorial Speaker: Dr. Starlette Sharp, Associate Program Officer, National Academy of Science Engineering and Medicine.
- Friday Evening Events: Will include a poster session and social hour, fostering networking opportunities among professionals, researchers, and students.
- Closing Remarks: Dr. Pat Friman, who will emphasize the practical applications of behavior science in education and training.

We Will Host a Special Conference Add-On:

A Behavioral Safari at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, led by invited speaker Rick Hester. This optional guided tour

will provide attendees with an up-close look at behavioral science in action, focusing on animal behavior and welfare.

Looking Ahead:

The 19th Annual Four Corners ABA Conference is scheduled for spring 2026 in Arizona. Stay tuned for updates on our website (www.4caba.org). We hope to see you next year!

Georgia ABA

BY CASSY GAYMAN AND VIDESHA MARYA

Current positions and board members:

President	Cassy Gayman, MS, BCBA
President Elect	Videsha Marya, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Co-VPs of Events	Alexis Pavlov, Ph.D., BCBA-D Meara McMahon, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Co-VPs Marketing and Communications	Mandi Kaur, MS, BCBA Jennifer Donnelly, M.Ed., BCBA
Co-VP of Membership and Finance	Ashley Carrigan, MS, BCBA Lyndsey Macri Coffield, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Co-VPs of Student Affairs	Jennifer Austin, Ph.D., BCBA-D Miguel Ampuero, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Co-VPs of DEI	Kayla Greene, MS, BCBA Summer Bottini, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Co-VPs of Public	Adam Spencer, MA, BCBA Kristen Vaughn, MA, BCBA

Events

Growing with the Seasons: DEI series:

Noor Syed: *Cultivating an Assent-Based Practice: Perspectives and Consideration*

Janani Vaidya: *Cultural Shifts Towards an Autistic Supportive University: Collaboration, Learning, and Progress*

Natalia Baires: *From Self-awareness to Action: Enhancing Ethical and Culturally Responsive Behavioral Services*

Attendees: 19 virtual registrants

Annual Conference Workshops

Daniel Conine: *The LGBTQ+ Community and ABA: Ethical Issues and Cultural Responsiveness*

Alice Shillingsburg: *Assessing and Programing for Generative Language Skills*

Invited Presenters

Amy Gravino: *Sexuality and the Spectrum: Lessons on ABA, Dating, and Love, Autism Style*

Valdeep Saini: *Why Do Our Dogs Love Us? A Behavior-Analytic Approach to Human-Dog Relationships*

Jeanne Donaldson: *What happens when we let students select their intervention experiences?*

Holly Gover: *Incorporating Positive Reinforcement Strategies, Choice, and Shaping to Improve Food Selectivity*

Alice Shillingsburg: *Emphasizing Therapeutic Rapport in ABA Therapy through Pairing and Instructional Fading*

Attendees: 467 total registrants, 417 In person, 50 Online

Future Events

Georgia ABA (GABA) plans to continue to host our annual Growing with the Seasons DEI series in 2025 with three virtual presentations.

GABA plans to host our 17th annual conference on October 17th and 18th. Speaker line-up is currently being finalized by the GABA board at the writing of this report. Information about this year's conference can be found on our website in upcoming months: www.georgia-aba.org

Public Policy Update

We acted as a liaison between the licensure board and the general GABA membership by attending licensure meetings and disseminating any relevant information.

We met with various state and national organizations (CalABA, CASP, NCABA, ALABA) to learn more about various certifications, mainly QABA, and determine if this certification met the standards of the general GABA membership.

We met with Autism Speaks Public Policy group to determine if we had common interests in the future and how we can work together.

We had multiple meetings with the QABA leadership to gather information on the credential in order to make a statement on whether GABA agreed with the change in licensure law or not.

We testified at the House Committee hearing against changing of the Georgia Licensure Bill to allow QABA to be codified into law as a certifying body as well as adding an additional two board seats - we were successful in getting that stopped.

A general meeting was held as a refresher to the general GABA membership on the importance of licensure and any new updates.

Mentorship Program:

Our DEI sub-committee introduced a mentorship program in 2024 in which 13 mentees applied and 21 mentors applied. From these applications, 5 mentor/mentee matches were made.

Hawai'i ABA

BY KAITLIN PRECIADO AND KELLY MCCLOSKEY

CHAPTER ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2024: Ho'olaulima "to work together"

ABAI Annual Convention

In 2024, a delegation from the Hawai'i Association for Behavior Analysis (HABA), led by President Kaitlin Preciado, Vice President Kelly McCloskey, and Marketing Chair Dodi Pritchett, attended the 50th Annual Convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) held in Philadelphia. This participation marked a significant contribution by HABA to advancing the field of behavior analysis globally.

During the convention, President Kaitlin Preciado

participated in a panel session featuring representatives from ABAI affiliate chapters across the globe. She shared experiences and insights on transitioning conferences to hybrid formats, which combine online and face-to-face interactions to increase accessibility and participant engagement. Additionally, Kaitlin presented a poster titled "Evaluation of Computer-Assisted Relational Training in Educational Settings: A System-Level Analysis," highlighting innovative methods to enhance educational outcomes through technology. She also showcased another poster on behalf of the HABA chapter, demonstrating HABA's active role in research and application of behavior analysis.

Vice President Kelly McCloskey and Marketing Chair Dodi Pritchett shared their research at a symposium on "Practical Functional Assessment and Skills-Based Treatment in Hawaii Public Schools." Their presentation focused on the implementation and effectiveness of these strategies within the unique cultural context of Hawai'i's educational system, showcasing real-world applications of behavior analysis.

President Kaitlin also chaired the annual business meeting for ABAI, contributing to discussions that shape the future of the association. This role highlighted her commitment to fostering global conversations on advancing the field of behavior analysis.

The participation of HABA's leadership at the ABAI Convention not only reinforced their expertise in behavior analysis but also helped build significant professional relationships and collaborative opportunities. The insights and experiences gained are invaluable for HABA's initiatives to promote and enhance the practice of behavior analysis in Hawai'i and around the world.

Continued Maui Relief Webinar Series: Uniting in Support

In the aftermath of devastating wildfires on Maui, the Hawai'i Association for Behavior Analysis (HABA), in collaboration with Behavior University, initiated the Maui Relief Webinar Series. Running from September 2023 to April 2024, this series featured a roster of distinguished speakers who generously donated their expertise to foster community resilience and support. These webinars were not only a platform for learning but also a channel for aid, with attendees contributing to local recovery efforts through donations.

Participants gained access to these enriching educational sessions on Behavior University's platform at no cost, with the option to earn Continuing Education (CE) credits. The innovative funding model allowed for donations to be channeled directly towards various local organizations aiding in wildfire relief efforts in Maui. This initiative exemplified a community-centric approach to professional development in behavior analysis, emphasizing solidarity and practical support.

The series successfully continued into 2024, reflecting the ongoing commitment of HABA and Behavior University to support the affected communities. The presenters, including notable figures such as Dr. Bridget Taylor and Dr. Amanda Kelly, provided insights across a spectrum of topics from ethical practices in the workplace to motivational interviewing, all aimed at enhancing the application of behavior analysis in diverse settings.

This endeavor not only highlighted the adaptability and compassion within the behavior analysis community but also set a precedent for how professional education can intersect meaningfully with humanitarian aid. The sessions, recorded for broader accessibility, remain available under the 'BU Gives' tab at behavioruniversity.com, ensuring ongoing contributions to the cause and continuous learning opportunities for professionals worldwide.

Annual HABA Convention

The 19th Annual HABA Convention, themed "Ho'olaulima," exemplified the essence of cooperation and collaboration, resonating deeply with the cultural values of Hawai'i. Held at the Hyatt Regency in Waikiki, this event was a hybrid conference that successfully integrated in-person and virtual participants. Dr. Jon Bailey opened the conference with his keynote on ethical dilemmas in behavior analysis, sharing insights from his extensive experience and the queries handled by the ABA ethics hotline. Following him, Dr. Shane Spiker explored the criticality of high-quality supervision in behavior analysis in his presentation, emphasizing its significance for the field's sustainability.

Dr. Kū Kahakalau offered a unique perspective on Hawaiian culture, discussing the strengths and assets of individuals labeled 'e'epa, while Dodi Pritchett focused on the importance of cultural collaboration in behavioral consultations. Other notable presentations included Ryan O'Donnell, who discussed behavior analysis within broader systemic contexts, and Brett DiNovi, who emphasized the integration of Organizational Behavior Management with DEI principles to enhance workforce performance.

Panel discussions and presentations by Megan Harris, Zhihui Yi, and May Beaubrun further enriched the dialogue, covering topics from parent-professional interactions to advances in Relational Frame Theory and its applications in autism interventions. The convention also highlighted contributions from numerous poster presenters, providing insights into diverse research areas within behavior analysis, thereby fostering a rich environment of learning and professional growth. This holistic approach not only underscored the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion but also showcased how these values are intricately woven into the fabric of the ABA community.

Advocacy and Legislative Efforts

In 2024, HABA's legislative efforts continued with

a focused campaign on advocacy and support for the implementation of the findings from the comprehensive rate study on Medicaid (QUEST) ABA provider reimbursement rates, initiated in 2023. This advocacy was crucial as it aimed at addressing the long-standing issue of inadequate reimbursement rates for ABA providers, which directly impacts the quality of care available to recipients.

As part of this effort, HABA actively encouraged its members and affiliated agencies to participate in legislative hearings and provide testimony supporting the proposed changes. The results of the rate study, anticipated to be released in January 2024, were keenly awaited by the community, hoping for a positive shift that would align reimbursement more closely with the current economic demands and the specialized nature of ABA services.

During this period, HABA also rallied its members to support bills HB2712 and SB3001, which were instrumental in proposing adjustments to the reimbursement rates based on the study's findings. These bills highlighted the need for a substantial increase in funding to ensure that ABA providers could continue to offer high-quality services without financial strain.

HABA's engagement didn't just stop at rallying for legislative changes but also included educating its members on the importance of their participation in the legislative process, and enhancing their understanding of how such changes could benefit the broader ABA community in Hawaii. Through these actions, HABA demonstrated its commitment to fostering a supportive and sustainable environment for both ABA providers and recipients alike, ensuring that the voice of the ABA community was heard at the legislative level.

Bylaw Amendments

In 2024, the Hawai'i Association for Behavior Analysis (HABA) significantly updated its Bylaws to deepen its commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility, and Acceptance (DEIA). These updates included a comprehensive DEIA statement affirming HABA's commitment to creating an environment that is diverse, equitable, inclusive, accessible, and accepting for all individuals involved in behavior analysis. This commitment is embedded in all organizational policies, activities, and services to ensure they reflect and respect the diverse values of Hawai'i and its communities.

Additionally, HABA pledged to actively eliminate bias, promote equitable opportunities, and support practices that respect and celebrate diversity across all identities, including race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, and socioeconomic background. This DEIA focus is a cornerstone of HABA's operational ethos, ensuring that the principles of diversity and inclusion are a permanent and pivotal part of the organization's structure and daily function.

Chapter Plans for the 2025 Year

Annual HABA Convention

In 2025, the Hawai'i Association for Behavior Analysis (HABA) is excited to celebrate the 20th anniversary of its annual convention. This landmark event is scheduled to take place in a hybrid format at the 'Alohilani Resort Waikiki Beach from September 3rd through the 5th, welcoming both in-person and virtual attendees. This year's convention will introduce a new feature: breakout sessions. These sessions aim to provide focused discussions, enhance learning opportunities, and facilitate specialized engagement in various facets of behavior analysis, offering enriched experiences and additional value for all participants.

Speaker Line-up

For our 2025 convention, the Hawai'i Association for Behavior Analysis is thrilled to present an impressive roster of speakers such as Dr. Ruthanne Rehfeldt, Dr. Corey Whelan, Matt Ciccioria, and more! Each selected for their unique contributions and expertise in behavior analysis. This year, we are focusing on a diverse array of topics, including cultural perspectives and pressing ethical issues within the field. We look forward to the rich discussions and exchange of knowledge that these sessions will foster, providing our attendees with valuable insights and a deeper understanding of the application of behavior analysis across different cultural contexts.

Promoting Collaboration and Unity

For 2025, HABA is dedicated to enhancing collaboration and unity within our vibrant community, embracing the rich cultural and professional heritage of Hawai'i. As we celebrate the significant milestone of our 20th anniversary, we are inspired to strengthen our ties with essential partners including the Department of Education, the Department of Health, and insurance providers. These collaborations aim to support and expand the network of behavior analysts and related professionals across our islands. This year, HABA is excited to introduce a series of monthly events and initiatives that emphasize inclusion and open participation for all members, including students. By fostering a welcoming environment for shared learning and growth, we are committed to nurturing the next generation of behavior analysts. In honor of our history, we plan to spotlight key figures who have been instrumental in the development of behavior analysis in Hawai'i.

Advocacy and Legislative Efforts

Our Advocacy and Legislative Efforts at HABA have seen vigorous activity under the new guidance of our Legislative Chair, Dr. Marija Čolić, Ph.D., BCBA, LBA, working in tandem with our former chair, Kristen Koba-Burdett, BCBA, LBA, CDP. Together, they have spearheaded initiatives

aimed at securing crucial Med-Quest rate increases for ABA providers, bolstering our capacity to support both behavior analysts and the clients they serve across Hawai'i. This concerted effort marks a strong start to the year, promising to advance the field of behavior analysis significantly through effective advocacy and strategic legislative engagement.

Focal Points

In 2025, HABA has focused intently on fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and strengthening partnerships with educational and healthcare institutions to expand access to high-quality ABA services. This effort aims to ensure that all individuals requiring support can connect with competent, trained, and licensed providers within our state. We are also deeply committed to the continuous professional development of our members. Throughout the year, we have facilitated numerous Continuing Education (CE) opportunities, enhancing the skills and knowledge of behavior analysis professionals across Hawai'i. Moreover, HABA has embarked on a strategic rebranding initiative, thoughtfully redesigning our organizational identity to better reflect the values of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility, and Acceptance (DEIA) that our community holds dear.

This year has been marked by significant achievements and a reinforced commitment to excellence and community engagement. Our initiatives reflect a concerted effort to elevate the practice of behavior analysis and to enrich lives, not just in Hawai'i but also extending our impact beyond the local community. By integrating these strategic efforts, HABA continues to lead with resilience, solidarity, and an unwavering commitment to advancing the field and supporting the diverse needs of our members and those we serve.

Web Information

The Hawai'i Association for Behavior Analysis (HABA) is dedicated to advancing the practice, research, and dissemination of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). Our mission is to educate, advocate for, and support both providers and consumers of ABA, ensuring high standards of practice and fostering a community that values continuous learning and ethical standards.

Join HABA:

Steps to Membership To become a member of HABA:

- 1 Visit our membership portal at haba.wildapricot.org.
 - 2 Choose your membership category.
 - 3 Complete the registration form and submit your dues.
- Welcome aboard! You are now part of a thriving network dedicated to advancing behavior analysis in Hawai'i.

2025 Membership Updates and Rates

- BCBA Membership: Previously \$25, now \$45, reflecting

the enriched benefits and resources available.

- **Student Membership:** Maintained at \$15, continuing to support our future professionals in their educational pursuits.
- **Affiliate Membership:** Adjusted from \$25 to \$30, broadening the scope of support and inclusion.
- **RBT Membership:** A new category at \$20, tailored for Registered Behavior Technicians.
- **Parent Membership:** Also new, set at \$15, designed for parents and guardians involved in ABA practices.
- **Other Membership (No CEUs):** Set at \$30, for community members seeking engagement without continuing education units.

Member Benefits

- Enjoy discounted rates for monthly/quarterly Continuing Education (CE) units.
- Connect with a broad network of professionals and gain insight from industry leaders.
- Access to a wide range of professional development activities and exclusive events.
- Benefit from advocacy and support that aims to enhance the practice and perception of behavior analysis in Hawai'i.

For complete details on the benefits and how to join or renew, please visit HABA's Membership Page. Your membership plays a crucial role in supporting our collective mission and enables us to continue providing valuable resources and advocacy for behavior analysis in Hawai'i.

Thank you for your commitment to excellence in behavior analysis and for supporting the Hawai'i Association for Behavior Analysis. Together, we are fostering a knowledgeable, ethical, and dynamic professional community in Hawai'i.

In summary, 2023 was marked by resilience, solidarity, and progress for HABA. Guided by principles of excellence and community, we remain steadfast in our mission to elevate behavior analysis practice and enrich lives across Hawaii and beyond.

2024 HABA BOD Chapter Officers

President	Kaitlin Preciado, M.Ed., BCBA, LBA
Vice-President	Kelly McCloskey, M.Ed., BCBA, LBA
Past President	Debi Ho'ohuli, MA, BCBA, LBA
Treasurer	Christina Libby Gasbarro, M.S., BCBA, LBA
Secretary	Adam Clemente, MS, BCBA, LBA
Events	Aulani Latorre-Holt, RBT
Marketing	Dodi Pritchett, M.Ed., BCBA, LBA

General Membership Information

- Total HABA Members: 441
- Total Full Members: 337
- Total Student Members: 36
- Total Affiliate Members: 60

Hoosier ABA

BY ANN DORLET AND AMANDA JONES

Overall, 2024 was an amazing year for Hoosier ABA (HABA). Throughout the year, we continued to focus on building funds, provided our members with continuing education opportunities, assisted providers through Medicaid pay rate cuts and continued with licensure efforts. At the end of 2024, we also began our advocacy efforts for recent proposed changes to Indiana Medicaid guidelines around ABA Therapy. These efforts are continuing into 2025. In 2024 we were also able to create a code of conduct for all HABA events to ensure we are providing a professional and inclusive environment for all attendees.

Our monthly Hoosier Happy Hours continuing education events continue to be a success. We were able to provide nine monthly Hoosier Happy Hour events with CEUs to our members. These events allow our members access to various topics in the areas of behavior analysis. Presenters in 2024 for our monthly Hoosier Happy Hour events included Dr. Paul Govani, Adam Hockman, Dr. Ruth Ann Rehfeldt, Dr. Jordan Belisle, Dr. Carl Binder, Dr. Maria Valdovinos, Hilary Laney, Dr. Edward Sanabria, and Dr. Andrew Bulla. In 2024 we were also able to provide our members with an additional summer networking opportunity where we provided a way for our members to join together in person and develop valuable networking connections with one another.

In October 2024, we hosted an in-person conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana. This was successful in fulfilling our desire to continue to move our conference across the state to provide additional professionals the opportunity to attend our conference. This was the first year we also partnered with BehaviorLive and were able to offer both in person and virtual options for our members to attend the conference and workshops. Speakers included Brian Middleton, Rocco Catrone, Jude Afolake Olubodun, Andrew Bulla, Richard Kubina, and Jenilee Stepp Triebert. The conference was a two-day event with 235 people in attendance in Fort Wayne, and an additional 48 that attended virtually, for a total of 282 registrations. Our poster session was a success with a total of 11 posters being presented and one winner receiving a \$500 scholarship for the best overall poster presentation. Our 7th Annual Bridget Harrison Award was presented to Paul McComas for his continued commitment to HABA's mission and the autism population.

2025 Strategic Plan Goals

- Finalize Licensure in the state of Indiana
- Advocate for insurance coverage, including Indiana Medicaid proposed changes
- Support providers strategies to navigate proposed changes to Indiana Medicaid coverage
- Provide Monthly Hoosier Happy Hour CE events
- Hold an in-person conference in Belterra, IN

- Continue to stabilize and build finances
- Establish and identify a public policy fund
- Provide special interest groups for networking and strategies for success for members and providers in the state of Indiana

Past President	Ann Dorlet, BCBA
President	Amanda Jones, BCBA
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Treasurer	Rebecca Reid, BCBA-D
Secretary	Katelyn Tillotson, BCBA
Members-at-Large	Jennifer Baker, BCBA
Conference Sponsorship Chair	Brittany Hughes, BCBA

Idaho Association of Behavior Analysis

BY AUDREY KENNEDY

The Idaho Association of Behavior Analysis (IdABA) is the Idaho affiliate chapter of ABAI. We became an affiliate chapter in 2022. IdABA closed out its 2024 membership with a total of 90 members and continues to do great things for behavior analysis in Idaho. IdABA has hosted an annual conference since 2021. In 2024, we hosted a conference in which attendees learned how to program for client assent. We had about 100 attendees come together from across the state to benefit from the great content and skills of our speaker, Liz Lefebvre. In 2025, in an effort to increase conference accessibility, the association will be hosting its first hybrid conference.

IdABA's committee membership and activity continue to grow. Our CEU committee is very active and continues to offer free quarterly CEUs to our members. Professional development is a core value of IdABA. It is important to the association to be able to offer members high quality free CEUs. Our mentorship committee meets regularly to support the growing BCBA population in Idaho. Being a rural state with a high percentage of newly certified behavior analysts, some of our practitioners can feel isolated and alone. Through the dedicated work of our mentorship committee, the association has supported and grown the capacity and skills of our newer analysts. New this year, our mentorship committee has also hosted regular journal club meetings in which members can come together virtually, read and discuss journal articles, and obtain CEUs, if applicable.

IdABA continues to work hard to disseminate behavior analysis and remove barriers to practicing applied behavior analysis in the state. A key objective of the association this coming year is to continue to work with insurers to ease the credentialing and billing processes of private insurance, grow association membership and participation, and collaborate with community stakeholders and professional partners to build awareness, understanding, support of behavior analysis.

Illinois ABA

BY NATALIA BAIRES

The Illinois Association for Behavior Analysis (ILABA) is an organization that strives to serve Illinois behavior analysts and their consumers through education and advocacy for the science and practice of behavior analysis. In alignment with the organizational values of curating an inclusive community, providing service and support, promoting learning, and embracing openness, ILABA encourages collaboration among behavior analysts in Illinois; fosters relations between practices and universities in Illinois; and maintains behavior analysts informed about licensure and certification, changes to insurance provision, continuing education opportunities, and public policy.

In 2025, the Board of Directors included Dr. Natalia Baires (president), Zhihui Yi (president-elect), Kelly Russell (secretary), Bridget Muñoz (communications coordinator), Marla Root (treasurer), Stephanie Howard (conference coordinator), Blair Monfre (conference coordinator-elect), Jamine Dettmering (member at large; chair of legislative affairs), Ruchi Sharma (member at large; chair of the diversity, equity, and inclusion committee), Manish Goyal (member at large; chair of practitioner affairs), Dr. Lesley Shawler (member at large; chair of academic affairs), and Catrina Barber (student representative).

During the previous year, ILABA engaged in numerous efforts towards pursuing licensure in Illinois, which resulted in the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation officially launching the online application for behavior analyst licensure in the state. Information about licensure, responses to frequently asked questions, and a history of ILABA's legislative efforts can be accessed [here](#).

To prepare for our first annual conference with two-track workshops, which was held on April 3-4, 2025 in Glen Ellyn, IL, ILABA reconvened its conference workgroup, which continued to create a space for ILABA members to network with one another and lead various initiatives related to conference planning. Our annual conference included workshops, a networking event, poster session for students to present their research, trivia event, its annual business meeting, and legislative affairs updates, among the various presentations conducted.

To become an ILABA member, interested parties can become a Full member (must hold a minimum of a master's degree in psychology, behavior analysis, or a related discipline), Student/Technician member (must be 1] currently enrolled in a college degree program or in a post-graduate training program in behavior analysis or a related discipline and/or 2] working full or part time in the delivery of behavior analytic services under the supervision of a behavior analyst), or Affiliate member (i.e., individuals who do not qualify as Full or Student/Technician Member) by visiting the ILABA website.

Finally, there are several ways to connect with ILABA

including the ILABA website, ILABA Facebook page, ILABA Instagram, ILABA LinkedIn, and by emailing the ILABA President.

Iowa ABA

BY SARA JEGNUM

The Iowa Association for Behavior Analysis annual member's meeting was held in-person at the Iowa State Historical Society, Des Moines, IA, on Friday, October 11th, 2024 in conjunction with the 12th annual conference.

There were a number of newly elected board members. Kelly Ocasio was elected president-elect (3-year term), Drew Foster was elected as Treasurer, and two new Members-At-Large were elected (Jenny Davis and Katie Fairchild). Anneka Finn was elected as Student Member. The board conducts open meetings on the second Wednesday of each quarter and invites members to participate in meetings and on committees.

In 2024, Iowa ABA offered 8.5 CEUs to members through conference and workshop opportunities. In the summer of 2024, a three-hour supervision workshop was held for members. Cas Breau was invited to present (virtually) which included ethics CEUs on the topic of assent-based care. We decided to offer fewer CEUs to host high-tier, prolific speakers such as Cas Breau.

At our annual conference, 5.5-CEUs were offered and presenters included Dr. Stephanie Hood, Dr. Patricia Wright, Dr. Pat Friman, and Dr. Matthew O'Brien. Monetary support for the conference was provided by local, state, and regional organizations with an interest in behavior analysis. Presentation topics varied and were shared with a total of 100 conference attendees.

The 13th annual conference is currently being planned and is scheduled for October 10th, 2025 at the State Historical Museum of Iowa or at Stoney Creek Hotel, depending on hotel rates (we have reserved/been in communication with both), so the specific location is to be confirmed.

The Legislative Action Committee continues to advocate for increased funding for ABA services through funders such as Hawki insurance. In 2024, the committee worked to eliminate caps on age and dollar amounts, supported mental health worker repayment programs, and advocating for another master's degree and certification program in Iowa. The bill in Iowa to remove age caps has now passed the House and is going to subcommittee. We are hopeful this bill will pass and help provide needed services to many Autistic Iowans across the lifespan.

The membership and publications committee continues have combined this past year with the goal of working towards finding ways to increase membership of licensed behavior analysts in the state. One of the main efforts was increased social media presence and improved communication to current membership. They have also

started a quarterly newsletter this past year to help engage members.

According to the BACB, there are 272 BCBA's, three BCaBA's, and 17 BCBA-Ds currently listed as active in the state of Iowa. Iowa ABA currently has 139 members, which doubles our membership from last year, and 48% of the licensed behavior analysts in the state. We are making tremendous progress in recruiting members this year, and hope to offer more CEU opportunities this coming year.

Kansas ABA

BY ALLYSON BELL

KansABA's mission is to (a) advance the science and practice of behavior analysis, as well as its education and training; (b) address issues relevant to the science, practice, education, and training in behavior analysis; (c) maintain disciplinary, professional, and ethical standards in the science, practice, education, and training in behavior analysis; and (d) recruit and enhance interest in behavior analysis throughout the State of Kansas and the Kansas City metropolitan area — Clay, Jackson, and Platte counties.

Governance

KansABA is governed by an Executive Council that consists of a president: Allyson Bell; a full member representative: Marren Leon-Barajas (outgoing) Holly Creamer (incoming); an adjunct representative: Molly Noon (incoming), and a student representative: Lauratu Bah. With our updated by-laws incorporating a new council position to represent stakeholders and the collective has elected: Mike Wasmer (incoming). The Council is assisted by a secretary: Bre Roberts; and a treasurer: Brittany Mitchelson Vaughn (outgoing); Kimberly Becker (incoming).

In addition, KansABA has a Legislative Affairs Committee: Kimberly Becked, co-chair with Mike Wasmer; Legislative Liaison along with Karen Fry; an IT Committee: Bryan Simmons, chair; IT; a Professional Development committee: Megan Schmidt, chair; and a historian: Ed Morris.

KansABA will hold nominations beginning at the annual conference and ending May 1 for the following positions: President-Elect; Secretary-Elect; Student Representative; and IT-Chair.

Finally, KansABA would like to thank the following individuals who finished their terms of service in 2024: Christie Steihl (co-chair of Professional Development); Kelley Harrison (President) and Stasha Leslie (Secretary). Throughout each of these individuals' tenure, they have been a guiding force, not only in organizing exceptional professional development opportunities, but in creating an environment where collaboration and innovation were not only encouraged, but mandated. Each of their contributions to the organization will remain a legacy in the KansABA organization.

Membership

In an effort to expand membership across the state of Kansas and better support professionals in all regions, KansABA Executive Council and leadership have voted and made the decision to offer free membership moving forward. This change is aimed at addressing the isolation experienced by rural providers and increase our membership reach to those who may face financial barriers in accessing local professional development opportunities and networking. By eliminating the membership fee, KansABA hopes to build a stronger sense of community among providers statewide, ensuring that individuals in rural areas have equal access to resources, support, and opportunities for collaboration. The annual conference will continue to be offered as a separate fee to maintain the quality and scale of the event, while the only other cost throughout the year will be for additional CEU offerings. The annual conference will continue to include a Career and Education Fair, snacks and drinks throughout the conference, lunch, and an evening reception. This approach allows KansABA to remain financially sustainable while ensuring that professionals across Kansas and the Kansas City Metropolitan area have access to high-quality development without the burden of an annual membership fee.

Conferences & Workshops

In 2024, we hosted our annual conference in a hybrid format. Our conference's theme was "Organization Behavior Management in Applied Settings." Featured presenters included Dr. Anita Li, "Assessing and Pinpointing Burnout and Considerations for Organizations"; Mandy Ralston, "Clinical Decision Support Systems: Technology as a Solution to the Crisis of Mentorship, Balanced Caseloads, and Outcomes"; Dr. Marlesha Bell, "Culturally Responsive Mentorship & Supervision: A Faculty & Student Perspective"; and Dr. Doug Johnson "Leadership to Build a Training System" as the Keynote Speaker. These four speakers additionally held a Panel Discussion at the end of the conference allowing members to submit questions based on their presentation or other OBM topics related to practice.

KansABA also held a business meeting, which has been renamed to a Town Hall to increase attendance by the general membership and a student poster session during the annual conference. Finally, KansABA presented two awards at the annual conference: KansABA Distinguished Service Award to Stache Leslie for her consistent and outstanding contributions to the KansABA organization since 2021 and the 2024 Outstanding Contributions to Behavior Analysis in Kansas to Kelley Harrison, President of Kansas, who served in some role within the organization from 2013 to 2024.

In 2024, KansABA hosted one virtual Lunch and Learn partnered with the Behavior Analyst Regulatory

Board (BSRB) by David Fye, Executive Director. This session provided valuable updates on LBA and LaBA licensure and other important topics from the BSRB.

As part of KansABA's budget review process, it was determined that attendance at mini conferences did not support their continued implementation in the upcoming year. Evaluation of current membership needs and feedback have shown that resources allocated to these events could be better utilized in other areas to provide more impactful opportunities for our membership. This decision reflects KansABA's commitment to adapting to the needs of the community, ensuring that our efforts are focused on those that offer the greatest benefit to all members. Moving forward, KansABA will continue to evaluate the best ways to meet professional development needs and ensure that our members have access to valuable resources and experiences.

Special Interest Groups

KansABA's members have a range of interests in teaching, research, service, and practice. To support them, KansABA encourages the development of special interest groups (SIGs). In this, KansABA will (a) assist them with recruitment, promotion, and dissemination; (b) publish SIG news and announcements on the KansABA website and in its conference program; (c) host SIG business meetings at the KansABA conferences; (d) co-sponsor continuing education events; and (e) maintain links between the SIGs and KansABA's websites.

KansABA has previously had one SIG named "Behaviorists for Social Responsibility" (BFSR). Their mission was to promote and advance the application of the science of behavior to address social issues, particularly those with social justice, human rights, and environmental implications. This SIG has been paused due to challenges in maintaining consistent engagement. While this SIG's mission to apply behavior science to social justice, human rights, and environmental issues remains important, especially in recent history, the decision to pause was made due to engagement. KansABA is committed to the professional development, advocacy, and meaningful connections these groups create, and will continue working with any applicable SIG that has adequate engagement.

Legislation and Licensure

Our Legislation Committee, with collaboration of the Kansas Grassroots Group, continues to monitor and inform KansABA members of matters related to the implementation of behavior analysis, licensure requirements, and related information. Over the last year, and more specifically the last two months, there has been ongoing monitoring of Federal Health Defense and ensuring access to medicaid for consumers. Together, these teams are identifying ways to better reach and support individuals across the state of Kansas. Their current

initiatives include identifying and disseminating resources to help practitioners secure funding for services in the state of Kansas, bringing practitioners from across the state (and especially in rural areas) together for networking and support opportunities, and in the future, the committee hopes to recruit the services of lobbyists to increase funding opportunities for individuals with diagnoses other than autism and for adults with disabilities.

Positional Descriptions and Bylaws

As part of our efforts to strengthen KansABA's presence in the community, as well as to ensure continued growth, KansABA is updating our bylaws to enhance clarity and consistency across all positions within the organization. These updates will be voted on by our membership, but include provisions to ensure a quorum at each meeting, clarity on each position and specific descriptions for each leadership role, as well as establishing clearer procedures and policies around our annual conference and beyond. These changes are particularly important as KansABA continues to grow, specifically in light of turnover in our position terms every 2-3 years.

Initiatives in 2024–2025

KansABA is committed to growing as a professional organization and becoming an even more valuable resource for behavior analysts across Kansas. As we transition from being an unofficial extension of the University of Kansas to an independent organization, our focus is on increasing membership and enhancing the overall experience for our members. This year, we have several key initiatives aimed at prioritizing engagement of new members, providing clarity on volunteer roles, and ensuring that all members feel represented and supported. These initiatives include: (1) increasing membership across the state by reducing the cost as a barrier, (2) recruiting diverse volunteers to expand representation on the council in our open positions, and (3) having the membership vote to approve updated bylaws and position descriptions that have been worked on over the past year by the council. KansABA aims to create a stronger, more engaged community while continuing to build capacity in a way that represents the needs of everyone involved in the behavior analytic field in the state of Kansas.

Kentucky Association for Behavior Analysis

BY CARA BAXTER

Friday, November 15, 2024

TEN20 Brewery

- Mingle and connect during this night of fun!

Saturday, November 16, 2024

Molly Dubuque

- Supervision: *Preparing the Next Generation to Thrive Without Burning Ourselves Out: Practices to Enhance Stability within the Supervisory Relationship*

Siri Ming

- Learning: *Promoting Psychological Flexibility within Cooperative Contexts for Change: RFT, ACT, and the Heart of Behavior Analytic Practice*

John Staubitz

- Ethics: *Strategic and Ethical Approaches to Planning and Delivering intensive Behavioral Interventions in Schools*

Lone Star ABA

BY JENNIFER PERRY

LSABA has been in existence for 16 years. We have accomplished a lot in that time and despite difficulties associated with the Covid-19 pandemic are still an active organization. The Lone Star Applied Behavior Analysts (LSABA) chapter was established in 2009 to provide community support for professionals and students in the field of applied behavior analysis. Houston area members include practitioners as well as educators, and those who work in either the public or private sectors or both. While a majority of the members are involved in the application of ABA with children with autism, LSABA recognizes and supports those professionals who demonstrate the utility of ABA in application to a variety of populations and needs.

During the pandemic LSABA worked to coordinate efforts to aid ABA providers in obtaining Covid-19 vaccinations by establishing collaborative relationships with area health care organizations. Availability of vaccination supplies was sporadic and confusing in this area and LSABA members were instrumental in finding and reporting opportunities for ABA service providers.

LSABA was largely inactive during the time span of the beginning of 2021 through the end of 2022. In January of 2023, a group of LSABA members collaborated in order to get LSABA active again. At this time, it was decided that LSABA would focus on networking events and hosting workshops that would be beneficial for Houston area BCBAs and would not continue monthly meetings. In 2023, LSABA hosted two networking events and a two-day workshop by Greg Hanely covering skills-based training (this was a workshop that was previously canceled in 2020). In 2024, LSABA hosted a networking event and a two-day workshop provided by Jonathon Tarbox on the topic of acceptance and commitment training (ACT). For 2025 LSABA plans to host a two-day conference featuring presentations by Jessica Rohrer on compassionate care and Patrick Friman on the variety of applications that ABA can be utilized for.

LSABA continues to be very appreciative of support and recognition from the state chapter, TxABA. There remains a good system of information exchange in place

with TxABA, and LSABA and its members individually participate in and assist with TxABA activities and events, such as the annual TxABA convention.

At the national and international level, LSABA has certainly been well supported and encouraged by ABAI, and continues to express gratitude for all the assistance by that organization. As an Affiliate of APBA, LSABA has also received welcome support and encouragement from that organization.

Overall, for a now maturing organization of 16 years LSABA continues to have a strong foundation and a good track record of accomplishments despite the difficulties faced from 202 through 2022. LSABA is certainly lucky to have dedicated and caring members, and excellent support from the ABA professional establishment. We will continue to work toward growing our membership and fulfilling our mission statement.

Louisiana Behavior Analysis Association

BY SAVANNAH JOSEPH AND DANICA SAVOIE

Mission and History

The mission of the Louisiana Behavior Analysis Association (LaBAA) is to promote 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 are also dedicated to promoting access to responsible behavior analytic services by professionals sufficiently trained in the discipline of behavior analysis and compliance with relevant ethics standards.

LaBAA was established in April of 2012 as a 501c(4) and became an ABAI affiliate state chapter in the fall of 2012. LaBAA is also an Affiliate of APBA and a BACB authorized continuing education (ACE) provider. LaBAA serves as a scientific, professional, and networking group for its members. LaBAA also promotes access to behavior analytic services in the state of Louisiana.

Officers

LaBAA is governed by an Executive Committee comprised of a president, past president, president-elect, treasurer, and secretary. 2024-2025 officers are: Savannah Joseph, M.Ed., BCBA, LBA, president; Danica Savoie, M.Ed., LBA, CABAS® Teacher II, president-elect; Megan Matherne Perkins, MA, BCBA, LBA, treasurer; Tara Williams, MA, BCBA, LBA, secretary; and Tricia Clement-James, PhD, LBA, BCBA-D, CABAS® Master Teacher, past president. The LaBAA Board of Directors is comprised of regional representatives from across the state, a parent representative and a student representative. 2024-2025 regional representatives are Chad Favre, BCBA, LBA; Jenny Cronier, BCBA, LBA; Katlyn Hanks, BCBA,

LBA; Bobbie Lorenzo, BCBA, LBA; Margaret Gifford, BCBA-D, LBA; and Cassie Bradford, BCBA, LBA. Jessica Plehn is the student representative, and Sara McCumsey is the parent representative. The legislative chair is Grant Gautreaux, PhD, BCBA-D, LBA. Elections for all officers and representatives are conducted in May/June every other year.

Membership

There are three classes of membership: Full, Affiliate, and Student.

Benefits of Full/Affiliate Membership

- Professional representation: LaBAA is committed to protecting the interests of LaBAA BCBAs in the Louisiana state legislature
- Consumer/affiliate representation: LaBAA is committed to protecting the interests of consumers of ABA
- The right of Full Members to vote in all matters brought before LaBAA
- The option for Full and Affiliate Members to post employment opportunities on the LaBAA website
- Professional, advocacy, and networking opportunities for all levels of membership

Benefits of Student Membership

- Opportunities to network with other students and professionals in the field
- Opportunities to assist with planning and hosting of annual LaBAA conference
- Opportunities to serve on LaBAA committees

LaBAA currently has 341 members.

2024 Conference

The Gulf Coast ABA Conference was hosted by LaBAA in the fall of 2024, making this our 11th annual conference. Conference attendance was sold out for the second year in a row since returning to an in-person format following Covid-19. The conference co-chairs were Katie Jenkins, Daniel NoackLeSage, and Danica Savoie. Presenters included Dr. T.V. Joe Layng, Dr. James Moore, Dr. Amanda Kelly, Shawn Capell, Dr. Celia Heyman, Kristina Montgomery, and Emily Beal Wilkinson, as well as local LaBAA member presentations.

Other Activities and Initiatives

2025 Conference

LaBAA is currently planning the 2025 Gulf Coast ABA conference. The conference's co-chairs are Savannah Joseph, Danica Savoie, Megan Matherne, and Tara Freeman. The Gulf Coast ABA Conference will be held October 3-4, 2025, in New Orleans, Louisiana. Conference highlights include a keynote and invited presenters, two workshops, a poster session, a student poster competition, and will provide a venue for local and regional behavior analyst researchers to share their research. A new highlight this year will also include extra social opportunities for

networking and an extra half day of conference activities, increasing CEU opportunities.

To learn more about LaBAA and the conference, visit:

www.labaa.net.

Louisiana Coalition for Access to Autism Services (LCASS): LaBAA has partnered with LCAAS to secure professional legislative services. As the state of behavior analysis continues to take shape within Louisiana, LaBAA has been very active in ensuring that the development and growth of behavior analysis remains beneficial to further developing the science of behavior analysis, the practice of behavior analysts, the mentoring of students of behavior analysis, and most importantly advocating for consumers of behavior analytic services. In addition, the coalition has worked with LaBAA to educate the public and raise awareness about the science of behavior, ABA services, and legislative advocacy.

Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board (LBAB) Appointments

LaBAA collaborated with LBAB to conduct an election for open board positions. LaBAA submitted four nominees to the governor's office, most of which were LaBAA members.

Maryland ABA

BY SARAH HANEY MCDEVITT

The Maryland Association for Behavior Analysis (MABA) held its 27th Annual Meeting on December 5- December 6, 2024 in Baltimore, MD. Our conference is devoted to the dissemination of behavior analysis, both basic and applied, to our members from the Mid-Atlantic area. We were fortunate to have fantastic attendance at our conference this year. We welcomed workshops presented by Calandra "Callie" Plattner (Mosaic Pediatric Therapy) and Cody Morris (Salve Regina University). Our conference included presentations from Vivian Ibañez (University of Florida), Nicole Rodriguez (University of Nebraska Medical Center's Munroe Meyer Institute), Faris Kronfli (University of Florida), Daniel Cymbal (Georgia Southern University), and Nate Call (Marcus Autism Center).

We had an expo and poster session for sponsors and poster presentations. Poster presenters included staff and students from organizations such as University of Maryland Baltimore County, Kennedy Krieger Institute, Mount Saint Mary's University, the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Sheppard Pratt Schools, Amigo Care ABA, Helping Hands Family, Little Leaves Behavioral Services, and Ivymount School. We are happy to announce that over 50% of the posters were from students this year. We are lucky to have a wonderful community of sponsors and would like to thank our sponsors for continuing to support the efforts of MABA. We would also like to welcome our new sponsors to the MABA community!

At the conclusion of the conference, Michelle Frank Crawford (Kennedy Krieger Institute) stepped down as president, Jessica Becraft (Kennedy Krieger Institute)

assumed the office of President, and Justin Boyd (Kennedy Krieger Institute) was elected President-Elect. Nathalie Fernandez (Kennedy Krieger Institute) was elected as Member-at-Large, and Kate Pudup (University of Maryland Baltimore County) was elected as the Student Representative. We would like to thank our executive committee for their time and dedication. We would also like to thank our volunteers who helped us throughout the conference.

Plans are currently underway for the 28th Annual Meeting to be held December 4-5, 2025 in Baltimore, MD. For more information about our upcoming conference, please go to www.mdaba.org. ❖

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Dr. Zane was a Post-Doctoral Research Associate at the University of Massachusetts and a Research Scientist at the Johns Hopkins University Department of Psychiatry. He currently serves as the HS Pennypacker Chair of the Board at the Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies, an international organization dedicated to advancing behavioral science. Previously, Dr. Zane was President of the Ethics Special Interest Group of the International Association for Behavior Analysis. He is actively involved in human rights committees for organizations serving individuals with autism and other intellectual disabilities. His research interests focus on online learning, evidence-based practices in autism treatment, and the philosophy of science, particularly radical behaviorism. He is especially interested in understanding why some behavior analysts deviate from ethical codes and emphasizes the importance of using scientifically supported treatments across all areas of behavior analysis. ❖



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Updates from ABAI's Non-U.S.A. Affiliated Chapters

AARBA Association for the Advancement of Radical Behavior Analysis

BY AARBA TEAM

In 2024-25, AARBA has been actively involved in various initiatives, specifically regarding the BA community and the growth and strengthening of our discipline in the educational, political, research and organizational fields. We are glad to share what we did to date, hoping to inspire other Chapters and to accomplish even more satisfactory results in the future.

DISSEMINATION & BA COMMUNITY

As tradition, even for this year we will be holding the 20th edition of our *Scientific European Congress on Applied Behavior Analysis*. As every year the event will be formed by two different parallel sessions: one focusing on the implementation of the science in the field of autism and clinical field and the second one in BBS and PM projects. The exact day of the event still has not been officially presented, since we are still evaluating the availability of the international speakers that will be presenting at the event and the possibility of organizing a lecture directed to the Italian Health Ministry, with the aim of presenting the specific guidelines on the application of ABA, mainly connected to the clinical application.

During the month of November (19th-20th-21st), we renewed our commitment to Ambiente-Lavoro, the biggest Italian fair about environment and safety at work. Even for such an event we had the opportunity to participate in person, by holding three presentations. The first presentation was held by one of the AARBA researchers, focusing on the importance of the role of a supervisor in the context of working environments, mainly explaining how the new Italian law follows the principles of the science of behavior analysis. More specifically, the Italian new law has declared that all supervisors have the role and obligation to support their own colleagues through the measurement of behavior and when necessary, even applying specific techniques to modify them. Being able to finally present all the work that the AARBA organization, specifically the President, has been doing for more than 20 years on spreading the knowledge and importance of the science, connected to the Italian law is immensely rewarding. Through this specific presentation we have been able to not only show and explain the effectiveness of behavior analysis, more into details when talking about the results of a Behavior Based Safety protocols, the tool that the government is finally asking for. The second presentation was conducted by our President, aiming to explain how observations and measurements based on

behaviors are what makes a process in terms of safety succeed. The third and last presentation was held by another AARBA researcher, focusing on an innovative topic: "BBS and Maintenance: behavioral safety to achieve compliance with procedures and reduce operational risks." Different from the first two presentations, the study presented did not just focus on behavior in terms of motivation towards a safe or unsafe act, but it underlined the impact that the physical structural working environment has on individuals' behaviors. We prepared a stand where people had the possibility to find information (articles, research, fliers of the courses we provide and data to provide real life examples) regarding the science of behavior analysis and specifically its application in the field of BBS.

The President of the association, for various years, has been collaborating with dentists in the application and creation of seminars and protocols focusing on the implementation of behavior analysis strategies in the dentistry field. Through the creation of presentations and specific courses, that focus on various arguments, such as the patient compliance, motivation of the team, motivation to improve the quality of the treatment given to the patient, clinical risk reduction, support for people with specific diagnosis, developing a behavioral system analysis and other more. All of them through the use and adoption of and evidence proven systems that allow individuals to measure their and others' behaviors.

One of the most recent activities that has been done in relation to the dissemination and continues spreading of the BA community, is the development of the official Italian Registry of Behavior Analysts (IACABAI). As already mentioned in other sections, one of the biggest challenges we are facing in Italy is the lack of support from the institutes and government to recognize the science and its application, and therefore not only helping families and clients, but in concrete the professionals working in the field. Due to the strong necessity of supporting the community, the IACABAI Registry (www.iacabai.com/) has worked with the goal of providing citizens, users of ABA services, companies and institutions with lists of professionals whose competencies are consistent with international standards (training, supervision and examination). To achieve this, we worked through the establishment of a registry of professionals: Analysts, Assistant and Technicians, aiming to protect the integrity of this scientific branch and the professionals who implement it. Such a project is in continues development, but with great honor we can say that through the year 2024, we reached more than 500 professionals enrolled.

HIGHER EDUCATION

During the past years, one of the most important aims of the association has been to continue with the dissemination

of the science of behavior analysis, specifically providing the adequate education and training for professionals in the field. For such reason, the AARBA team, through the year has been arduously working on the educational program on behavior analysis, with the realization of AARBA's Educational Program in Behavior Analysis. Starting in March 2023 and concluding in December 2024, the third edition of the program took place, following the requirements and standards that ABAI has determined with the Tiered Model of Education. The course represents valuable training for all inspiring future behavior analysts in its various fields of application (autism, OBM, CBA, etc.). In addition to current and future professionals in the BA field, AARBA has always given the possibility for individuals who simply want to learn more about the principles of science to follow the program as listeners. The main goal is to offer quality training to future behavior analysts in accordance with international standards.

With the program participants can:

- Recognize and implement under a practical side, the theoretical concepts learned during the training, following and being aware of the possible ethical and professional implications.
- Implement objective and thorough preliminary assessments to accurately determine the user's real needs.
- Design intervention schemes aimed at meeting the user's needs in a sustainable and lasting manner.
- Build from scratch and adapt pre-existing tools needed for behavioral interventions.
- Structure reliable and replicable measurement systems suitable for accounting for the effectiveness of its interventions.
- Monitor and support the progress of interventions run by others under one's own leadership and responsibility.
- Recognize the philosophical references underlying one's discipline.

With this growth in education, we really hope to bring a change in Italy, not only in terms of the knowledge of ABA, but most important on the correct and specific implementation that needs to be adopted, in all the field, from the one related to BBS process to the ABA in schools and home environments. The project of developing specific programs in behavior analysis is something AARBA is willing to continue working on, not only to support the people that need a behavior analysis base treatment, but even for the behavior analysts itself.

As every year, we continued with the specific 80-hours B-BS post-graduate course, with the launch of the 51st edition. The course focuses not only on the theoretical background of behavior analysis and its implementation on the OBM field, but even on the practical aspects (creating a checklist, presentation of data analysis, conducting safety meetings, etc.) of a process. From the positive past

experiences, we are still following the same structure of conducting the first and third modules online and the second one, in presence, giving people the possibility to know each other and therefore make contacts.

During the last years, safety has started to become always a more important and discussed argument in Italy. There is still a big misconception and lack of knowledge on the importance of behavior in relation to safety culture. AIAS (Associazione Italiana Ambiente e Sicurezza) and Assolombarda, two important organizations in Italy. AIAS represents safety related issues in the working environment and Assolombarda is the association of companies (7.078 Associated companies) operating in the Metropolitan City of Milan and in the provinces of Lodi, Monza and Brianza, Pavia. In 2023, a collaboration between AARBA and these two entities was established, with the main objective of organizing specific training course, both theory and practice, on the application of behavior analysis through BBS protocols. Through these courses, the objective is to spread the knowledge on the importance of behavior and the effectiveness of BBS, specifically for small and medium organizations, where little support is being provided.

COMPANIES CONSULTING

As far as major Italian and multinational companies support, we followed up our commitment in the territory and even in outside, such as in Spain, Germany, France, and Holand with interventions based on training and OBM principles. Through the years the President of the association has been invited to participate at Safety Day events, organized by organizations that are willing to implement and adopt a BBS protocol, or expand the knowledge to all levels.

As you can see, we are working hard on several fronts to promote applied behavior analysis knowledge and technologies in public and private institutions, with the hope of achieving further and greater results.

See you next year!

Link statuto: [Italian-Chapter-Statuto.pdf \(aarba.eu\)](#)

ABA Australia

BY ALEXANDRA BROWN

ABA Australia continues to grow and develop. We have evolved from a small group of 43 behaviour analysts in our founding year to a leading organisation with 573 members in 2025. The launch of its professional self-regulation certification marked a pivotal milestone in strengthening professional standards and advancing the field in Australia. As the association continues to grow, it remains committed to supporting the profession through new initiatives and strategic projects.

The growth of the association underscores the importance of encouraging member participation in the association to keep administrative costs low. As a result,

ABA Australia has relied on its members to take part in working groups and contribute to various projects. One such project involves creating an entry-level exam to assess aspiring behaviour analysts. In another project we have been updating our supervision standards and materials to equip supervisors with effective training resources for the next generation of behaviour analysts. Simultaneously, we have been reviewing and enhancing our education standards, including our professional development requirements. As a result, we have had to adopt a forward-thinking approach to ensure that we address the future needs of our profession.

Members of our dedicated working groups have carried most of the work involved in these projects. Their commitment and effort have helped to drive our association's evolution to better serve our members. We are excited for the continued growth and development of ABA Australia as we strive to meet the growing needs of our profession and membership.

Our 2024 conference in Melbourne was a sell-out, attracting over 400 professionals, including behaviour analysts, behaviour support practitioners, teachers, and others. Keynotes Dr. Gina Green and Dr. Manny Rodriguez, along with invited speakers Dr. Neville Blampied, Sharon Paley, Nicholas Maio-Aether, Dr. Rebecca Sharp, Dr. Tim Edwards, and Good to Great Schools, were part of the event. The conference featured a five-room multi-stream setup covering diverse topics like behaviour analysis in the classroom, health and fitness, early intervention, reducing restricted practices, cultural diversity, working with profound autism, sexual behaviour, and social skills.

For the third consecutive year, ABA Australia included an applied animal behaviour stream at its conference, where experts in applied animal behaviour shared insights on conservation practices, ABA principles in the animal field, shelter work, and the use of behaviour analysis across different species like cats, dogs, and horses. The annual conferences serve as a highlight for ABA Australia and its members, offering a reminder of the shared challenges and the supportive community present.

The annual conferences have played a vital role in developing our field and encouraging behaviour analysts' participation in ABA Australia's projects. The annual conference motivates new volunteers to join ABA Australia's working groups and informs the association for the next projects.

ABA Australia representatives attended the conference in Washington, DC in May 2025. We were honoured to be invited to present on the regulation of Behaviour Analysts in Australia. As always, ABAT's support for international chapters at the Affiliate Chapter Training was also very much appreciated by our attending board members.

As we look forward to the next year, we will continue

to work toward our ever-growing goals, with pride for our profession.

ABA Colombia

BY CAMILO HURTADO-PARRADO AND KAREN HENAO

ABA Colombia has advanced its 2021-2025 strategic plan, focused on the region's growth and positioning of behavior analysis. Over recent years, the association has worked on four areas: (a) continuing-education events, (b) memberships and affiliations, (c) a system for recognition of credentials and training of behavior analysts in Colombia, and (d) dissemination and communication.

Following its bylaws, the board of directors appointed in 2023 remained in place until April 2025. The board included President Laura Suarez, Vice President Arturo Clavijo, Secretary Karen Henao, Treasurer Yors García, and members Camilo Hurtado-Parrado, Diana Vergara, Diego Rozo, and Maria Isabel Muñoz.

A major milestone was the partnership with the Center for Research and Innovation in Behavior Analysis (CIAC) [CIAC—Centro de Investigación e Innovación en Análisis de la Conducta], which aimed to share resources and initiatives to maximize impact in Colombia and the region. This collaboration facilitated academic events, such as the virtual conference "Opening Frontiers in Behavior Analysis," held at the Konrad Lorenz University (Bogota, Colombia) in September 2024. It was a free event featuring international experts and attracted over 500 attendees. The first day ran from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and the second day from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Attendees who completed a form after each presentation received a certificate. Video recordings of all the talks are available (free) at bit.ly/abacol-2025.

Looking ahead, one of the main challenges for our chapter is maintaining its nonprofit academic status amid evolving legal and tax requirements in Colombia. ABA Colombia and CIAC plan to further strengthen their impact through educational events and increased social media presence, reinforcing their role in promoting behavior analysis in Latin America.

ABA España/ Universidad de Cádiz

BY JAVIER VIRUÉS-ORTEGA, JOSÉ I. NAVARRO GUZMÁN,
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Responsible Growth in the Spanish-Speaking World

ABA España is proud to share the highlights of an incredibly productive year marked by growth, strategic collaboration, and unwavering commitment to the dissemination and implementation of applied behavior analysis (ABA) in Spanish-speaking communities. As we reflect on 2024–2025, we celebrate both the consolidation of our long-term projects and the launch of new initiatives

that further our mission to expand ABA across the Spanish-speaking world.

Strengthening Our Educational Mission

One of our most cherished accomplishments this year is the continued strengthening of our 10-year partnership with the Universidad de Cádiz (UCA). This collaboration remains a cornerstone of our academic and professional training strategy. In particular, the support from UCA has been instrumental in making steadfast progress in ABAI's tier-level process, which, we believe, will support the long-term horizon of our mission and the quality of our teaching activities. In recognition of the mutual value and long-term potential of our relationship, we are thrilled to announce the renewal of the "Cátedra Externa ABA España sobre Análisis Aplicado de Conducta" for an additional five-year term. This partnership enhances institutional support for ABA training and secures our partnership even further. Our collaboration with UCA has also borne academic fruit in the form of two major new publications. We proudly launched the Spanish version of *Applied Behavior Analysis for Teachers* (by Judah Axe and others), and a translated commented edition of *The Forms of Behavior* by J. B. Watson, part of our Classics Connection, which aims to make seminal behavioral texts accessible in Spanish. In the editorial chapter, we would also like to mention the historical re-edition of the classic *Verbal Behavior* in recent weeks. This was a long-awaited announcement as it took many years to create a new translation and commented edition of the Skinner classic. We take the opportunity to thank the B. F. Skinner Foundation for their support and also distinguished colleagues including Steven C. Hayes, Caio Miguel, Marino Pérez, and Doug Greer for supporting this edition with original intro essays. In addition, we are excited to report the successful continuation of our ABA España-UCA scholarship program, first launched in 2023. This initiative provides full support—including coursework and supervised fieldwork—to selected UCA-affiliated students pursuing training and professional certification in ABA. Congratulations to Javier, Laura, and Marina, this year's scholarship recipients, whose dedication and enthusiasm is very much appreciated!

Dissemination and International Engagement

Knowledge should be shared—and this year, we have remained actively involved in ensuring that Spanish-language ABA literature and voices are present in key international spaces.

ABA España had a visible presence at several major conferences in 2024–2025, including ABAI, FABA, SAVECC, and *Hablando ABA*. For the last two conferences—SAVECC and *Hablando ABA*—we forged key strategic partnerships to ensure that these events support their scientific committees' mission

while delivering content in Spanish. These collaborations have helped strengthen the global network of Spanish-speaking professionals in behavior analysis. In the case of SAVECC and their Cordoba conference this past year, our partnership allowed for the first time to offer several best-presentation awards.

One of our proudest contributions this year was a significant donation of books in Spanish to the ABAI conference in Philadelphia. This donation—featuring titles across educational, clinical, and foundational domains—is part of our ongoing commitment to increasing the accessibility of ABA literature in our language. We plan to make this donation an annual tradition, with the goal of enhancing the visibility of Spanish-language content at ABAI and related flagship events.

We are also proud of having spearheaded the first-ever multi-regional and transnational survey on the health of our field in various Spanish-speaking contexts. The survey was completed by over 400 behavior analysts. Preliminary results had been presented at FABA and *Hablando ABA* and a distinguished group of colleagues is preparing a publication that, we feel, will provide a comprehensive picture of the challenges and opportunities of the field across the Spanish-speaking world. We thank our colleagues Julio Carnerero, Maria Montoya, Miguel Ávila, Daniela Galvez, and Monica Gilbert for supporting this initiative and adding their rich perspectives to this project.

Community Support and Professional Development

Supporting and empowering professionals is a core value of ABA España. In 2024–2025, we significantly expanded our continuing education offerings, hosting more than 40 CEUs worth of training sessions, webinars, and workshops. Importantly, many of these opportunities were offered free of charge or at greatly discounted rates, ensuring broad accessibility for practitioners and students regardless of financial circumstance. We also try to make at least half of this event online to enhance accessibility and support various Spanish-speaking contexts.

Our CEU events covered a wide range of topics—from ethics and supervision to verbal behavior and compassionate care—and consistently featured well-regarded speakers. The enthusiastic response from our community has reaffirmed our belief in the importance of ongoing professional development.

This year also saw significant growth in our online community. We are proud to have surpassed 40,000 followers across our social media platforms, a testament to the demand for high-quality, culturally relevant ABA content in Spanish. Our online presence allows us to stay connected with professionals, families, educators, and students, promoting daily engagement with behavior analytic principles in a format that is accessible, dynamic, and inclusive.

Looking Forward

As we prepare for 2025–2026, ABA España is as energized as ever to continue expanding access to behavior analytic training, resources, and support throughout the Spanish-speaking world. Among our goals for the coming year are:

- Further developing our book catalogue, including works authored originally in Spanish;
- Expanding our scholarship program to include new institutions and regions;
- Launching a mentorship initiative for early-career behavior analysts;
- Continuing to support high-quality conferences that feature Spanish content;
- Increasing the number and reach of CEU opportunities (free and paid; online and in person).

We remain committed to our guiding principle: behavior analysis is a tool for social transformation. As our field continues to evolve, we will continue to ensure that our community has the tools and training to deliver effective, ethical, and compassionate care to those we serve.

The UCA awardees of our 2024–2025 full scholarship.

From left to right: Marina Jiménez Jiménez, Javier Iglesias Ruiz, and Laura María Gómez López



ABA India

BY TEJASHREE GAMBHIR, ARTHI B, ARAVIND KANNAN, SMITA AWASTHI AND SONAM KOTHARI

We are excited to enlist the accomplishments of the past year for ABAA (India).

Applied Behavior Analysis Association (India) was registered under Section 10 of the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975 (Tamil Nadu Act 27 of 1975) in February 2024.

ABAA (India) held its 1st Annual Professional Conference on 2nd and 3rd March, 2024 in Chennai where certified professionals and students of ABA presented their work in ABA via paper and poster presentations. International delegates Dr. Manish Vaidya and Dr. Smita Awasthi were the keynote speakers who addressed the audience with their valuable knowledge and experience in the field.

A General Body Meeting was also conducted on 3rd March 2024 where various committees were formed to delegate different work agendas for the association.

ABAA (India) became an approved ACE Provider in Feb 2025. ABAA (India) plans to hold CEU events for the certified professionals in India.

ABAA (India) plans to conduct various CEU and non-CEU workshops to disseminate ABA in India.

We look forward to another year of accomplishments!

ABA in Nigeria

BY BOSEDE E ASIKHIA

General Overview

- ABA in Nigeria (ABAN) fosters international cooperation by connecting Nigerian behavior analysts with their counterparts worldwide, facilitating the exchange of knowledge, resources, and best practices.
- The association organizes annual conferences and collaborative and social networking meetings to provide a platform for discussion and networking among members.
- ABAN also emphasizes diversity, social equity and inclusiveness within the field by operating regional coordinating unit of ABAN, promoting participation from individuals of diverse backgrounds during ABAN events and creating opportunities for paper presentations.
- These activities highlight ABAN/WABADA's commitment to promoting the science of behavior analysis and improving the lives of individuals through effective behavior management practices in Nigeria and Africa at large by focusing on raising awareness, recognition and acceptance of the science of behavior analysis by the communities and tertiary institutions.



1. ABAN Accomplishments Over the Past Year (2024)

WABADA AND ABAN Partnership Agreement 2024.

- ABAN is in partnership with WBADA to promote the mission and vision of WBADA which is in line with ABAN's mission of raising awareness, recognition and acceptance of the science of behavior analysis through outreach programs, liaison services, conferences, training, collaborative and social networking meetings, advocacy, supervision and mentorship programs etc.,
- ABAN organized four free CEU training events titled *ABAN And WBAD connect the dots...* March 2024 Harmony in Diversity, through ITC-ABA QABA approved course sequence provider to promote World Behavior Analysis Day celebration and to support ABAN members through recertification challenges.
- ABAN's membership and renewal registration increased because members want access to the free CEUs as active members.

2. ABAN Outreach Programs/Activities and Capacity Building Through Training 2024

- ABAN, through the International Training Centre for Applied Behavior Analysis (ITC-ABA), has significantly advanced the recognition and acceptance of the science of behavior analysis in Nigeria by leveraging partnerships

with institutions like Edo State College of Education.

- The training program has continued to increase the numbers of trained ABA professionals and create more opportunities for collaboration, enhance the quality of ABA training programs and research, foster innovations, and create valuable professional networks, ultimately benefiting students, professionals, and the broader community.
- Presently, efforts are being made to gain recognition and acceptance in one of the state universities in the eastern part of Nigeria.
- Francis, the Vice President of the Association for Behavior Analysis in Nigeria (ABAN), along with other key stakeholders, has embarked on a comprehensive capacity-building program across the six local councils of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja-Nigeria.
- This initiative focuses on promoting the science of applied behavior analysis (ABA) in the treatment of autism and related special needs.
- The training program emphasizes increasing awareness and building practical skills among all stakeholders, including parents, teachers, therapists, and caregivers. Additionally, it underscores the importance of promoting ethical standards and professionalism among practitioners.
- In 2024, representing ABAN, Francis, alongside parents and several other stakeholders, engaged in meetings with the Chairman and members of the Committee on Disability and Inclusion. During these meetings, they contributed valuable inputs to the disability policy review process.
- This engagement has led to positive impacts, notably the domestication of disability laws, reflecting a commitment to enhancing the lives of individuals with special needs.
- The collaboration and concerted efforts by ABAN and its partners continue to foster a supportive and inclusive environment for those with autism and other developmental disorders, demonstrating the far-reaching benefits of promoting ABA principles and practices.

2b. ABAN Outreach Programs/Activities 2024 by Helen Oshikoya (ABAN Secretary)

- Parent training on ABA and Community outreach in Gbagada
- Teachers' training Corona school, Betty School, Oakwood
- Worked with national association of play therapist in Nigeria to start the Clinton initiative (CHAI) project for developmental screening in Lagos State and Kaduna
- Trained health workers on play therapy and ABA in Lagos and Kaduna
- Participated in online secure network

3. ABAN Initiated Letters of Support:

Outcome was successful, which led to two ABAN members attending the ABAI convention in Philadelphia in May, 2024.

4. Capacity Building Through Training [ITC-ABA/EDCOE]

- ABAN members participated in chapter leaders' training session on Friday, May 24, 2024.
- ABAN Social Reunion, ABAI, May, 2024: Developmental milestones of the science of behavior analysis in Nigeria: Many rivers to cross.
- ABAN EXCO members participated in the ABAI Affiliate Chapters Board online meetings with chapter leaders on November 11, 2024.
- Bosede Asikhia presented paper on the: The Permeation of Ethics in the Application of the Science of Behaviors and its associated paradoxes. ABAN And WBAD connect the dots.. [WBAD Harmony in Diversity] March 2024.
- Bosede Asikhia presented a Poster on Bridging the Gap Through Training: Taking ABA From the Lecture Room to the Child, Professionals, and Parents at Home, ABAI, May, 2024.
- Bosede Asikhia presented paper on the Perspectives of Applied Behavior Analysis in Nigeria: Successes, Challenges, and the Way Forward: 2024 Annual Conference & General Meeting of Committee of Deans of Education in Nigerian Universities (CODENU).
- Dr. Edward Asikhia presented paper on: The Place of Tertiary Institutions in Capacity Building in Nigeria.
- Dr. Edward Asikhia presented paper on: That the Poor Nations may not Cease Receiving Effective Behavioral Analysis Training and Services: The Behavior Analysts' Concerns in Africa, May 29th, 2022.

ABAN Plans for the Upcoming Year 2025

5. ABAN Collaborating With WBADA and Participating in WBAD 25

- ABAN will continue to collaborate with WBADA and participate in WBAD 2025 to advance the science of behavior analysis globally and to facilitate its recognition and acceptance in Nigeria by improving on the social networking with ABA Professionals, Agencies, NGOs, and governmental institutions.
- ABAN will continue to embark on membership registration drive through enlightenment campaign, ITC-ABA free CEUs training events and provision of discounted registration fees during WBAD celebration due to financial constraints and to prevent members from losing their credentials.
- ABAN members will continue to embark on enlightenment campaign across the three main regions to raise awareness about the plight of individuals living with autism and their families during the world autism month celebration.

- ABAN will create opportunities for registered members who could afford it to participate in the 2025 ABAI convention due to visa constraints.
- ABAN will continue to focus on demystifying the stigmatization attached to behavior analysis services, mostly at school, by visiting and presenting talks across institutions and governmental agencies.

6. ABAN Mentorship and Training Initiative Programs (Ongoing)

- ABAN will continue to create opportunities through the dissemination of information about the science of behavior analysis, the provision of discounted fees, scholarship so that potential ABA professionals can access ABA programs via the approved course providers to increase capacity building in Nigeria and across Africa.
- ABAN will develop policies guidelines to ensure standardization of service provision through monitoring and supervision.
- ABAN is working on developing easy access to supervision and mentorship opportunities through the regional coordinators.

Visit our website: <http://www.aban.org.ng> for more details

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ABA Lebanon

BY SOUSAN RAZZOUK

Despite the challenges posed by the Israeli war on Lebanon, our team remained committed to advancing knowledge and professional development. We successfully conducted key projects, including a culturally responsive ACT training tailored to support those affected by the crisis and war. Additionally, we hosted a webinar with Dr. Sorah Stein on Sexual Expression, Human Rights, Behavior, and Developmental Disabilities, fostering essential dialogue on these critical topics. Although the Annual Conference had to be postponed, the groundwork remains strong for future realization. We also updated our by-laws, reinforcing our organizational framework to align with evolving goals. Our resilience and commitment to supporting professionals and communities remain steadfast, ensuring that our mission continues despite adversity.

New Leadership and Vision

Webinar:

Sexual Expression, Human Rights, Behavior, and Developmental Disabilities Presented by Dr. Sorah Stein PhD, BCBA-D, CSE, CSES. The webinar with Dr. Sorah

Stein was highly informative, providing a comprehensive discussion on sexuality, development, and human rights for individuals with developmental disabilities. Dr. Stien emphasized the importance of

educating and preparing children with developmental delays for discussions about sexuality, ensuring they receive appropriate guidance and support. Attended by 18 participants, primarily from the Lebanese community, the session created a valuable space for professionals and caregivers to gain practical strategies. Additionally, BCBAs who attended earned CEUs, further reinforcing the event's impact on professional development. The insights shared in the webinar will continue to guide efforts in fostering inclusive and informed approaches to sexual education for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Training:

ACT in Action: Practical Strategies and Tools Dr. Benjamin Schoendorff, MA, MSc and Dr. Sacha Rombouts, PhD. The ACT in Action training, led by Dr. Benji and Dr. Sacha, was a successful collaboration between ABAL and them. This training focused on culturally responsive strategies to support individuals affected by crisis and war. Open to ABA professionals, healthcare providers, psychologists, and medical professionals, the training was held weekly for two hours over a span of 13 weeks, beginning on October 28, 2024, and concluding on February 10, 2025.

Participation was robust, with 22 attendees joining from Lebanon, UAE, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the United States, demonstrating the broad international reach of the training. The attendees came from diverse professional backgrounds, including BCBAs, RBTs, special education teachers, psychologists, and even a musician. This variety enriched the training experience, allowing for a multidisciplinary exchange of perspectives and practical applications. The sessions provided structured learning, practical tools, and hands-on strategies designed to be immediately applicable in professional settings. Through dynamic discussions and experiential exercises, participants gained deeper insight into ACT's culturally responsive application, ensuring they could integrate these practices effectively into their work. The training reinforced the importance of adaptability, compassion, and scientific rigor, making a lasting impact on those who attended. Additionally, BCBAs who attended earned CEUs.

Collaboration:

ABAL recently established a valuable collaboration with Dr. Lilith Reuter-Yuill, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCBA, LBA to contribute to a Six-Week Live Course Contributor Package. This initiative aims to ensure that all course materials undergo a rigorous peer-review process, aligning with the latest research and evidence-based practices.

Through this partnership, ABAL seeks to expand its reach and impact by providing a structured platform where professionals can access high-quality educational content

delivered by expert speakers. Our objective is to break down barriers to knowledge dissemination and enhance engagement with evidence-based approaches.

As part of this effort, we have already signed a speaker, and preparations are underway for the course to launch soon. This initiative marks a significant step in enhancing professional development opportunities and strengthening ABAL's role as a leader in education and training within the field.

By-Laws:

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve and refine our organizational structure, we have updated several key aspects of our by-laws to enhance the efficiency and governance of ABAL.

Leadership Roles:

- **President:** Responsible for presiding over all member meetings, counting ballots in referenda, and overseeing ABAL's operations, including internal task forces, policy enforcement, and representation of the organization.
- **Past President:** Provides support and guidance to the sitting president.
- **President-Elect:** Shadows and assists the current and past presidents, preparing to assume leadership once the sitting president's term concludes.
- **Vice President:** Advises and supports the president and ABAL as needed to ensure smooth operations.

Additionally, we have introduced a conflict-of-interest policy, which requires all members to sign an agreement ensuring transparency and accountability within the organization. This new policy strengthens ABAL's ethical standards and commitment to professional integrity.

ABAL Conference:

The ABAL Conference, originally scheduled for October 2024, was postponed due to the ongoing war. The conference has now been rescheduled for October 2025 and will span two days, featuring distinguished speakers from across the behavior analysis field. This event will serve as a vital platform for professionals to engage in discussions, share knowledge, and collaborate on advancements in applied behavior analysis.

Despite the delay, we remain committed to delivering a high-quality conference that fosters professional growth and strengthens the ABA community. Preparations are actively underway, and we look forward to hosting an enriching event that brings together experts, practitioners, and researchers from around the world.

Conclusion:

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the resilience, dedication, and unwavering commitment

of our community. Despite the challenges we have faced, we have continued to grow, innovate, and strengthen our impact in the field of applied behavior analysis.

Looking ahead, we remain optimistic about the future. With the upcoming ABAL Conference, new training initiatives, and expanded collaborations, we are poised to further advance our mission. Our commitment to professional development, inclusivity, and scientific excellence remains steadfast, and we are excited to build on our achievements to create even greater opportunities for learning and growth.

Together, we will continue to push boundaries, break down barriers, and ensure that behavior analysis remains a powerful tool for positive change. We look forward to the coming year with renewed hope and determination, knowing that our collective efforts will leave a lasting impact on our field and the communities we serve.

ABA Saudi Arabia

BY SARA SILSILAH

ABA Saudi Arabia was accepted as an affiliated chapter of ABAI on May 31, 2013. After 8 years since the establishment of the chapter, ABA Saudi Arabia is committed to its mission statement.

ABA Saudi Arabia was established with the mission to disseminate information about the science of behavior analysis and support the development of and access to behavior analytic services for people in need. To accomplish this mission, the chapter supports the development of graduate opportunities for appropriate candidates in Saudi Arabia, plans and supports continuing education (CE) for practicing behavior analysts, and advocates for access to community-based behavior analytic services through governmental and regulatory channels. The current officers are Sara Silsilah, Ph.D., BCBA, President, and Shahad Alsharif, Ph.D., BCBA, LBA, Vice President.

In the following section, we highlight the activities carried out by the chapter members in 2025 to further disseminate behavior analysis across Saudi Arabia.

This year, two significant projects have been launched with dedicated committees established for each initiative.

First, the Mentorship Program was initiated to support new supervisors in the field by pairing them with experienced mentors who have been in the field for five years or more. This program is designed to last three months and involves one mentee being paired with five mentors. We are pleased to report that one round of mentorship has been successfully completed, and we are now starting a second round. This program has provided invaluable support to emerging supervisors, facilitating their professional growth and enhancing their clinical decision-making skills.

Secondly, the chapter launched CEU Workshops, offered free of charge to support the ABA community in maintaining their certification and expanding their

expertise in various areas. The most recent CEU workshop, titled "Assessment and Intervention for Food Selectivity in Children," was well-received, contributing to the ongoing professional development of our members and practitioners in the field.

ABA Saudi Arabia welcomes membership to all individuals interested or actively engaged in behavior analysis. For the time being, until we become an associate chapter, any person wishing to become a member must submit a completed application form.

Contact: ssilsilah@theseedsofknowledge.com for membership information.

ABA Switzerland

BY CLAUDIA GRANT, ERIKA GLAUS, FEDERICA CECERE, AND ANNEMARIE ELIAS

In 2024, we continued work on our website, translating it into German, Italian and French, to provide full accessibility to anyone interested, in a country with multiple official languages. Our registry of qualified professionals has been updated and now offers a quick view of specialists whose qualifications have been thoroughly checked, reflecting our chapter's focus on setting high professional standards.

In the same spirit, we have developed our national guidelines of ethics, both for behaviour analysts with master's degrees (has been released for the members' review) and for supervised persons on a technician level (including RBTs, students working towards their advanced degrees and accruing practical experience while delivering one on one ABA services). The latter document is currently under the board's review, to be later released for the members' input.

We organised and delivered two webinars: Shannon Biagi – "An Introduction to Human Performance Technology for Behaviour Analysts" and Kate Fiske & James Christy: "Through a Parent's Lens: Understanding and Supporting Families of Individuals with ASD". We had also planned a third webinar - Dr. Maithri Sivaraman on Telehealth – unfortunately, we had to cancel it due to low participant enrolment.

In March 2024, we met with the BACB's Director of International Support, Dr. Neil Martin, to discuss activities the chapter could be organising to gain academic and professional (from other fields) awareness. As 2024 was a challenging year for the chapter, we shall revisit the discussion and action points in 2025 and decide on one to two top priorities to be kicked off.

In terms of international collaborations, ABA Switzerland became an EABA affiliated chapter. We continue to follow and support the EABA and OnPac activities.

As a small chapter – and profession altogether – we

continued to struggle with maintaining members' motivation and involvement, on a background of low public recognition and no insurance/academic or clinic support from national or professional organisations.

At the members' general meeting held in January 2025, it was decided to continue our efforts and maintain the organisation. A few board members had to step off after many years of dedicated service – new members were elected for the vacant positions.

ABA Turkey

BY ELIF TEKIN IFTAR

ABA Turkey conducted three webinars to create a synergy in the professionals and parents of children with special needs during 2025. The first one was a summit for parents of children with developmental disability. The second one was about the celebration of World Behavior Analysis Day. The last was about myths and facts about behavior analysis. It was conducted as an interview with two scholars who work in behavior analysis. The number of attendants in these webinars was between 30-100. We completed and published the development of our web page in Turkish (www.udader.org). We have 14 members in 2024.

ABA United Arab Emirates

BY MICHELLE KELLY

The Association for Behavior Analysis – United Arab Emirates (ABA-UAE) was officially affiliated with the ABAI on November 18th, 2020. ABA-UAE registered with the Dubai Association Center (DAC) in September 2020 and was licensed on February 28th, 2022.

ABA-UAE's Executive Committee includes: Dr. Michelle P. Kelly, BCBA-D (President), Ms. Sharifa Yateem, BCBA (President-Elect), Ms. Linda Bailey, BCBA (Secretary), Ms. Nipa Bhuptani, BCaBA (Treasurer), and Adel Wahdain (Student Representative). The Board consists of the Executive Committee and the following members: Dr. Ebrahim Alhajri (Chair), Ms. Khawla Barley (Vice-Chair), and our member-at-large, Mr. Nicholas Orland, BCBA.

The chapter's activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Support a national licensing authority to test, license and renew licenses for behavior analysts in the UAE.
- Organize educational activities including seminars, workshops, presentations and conferences, either alone or jointly with other professional organizations.
- Organize networking opportunities for its members.
- Serve the professional needs of behavior analysts in the UAE by working with relevant bodies.
- Disseminate information to promote its mission to a wider audience by publishing bi-annual, bilingual, online newsletters.
- Disseminate information to promote its mission to a wider audience by creating a bilingual chapter website.

- Attend and present at conferences/events outside the field of behavior analysis with a mission to disseminate the science.
- Organize an annual business meeting to provide a forum for discussion of the affairs of the chapter.

ABA-UAE has been very active, aiming to achieve the goals outlined above. We would like to outline two of our biggest achievements to date this year. The first success is the continuation of the development of our chapter website: www.abauae.org/. The second success is the organization of online continuing education events for behavior analysts, in collaboration with Emirates College for Advanced Education (ECAE; www.ecae.ac.ae), a higher education institute which has previously offered the only Verified Course Sequences in the UAE.

Since May 2024, ABA-UAE has hosted 5 events, in collaboration with ECAE.

JUNE 6, 2024, *Clinical Applications of Behavior Skills Training Across UAE Contexts*, Michelle Kelly, PhD, BCBA-D, Sarah Mead Jasperse, PhD, BCBA-D, Amina Maliki, BCBA

JUNE 6, 2024, *Teaching Reciprocal Imitation Skills to Young Children with Autism*, Aman Attieh, BCBA

SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2024, *Applications of Telehealth: Parent Coaching and Instructive Feedback*, Rasha Al Hejailan, PhD, IBA, Diana AlSjarif, PhD, BCBA-D

OCTOBER 15TH, 2024, *An Assessment of Three Procedures to Teach Echoic Responding*, Sushmita De Leon Sharifa Yateem, Ph.D., BCBA

MARCH 5, 2024, *Assessing Preference for Social Interaction in Children with Autism*, Hiba Ghair, MA PBA, BCBA, Lead—ABA Therapy, CognitiveBotics

To find and follow ABA-UAE on social media:

Twitter: twitter.com/ABA_UAE; @ABA_UAE_

Instagram: www.instagram.com/aba_uae_association/
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Alberta ABA

BY CATHERINE DESMOND

The Alberta Association for Behaviour Analysis (AltaABA) is in its ninth year as an affiliated chapter of ABAI. In March 2025, nominations for open Board member positions were put forth. These positions included the President-Elect, Treasurer, three Member at Large positions and a Student member.

The 2025 AGM was held in a hybrid format virtually and in-person at Centre for Autism Services Alberta on May 10th. Following the AGM, BCBA-D Lillian Saltel and SLP, Arianna Bailey, both from Alberta, presented on neurodiversity and ABA.

The current total number of active BACB certificants in Alberta increased by 13 certificants this past year, to a current total of two BCBA-Ds, 75 BCBAAs, 1BCaBA, and 11 RBTs province-wide. Overall, the province saw an increase in all certification types other than BCBA-Ds, which remained the same at two certificants.

AltaABA has kept in line with the second 3-year Strategic Plan which was released in April 2024. This new plan has three long-term goal sections that consist of seven short-term actions. As the AltaABA board continues to struggle with new board members and overall engagement from the Alberta membership, the board decided to streamline efforts and focus on the top priorities for the next three years: Creating a Positive Public Image and Perception of ABA in Alberta, Resource and Technology Expansion, and Enriching Member Benefits. In 2024, the board achieved five out of seven goals.

This past year the board updated its website, email, and social media platforms providing a more user-friendly experience for members. The board also increased tangible benefits for members, now offering 8 active membership benefits. AltaABA hosted two in-person social and networking events, as well as a speaker event highlighting a BCBA-D within Alberta. The board intends to provide as many CEU events as possible to help increase engagement and secure future board members for the province.

For further information, to view AltaABA's Strategic Plan, or to join the chapter, please visit: www.altaaba.ca or follow us on Facebook or Instagram.

Association Française— Les Professionnels de l'Analyse du Comportement

BY MÉLODIE GENESTE

AF-LPA is one of the French chapters in France. This year, we continued our work with the Education Nationale, the local governmental entity in charge of managing the schools.

Thanks to this collaboration, we can train the shadow teachers of students living with a handicap and going to public schools through an initial training, then we supervise the shadow teacher by going inside of the schools and giving them tools to help the student. We can also propose a person to be hired as a shadow teacher, and we work closely with the governmental entity to help advance each situation.

The professionals that are part of the association can now ask to be part of this contract in order to help their own clients.

In addition, our team is currently working on developing an online repertoire of certified behavior analyst in order for clients to find good services more efficiently and for student to find supervisors more easily.

Also, in April 2024, we participated in the organization

of an annual event for Autism Awareness Day in collaboration with the Mayor's Office of Nice and a local association of adults on the spectrum (GEMA).

Australian Association for Cognitive Behaviour Therapy

BY PETER POHLMAN

The President of the Australian Association for Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (AACBT) is Professor Ross G Menzies, University of Technology Sydney. 2024 saw a solid return to in-person event attendance; AACBT continued to grow our registrations, especially for our scientific conference. We look forward to continuing our growth throughout our broader community throughout 2025; we will continue to pursue our vision of improving the quality of practice of behavioural and cognitive therapies in Australasia, by providing high quality professional development in behavioural and cognitive therapies based on scientific evaluation.

Throughout 2024, we hosted a mixture of local and international presenters, plus webinar recordings continued to be made available for free to members. These webinars represent over 20 hours of high-quality content, plus associated readings, and materials. Examples of some of the topics included in our online catalogue include OCD, repetitive thinking, sleep, ADHD, iCBT, alexithymia and social anxiety disorder. The face-to-face events saw over 1,500 people booked to attend, covering a broad range of topics, including ADHD, self-compassion, eating disorders, PTSD, perfectionism, schema therapy and dissociative identity disorder.

Our 44th National Conference featured a wide range of keynote and invited speakers for AACBT, all of whom were featured in this role for the first time. We had record bookings and attendance for a conference hosted in Brisbane. The feedback from our exit survey was very positive – an average star rating of 4.4 out of 5 stars. We had 93.75% respond with agree or strongly agree that the professional development provided was valuable to their needs, and 91.07% responded that they acquired new knowledge/skills. The National Board thanks our host Branch committee for their ongoing efforts, and the National Conference Committee for their conference work.

We continued to offer our National Award program, and each recipient presented at the 2024 national conference, highlighting their scientific output and contemporary research. The 2024 award winners were Dr. Madelyne Bisby (early career) and Professor Viviana Wuthrich (mid-career). In 2025, AACBT is expanding our award program to include an outstanding practitioner award.

Our 45th conference is scheduled for 16-18 October 2025 in Fremantle/Walyalup, WA. The Board thanks our National Conferences Director for their service in

supervising our largest annual event, and we are excited to be featuring our keynote presenters Judith S. Beck, Pat Dudgeon, Liz Pellicano and other invited speakers.

In the interests of promoting equity of access, the AACBT Board is continuing to provide free membership for all AACBT student memberships – this now sees AACBT with nearly 1,000 student members.

In 2024, the AACBT Board oversaw the transition to our new website, which provides a smoother, and more contemporary service to our members and customers. We host various member documents, our historic national conference programs, plus our extensive e-library.

AACBT would like to acknowledge our Fellows: Professor Peter Lovibond, Professor Michael Kyrios, Professor Matthew Sanders, Professor Colin MacLeod, Professor Tracey Wade, Professor Ross Young, Professor Mark Dadds, Professor Mark Creamer, Professor Kim Halford, Professor Nicole Lee, Associate Professor Sarah Egan, Professor Louise Sharpe, Associate Professor Neville King, Professor Leanne Hides, and Professor Ross G Menzies.

We thank them for their continuing contributions to the CBT community in Australia, and assisting AACBT throughout the year. The Board would especially like to thank Professor Tracey Wade for participating as our World CBT Ambassador for 2024 with her presentation on perfectionism.

Bermuda ABA

BY JAHNAE HARVEY

The Bermuda Association of Behavior Analysis (BABA) was established in the fall of 2011, largely due to the ongoing efforts of Tomorrow's Voices Autism Early Intervention Centre. This strong partnership continues to be the foundation of BABA, as the majority of ABA professionals in Bermuda are employed with Tomorrow's Voices.

BABA remains a diverse collective of behavior analysts, verbal behavior therapists, junior therapists, non-profit leaders, and parents. The chapter continues to maintain a close working relationship with Tomorrow's Voices – Bermuda Autism Early Intervention Centre, the island's first and only autism early intervention center. This connection has allowed many of BABA's members to join through their affiliation with the organization.

The year 2024 was a milestone for BABA members. Tomorrow's Voices celebrated 17 years of service in Bermuda, reinforcing the essential role of an internationally recognized center dedicated to supporting individuals with autism spectrum disorders and developmental disabilities. Since its founding, the clinical center has trained and employed 75 professionals—both Bermudian and non-Bermudian—in the principles of applied behavior analysis and verbal behavior. Beyond direct staffing, the organization has impacted thousands of parents, volunteers,

students, educators, and medical and allied health professionals through its extensive workshops, seminars, consultancies, internships, and work shadow programs.

BABA continues to support the professional development of behavior analysts on the island, ranging from Registered Behavior Technicians (RBTs) to Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs). This growth bodes well for the future of the profession in Bermuda. Currently, there are two BCBAs, one BCBA-D, and five active RBTs registered with the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) locally.

In December 2019, the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) announced that, effective January 1, 2023, it would no longer accept certification applications from individuals residing outside the United States and Canada. Unfortunately, this decision significantly reduced the eligibility of Bermudians seeking BCBA certification.

Despite this setback, several BABA members have successfully completed the required coursework and practical experience hours as part of their master's degrees in applied behavior analysis. In response to these changes, BABA members are actively exploring alternative credentials that align with BCBA standards. However, concerns remain regarding insurance coverage and the recognition of these alternatives. Without proper support, there is a risk that limited credential recognition could create barriers to accessing essential services, impacting both professionals and the individuals they serve.

Professional Development & Community Training

Through its partnership with Tomorrow's Voices, BABA members led a series of educational seminars and workshops designed to support parents, educators, allied health professionals, students, and the broader community. These included:

Public Workshops

BABA members conducted four bi-monthly virtual workshops, covering topics such as:

- "Let's Put That on Paper - Data Collection Methods"
- "Building Bridges - Social Development for Individuals with Autism"
- "Beyond the Surface - Supporting High-Functioning Individuals with Autism"
- "Connecting Through Communication - Strategies for Individuals with Autism"

These sessions collectively attracted 83 participants.

Private & Corporate Workshops

In addition to public workshops, BABA members conducted nine privately requested workshops for allied health and educational institutions, including:

- The Family Centre
- Bermuda Hospitals Board
- Probus (a social club for seasoned professional men)

- A small local homeschool

Four of these workshops were scheduled as part of ongoing collaborations, reinforcing BABA's commitment to long-term education and support.

BABA also extended its outreach to corporate entities, delivering customized workshops for organizations such as Fidelis and Athene.

Impact & Professional Development

Many of these workshops were affiliated with professional development certifications. Through Tomorrow's Voices, BABA members provided:

- 312 hours of professional development to 118 attendees
- Two wellness workshops to the community via Zoom

The impact of these workshops extends beyond individual participants. By equipping attendees with practical tools and insights, these sessions foster a more understanding and supportive community. As more people gain the knowledge and confidence to engage with individuals with autism and developmental disabilities, Bermuda continues to move toward greater inclusivity and compassion.

BABA members, through their affiliation with Tomorrow's Voices, have maintained membership with the Council of Autism Service Providers (CASP).

BABA remains committed to leading the growth of the ABA profession in Bermuda and actively contributes to national policy and legislative initiatives. Notably, Tomorrow's Voices Board Chair, Ms. Thea Furbert, is a key member of the team developing the Bermuda National Intellectual Disability Plan. Her involvement ensures that a behavioral perspective is integrated into addressing the needs of students and adults with intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorder (ASD), and other developmental disabilities.

Parent Support Group

In 2023, a parent support group was launched to provide a dedicated space for families of individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities. The group offers structured support through three rotating focus areas:

- Information Webinars – Featuring guest speakers from related fields, including ABA, Speech-Language Pathology, Nursing, Dietetics, and Personal Care Support.
- Social Gatherings – Opportunities for parents to connect through activities such as bowling nights and nature walks.
- Chat & Chew Sessions – Virtual meet-ups where parents can share experiences, seek advice, and support one another across various stages of their journey.

2024 marked the first full year of the parent support group in operation, providing families with a consistent and structured space for connection, education, and shared experiences.

For those interested in becoming a member of BABA or learning more, please contact Dr. Jahnae Harvey at bermudaaba@gmail.com.

British Columbia ABA

BY HAYLEY NEIMY

Over the past year, the British Columbia Association for Behaviour Analysis (BC-ABA) has remained actively engaged in a wide range of initiatives, solidifying our role as a leading voice for behaviour analysis in the province. Our board, which commenced its term in April 2024, consists of 14 elected members who meet regularly throughout the year to drive strategic priorities. In addition to our core leadership meetings, various committees and working groups—including the Conference Committee, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Student Alliance, Membership Committee, Communications Committee, and Licensure Working Group—convene monthly to advance targeted initiatives. With 218 members across British Columbia, BC-ABA represents a dynamic community of practitioners working in diverse capacities. Over the past year, our primary areas of focus have centered on sustainability, relationship-building, and advocacy.

To enhance sustainability, we have prioritized formalizing operational processes to streamline and standardize strategic planning efforts. By ensuring alignment with our mission, vision, and values, we have refined the monitoring of short- and long-term goals while also delineating core operating procedures. Recognizing the need for administrative efficiency, we have expanded our infrastructure by hiring an Administrative Assistant and continuing collaboration with a web developer to optimize our website. These efforts reduce the volunteer demands on our Members at Large (MALs) and improve accessibility to member resources. Additionally, we have strengthened governance by implementing annual Board Governance and Strategic Planning Training, refining onboarding protocols to enhance inter-committee integration, and developing ongoing mechanisms to track progress toward organizational objectives.

Fostering strong relationships has been another key priority. This year, we partnered with Autism Community Training (ACT) and the Autism Support Network (ASN) to co-sponsor three CEU-eligible events on critical topics, including feeding and food selectivity, assessment and treatment of sleep disorders, and neurodiversity-affirming practices for elementary educators. Strengthening connections within our membership remains a central focus, and we have taken deliberate steps to increase transparency around board activities. Initiatives such as the Quarterly President's Update, membership surveys to assess resource and training needs, and targeted engagement efforts with our Student Alliance members have helped ensure that

our members' voices are heard. Additionally, we have deepened relationships with other Canadian ABAI chapters through quarterly meetings, facilitating a shared network of advocacy, professional development, and knowledge exchange. These collaborative efforts will allow us to present a unified voice to various national initiatives, including an upcoming response to the National Autism Strategy, and various provincial service model changes. Looking ahead, we are exploring the formalization of a Canadian ABA organization to strengthen our collective impact.

A significant area of focus has been our advocacy efforts, particularly in the realm of professional regulation. BC-ABA continues to collaborate with key advocacy groups, including our participation as part of the founder members of the BC Disability Collaborative, where we participated in a two-day summit alongside almost 50 non-profit organizations to present recommendations to the provincial government on equitable funding and service models for children with disabilities. Our Licensure Working Group, which has expanded in both scope and membership, has played a critical role in these advocacy efforts. With the recent formalization of British Columbia's regulatory colleges following a seven-year modernization process, our efforts have centered on engaging with registrars, ministers, and key decision-makers to position behaviour analysts within the province's new regulatory framework. Specifically, we are working to secure inclusion within the College of Health and Care Professionals of British Columbia (CHCPBC), which governs allied health professionals such as speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, and psychologists.

Building on the success of last year's hybrid event, BC-ABA is excited to host our 17th Annual Conference on March 7th (virtual) and March 8th (hybrid in-person and virtual) at the University of British Columbia. This year marks a milestone in sponsorship engagement, with significant support from local, national, and international organizations. We are thrilled to offer a diverse lineup of topics and speakers, reflecting the breadth of applied behaviour analysis in research and practice. In addition to professional development, this year's event will feature our first-ever formalized social gathering, providing an opportunity for members to connect beyond the conference sessions. We look forward to another year of growth, collaboration, and meaningful progress for our field here in British Columbia! ❖

Updates From ABAI's Special Interest Groups

Autism SIG

BY JUSTIN LEAF

The Autism SIG has been very busy this year meeting our goals of promoting evidence-based treatment, promoting best practice as it relates to procedures/interventions based upon the principals of applied behavior analysis (ABA), helping consumers identify components of ABA, help protect autistic individuals from non-evidenced based procedures, and being a scientific resource for our members. Members of the Autism SIG Executive Council have been advocating for other regional, national, and international conferences to start having autistic adults present at their conferences. This has resulted in numerous conferences including more and more autistic voices. The second major endeavor that we have undertaken this year has been submitting response papers to misinformation about behavioral intervention as it applies to intervention for autistic individuals. The purpose of these papers has been to help consumers better navigate various concerns about ABA and how to still implement quality ABA.

Behavior Analysis and Selectionist Robotics SIG

BY RICHARD WEISSMAN

The last SIG report for the Behavior Analysis and Selectionist Robotics (BASR) SIG was published in the September 2019 issue of Inside Behavior Analysis by the then (and still) current president, Richard Weissman. In that time, the annual count (i.e., per inter-ABAI convention intervals (post-conference May to pre-conference May) of posts to the BASR Facebook page suggest an extinction process for the SIG's major influencer:

- 2019–20 28 posts—24 by Joseph Cautilli, 4 by Richard Weissman
- 2020–21 57 posts—56 by Joseph Cautilli, 1 by Richard Weissman. In addition, Joseph posted the news that the page reached 400 subscribers on 7/25/2020.
- 2021–22 45 posts—44 by Joseph Cautilli, 1 by Richard Weissman
- 2022–23 57 posts—56 by Joseph Cautilli, 1 by Richard Weissman
- 2023–24 2 posts both by Joseph Cautilli.

While it appears that Cautilli might have had a mild extinction burst in 2023 (predictable for the dearth of comments and other posters), there's a larger alternative explanation: positive behavior contrast. On January 1st, 2023, a new group was formed by Joseph Cautilli called *The Online Society for Digital Behavior Analysis* (TOSFDBA). It's About Statement of its mission suggests a substantial but broader overlap with the mission of BASR with a

greater emphasis on social media and less on robotics: "Digital Behavior Analysis is a subfield of applied behavior analysis and organizational behavior analysis concerned with using behavioral principles within technology. [It is] an online group... [that] exists to help increase interdisciplinary communication and funding for the use of behavior analytic principles and behaviorism as a philosophical approach in digital areas and media. We are interested in both behavioral principles in content and process. This society has a range of concerns, from the use of behavioral principles in developing Ai to the building of behavior analytic apps to the use of behavior analysis in telehealth, to the use of behavior analysis to manage social media to the use of behavioral economic factors in internet purchases to the use of behavioral principles in media like streaming services to train. Hopefully, this society will serve as a bridge between behavior analysts and engineers in creating a better future." Currently it has 224 members with more posters and comments than can be found in BASR. From January to late May of 2023, there were approximately 720 posts while between then and 4/29/24, there were approximately 212. The dramatic jump up and then down (though still over 4X recent BASR years) was due to much cross posting from the BASR site at the outset of TOSFDBA.

So, after a 5-year hiatus in meeting the SIG requirement for annual reports, a complete lack of meetings at ABAI, online SIG-specific discussions, or group projects (including fund raising), we could disband. Alternatively, we could follow Skinner's 1st principle of the scientific method: "If you come onto something interesting, drop everything else and study it." What's recently become interesting was the newer focus on online culture-cusp design with digital apps. So we have enough interested people and interesting articles to form a group which, through the online and offline responses of its members, can have aggregate behavioral outcomes "consistent with 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" (ABAI, 2022, p. 3). Some good next steps for the growth of our SIG would be to collaboratively crowdsource the creation of a file in which references in both the BASR and TOSFDBA Facebook pages are given hyperlink tags comprised of date posted, actor class, target behavior, and goals. Following that, it would be interesting to create a SIG membership form that queries members' interests, abilities, and contact information. Following that, it would be helpful to create digital Ai tools for continuing this work and assisting in the writing of future SIG reports. Finally, it would be good to have periodic Zoom meetings, organize for meetings and presentations at next year's ABAI conference, create and fill leadership positions, and consider having Membership dues and bylaws.

Behavior Analysis and Technology SIG

BY VICTOR RAMIREZ

The Behavior Analysis and Technology SIG was created with the mission to advance the science of behavior through the development, dissemination, and application of technology in basic and applied settings. Technology can refer to developments in behavioral science, as well as developments in computer science, information technology, and related fields. Technology may be defined as “...the use and knowledge of tools, techniques, systems or methods in order to solve a problem or serve some purpose” (Twyman, 2011).

This SIG aims to (1) serve as a scientific and professional reference and networking group for its members, (2) disseminate information to inform its membership and promote its mission to a wider audience, and (3) organize an annual meeting to provide a forum for discussion of the affairs of the SIG. In pursuit of the first aim, over the past year we have updated our website (batechsig.wordpress.com/) and created a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/groups/TheBATEchSIG) with more than 900 members. In service of aim two, we maintain a blog on our website and encourage Facebook members to post BA- and technology-related content and comment on posts.

Membership is free. Fill out a membership application, found here: batechsig.wordpress.com/membership/

Behavior Analysis and the Arts SIG

BY ADAM HOCKMAN

Behavior Analysis in the Arts (BAARTS) is a SIG that promotes the relationship between behavior analysis and the arts, whether that’s literature, music, performing arts, or visual arts.

The BAARTs Facebook page has 382 members. In 2024, we hosted an arts night at the annual convention featuring the visual art, music, spoken word, and acting of our members. Back by popular demand, Dr. Peter Killeen performed Zarathustra, delighting attendees at the 50th-anniversary banquet. We hope to hold another arts night in 2026.

In 2025, our primary goal is to create an onboarding journey for new members. We want people interested in behavior analysis and the arts to be able to email us and easily connect with fellow members and available resources.

To become a member or learn more about BAART, contact Adam Hockman at hockman.adams@gmail.com. Membership is free.

Behavior Analysis for Sustainable Societies SIG

BY BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS FOR

SUSTAINABLE SOCIETIES BOARD

Since the last Behavior Analysis for Sustainable Societies (BASS) SIG meeting at the 2024 ABAI convention in Philadelphia, PA, the SIG has continued. The leadership team now includes Elizabeth Meshes, Jessica Ghai, Stephanie Xie, and Audrey Breault. The board meets monthly and continues to facilitate community meetings open to all BASS SIG members via Zoom. Due to low member participation, the BASS SIG board conducted a survey to assess whether the SIG should continue or dissolve. While the response rate was low, those who responded overwhelmingly supported continuing the SIG. Based on this feedback, the leadership team is exploring ways to increase engagement and participation while maintaining the SIG’s mission.

Ongoing Initiatives

Each monthly meeting provides members with updates on funding opportunities, research dissemination, continuing education, scholarships, and upcoming events within and beyond ABAI. The BASS SIG newsletter helps keep members informed and engaged. At the end of every meeting, members commit to an action for the coming month, with a cumulative record tracking completed actions over the past year, which include:

- Conference & Research Engagement – Members are preparing presentations, networking, and promoting BASS SIG at professional conferences.
- Sustainability Initiatives – Efforts include updating recycling signage, auditing waste bins, and implementing native/waterwise landscaping projects.
- Education & Reading – Members are engaging with sustainability-focused books, peer-reviewed behavior-analytic articles, and other relevant materials.
- Advocacy & Outreach – Initiatives include researching legislation, collaborating with university sustainability programs, and leading climate talks.
- Content Development – Members are contributing to blogs, refining articles, and developing social media and project brief templates.

Future Goals

BASS SIG’s objectives for the coming year include:

- Assessing the long-term sustainability of the SIG and developing a strategic plan
- Enhancing social media engagement with a structured action plan
- Recruiting new board members to expand leadership
- Increasing member participation and fostering greater year-round engagement

- Expanding CE opportunities and developing member-led CE content

Membership in BASS SIG remains open to all, providing valuable professional connections for those passionate about behavior change for sustainability and climate action.

Behavior Analysis in Health, Sport, and Fitness SIG

BY JULIE M. SLOWIAK

The mission of the Behavior Analysis in Health, Sport, and Fitness Special Interest Group (HSF SIG) is to educate, coordinate, and provide resources to behavior analysts and other members of society seeking to promote desirable behavior change in health, sport, and fitness through the application of the science of behavior analysis.

We strive to fulfill our mission through: (a) Educating behavior analysts and other members of society and increasing awareness, visibility, and understanding of the application of the science of behavior analysis to health, sport, and fitness; (b) Disseminating information about the practice of behavior analysis and educational and training opportunities relevant to practice of behavior analysis in the areas of health, sport, and fitness; (c) Providing a professional network and access to educational and training resources (e.g., continuing education events, mentorship opportunities) for its members; (d) Obtaining financial resources to support research grants for behavior analysts who seek to conduct research with the objective to develop or evaluate behavior analytic interventions to resolve human challenges in health, sport, and fitness, and (e) Collaborating with other non-profit organizations, healthcare agencies, and health, sport, and fitness professionals to maximize our impact on current efforts.

The HSF SIG became affiliated with ABAI in 1997 and organized as a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization in April 2019. The HSF SIG's annual strategic plan supports the continued growth of the application of behavior analysis in the areas of health, sport, and fitness (HSF) by setting goals that aim to improve visibility and awareness, increase member outreach, encourage practitioner skill development and competence, and support research and dissemination efforts. In 2022, the HSF SIG Board of Directors evaluated the organization's structure and made the decision to restructure the HSF SIG in order to better support its mission. In doing so, a variety of Volunteer Support roles were created to enhance engagement through member outreach, increase visibility and awareness of the HSF SIG and of the application of behavior analysis to HSF through internal and external communications, support practitioners seeking guidance on branching out into this area of specialization, promote awareness of HSF research, and provide financial support to graduate student researchers.

Adding these roles has offered new opportunities for student and professional members to be actively involved in the work of the organization.

The HSF SIG's small research grant program is now in its sixth year. The purpose of this grant is to support graduate students who engage in experimental research to demonstrate the application of behavior analysis to address human behavior in the areas of health, sport, or fitness. Additional goals of this program are to disseminate behavior analytic research and practice and to expand research opportunities for graduate students of behavior analysis. With available donations received through fundraising and co-hosting continuing education events, the HSF SIG was able to award four \$750 grants in 2024. Recipients included: Austin Spears, University of North Carolina Wilmington (Faculty Advisor: Dr. Carole Van Camp); Adriana de la Torre Garrote, The Chicago School (Faculty Advisor: Dr. Shannon Ormandy); Kaitlyn Wyllie, Georgia Southern University (Faculty Advisor: Dr. Jennifer L. Wortalik); and Zachary A. Hesse, University of Southern California (Faculty Advisor: Dr. Jonathan Tarbox). Three grant recipients presented their research at the 2025 ABAI Annual Convention as part of a symposium titled, "Health, Sport and Fitness SIG Grant Recipients: Exciting New Areas of Research." Recipients of the 2025 HSF SIG Small Research Grant program were announced at the ABAI annual convention. The call for applications for the 2026 HSF SIG Small Research Grant program will be announced in late 2025, and applications will be due in February 2026.

Our Annual Business Meeting was held virtually in June 2024. At this year's meeting, we introduced members of the Board of Directors who joined us over the past year. We presented the HSF SIG's mission, strategy areas, major goals, and opportunities for members to get involved. We also provided an overview of our accomplishments over the past year.

One of our ongoing goals is to continue to increase visibility of the HSF SIG at the ABAI annual convention, as well as at state and regional conferences, through organizing fun activities for attendees that focus on maintaining healthy habits during travel and combating sedentary behavior while attending conferences. If conference organizers are interested in collaborating with us to organize a health and fitness-related event (whether in person or virtually), please email our Member Outreach Manager at membership@hsfsig.org.

Conversations among members continue to support the contention that several barriers and ethical considerations exist for those who desire to practice in the areas of health, sport, and fitness. In addition, opportunities to secure research and supervised fieldwork experiences in academic programs are limited by the small number of ABA faculty with expertise or interest in health, sport, and fitness,

as well as limited course offerings. Our focus will be to continue to support those who are interested in practicing and conducting behavior-analytic research within the areas of health, sport, and fitness.

Current HSF SIG Board Members include:

- **Julie Slowiak**, Ph.D., BCBA-D, University of Minnesota Duluth & Injewel LLC (Executive Director)
- **Raymond Miltenberger**, Ph.D., BCBA-D, University of South Florida (President)
- **LaQuita Spivey Montgomery**, Ph.D., BCBA, LS Montgomery & Associates, Inc. (Treasurer / Secretary)
- **Heather Zerger**, Ph.D., BCBA-D, University of South Florida, Member Outreach Manager
- **Bryon Miller**, Ph.D., BCBA-D, University of South Florida (Communications Director)

We would like to give special thanks to those members who have volunteered their time over the past year:

- **Erin Herndon**, M.A., BCBA, The Chicago School
- **Linh Huynh**, M.S., BCBA, University of Toledo
- **Shariq Khan**, M.S., Endicott College
- **Ben Lowe**, M.A., BCBA, Kent ISD & Compass Behavior Solutions
- **Andrea Murray**, Ph.D., BCBA-D, Capella University
- **Natalie Salazar**, Ph.D., BCBA-D, Behavioral Innovations
- **Nathan Unruh**, M.S., The Chicago School & Behavioral Innovations
- **Carole Van Camp**, Ph.D., BCBA-D, University of North Carolina, Wilmington

For more information, please go to our website (www.hsfsig.org/), Facebook page (www.facebook.com/groups/hsf.sig), or follow us on Instagram (@hsf.sig). If you're interested in joining the HSF SIG, you will find details on our website (www.hsfsig.org/join-the-sig/). Membership is \$10/ year for students and \$20/year for professionals (we also offer a 2-year option at \$30/year for professionals). If you have any questions, want to contribute to our blog, or would like to take a more active role in the Behavior Analysis in Health, Sport, & Fitness SIG, please email us at director@hsfsig.org.

Behavior Analysis in Military and Veterans' Issues

BY ABIGAIL B. CALKIN

The Military/Veterans (MilVet) SIG is entering its 21st year of ABAI operation. The SIG focuses on how the field of applied behavior analysis (ABA) can contribute to those who have served their country. There are also many issues the military and veteran communities currently

address (autism, suicide, PTSD, and TBI). Chair Abigail Calkin and members remain excited about discussing the issues and needs of this specific population. During the SIG's two decades of existence, a significant amount of time was devoted to increasing membership, while also examining viable ways of accessing the military and veteran community. Finally, some projects are officially in progress, which we hope increases the activities of the SIG members. We also have some consistent members who are key in moving the SIG forward.

At present, the Tricare ECHO program for treating autism spectrum disorder (ASD) among the children of active-duty beneficiaries remains federal law and the only official entry point into the Department of Defense (DOD) healthcare system for behavior analysts. According to the most recent data, behavior analysts are currently treating .059% of the military/veteran population through these official and reimbursable means, which include qualifying beneficiaries diagnosed with ASD. Moreover, the only federally authorized positions for behavior analysts within the DOD and the Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA) are for those who practice as licensed psychiatrists, psychologists or social workers. There are no known official positions or other policies addressing the role of behavior analysts within the DOD and the DVA healthcare systems. Given these challenges, the current activity of the MilVet SIG continues to work to raise awareness about the obstacles that lie in the path of delivering applied behavior analysis to a much broader audience in the military and veteran population other than just those on the autism spectrum. We continued our grassroots approach to penetrating the DOD and the DVA in order to spread ABA to the MilVet community.

At the 2025 ABAI Annual Convention, the SIG remained involved in its activities. A new group of people, some active duty and others military spouses, attended the 2023 SIG meeting and have since taken a very active role in the group. This continued during the year and at the 2024 and 2025 ABAI conventions. This is an exciting and significant landmark for the SIG given that immense barriers remain to opening doors within the DOD and the DVA.

The chair is pleased with the SIG's membership growth. When Kent Corso and Abigail Calkin, then co-chairs, first applied to be a SIG, there were 14 members. The membership in 2016 was 50 members. One of the MilVet SIG members, Megan Miller, created a Facebook page on 28 May 2014: Behavior Analysis in Military and Veterans' Issues SIG. The site, a closed group, grew to 86 members in its first year and as it approached the end of its second year, it then hosted 190 members – an increase of 220%. In 2024, membership stands at 719. Its membership is holding steady at 729 in 2025.

The Behavior Analysis Military/Veterans (MilVet) SIG

showed a new poster for the 2025 ABAI convention expo. Members Dan Coe and Josh McQuillen designed the current poster.

Other news includes Dr. Corso continuing to work on and lead more behaviorally-based suicide prevention projects. He now conducts a third direct suicide prevention work in Wyoming with military and civilian communities. For several years, he has participated in dozens of projects with suicide prevention in the military. Dr. Corso resigned in 2024 as co-chair of the Behavior Analysis in Military and Veterans Affairs due to his workload on suicide prevention within the military, but remains active in working with active duty and retired service members. Dr. Calkin is now the sole chair.

The field of ABA can contribute much to evaluate functional communication deficits associated with TBI, improve the management of suicidal behavior and prevention programs, aid those with PTSD using the standard celeration chart to monitor individual and program changes, and offer occupational training for veterans and service members.

Membership in the Mil/Vet SIG is free and the SIG will continue its presence at future ABAI expos. This remains a great opportunity to meet prospective members of the Mil/Vet SIG, current members, and the chair. Any parties interested in the MilVet SIG, contact Dr. Calkin at abc@abigailcalkin.com.

Behavior Analysis SIG on Supervision

BY KARRIE LINDEMAN AND KATHLEEN QUINN
ABAI approved the Behavior Analysis SIG on Supervision (BASIGS) on November 23, 2020.

The mission of the Behavior Analysis SIG on Supervision (BASIGS) is to support our members by developing, promoting, and advocating for exemplary training of behavior analysts as supervisors. We promote best practices in the supervision of behavior analysts to ensure effective and ethical service provision by developing systems and disseminating standards of supervision practices. We seek to uphold supervisory competence in cultural humility and responsiveness.

BASIG's vision is to transform the provision of supervision through education, mentorship, and coaching to promote the professional and personal development of behavior analysts achieving elevated standards of performance and execution in the field.

BASIGS' current executive committee includes:

- 1 **Karrie Lindeman**, Ed.D BCBA-D, LBA
(Chief Communication Officer Liaison to ABAI SIG & Communications Coordinator)
- 2 **Kathleen Quinn**, Ed.D. BCBA, LBA
(Co-Chair & Secretary)

- 3 **Michael Comiskey**, PsyD. BCBA, LBA (Treasurer)
- 4 **Open Position**: Membership Coordinator
- 5 **Open Position**: Student Membership Coordinator
- 6 **Open Position**: Research and Grant Competition Coordinator
- 7 **Open Position**: Social Media Coordinator

BASIGS has been meeting virtually monthly throughout the year. We have increased our membership from 16 to 40 members. Our membership and executive and Task Force leaders have been actively involved on several initiatives developing a pathway to seek and achieve the highest standards and competency in supervision and supervisory behaviors, and systems for supervisory/supervision quality oversight and maintenance.

There has been a shift in the board of BASIGS, and as part of this transition, we are currently evaluating the bylaws and reviewing previously completed initiatives. Our primary focus for the upcoming year is to increase engagement and involvement from our members, ensuring that we have a strong and active community.

We are focusing on refining our processes and structures to better support our members, encourage more participation in ongoing projects, and expand our reach through various initiatives. By revisiting past initiatives, we aim to identify areas for improvement and ensure that our efforts align with the evolving needs of the field and our membership.

Through these efforts, we hope to foster a more dynamic environment that encourages greater member involvement, including participation in task forces, committees, and other critical projects. This renewed focus will allow us to make meaningful progress toward our collective goals and continue to serve our community in the best possible way.

As of date, with the changes in the board and the field, BASIGS has revamped its structure and now has 10 members and is growing. We've been meeting virtually monthly throughout the year, and our members and leadership have been actively engaged in several initiatives focused on developing pathways to achieve the highest standards in supervision, supervisory behaviors, and systems for quality oversight and maintenance.

Activities achieved and ongoing:

- 1 Conduct a comprehensive evaluation of task forces, clarifying roles, responsibilities, and personnel assignments within ABAI.- ongoing
- 2 Review and update the survey publication, incorporating the most recent resources and analyzing data from surveys conducted within the past 12 to 18 months, including input from externs. -ongoing
- 3 Prioritize the engagement and integration of student representatives and externs into ABAI initiatives and activities. -ongoing

- 4 Develop a recruitment strategy to ensure the availability of positions for qualified candidates, with an aim to finalize appointments by summer. -ongoing

BASIGS Executive Committee has assigned SIG Officer positions roles and responsibilities as follows:

- 1 Co-Chairs – Co-chairs shall preside at all SIG and member meetings. Co-chairs are also responsible for counting ballots in any referenda submitted to the voting membership and shall exercise general supervision over the affairs of the SIG.
- 2 Chief Communication Officer Liaison to ABAI: Responsible for communicating, collaborating with and disseminating to ABAI SIGs, Chapters, and Boards on issues pertaining to advancing the standards for supervisory practices. Building partnerships with behavior analytic networks within and outside ABAI, and ABA organizations that share values and ethical principles for achieving the highest standards and competency in supervision and supervisory behavior.
- 3 Secretary – Responsible for maintaining accurate minutes of all meetings and distributing them to the Executive Committee. The Secretary also assists with internal documentation and ensures timely communication of meeting records to relevant members.
- 4 Treasurer – Responsible for managing the SIG’s financial records and transactions. This includes preparing financial reports, maintaining the budget, and overseeing expenditures. The Treasurer also collaborates with the Communications Coordinator to ensure accurate reporting and is responsible for maintaining the SIG calendar of events, coordinating with Executive Committee members and Task Force leaders to ensure timely scheduling and planning.
- 5 Communications Coordinator – This person will work directly with the Membership Coordinators and the Secretary. This person is responsible for collecting information from the Secretary, creating newsletters and other promotional items, and dispersing to members as needed. This person is additionally responsible for receiving incoming emails and distributing to the appropriate Task Force lead or Executive Committee member.
- 6 Membership Coordinator – Responsible for maintaining and organizing the membership directory. This person will work directly with the Treasurer (membership fees) and Communications Coordinator (distribution of notices) on a regular basis. The Membership Coordinator is also responsible for aiding in the recruitment process of members of the SIG through partnerships with other organizations or outreach via a virtual platform.
- 7 Student Membership Coordinator: Responsible for organizing, maintaining, and recruiting current trainees in the field who are accruing their hours towards

certification. This person should connect with university VCS coordinators as outreach or other organizations. This person is additionally responsible for providing the student members connections to the Mentor and Supervisor Directory Task Force or Resource Repository Task Force as needed.

- 8 Research and Grant Competition Coordinator – Responsible for sending out announcements for grant applications, accepting applications, and providing the detailed lists of people to the Executive Committee for review. This person will also be responsible for coordinating appropriate dates for dissemination and review, notifying winners, and notifying others.
- 9 Student Member Representative – This person should be an active trainee in the field of ABA accruing their hours towards certification. They are responsible for representing the climate of trainees in the field. This should be done through outreach and working in conjunction with the Research and Surveys Task Force, social media, and other dissemination projects.
- 10 Social Media Coordinator: Responsible for maintaining social media networks via Facebook and other social media platforms. Additionally, this person will be responsible for developing ethical and professional conduct for social media, and monitoring conversations to meet communication guidelines. The Social Media Coordinator will have an interest and skill set to design communication posts and “blurbs”.

BASIGS Executive Committee is currently working on several projects:

- 1 Task Force Initiatives:
 - a. Resource Repository
 - b. Task List and Curriculum
 - c. Mentor and Supervisor Directory
 - d. Surveys and Research
 - e. ABAI Supervision Theme Track for ABAI Conference
 - f. Collaborative and Dissemination Efforts
 - g. Social Media Dissemination

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Behavioral Development SIG

BY GLADYS WILLIAMS

The Behavioral Development Special Interest Group (DEV SIG) is a community of faculty, students, and practitioners who share an interest in human development throughout

the life span. Many of our members are also part of other SIGs, such as Autism and Verbal Behavior. Currently, we have 112 members, and our membership is international, with representation from countries like Norway, Germany, Mexico, Italy, Spain, China, Korea, the UK, Bosnia, Canada, and France. We welcome students from affiliated programs and those who share our mission to join the SIG. Our Facebook page is up and running, and we are actively trying to increase our membership and reach a wider audience. We are always looking to grow our membership.

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/behavioraldevelopmentSIG/

Our web page: devsig.abainternational.org

Our LinkedIn page: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/devsig/>

Behavioral Development Special Interest

Group: [Linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com/in/devsig/)

The primary mission of the Behavioral Development SIG is to promote a behavioral developmental thrust within behavior analysis. We strive to bring behavior analysis to the broader world of child psychology and learning, comparative psychology, adult development and gerontology, sociobiology, education, behavioral economics, developmental disabilities and autism, and language development, among other fields. We do so by (a) incorporating theories and findings from other areas into our research and (b) bringing professionals from outside traditional behavior analysis, including developmental psychology, to ABAI events and forming collaborations.

The DEV SIG is represented in the ABAI annual convention program in Human Development. DEV SIG members consistently serve as program area coordinators who help bring exciting presentations on a variety of topics related to behavioral development to the annual convention.

ABAI Activities and Participation

The DEV SIG displayed a poster at the ABAI Expo and held its business meeting at Washington, DC's ABAI annual conference in 2025. The 2025 annual convention hosted several symposia, papers, and workshops.

The Jack Gewirtz Student Research Award

During the 2021 annual meeting, we recognized Dr. Jack Gewirtz's contributions and decided to rename a student award as the Jack Gewirtz Student Research Award.

In 2025, we sent letters to psychology department chairs at universities with behavioral programs, requesting they encourage students to submit research papers to participate in the Jack Gewirtz student research award. In the 2024/2025 academic year, three students received the award, each of whom had made significant contributions to the field of behavior analysis.

1 Yoojin Yeo, from Teachers College, Columbia University

Title: *From virtual to reality: Integrating technology to increase observing responses for faces*

2 Toni Rose Agana, from Caldwell University

Title: *Generalization of Pretend Play Skills from Real Objects to Toys: A Preliminary Analysis.*

3 Xiaoyuan Liu, from Teachers College, Columbia University

Title: *Parametric Analysis of Duration of Speaker Immersion Protocol on Verbal Operant Emission*

Symposium presentation

In 2025, the DEV SIG organization hosted its second ABAI symposium to allow award winners to present their studies. This recognition came with a stipend of \$400 to assist the students with some of the expenses of the ABAI conference. The symposium's title was "The Shaping of Behavior Analysts as Scientist Practitioners."

The DEV SIG - Prominent Invited Speakers

In 2025, the DEV SIG organized a series of events that featured well-known speakers. One of the highlights was the B.F. Skinner Lecture presented by Dr. Kostadin Kushlev from Georgetown University. Another important presentation was the International Talk by Dr. Maithri Sivaraman from Teachers College, Columbia University. Her title's presentation was *The Path from Preverbal to Generative Verbal Behavior*.

The activities mentioned above demonstrate the wide range of research interests held by members of the DEV SIG. Their focus spans across populations with and without developmental disabilities, both children and adults. Additionally, the group focuses on verbal, academic, and behavioral development throughout one's lifespan. We greatly appreciate the contributions of all the session chairs, presenters, and discussants.

Treasure Department

Our treasurer is Yifei Sun, and our reconciler is Yoojin Yeo. The financial report indicates that as of today we have \$3,170.00.

Membership for 2025 -2026

We encouraged members to renew their membership and devoted energy to increasing our membership. Currently, we have 112 members.

Behavioral Gerontology SIG

BY ZOE LUCOCK

About the BG SIG

Behavioral gerontology, the application and philosophy of behavior analysis to the problems of adults age 65 and older, has a long tradition, from Ogden Lindsley's (1964)

chapter on the design of geriatric behavioral prosthetics, and Skinner and Vaughan's (1983) practical advice on how to compensate for physical decline and enjoy old age, to recent *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis* publications on teaching internet skills to older adults and reinforcer selection for individuals with neurocognitive disorders (e.g., Pachis & Zonneveld, 2019; Lucock, Sharp & Jones, 2020). Indeed, behavior analysts across specialties work with older adults.

The Behavioral Gerontology SIG (BGSIG) provides a forum for students, practitioners, and researchers with interests in applying the science, practice, and philosophy of behavior analysis to the problems encountered by adults in later life. Our goal is to promote the development, implementation, and evaluation of behavior analytic solutions to a wide variety of topics of high public health significance in the older adult population. Among these are the self-management for health promotion and disease prevention, functional assessments of and interventions for behavioural changes commonly associated with neurocognitive disorders (e.g., Alzheimer's disease), aging with a disability, and effective healthcare navigation, including participation in inter- or multidisciplinary teams.

The BGSIG committee meets every other month to continue to work towards our goals. The 2025 annual business meeting was held in an online format allowing both members and non-members to attend.

Dissemination

During the past year, The BGSIG has made continued efforts to disseminate behavior-analytic research and clinical practice related to the problems of older adults through our social media channels. As of February 2025, the BGSIG Twitter account had 580 followers, the BGSIG Facebook page had 2700 likes (+100), and the closed Facebook group moderated by the BGSIG committee members had 882 members (+86 members).

The BGSIG website is hosted through ABAI and features a variety of content including blog articles from behavioral gerontologists, lists of relevant resource and journals and details about the SIG. In addition, the website has a "members only" section where BGSIG members can access training resources and videos of previous ABAI conference talks and webinars on behavioral gerontology.

The BGSIG has created a mailing list and plans to begin working on disseminating more information via email to people who are interested in behavioral gerontology. Anyone can sign up to the mailing list via the BGSIG website.

Learning Opportunities

This year the BGSIG has focused on the development of learning opportunities in behavioral gerontology over the past year. The BGSIG has hosted three separate webinar events, free for anyone to attend and each offering CEUs

for BGSIG members. These have been very successful and well-attended and are now available for all BGSIG members on the members only part of the website for members to view and collect CEUs at their convenience.

The BGSIG continues to offer case consultation groups to practitioners in the field on an as-needed basis to BGSIG members – any member can request a peer consultation group by emailing bgsig.training@gmail.com. The BGSIG has published two newsletters over the past year featuring articles from behavioral gerontologists, details of CEU opportunities related to behavioral gerontology and information about our social media videos from behavioral gerontologists.

The BGSIG has a provider list in development. This is a list hosted on our website displaying any provider of behavioral gerontology services across the globe. We are currently actively asking for any providers to get in contact with us if they wish for their details to be added to the list.

Task Force

This year we have also seen the conclusion of the Insurance Funding Sub-committee. We recruited a number of prominent and experienced behavioral gerontologists, behavior analysts with expertise in insurance funding and other allied professionals to work together on establishing an understanding of the current routes for funding in behavioral gerontology. The task force has completed its review and made recommendations. These will be shared with members in due course.

Membership

The BGSIG currently has 33 members consisting of six affiliate members, three early career/transitional members, one retired/emeritus members, 13 full members and 10 student members.

The BGSIG also awarded a financial payment as part of our student award this year and the student award was renamed to the "Amy Shaw Student Award for Behavioral Gerontology" in honour of last year's winner, who sadly passed away this year. We encourage all student members to submit their behavioral gerontology related research to the annual conference next year to be in with a chance of winning!

We welcome all new members to join us at the BGSIG, whether you are working with older adults or just interested in learning more and supporting our work. You can join via the ABAI website through your portal or click the link on our website: bgsig.abainternational.org

Behavioral Medicine SIG

BY GRETCHEN DITTRICH

Within the science of behavior analysis, we recognize that all behavior is susceptible to conditioning, regardless of the complexity. Therefore, the field of behavior analysis is

perfectly suited to identify and change behaviors related to health and disease states. The field of behavioral medicine focuses on utilizing behavior analytic principles and procedures to identify and manipulate variables influencing behaviors associated with health and disease states. By changing specific behaviors (i.e., increasing behaviors associated with improved health and decreasing behaviors associated with disease states or decreased health), we can improve overall health status for individuals.

Behavioral medicine is an interdisciplinary field, which integrates behavioral science with biomedical science to improve overall health, increase adherence to medical regimes, and modify behaviors associated with the prevention of chronic illness. The role of behavior analysis is important in the field of behavioral medicine. It is the mission of the Behavioral Medicine Special Interest Group (SIG) to encourage interdisciplinary research in the areas of behavioral health promotion and the prevention of chronic illness, emphasizing the need for function-based and empirically validated treatments for chronic health disorders.

The Behavioral Medicine SIG offers students, researchers, practitioners, and consumers opportunities to discuss issues related to public health promotion and disease prevention. All are welcome to join the Behavioral Medicine SIG. We hope that the SIG will help consumers and practitioners better understand the role of behavior analysis in the medical and health care industry, including public health, health sciences, mental health and wellness, and lifestyle change.

The Behavioral Medicine SIG provides an outlet for dissemination of behavioral medicine research and practice, offers opportunities for discussions on current and developing research within the field, and sponsors continuing education events for SIG members.

The Behavioral Medicine SIG is committed to growing the field and supporting student research in the area of behavioral medicine. The SIG issues an annual student research award for outstanding master's-level or doctoral-level research in behavioral medicine, and an annual student research proposal grant. To learn more about the Behavioral Medicine SIG, including membership and the annual Student Research Award and Student Research Proposal Grant, visit our new website (www.behavioralmedicinesig.org/) or contact us via email at bxmedsig@gmail.com. You can also follow us on social media (Facebook page: **Behavioral Medicine SIG of ABA-I**).

The Behavioral Medicine SIG is committed to dissemination and training in behavioral medicine research and clinical practice. The SIG will offer asynchronous and synchronous webinars and symposia, offering CEUs (whenever possible) for purchase for SIG members. The Behavioral Medicine SIG is currently welcoming SIG members to submit suggestions for webinar topics (contact

bxmedsig@gmail.com for suggestions). Suggestions may include topics for webinars, summits, tutorials, workshops, symposia, and/or student professional development events. We are especially interested in hearing from our student members about specific training you would like to receive, or topics you'd like to learn more about!

The 2025 Call for Papers is still open for the Behavioral Medicine SIG annual Student Research Award and the Student Research Proposal grant. The Call for Papers will close on December 31, 2025. The award recipients will be announced on the Behavioral Medicine website, on the SIG social media, and at the annual business meeting, held during the ABA-I annual convention next year. Applications and nominations for the Student Research Award and the Student Research Proposal grant may be submitted via email to bxmedsig@gmail.com. We encourage all students to apply for these awards.

Student Research Award Submission Guidelines:

Applicants must submit an original research paper in the area of behavioral medicine. Papers should be formatted according to APA Publication Manual 7th edition guidelines. Research should be complete at the time of submission.

The student's research advisor should submit a brief statement via email to bxmedsig@gmail.com indicating that the student was responsible for the majority of the research submitted.

Student Research Proposal Grant Submission Guidelines:

Applicants must submit an original research proposal in the area of behavioral medicine. Papers should be formatted according to APA Publication Manual 7th edition guidelines. Submissions should include a brief literature review supporting the research question, clear and technological method section outlining the proposed participants and recruitment methods, the experimental design and plan for data analysis, the protocol, and a brief summary of expected outcomes, based on the literature. Students must also submit a letter of approval from the university Institutional Review Board. The award recipient will be expected to provide progress updates on the research.

The student's research advisor should submit a brief statement via email to bxmedsig@gmail.com indicating that the student was responsible for developing the proposal, and is expected to complete the research.

Questions:

Questions regarding eligibility criteria, submissions, or general questions about the student research award should be directed to:

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bxmedsig@gmail.com

Volunteers needed!

We are looking for volunteers to serve on the following committees:

- Student Research Award Review Committee
- DEIB in Behavioral Medicine Committee
- Event Committee
- Social Media

Please email bxmedsig@gmail.com if you are interested in serving on a committee!

Behaviorists for Social Responsibility SIG

BY BEHAVIORISTS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
BOARD OF PLANNERS

The Behaviorists for Social Responsibility (BFSR) Special Interest Group (SIG) is composed of dedicated volunteers and a board of Planners (drawing on Skinner's Walden Two). The Planners, who meet on a monthly basis, currently include Jose Ardila, Amanda Chastain, Traci Cihon, Brett Gelino, Albert Malkin, Camila de Melo, Richard Rakos, Michael Passage, and Kathryn Roose. The Planner structure, active volunteers, easy availability of digital communications, and the resulting mutual accountability continues to produce a high level of activity by the SIG. The following report summarizes some of the SIG's past activities and upcoming plans.

The Matrix Project

BFSR has continued to focus on the Matrix Project (see BFSR's website at bfsr.abainternational.org/ for more information) which was first introduced in the 2014 Behavior and Social Issues editorial (Mattaini & Luke, 2014). The Matrix Project is focused on increasing the number of behavior analysts working on social issues (e.g., social justice, poverty, sustainability, public health) using behavioral systems analysis to identify interrelations and practical steps that may be taken across more than two dozen sectors/players (e.g., behavior-analytic education programs, faculty, journals, students) who might have an impact on this goal. A significant amount of activity has continued to occur in the last year, so we will highlight a few of the recent activities.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Education Group (DEIE)—The goal for this group is to develop materials to increase the inclusion of cultural/behavioral systems level content, particularly with emphasis on social issues, in university coursework. The group is working on a second iteration of a survey they developed in 2020 to better understand how individuals were contacting behavior analytic content on social issues and what resources would be most beneficial. Additionally, the group has been working on the development of resources that can be

shared in Google classroom. The DEIE working group is currently recruiting new members to support strategic planning and pragmatic action pertaining to the two projects mentioned above. Persons who are interested should contact us at bfsr@abainternational.org.

Regional BFSR Groups—The goal for the regional groups is to create a network of BFSR SIGs in affiliated chapters of ABAI. To date, two affiliated state chapters of the BFSR SIG (TxABA in 2016 and KansABA in 2017) and one regional chapter (O-BFSR in 2022) have been formed. The ABAI BFSR Planners are continually working with state/regional/international affiliated chapters interested in developing BFSR SIGs that extend the reach of the Matrix Project to local action.

Established in 2021, the O-BFSR has been active in connecting the Ontario-based group with the ABAI BFSR SIG regarding collaboration efforts and social media. The mission of the O-BFSR is to expand applications of behaviour science and cultural analysis addressing social issues, particularly those with social justice, human rights, and environmental implications. In 2024, O-BFSR worked to engage members through its presence at the annual ONTABA conference, hosting a poster competition and showcasing two of our own posters (one highlighting the SIG and the other highlighting one of our task forces that seeks to foster environmentally-sound rewilding efforts). The SIG also began to collaborate with the Culturo-Behavior Science Innovation Network (CBSIN) through participation in regular meetings. In addition, the SIG collaborated with the ABAI BFSR to host a webinar addressing cultural humility in ABA service delivery. The group continued their practice of publishing newsletter updates via the ONTABA quarterly newsletter and attempted to engage the community through social media outlets. In the coming year, the O-BFSR plans to continue the above activities along with outreach and recruitment activities with O-BFSR members and the broader community.

In 2024, Tx-ABA BFSR organized another outstanding lineup of speakers at the annual Texas Association for Behavior Analysis (TxABA) conference in Houston, TX. The Social Issues Track hosts presentations on issues broadly pertaining to human welfare and culture. Topics include, but are not limited to, poverty, environmental sustainability, social justice, cultural analysis (e.g., metacontingencies), and at-risk youth. Last year's track featured presentations by Billy Baum, Rogelio Escobar, Brett Gelino, Trina Spencer, and Stuart Vyse. We are hard at work preparing for the 2025 conference, and recruiting new members to assist with growing our presence in Texas.

Sustainability Group—The group continues to apply the matrix analysis to identify feasible practices that ABAI affiliate chapters could engage in to increase behavior analytic activity in the area of sustainability. The group is

working on developing a structure to facilitate community meetings of affiliate chapter sustainability liaisons. In addition, the group developed a questionnaire that conference planners can use to evaluate areas in which they may be able to reduce the environmental impact of their conferences. The group partnered with Behavior Analysts for Sustainable Societies SIG and the Center for Behavior and Climate to run a booth at the Association for Professional Behavior Analysts Conference to disseminate resources to conference attendees. Please contact bfsr@abainternational.org for more information or to join the working group.

Community Resilience Group—This working group was created in late 2020 with an initial focus on understanding how individuals as cultural collectivities respond and recover from systemic issues related to climate change such as hurricanes, fires, earthquakes, among others. The overall goal of this group is to develop measurement tools with a behavior systems orientation for assessing the practices involved in community resilience seen as adaptive outcomes. The group has collected relevant literature from within and outside behavior analysis that discusses resilience as a concept. The outcomes of this first step were presented at ABAI 2021 during a BFSR symposium. Following the completion of literature review, a measurement tool that identifies the multiple contingencies constituting a community's recovery efforts is the next goal. Currently all the group members are Spanish speaking behavior analysts working in Bogotá, Colombia. Consequently, the object of analysis has been adapted to the cultural context, that being, resilient actions of individuals living in armed conflict. Please contact bfsr@abainternational.org for more information or to join the working group.

Public Health Group—This working group was established in 2020 and has been actively exploring how behavioral scientists and the public health workforce can collaborate to improve health and developing resources for behavior analysts since. In 2024, members worked to create a document that provides guidance to people working in behavior analysis on how to get involved in public health, presented at the annual ABAI convention, and released a special section on human behavior and public health in Behavior and Social Issues. Currently, the group has a presentation scheduled for the 2025 ABAI annual convention, are working on hosting a webinar on behavioral science and public health in collaboration with other members of BFSR, and are creating a document for students that identify behavior analysts who are working in the area of public health. Please contact bfsr@abainternational.org for more information or to join the working group.

Public Policy—The Public Policy Working Group was established at the 2024 ABAI Annual Conference to

strengthen the influence of behavioral science in public policy and drive large-scale social change. The group aims to enhance collaboration with key stakeholders and expand policy engagement amongst behavior analysts, increasing the visibility of behavior analysis in addressing critical social issues. Key accomplishments this past year include connecting with ABAI-affiliated public policy organizations to expand public policy discussion at the next ABAI conference, growing its membership to more than 30 active members, and planning engagement opportunities with members of Congress at the upcoming annual conference. Additionally, the group has initiated the development of subcommittees focused on specific policy areas, such as education and healthcare. Members of this working group are also working on manuscripts for submission to journals within and outside of behavior analysis to foster progress towards the overall goal of the Matrix Project. Future efforts will center around building relationships with government officials and lobbyists, coordinating webinars and training aimed at educating behavior analysts how to navigate public policy, and further integrating behavioral science into policy initiatives. Please contact bfsr@abainternational.org for more information or to join the working group.

Individual Student—The Individual Student Working Group was established in 2016 to encourage students to support and engage with the overall goals of the Matrix Project. The group lost momentum around 2020 and took a short break until recently. In 2023, efforts resumed to reinstate this working group. The overall goals of the Individual Student Working Group are to encourage student engagement in socially significant applications of behavior analysis, increase the number of behavior analysts conducting research and practice in these areas, and foster collaborations with others outside of the field of behavior analysis to integrate the science into communities, organizations, and institutions. Currently, the group is focused on expanding its membership and establishing initial initiatives to guide collective efforts. By building a strong foundation of student involvement, the group seeks to ensure a lasting impact on the field, increasing the role of behavior analysis in solving complex social challenges. Future opportunities, and facilitating collaboration with professionals and institutions working on issues of social importance. Students who are interested in getting more involved should reach out to us at bfsr@abainternational.org.

BFSR will continue to work on the Matrix Project over the coming year with several main areas for development:

- 1 To review areas of the Matrix that were completed many years ago, and update them as relevant.
- 2 To initiate or revive work on sectors that are not complete.
- 3 To identify additional sectors for inclusion.

- 4 To measure and track our progress with the Matrix Project through our Organizational Development, Planning, Measurement, and Sustainability Project

Behavior and Social Issues Journal

The BFSR Planners also maintain a collaboration with the journal, *Behavior and Social Issues* (BSI). Working with the support of our continuing Associate Editors (Rich Rakos, Sarah Richling, Denise Ross, and Laercia Vasconcelos), we published two issues of the journal in 2024. The spring issue (August 2024) included 26 articles including those published as part of a special section focused on Social Justice and Literacy (Guest Editors: Drs. Shannon Hammond, Denise Ross, Gwendolyn Cartledge, and Jane Howard). The fall issue (December 2024) included 16 total articles including those featured in our special section on Integrating Public Health and Behavioral Science (Guest Editors: Jonathan Schulz, Crystal Slanzi, Sarah Weinsztok, and Elizabeth Schieber). Both issues also included several manuscripts featured in our ongoing special sections (i.e., the Forum on Diversity and Inclusion, and Activism, Advocacy, and Accompaniment). BSI also maintained a 1.6 impact factor from 2023 to 2024.

Efforts are already underway for what we hope to bring to our readers in 2025 and 2026. First, we are currently reviewing papers submitted to our special section on Interprofessional Collaboration (Guest Editors: Holly Brown, Louis Busch, Kim Crosland, Deborah Napolitano, Tziporah Rosenber, and Adrienne Jennings). We are accepting submissions for this special collection of papers until March 15, 2025 and hope to bring the collection to readers by spring 2026. We are also currently reviewing papers based on presentations from the 8th Think Tank in Cultural Analysis held in November 2023 at the University of Nevada-Reno (Guest Editors: Aecio Borba, Angelo Sampaio, and Laercia Vasconcelos). And, we recently announced a call for papers for a special section on Natural Experiments using Open Access Data (Guest Editors: Kathryn Roose, David Cox, Kristi Thompson, and Albert Malkin). We are accepting papers for this special section until November 15, 2025. Finally, BSI is always recruiting papers for its ongoing special sections in the Forum on Diversity and Inclusion and on Activism, Advocacy, and Accompaniment. More details about the journal, including the calls for papers regarding these special sections can be found here: link.springer.com/journal/42822.

Finally, we would like to thank our outgoing Associate Editors Denise Ross and Laercia Vasconcelos for their two years of service to the journal, and to welcome our new Associate Editors, Crystal Slanzi and Marco Tagliabue. Please stay tuned for future journal updates; we anticipate there will be even more featured collections of papers to come that we have yet to develop!

For those who are seeking a more in-depth experience,

they might consider joining the Culturo-Behavior Science Innovation Network (CBSIN), a recently developed initiative, co-facilitated by Drs. Traci Cihon, Kyosuke Kazaoka, and Albert Malkin. The mission of the CBSIN is to create a community of faculty, scholars, and practitioners interested in learning more about CBS and advancing the corresponding research and practice (cf. Cihon, 2023). We aim to foster mentorship and collaboration in CBS research and practice. Members of the CBSIN will engage in critical analyses of the existing literature (behavioral analytic and from related natural and social sciences) on CBS, develop basic and translational experiments that extend this literature base; and apply cultural level and contingency analyses to problems of social importance. This lab meets monthly, virtually on Mondays of each month from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. CST. Persons who are interested in joining are encouraged to reach out via email (cbsinlab@gmail.com) for more details.

Organizational Development, Planning, Measurement, & Sustainability

In recent years, the BFSR SIG Board of Planners has engaged in strategic planning activities to identify goals and determine how to allocate time and resources. Through these activities, the Planners identified a need to establish data collection and measurement processes. To achieve these goals, BFSR has secured support from an outside consultant, Ian Paterson, to provide assistance in the completion of three long-standing objectives:

- 1 Develop a list of accomplishments produced by BFSR as an organization and current Matrix Project working groups.
- 2 Develop a set of criteria and measurement for each of the accomplishments.
- 3 3) Design a sustainable system for measuring these accomplishments.

Webinars

On February 15, 2024, BFSR hosted a webinar in collaboration with OntarioABA and OntarioABA's BFSR subchapter. The event titled, "Cultural Humility in ABA Service Delivery," was a success, drawing attendance from over 200 registrants. Since then, BFSR Planners have been refining our webinar hosting process and seeking new speakers for a series of 2025 webinars.

As of 2025, BFSR is collaborating with ABAI to offer a series of free webinars to ABAI and BFSR members. The tentative schedule of webinars includes:

- An Introduction to Behaviorists for Social Responsibility
- Operating as a Behavior Analyst in the Public Health Space
- Building Community Resilience for Natural Hazards and Disasters

- Culturo-Behavior Science and Contextual Behavior Science

Social Media

BFSR social media activity has declined in recent years as the landscape of social media has changed. BFSR has not utilized X (formerly known as Twitter) in the past year due to the changing perception of that platform. BFSR continues to post announcements relating to Behavior and Social Issues and the ABAI Annual Conference on Facebook. Discussions have taken place regarding developing a presence on LinkedIn; this will be a focus in 2025. BFSR is committed to finding the most effective way to communicate with its members and others on social media in a way that fits with our values. Any interested people can volunteer at bfsr@abainternational.org and mention that they are hoping to get involved with social media.

Volunteer Opportunities - BFSR has steadily received the help of hundreds of volunteers throughout the years. In fact, much of what has been and can be achieved through the Matrix Project is through the support of BFSR members and volunteers. Currently, aspiring volunteers can reach the group via our webpage, and based on their interests and skills, we can suggest one or more working groups within the Matrix with which they may participate. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out at bfsr@abainternational.org.

Mark Mattaini Student Engagement Award

In 2021 the BFSR Planners created an annual award to recognize the significant contributions that Dr. Mark Mattaini has made to BFSR, and culturo-behavior science. Dr. Mattaini was passionate about motivating students of behavior science to be actively engaged in work pertaining to social issues. BFSR is pleased to announce that David N. Legaspi, M.S., BCBA has been awarded the 2025 Mark Mattaini Student Engagement Award for his work relating to delay discounting and pro-environmental behavior change. Mr. Legaspi will receive a \$1,000 award from BFSR at the 2025 ABAI Annual Convention in Washington, D.C.

More information on the award and how to apply can be found on the BFSR website: bfsr.abainternational.org/student-award/.

Membership Options and Benefits

The BFSR membership structure includes student members (\$5), full members (\$20), supporting members (\$50), and sustaining members (\$100). The SIG has also developed a process for getting volunteers involved with SIG activities (email bfsr@abainternational.org if you are interested in volunteering). The SIG has been actively working on developing our website to house resources, disseminate

information, and provide members with a way to connect with the SIG.

ABAI Annual Convention

Please join us at the 2025 Annual Convention in Washington, DC. for BFSR sponsored events. Notably, the BFSR/BSI Business Meeting (event 126) and a PDS on books promoting sustainability (event 116) will be held on May 24, and an update on the Matrix Project will be held on May 26 (event 344). In addition, to align with the location of this year's conference in Washington, DC. and the initiation of the BFSR Public Policy Working Group, BFSR members and volunteers have assembled a variety of public policy events (events 033, 181, 251, 275, 319, 368).

Challenging Behavior SIG

BY AMANDA ZANGRILLO

Challenging behaviors exist along a continuum and may be conceptualized as externalizing behaviors producing significant impact on the individual, others, or the environment that can impact participation in home, school, and/or community activities. The Challenging Behavior Special Interest Group (CB-SIG), developed in 2023, is the first of its kind housed within ABAI. The mission of the CB-SIG is to support the advancement of clinical, research, training, and advocacy endeavors pertaining to the assessment and treatment of challenging behavior across the lifespan. In our inaugural year our strategic aims included building a board and membership with shared goals to:

- Support and encourage research efforts to improve our understanding of assessment and treatment of challenging behavior, as well as the needs of professionals engaged in provision of these services.
- Develop best practice supports for clinicians and educators across areas of assessment, treatment, documentation, reimbursement, outcome measures, and advocacy
- Support undergraduate and graduate training as it pertains to the specialized assessment and treatment of challenging behavior
- Develop relationships and communicate with other organizations treating challenging behavior both within and outside of the discipline of applied behavior analysis
- Disseminate information and resources regarding best-practice, culturally-informed, and family-centered behavioral approaches to assessing and treating challenging behavior
- Engage in community outreach and advocacy work to facilitate meaningful advancement for individuals with challenging behavior (e.g., access to funding, adults w/ IDD, parent advocacy)

In 2023–2024, our first goal was to conduct our inaugural business meeting at ABAI and form an inaugural board and membership. We are proud to introduce the 2023–2024

CB-SIG board:

President	Amanda Zangrillo
Vice President	Joanna Lomas Mevers
Secretary	Nicole Kanaman
Treasurer	Sarah Slocum
Technology Chair	Tracy Kettering
Membership Chair	Nicole DeRosa
Representative at Large	Nadi Nuhu Alec Bernstein
Student Representative	Sophia Sodano
Advocacy Representative	Emily Sullivan

In May 2023, the CB-SIG held its first business meeting at the 49th ABAI Annual Convention. We developed technology enhanced application and membership recruitment materials, garnering the interest of 100 new SIG members at that Convention. In May 2024 the CB-SIG held its second business meeting at the 50th ABAI Annual Convention, voting in members for Representative at large, Student membership Chair, and Advocacy Chair board positions.

Our second goal was to develop and disseminate a survey for membership, practitioners, and stakeholders in care serving individuals with challenging behaviors to better understand assessment, treatment, implementation trends/preferences and needs for addressing gaps in care. At the 2023 ABAI Business Meeting the board conducted an open discussion gathering thematic priorities from the membership. The CB-SIG held a listening session in November 2023 for the membership. From this discussion, the membership identified insurance reimbursement priorities as a key focus area for the membership. The CB-SIG hosted a CE event in January 2024 titled “Dealing with Insurance: Your worst nightmare” presented by Christy Williams at the Munroe-Meyer Institute. The CB-SIG held a second listening session in March 2024 and the next thematic discussion will be announced soon!

Over the next year, the CB-SIG will continue to focus on increasing membership numbers. In addition, the Board is working with Member Relations at the Association for Behavior Analysis International to develop a website. Last, the CB-SIG aims to develop a funding mechanism and structure to facilitate an annual student research scholarship/award.

Our CB-SIG is a unique opportunity for researchers, practitioners, parents, academicians, students, and others with a vested interest in the assessment and treatment of challenging behavior to support the advancement of clinical, research, training, and advocacy endeavors. Come join the discussion! If interested please contact the CB-SIG at challengingbehaviorsig@gmail.com.

Clinical SIG

BY THOMAS J. WALTZ

Clinical Behavior Analysis (CBA) involves the application of behavior analytic principles to the full range of human problems, many of which have traditionally been considered “mental health” issues. CBA clinicians work with the relationship between thoughts, feelings, and other behavior to help people move beyond their problems and toward living more fulfilling lives. The Clinical Special Interest Group of ABAI is for those interested in clinical applications of behavior analysis. Clinical behavior analysts work in both research and applied settings. A sample of clinical domains in which CBA clinicians work includes:

- Anxiety disorders
- Behavioral gerontology
- Behavioral health
- Childhood disorders
- Cognitive rehabilitation
- Couples therapy
- Family therapy
- Forensic psychology (assessment and treatment)
- Habit disorders
- Intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Health psychology
- Mood disorders (e.g., depression)
- Serious mental illness (e.g., Borderline Personality Disorder, Schizophrenia)
- Substance abuse
- Trauma

The Clinical SIG is dedicated to facilitating collaboration between researchers and clinicians to further the field’s ability to apply clinical populations. This group seeks to promote Clinical Behavior Analysis (CBA) at ABAI and is interested in maintaining the longstanding relationship between basic research and clinical application. At the 2024 convention, the Clinical SIG met to make progress on the SIG transitioning to an ABAI Associate SIG and to help current ABAI membership understand the breadth of CBA applications beyond early intervention. This includes developing a SIG website that hosts member-exclusive content (e.g., videos, practice resources, training directory, syllabus bank). Please look for the Clinical SIG in the ABAI Associate SIG roster to become a SIG member (www.abainternational.org/constituents/special-interests/associate-sigs.aspx).

To be kept up to date on Clinical SIG activities and to interact with current members, sign up for the listserv at groups.io/g/ClinicalSIG or join our Facebook Group at www.facebook.com/groups/abaiclinicalsig/.

Culture and Diversity SIG

BY YORS GARCIA

Accomplishments Over the Past Year

The Culture and Diversity SIG has experienced remarkable growth over the past year, strengthening our commitment to fostering a diverse and inclusive behavior analysis community. Under the leadership of our board members—President: Yors Garcia, Vice-President: Kade-Ann Henry, and Secretary: Noor Syed—we have successfully expanded

our membership, launched new initiatives, and increased engagement within our field.

One of our most notable achievements has been the significant growth in membership, reflecting a heightened interest in our mission. Our SIG has also focused on supporting research projects that explore the intersection of diversity, cultural factors, and behavior analysis. We have provided valuable mentorship, resources, and platforms to researchers investigating ways to enhance outcomes for diverse groups through behavior analytic practices.

Plans for the Upcoming Year

Looking ahead to 2025, our SIG is committed to advancing several key initiatives:

- **Membership Expansion:** We will intensify recruitment efforts to attract a broader range of professionals and students, ensuring an inclusive environment where all members can contribute and benefit from shared knowledge and experience.
- **Research Support:** We will continue endorsing research that aligns with our mission, offering resources and guidance to scholars dedicated to advancing behavior analysis through a cultural and diversity-informed lens.
- **Community Engagement:** We aim to strengthen partnerships with allied organizations and advocacy groups to amplify the impact of behavior analysis across different populations.

We are excited about the potential of these initiatives to further enhance our profession and positively impact the communities we serve.

Membership Information

Becoming a Culture and Diversity member is an opportunity to join a dynamic network of professionals dedicated to the evolution of behavior analysis.

Membership offers:

- Access to exclusive research updates, networking events, and mentorship opportunities.
- Participation in collaborative projects and special interest discussions.
- The chance to contribute to shaping policy, research, and best practices in behavior analysis.

We welcome all professionals and students passionate about behavior analysis and its role in promoting diversity and inclusion.

ABAI Annual Convention Participation

While our SIG did not have an active role in the 2024 ABAI Annual Convention, we recognize the importance of engaging in these discussions and are making it a priority for 2025. Next year, we plan to contribute meaningfully by organizing sessions, participating in panels, and collaborating with other SIGs and professionals to advance conversations on diversity, inclusion, and cultural responsiveness in behavior analysis.

Our goal is to highlight best practices for integrating cultural considerations into behavior analytic interventions, present new research findings, and provide networking opportunities for professionals committed to fostering inclusivity in our field. We look forward to a stronger presence at the next ABAI convention and encourage our members to participate in these initiatives.

Looking Forward

As we move into 2025, we invite the ABAI community to join us in shaping a more inclusive and impactful future for behavior analysis. Together, we can drive meaningful change through research, advocacy, and professional development.

For more information on how to become a member or get involved, please visit at Culture and Diversity SIG. ❖



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REMEMBERING *Elizabeth Haughton* 1943–2024

A Tribute to Elizabeth Haughton

BY CARL BINDER

Elizabeth Haughton left us unexpectedly on the morning of December 2, 2024. Elizabeth was an extraordinary teacher and behavior scientist who practiced and contributed to the field of precision teaching. The depth and purity of her single-learner experimental analysis, and the remarkable discoveries it yielded, remain underappreciated. Elizabeth developed, over decades, curricular materials and tools that helped teachers break complex skills into achievable components and practice those skills to fluency. Even after decades of development, her closest colleagues, protégés, and husband, anthropologist Dr. Allan Darrah, continue to refine the tools and publish them through Haughton Learning Center. Her materials covered a range of component skills for reading, handwriting, conversational speech, basic math, motor skills, and other foundational domains.

Born as Elizabeth Freeman, her education began in a two-room schoolhouse near a large ranch in rural Northern California where she spent much of her childhood. She described that experience as formative, shaping her view of learning: that it is individualized, collaborative, and often involves students helping other students. After graduating from Sacramento State University in 1965, she taught first grade for three years then moved into teaching special education in Castro Valley, CA. Frustrated by her students' inability to retain what they had learned—particularly after summer breaks—Elizabeth found Precision Teaching at a teacher-training workshop. There, she met her future

husband, Dr. Eric Haughton, a co-founder of Precision Teaching. She quickly saw that Precision Teaching addressed the problem of retention by setting goals (later called aims) based on the performance of competent learners.

Elizabeth's adoption of Precision Teaching was not instant. Initially, she was skeptical that individualized charting and decision-making could work in a busy classroom. She credited teacher Ann Starlin (now Ann Starlin Horner) for demonstrating that it could work. Watching Starlin's students manage their own learning—sometimes as the teacher stood with a coffee cup in hand—was a breakthrough that changed Elizabeth's view of what was possible. She adopted Precision Teaching and never looked back.

Clay Starlin, one of Eric Haughton's doctoral students, made initial discoveries into the key component skills of oral reading that could be measured and taught independently to accelerate the acquisition of reading skills. That discovery set Eric, Elizabeth, and their protégés on a lifelong quest to identify and arrange practice opportunities to build the behavior-components for many different curriculum areas. Their work was the origin of what we now call "generative instruction." She and her colleagues found that dysfluent component skills could inhibit learning, while fluent components, practiced in the right combinations, could lead to new, composite skills—often with little or no additional instruction.

A lifelong learner, Elizabeth continued her education by attending workshops and university classes across



California, Oregon, and Ontario, Canada. She took what she learned and passed it on to countless teachers in the U.S. and Guam, before returning with Eric to his native Canada in 1972, where he joined the faculty at York University. First with Eric, and later with other colleagues, Elizabeth would examine instructional practices she found in different sources and transform them using Precision Teaching. She created materials and procedures that allowed students to learn efficiently at their own pace with ample opportunities to respond.

Elizabeth, Eric, and colleagues—including Clay Starlin and Harold Kunzelman—created hundreds of practice sheets for the Seattle-Spokane-Tacoma (SST) project, which was part of the Child Service Demonstration Program. The program screened 17,000 students over 7 to 10 days, asking students to complete one-minute timings on a variety of skills. They evaluated the frequencies (counts per unit of time) and learning rates (celerations) of skills and confirmed that regardless of the student's initial performance on assessments or their cultural background, they could make meaningful progress. The huge number of practice and assessment materials they created for that project laid the groundwork for how precision teachers developed curricula in subsequent years, and helped introduce educational assessment based on behavior frequency to the Pacific Northwest.

Elizabeth conducted what can only be described as an experimental analysis of behavior (EAB) with every student, objective, and skill area she touched. Without formal training in behavior analysis or its jargon, she practiced Skinner's science with clarity and integrity. Following Ogden Lindsley and Eric Haughton, who brought Skinner's measurement to educators using plain English, Elizabeth rejected the non-standard metrics of education and social sciences (e.g., percent correct, rating scales, interval sampling) in favor of rate of response and standard celeration charting. She used data to discover what worked for each learner, with the heart of a teacher and the eye of a scientist. And she would replicate her learning objectives and protocols across

students to continuously improve how she worked with her next learner.

During the 1970s and early 1980s, Elizabeth and Eric worked in Hastings County, Ontario, training teachers and implementing effective instruction. They collaborated with Michael Maloney, known for his expertise in Direct Instruction, to improve learning outcomes district-wide. During this time, one of their most powerful stories emerged: the transformation of Terry Harris, a young boy born with severe cerebral palsy whom experts had written off. Starting in the first grade, Elizabeth, Eric, and Terry's devoted family practiced speech, motor, and academic skills with him for tens of thousands of repetitions. As a result, Terry defied all predictions. Now in his 50s, Terry is married, a pastor, counselor, podcaster, motivational speaker, and social justice advocate with multiple degrees. He is an extraordinary man who credits the Haughtons for changing his life, and thanks God for bringing them to him. He remained close to Elizabeth until the end of her life.

After Eric's untimely death in 1985, Elizabeth continued teaching in Ontario before returning to California, where she founded the Haughton Learning Center, first in Napa, then in Jackson. She worked with students needing help, or seeking to get ahead, training a team of "Learning Coaches"



Terry Harris with Elizabeth Haughton

and developing curriculum to accelerate performance, promote generative learning, and build her students' confidence. That curriculum is now her enduring gift to future generations.

Elizabeth was also a jewelry maker—metaphorically and in practice. When Eric was diagnosed with cancer, after which he lived for many months, they spent time on Sanibel Island off the coast of Florida, and took up jewelry making, creating some pieces for a local Sanibel boutique. After his death, Elizabeth continued what they started together, finishing several pieces for the boutique and continuing a sort of tradition inspired by the standard celeration chart. They designed and created gold and silver rings with either a small bar at the angle of x2.0 on the standard celeration chart, or with a vertical bar x2.0 in length. Some of their closest Precision Teaching colleagues wear those rings today.

Elizabeth's personal presence was as impactful as her professional contributions. Her chosen emblem, the heart, was more than a motif on her jewelry or an imprint on her materials and presentations. It radiated from her presence. She infused love into every interaction she had. Years after graduating, her students would return to share how her confidence in them helped build their own. She modeled a strengths-based approach, rather than looking at deficits. She brought her whole heart to her students, and they responded in kind. Learn more about her approach in this interview: bit.ly/HaughtonHeartConnection.

Her passing felt especially poignant because of the way she lived—with presence, with purpose, and with an open heart. At 81, fit and vibrant, Elizabeth died of an aortic dissection—a tearing of the body's largest artery, the vessel carrying blood from the heart to the rest of the body. She had just returned from a visit to her childhood ranch and was undergoing a CT scan to evaluate a pain in her throat when she received the unexpected news that she would die within hours. In typical fashion, she responded without fear. "This will be interesting," she said. "I've never done this before." Between bouts of sleep in her remaining hours, she expressed love and gratitude, shared stories, and said heartfelt goodbyes.

Elizabeth often charted her own thoughts and behavior. One of her personal practices was "doing her gratitudes"—listing and counting things each morning for which she was grateful. It was fitting that in her final hours, she returned to gratitude, surrounded by love and telling stories. Elizabeth left this world as she lived: curious, loving, and grateful. What better model could we have for how to live and how to go?

Elizabeth was my closest friend and colleague for over 50 years. I saw firsthand how she brought light into every room she entered, and to every person she met. I am profoundly grateful to have known her.

On December 8, 2025, more than 100 people gathered



online to celebrate Elizabeth's life. A recording of that gathering is available here:

bit.ly/ElizabethHaughtonCelebration. ❖



About the Author:

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NZABA 2025

August 27–30 Waikato University,
Hamilton, NZ

SEPTEMBER

Utah ABA Annual Conference 2025

September 11–12
MACU Expo Center

CoFABA 2025—A Compass for Success: Leadership, Collaboration, and Wellness

September 18–20
Sawgrass Marriott Resort and Spa -
Ponte Vedra, Florida

MABA'S 20th Annual Conference

September 25
Manitoba, CA

ABAI's Single Case Conference: Enhancing Replication and Validity

September 26–28
Embassy Suites by Hilton Minneapolis
Downtown Hotel; Minneapolis, MN

2025 MNABA Conference

September 29–30
Hilton in Bloomington, MN
900 American Blvd, West
Bloomington, MN 55437

OCTOBER

2025 WisABA Conference

October 2–3
TBD

Iowa ABA's 13th Annual Conference

October 5
TBA

APABA 2025—Heart and Science: Behaviour Analysis Across the Lifespan

October 7–10
St. Johns NL

NYSABA 36th Annual Conference 2025 —Celebrating Diverse Voices in ABA

October 8–9
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More information will be added soon.

The 33rd Annual ALABA Convention

October 9–10

Hilton Birmingham at UAB.

2025 Hoosier ABA Conference
October 11–12
Fort Wayne, Indiana

WABA Annual Conference

October 11
www.washingtonaba.org/2025-conference

ABA Lebanon - 2025

October 16–18
Lebanon/ Beirut

Australian Association for Cognitive Behaviour Therapy - 2025

October 16–18
Fremantle / Walyalup
(Western Australia)

GABA 2025 Conference

October 17–18
Crowne Plaza Atlanta
Atlanta, GA
Perimeter @ Ravinia

NABA 2025 Conference

October 24–25
Meet Las Vegas
Las Vegas, NV

New Hampshire ABA

October 24
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October 30–November 1
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Colorado ABA—2025 Conference

November 5–6
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2025 ONTABACON Conference

November 6–7
Metro Convention Centre
Toronto, ON

ABAI 12th International Conference—Lisbon

November 11–13
Metro Convention Centre
Toronto, ON

2025 AZABA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

November 13–15
Wild Horse Pass Hotel
Chandler, AZ

KYABA Conference

November 15
Kentucky International
Convention Center
Louisville, KY

2026 JANUARY

ABAI 20th Annual Autism Conference

January 16–17
Sheraton Times Square
New York City, NY

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February 26–27
Ypsilanti, Michigan





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