

DECEMBER, 2006

## North Carolina Association for Behavior Analysis

### 2007 NCABA Conference, February 21st, 22nd & 23rd, Blockade Runner, Wrightsville Beach, NC

The 18th annual conference will include presentations made by many professionals from within North Carolina and from across the country. We have a wonderful line up of speakers, including John Forsyth, University at Albany, SUNY and Rob Horner, University of Oregon. In addition to our regular conference program, four workshops will be presented. BCBA credit and NCPA Category A credit for psychologists are available for workshop attendance and 10 additional BCBA credits can be obtained by attending approved sessions in the regular program. A poster session, silent auction, book fair and NCABA social will round out the conference events. Included with this newsletter is a tentative agenda and membership registration and conference registration forms. You can view additional information about the conference, view the poster submission guidelines, and register online at <http://www.nc-aba.com>. Please note that the reservations for the hotel must be made by January 22nd in order to secure the NCABA rates.

### Conference Workshops

**Pre-Conference Workshop I** - Presenter: John Forsyth, Ph.D. "Acceptance and Commitment Therapy for Anxiety Disorders: A Nuts and Bolts Workshop". This workshop presents a unified Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) protocol for persons suffering from any of the major anxiety disorders. ACT is a newer third generation behavior therapy based on behavior analytic research and theory (i.e., Relational Frame Theory) regarding the nature of human language and cognition. This work, in turn, conceptualizes most psychological suffering as resulting from unnecessary and unworkable verbal self-regulatory processes (i.e., excessive rule-governed behavior, fusion with literal language, experimental avoidance) getting in the way of value-guided actions. Experiential exercises (acceptance, mindfulness, defusion) and value-guided behavioral activation that are central to ACT for Anxiety Disorders will be emphasized throughout the workshop. Some techniques will be demonstrated, and participants will have the opportunity to try them out too. Clinical worksheets and other tools will be provided.

**Pre-Conference Workshop II** - Presenter: Jeannie Golden, Ph.D. "New Behavioral Challenges: Assessment and Treatment of Emotional Difficulties in Children". The assessment of the emotional level of development of children is essential in providing effective treatment. Emotional level of development determines appropriate skills to teach and aids in the selection of appropriate reinforcers. Stages of emotional development and skills to emotional factors precipitating and maintaining target behaviors. Appropriate replacement behaviors will be identified. Specific case examples will be discussed of typically developing children who experience emotional difficulties who are experiencing emotional difficulties. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss specific cases from their own professional settings and receive input and suggestions from the presenters.

**Post-Conference Workshop I** - Presenter: Duke Schell, Ph.D. "Ethical Issues in the Assessment and Treatment of Behavioral Disorders" This workshop will focus on legal issues related to the assessment and treatment of severe behavioral disorders and the management of treatment plans that address them. Ethical issues will be discussed across several treatment settings including homes, schools, mental retardation and mental health facilities, and community MR/MH settings.

**Post-Conference Workshop II** - Presenter: Martin Ivancic, Ph.D. "Programming for Life Quality and Staff Pride". Behavioral programming will be described to offer life quality services to any person unable to provide such services to him or herself. Programming will include all written documents and forms necessary to conduct the program with an emphasis on clinical notes and resolving conditions related to poor life quality reports. Manual or PDA documentation options will be reviewed. Management procedures to promote pride in conducting Life Quality or any other programming will be reviewed with an emphasis on producing staff behavior that occurs outside the presence of the relevant manager.

\*\* See website for full description of workshops and continuing education credits available for each workshop: [www.nc-aba.com](http://www.nc-aba.com)

**ATTENTION:** *We need your help.....*

### NCABA Logo Contest

A new logo to be used for T-shirts, etc. is needed. The winner will receive \$50.00. This design could include graphics, wording or both. So get your creative ideas on paper and submit them for a chance to win the fabulous prize and to receive the recognition for creating our new design. Please submit them on or before Feb. 22nd, 2006. The winner will be announced at the business meeting Friday, Feb. 23rd and the design will be unveiled to all members.



If you have questions about the conference, membership, or NCABA, contact: Beth Schmitt, PO Box 6593, Kinston, NC 28501; Phone/Fax: 252-566-9522; please call ahead before faxing; email: [help@nc-aba.com](mailto:help@nc-aba.com)

# NCABA 2007 TENTATIVE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## Wednesday February 21, 2007

8:30-4:00	<b>Conference Registration: HOTEL LOBBY</b>	
9:00-5:00	<b>Silent Auction Open in FLORIDA Room: Place Your Bids!</b>	
	<b>ROBERT E. LEE BALLROOM</b>	<b>NIGHTHAWK I &amp; II</b>
9:00-12:00	<b>**Pre-Conference Workshop I: John Forsyth, Ph.D.</b> Associate Professor University at Albany, SUNY <i>Acceptance and Commitment Therapy for Anxiety Disorders: A Nuts and Bolts Workshop</i>	<b>**Pre-Conference Workshop II: Jeannie Golden, Ph.D.</b> Assistant Professor, East Carolina University <i>New Behavioral Challenges: Assessment and Treatment of Emotional Difficulties in Children</i>
12:00-1:30	<b>Lunch on Your Own Poster Set Up in Nighthawk I &amp; II</b>	
	<b>ROBERT E. LEE BALLROOM</b>	
1:30-1:45	Welcome to the 18 <sup>th</sup> Annual NCABA Conference <b>Jamie Clary</b> NCABA President, J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Technical Utilization Award</i></li> <li>• <i>Student Scholarship Award</i></li> <li>• <i>Fred Keller Award</i></li> <li>• <i>"Do Things" Award</i></li> </ul>	
1:45-3:00	*Invited Address: <b>John Forsyth, Ph.D.</b> Associate Professor, University at Albany, SUNY <i>Fear Learning in an Emotion Regulation Context</i>	
3:15-4:15	*Invited Address: <b>Steve Mahorney, M.D.</b> Medical Director, J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center <i>Psychoanalytic and Behavior Analytic Therapies: Will the Third Wave Break on Common Ground?</i>	
4:45-6:00	NCABA Conference Student Symposium Chair: <b>Katrina Johnson</b> NCABA Student Rep., East Carolina University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Allison Kretlow</b>, University of North Carolina at Charlotte</li> <li>• <b>Kim Watkins</b>, University of North Carolina at Charlotte</li> <li>• <b>Katherine Trela</b>, University of North Carolina at Charlotte</li> <li>• <b>Amanda Hardy</b>, East Carolina University</li> </ul>	
	<b>NIGHTHAWK I &amp; II</b>	
6:00-6:45	NCABA Poster Session: NIGHTHAWK I & II	

\*BCBA Credits Available

\*NCPA Category A Credits Available

Posters are being solicited for the conference. Monetary awards for Best Student and Best Overall Poster will be given. Poster Session will be held Wednesday, Feb. 21st from 6:00-6:45.

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### NCABA 2006 Elected Officials

- ◇ **President, Jamie Clary**
- ◇ **Past President, Maureen Schepis**
- ◇ **President Elect, Duke Schell**
- ◇ **Vice President, Ruth Hurst**
- ◇ **Secretary/Treasurer, Beth Schmitt**
- ◇ **Member at Large I, Ya-yu Lo**
- ◇ **Member at Large II, Jody Deacon**
- ◇ **Student Representative, Katrina Johnson**

## Thursday February 22, 2007

8:00-3:30	<b>Conference Registration: HOTEL LOBBY</b>	
9:00-7:00	<b>Silent Auction Open in FLORIDA ROOM</b>	
	<b>ROBERT E. LEE BALLROOM</b>	<b>NIGHTHAWK I &amp; II</b>
8:30-9:30	<p><b>*Raymond C. Pitts, Ph.D.</b> (University of North Carolina at Wilmington)  <i>Delay Discounting, "Impulsive" Behavior and Stimulant Drugs: Basic Research with Non-humans Can Help us Understand Human Problems</i></p>	<p><b>*Symposium: Jeannie Golden</b>, Chairperson, <b>Kim Floyd, Amy Foster, Alicija Lipinski, Emily Cogdell, Katrina Johnson, Amanda Hardy &amp; Ashley Hicks</b> (East Carolina University)  <i>Strange Bedfellows: Behaviorists and Traditionalists Working Together to Evaluate &amp; Provide Treatments for Autism</i></p>
9:45-10:45	<p><b>*Ruth Hurst, Ph.D., BCBA</b> (University of North Carolina at Wilmington)  <i>The Role of Single-Participant Research in Judging Effective Practice in Mental Health</i></p>	<p><b>*Tamlyn Shields, M.A., BCBA &amp; Jeannie Golden, Ph.D., BCBA</b> (East Carolina University)  <i>The Effect of a Classroom-Based Physical Activity Program on Physical Activity and On-Task Behavior</i></p>
11:00-12:00	<p><b>*Mike Behrmann, Ed.D.</b> (George Mason University)  <i>The Keller Instructional Handheld data System (KIHD System)</i></p>	<p><b>*Erik Drasgow</b> (University of South Carolina)  <i>Teaching Mands to Young Children with Autism and Severe Language Delays</i></p>
12:00-2:00	<b>Lunch on Your Own</b>	
	<b>ROBERT E. LEE BALLROOM</b>	
2:00-3:00	<p><b>*Invited Address: Rob Horner, Ph.D.</b> Professor, University of Oregon  <i>Implementing Applied Behavior Analysis at Meaningful Scales: The Example of School-wide Positive Behavior Support</i></p>	
3:15-4:15	<p><b>*Invited Address: Jim Bodfish, Ph.D.</b> Department of Psychiatry, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill  <i>Intervention for Treatment - Refractory Behavior Disorders in Autism and Related Conditions: Fighting the War on Drugs</i></p>	
4:30-5:30	<p><b>*Invited Address: Dennis Reid, Ph.D., BCBA</b> Carolina Behavior Analysis and Support Center  <i>Some Recent Developments for Training, Supervising, and Motivating Support Staff</i></p>	
5:30-6:00	<b>Silent Auction in FLORIDA ROOM: Final Bids by 6:00!!</b>	
7:00-11:00	<b>NCABA Social: ROBERT E. LEE BALLROOM (Food, Beverages, and Music)</b>	

## Friday February 23, 2007

8:00-12:00	<b>Conference Registration: HOTEL LOBBY</b>	
	<b>ROBERT E. LEE BALLROOM</b>	
8:00-8:45	<b>NCABA Annual Business Meeting Election Results for 2006, NCABA Logo Winner Announced, Conference 2007 Planning &amp; More!</b>	
9:00-10:15	<p><b>*Invited Symposium: Robert Horner, Ph.D.</b> University of Oregon, <b>Charles Wood, Ph.D., &amp; Ya-yu Lo, Ph.D.,</b> University of North Carolina at Charlotte  <i>Positive Behavior Support at the School-wide, Classroom, and Individual Levels</i></p>	
10:30-11:45	<p><b>*Invited Symposium: Carol Pilgrim, Ph.D., Anne Stull, &amp; Rebecca Veenstra</b> University of North Carolina at Wilmington  <i>Discrimination Acquisition: The First Steps Toward Stimulus Equivalence</i></p>	
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1:00-4:00	<p><b>**Post-Conference Workshop I: Duke Schell, Ph.D.</b>          Director of Psychology, J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center  <i>Ethical Issues in the Assessment and Treatment of Behavioral Disorders</i></p>	<p><b>**Post-Conference Workshop II: Martin Ivancic, Ph.D.</b>          J. Iverson Riddle Development Center  <i>Programming for Life Quality and Staff Pride</i></p>

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Poster Session, Silent Auction, and Welcome Party**

Send in your **award nominations** postmarked by January 9th, 2007 for the Fred S. Keller Excellence in Behavior Analysis Award, the Technical Utilization Award, and the Student Scholarship Award which will be presented at the conference. A description of awards can be found at www.nc-aba.com. Please submit nominations to Jody at:  
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January 22nd, 2007 to assure the NCABA Group Rate!**

**Continuing Education Credits Offered**

A certificate will be provided for all participants indicating the number of hours for conference attendance and conference workshops.

3 Hours Category A Continuing Education Credit for NC psychologists will be available for both pre- and post-workshops for a total of 6 obtainable hours per person.

A minimum of 16 BCBA CEUs will be available (6 for attending any two workshops & 10 for attending approved sessions in the regular conference program).

**New this year...** A Book Fair has been added to the already packed conference schedule. You will have the opportunity to browse books written by not only our invited speakers and conference presenters but also pick up information on ordering other popular titles in the field of behavior analysis. Please contact Jody Deacon (email: Jody.Deacon@ncmail.net) for more information or to inquire about submitting a book for sale.

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