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2009 Conference Announcement

The Executive Board of the North Carolina Association for Behavior Analysis is pleased to announce the **20th Annual Conference** to be held at the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort in Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina, Wednesday, February 18th through Friday, February 20th, 2009. The conference will be a celebration of the 20th Anniversary of NCABA. Special events in honor of the occasion will be held in addition to the presentations by a wonderful group of speakers.

Speakers from within North Carolina and across the country will present methods and data pertaining to applied and basic problems that are currently being addressed within the field of behavior analysis and in related fields such as developmental disabilities, autism, education, and animal training. We are especially fortunate to have among our speakers **Dr. Judy Favell**, who has strong roots within the behavior analytic community in NC, as well as others who are also pre-eminent in the field of behavior analysis: **Drs. Murray Sidman** and **Bill Heward**. The exceptional list of out-of-state presenters also includes **Dr. Andy Bondy** from Pyramid Educational Consultants, and **Dr. Dennis Russo** from May Institute. We are also very fortunate to have a number of extremely talented behavior analysis applied professionals, researchers, and students who have agreed to be presenters at the conference including **Jeannie Golden, Dennis Reid, Maureen Schepis, Anne Hoffman, Ya-yu Lo, Pam Mims, Martin Ivancic, and Julie Grimes**.

In special recognition of the **NCABA 20th Anniversary**, we are issuing a special invitation to past presidents to attend the conference so that they can be recognized for their role in moving NCABA forward and to participate in a **Presidents Panel** to review and discuss the history and future of the organization.

Past presidents of NCABA:

Carolyn Green, Jim Phillips, Vickie Canipe, Rod Realon, Jim Bodfish, Greg Olley, Tom Thompson, Martin Ivancic, Fred Spooner, Jeannie Golden, Duke Schell, Anne La Force, Bill Helsel, Ed Konarski, Frank Wells, Maureen Schepis, Jamie Clary

Pre and Post Conference Workshops will be offered by **Andy Bondy, Bill Heward, Jeannie Golden and Julie Grimes**. More will be announced soon. A **Silent Auction** will once again be held to raise funds to offset conference expenses and to support student participation. A **Vendor/Poster Session** with cash awards for best posters in the student and professional categories and a **Social** with refreshments, music, and dancing will round out the conference events.

BCBA Credits will be available for approved conference and workshop sessions and an application will be made to provide **NCPA credits for Psychologists** for each of the workshops. A general certificate of credit will be provided to all attendees. Please mark your calendar for this upcoming event.

Additional information will be available at www.nc-aba.com and in the newsletter sent to all members as the details for the conference are finalized.

COME TO THE NCABA CONFERENCE AT THE BEACH, CELEBRATE NCABA'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY, AND "CATCH SOMEONE BEING GOOD"!
~Ruth Hurst - President

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NCABA 2008 Elected Officials

- **President**
Ruth Hurst
- **Past President**
Duke Schell
- **President Elect**
Jennifer Deacon
- **Vice President**
Ya-yu Lo
- **Secretary/Treasurer**
Beth Schmitt
- **Members-at-Large**
Mark Stafford,
Kelly Sutton
- **Student Representative**
April Mustian

2008 Conference Summary

We met at the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort at Wrightsville Beach, February 19th through the 22nd, 2008. Over 180 conference participants, including 45 students, made the 19th annual conference of the North Carolina Association for Behavior Analysis a great gathering for people interested in behavior analysis across the state and region. The new larger meeting space and accommodations made it possible for us to hold eight conference workshops for psychology and behavior analyst CEs that attracted over 170 people. We offered top notch behavior analysis

topics throughout the conference that brought 41 people seeking behavior analyst continuing education credits at an affordable price. With the larger meeting space we were also able to double the number of concurrent sessions offered on the middle day of the conference—from 6 to 12. The conference evaluations indicated that the conference workshops, presentations, and hotel accommodations were thoroughly enjoyed.

Even before the actual conference got

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Nominations Sought

NCABA is seeking nominations for **Vice President, Member at Large, and Student Representative** to serve on the executive committee. Nominations are also being taken for the Fred S. Keller Excellence in Behavior Analysis Award, the Technical Utilization Award and the Student Scholarship Award to be presented at the conference. All nominations for executive committee members and for the awards must be postmarked by January 7, 2009. Please submit nominations to: Mark Stafford, Psychology Services, Murdoch Developmental Center, PO Box 3000, Butner, NC 27509 ~ email: Mark.Stafford@ncmail.net ~ Phone: (919) 575-1272

~Executive Committee Positions~

Nominations for these positions are open to all NCABA full members, and may be made by self-nomination or nomination by another person. A description of each of the positions can be found on our website at www.nc-aba.com

~Fred Keller Excellence in Behavior Analysis Award~

The purpose of this award is to recognize a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of behavior analysis in North Carolina and whose work demonstrates the highest quality in the application of behavior analytic principles.

~Technical Utilization Award~

The recipient will receive complimentary conference registration to the NCABA conference in February, 2009, and a monetary stipend toward conference expenses. To qualify, the candidate must not have received formal, graduate level training in behavior analysis, but have demonstrated proficiency in applying behavioral technology in his or her work.

~Student Scholarship Award~

The Student Scholarship is a complimentary conference registration to the 2009 NCABA Annual conference and a \$100 stipend to defray costs. The award will be granted to a student who has advanced course work and practical experience in behavior analysis, and who would benefit from attending the conference. The sponsor who nominates the student should be a faculty member or internship supervisor who can briefly indicate how the student's work demonstrates potential for behavior analysis application in North Carolina.

2008 Award Recipients

Fred Keller Excellence in Behavior Analysis Award
Jim Favell, Retired, Previous Director of Research at the J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center

Technical Utilization Award
Tony Boss, Murdoch Developmental Center

“Do Things” Award
Denny Reid, Carolina Behavior Analysis & Support Center

Student Scholarship Award
Pam Mims, UNC-Charlotte

Best Poster Award
Erica Blackwell, Ruth Hurst, Ashley Stretton, & W.E. Crews, UNC-Wilmington
Differential Reinforcement of Low Rate Schedule Responding in Reln Deficient Mice

Student Poster Award
Pam Mims, UNC-Charlotte
Increasing Participation of Elementary Students with Profound Disabilities During Shared Stories

NCABA Officials Elected in 2008

- **Ya-yu Lo**, UNC-Charlotte, Vice President
- **Beth Schmitt**, Murdoch Developmental Center, Secretary/Treasurer
- **Kelly Sutton**, J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center, Member at Large
- **April Mustian**, UNC-Charlotte, Student Representative

Cash 01-01-08	\$19,287
Total Revenue	\$22,185
Total Cash 2008	\$41,472
2008 Expenses	\$19,158
Balance August 2008	\$22,315

NCABA Financial Report

NCABA Membership & Conference Attendance

Membership 2008		
Full Members	Paraprofessional	Student
152	11	47

Conference 2008			
Full Member	Paraprofessional	Student	Non-Member
117	11	45	18

2008 Conference (Continued)

started, people were learning from prominent behavior analysts in four pre-conference workshops by Brian Iwata, University of Florida, Mark Sundberg, Sundberg & Associates, Kelly Wilson, University of Mississippi, and Jeannie Golden, NCABA Past President from East Carolina University. We started off the conference proper with our award presentations. After the awards we were treated to invited addresses by Gretchen Thwing, Jim McGimsey and Ron Mazik from Advoserv in Mt Dora, Florida, and by Brian Iwata.

Next was the NCABA student symposium, hosted by Pam Mims, which included outstanding presentations by April Mustian, UNC-Charlotte, Valerie Mazzotti, UNC-Charlotte, Rachael Cushing, UNC-Wilmington, and Latisha Blue, East Carolina University. A panel on Relational Frame Theory and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy with Kelly Wilson and Rhonda Merwin, Duke University, was hosted by Ruth Hurst, NCABA President Elect from UNC-Wilmington and Martin Ivancic of JIRDC. The first day of the conference was topped off by the evening poster session, hosted by Jennifer Deacon, NCABA Vice President, where 16 data-based posters and three university behavior analysis programs were showcased. Mark Sundberg and Kelly Wilson did a superb job of judging the posters for NCABA. The Outstanding Student poster was awarded to Pam Mims and the Overall Outstanding poster, also selected from the student group, went to Erica Blackwell, Ruth Hurst, Ashley Stretton and W.E. Crews from UNC-Wilmington. Congratulations to all award recipients and also to those who were nominated.

The second day of the conference opened with Brian Iwata, and Carol Pilgrim, UNC-Wilmington, both former Presidents of ABA International, discussing the future of behavior analysis with conference participants. This was followed by 12 concurrent sessions over the next three hours—for a listing of the presenters and topics please go to our website—and then three invited addresses after lunch by Mark Sundberg, Kelly Wilson, and Jeannie Golden. After closing down the silent auction, we celebrated our award winners at the crowd favorite NCABA Social, where we were treated to wonderful live music by the Bad Ash Band from JIRDC. I'm sure that some pictures from the Social will make it to our website (www.nc-aba.com).

The final morning of the conference opened up with the annual NCABA Business Meeting and the announcement of the newly elected officers. Ya-yu Lo, NCABA Member at Large from UNC-Charlotte, was elected Vice President, Beth Schmitt was re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer, April Mustian was elected as Student Representative, and Kelly Sutton, JIRDC, was elected as Member at Large. Ruth Hurst moves into the role as President, Jennifer Deacon moves into the role of President Elect, and Duke Schell once again enjoys the role as Past President. Jamie Clary finishes six years on the NCABA Executive Council in three separate capacities—Student Representative, Secretary/Treasurer and President—but will remain as a non-voting Board member as our NCABA webmaster. Best of luck to the new Board as they prepare for the Twentieth Anniversary celebration in 2009.

The rest of the morning was rounded out with an invited address by Carol Pilgrim and an invited symposium hosted by Denny Reid, with papers presented by Perry Lattimore and Marsha Parsons from JIRDC, and Wendy Fitch from Cleveland County Schools. After wrapping up the NCABA conference proper, four workshops were held in the afternoon taught by Maureen Schepis, past NCABA President and Director of the Center for Early Communication & Learning, Kelly Wilson, Mark Sundberg, and Barbara Metzger, past NCABA Board member and Assistant Professor from Sam Houston State University in Texas.

See you all next year for the 20th NCABA reunion! Duke Schell, NCABA President 2008

2009 Conference Speakers*

*A complete list of speakers/topics will be made available in the December newsletter and at www.nc-aba.com when the agenda is complete.

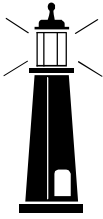
Andy Bondy , Ph.D., President and Co-founder of Pyramid Educational Consultants, Inc.	Ya-yu Lo , Ph.D., Vice President of NCABA, UNC Charlotte
Judy Favell , Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer of Advoserv, President of the Board of Directors of the Behavior Analysis Certification Board	Pam Mims , MS, past NCABA student representative, UNC Charlotte
Julie Grimes , Ph.D., Davidson County Community College and Behavioral Consultant to the NC ZOO, Asheboro, NC	Dennis Reid , Ph.D., BCBA, Carolina Behavior Analysis & Support Center, Morganton, NC
Jeannie Golden , Ph.D., BCBA, past president of NCABA, East Carolina University	Dennis Russo , Ph.D., ABPP, ABBP, Chief Clinical Officer, May Institute
Bill Heward , Ed.D., BCBA, Professor Emeritus, The Ohio State University, and co-author of <i>Applied Behavior Analysis</i>	Maureen Schepis , Ph.D., BCBA, past president of NCABA, Morganton, NC
Anne Hoffman , M.Ed., Pyramid Educational Consultant	Murray Sidman , Ph.D., pre-eminent researcher and author in the field of behavior analysis
Martin Ivancic , Ph.D., BCBA, past president of NCABA, J. Iverson Riddle Center, Morganton, NC	Carol Pilgrim , Ph.D., Professor of Psychology, UNC-Wilmington

Continuing Education Credit Opportunities

A certificate will be provided to all participants indicating the number of hours for conference attendance and conference workshops. Category A Continuing Education Credit for NC psychologists is currently being sought for all pre and post-workshops. In addition, Behavior Analyst Certification Approved Continuing Education Credits will be available for approved sessions which typically results in 10 to 16 obtainable credits. Information on the number of credits available will be included in the December newsletter and will be posted at www.nc-aba.com when the application process is complete.

Check out our
website at:
www.nc-aba.com

To The Beach!



Wrightsville Beach, NC
February 18-20, 2009

Mid-Year Workshops

We are offering exciting opportunities for continuing education next month at UNC-Wilmington (September 5th) and at The Gathering Place in Winston Salem (September 12th). The four workshops offered have been approved for Category A continuing education credit for psychologists and three have been approved for BCBA CEs as well. A workshop on Ethics and a workshop on Functional Behavioral Assessment will be presented in both locations. Please log on to the website for further information and to register for a workshop.

Posters are being solicited

for the conference. Monetary awards for Best Student, Best Professional and Best Overall Poster will be given. Anyone interested should contact

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Editor's Notes: the NCABA Newsletter is published twice a year by the North Carolina Association for Behavior Analysis. The primary function of the Summer newsletter is to summarize events and announce the annual conference. The primary function of the Winter mailing is to provide information for the upcoming conference, including an agenda and summary of conference events. Each mailing will include membership information, a *Comments & Notes* section to provide a public forum for elected officers and the membership, and announcements.

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