

DECEMBER, 2008

## North Carolina Association for Behavior Analysis

### 2009 NCABA Conference, February 18th, 19th & 20th, Holiday Inn Sunspree, Wrightsville Beach, NC

The 20th 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 and panel hosts including Andy Bondy, Bryan Crisp, Judy Favell, Jeannie Golden, Julianne Gold-Brunson, Julie Grimes, Bill Heward, Anne Hoffman, Martin Ivancic, Ya-yu Lo, Pam Mims, April Mustian, Carol Pilgrim, Dennis Reid, Dennis Russo, Maureen Schepis, Murray Sidman, Fred Spooner, Lori Stuart, Tom Thompson, and Kimberly Willis. In addition to our regular conference program, eight workshops will be presented. BCBA credits and NCPA Category A credits for psychologists are available for workshop attendance. View the agenda to determine which workshops will offer the credit you seek. Eleven additional BCBA credits can be obtained by attending approved sessions in the regular program. A poster session, silent auction, and a 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 19th in order to secure the NCABA rates.

### 2008 NCABA Constitution Amendment Proposal

Thank you to all members who submitted their votes on the proposed constitution amendments. Those with full member status have voting privileges and were recently called upon to review and vote on a revised NCABA constitution. We received a vote from 26 percent of those eligible and all were in favor of adopting the proposed revisions. The new constitution can be viewed online at [www.nc-aba.com](http://www.nc-aba.com).

### Conference Workshops

**Pre-Conference Workshop I** - Presenter: Jeannie Golden, Ph.D., BCBA, "Children with Attachment Disorders: Assessment & Intervention from a Behavioral Perspective." Children who are exhibiting behavioral and emotional difficulties often have had vastly different childhoods than those who are not experiencing such difficulties. Due to their learning histories, they may develop attachment disorders. Although they function well within the structure of settings where behavioral interventions are related to the functions of their problem behaviors, once this structure is removed they fail to maintain or generalize the behavioral changes that have been accomplished. The presenter of this workshop will provide alternative treatment approaches that are effective with children with attachment disorders that address the issues of maintenance and generalization.

**Pre-Conference Workshop II** – Presenter: Bill Heward, Ed.D., BCBA, "Six Common Teaching Mistakes and What to Do Instead." This workshop will focus on six teaching mistakes committed frequently by teachers at all grade levels and across curriculum areas (e.g., Mistake #3: Asking students, "Do you understand?"). Each mistake will be presented in a three-part format. First, the mistake and examples of its occurrence will be described and/or demonstrated. Second, both logical and empirical rationales will be offered for why teachers should eliminate or greatly reduce the frequency with which they commit the mistake. Third, one or more evidence-based and classroom-tested alternative strategies (i.e., what to do instead) will be presented and/or demonstrated. Participants will leave with a completed set of guided notes, handouts of examples and guidelines for implementing several of the alternative strategies, and an annotated list of references and resources.

**\*Workshops continue on next page**

If you have questions about the conference, membership, or NCABA, contact: Psychology Services, NCABA Secretary/Treasurer, Murdoch Developmental Center, PO Box 3000, Butner, NC 27509; Phone: 919-995-5095; Fax: 919-575-1282; email: [help@nc-aba.com](mailto:help@nc-aba.com)

## Conference Workshops (Continued)

**Pre-Conference Workshop III** - Presenter: Andy Bondy, Ph.D., “PECS and the Pyramid Approach to Education: Building Effective Educational Environments.” The Picture Exchange Communication System is an evidence-based strategy to promote functional communication for learners with autism and related disabilities. It can serve as an alternative communication system for those with very limited speech or it can serve as an augmentative system for those with modest repertoires. To effectively implement PECS staff and parents need to use the principles of learning organized within the Pyramid Approach to Education (see Bondy and Sulzer-Azaroff, 2002; Bondy and Frost, 2007). This system combines applied behavior analysis with an emphasis on visually mediated functional communication strategies. This workshop will review the key elements of PECS as well as the Pyramid Approach and review how to implement each within schools, home and the community.

**Pre-Conference Workshop IV** - Presenter: Julie Grimes, Ph.D., “Companion Animal Training Workshop: How to Teach Your Pet Almost Anything.” In this live-demonstration workshop, participants will observe the use of positive reinforcement to train several untrained companion animals. Behaviors trained will include those commonly seen in a behavior management program at a zoological park (i.e., husbandry and veterinary behaviors). Attendees will have an opportunity to observe and discuss both the advantages and the challenges that arise from using positive reinforcement for behavior management of captive animals.

**Post-Conference Workshop V** - Presenter: Bryan Crisp, M.A., BCBA, “Behavioral Marriage and Family Therapy, An Evidence-Based Approach.” Research has shown the efficacy of behavior analytic interventions with a wide variety of childhood disorders. The challenge for helping professionals is to enlist parents as data collectors and interventionists. By meeting with parents early and often in the therapy process, the Behavior Analyst not only begins the intervention, but maintenance and generalization as well. This three-hour workshop will address common family and marriage issues and provide a wealth of examples of how different challenges can be handled behaviorally. Additionally, problems associated with supporting parents as they apply behavior analysis in the home will be addressed as well. This workshop is based on the book, *Behavioral Family Therapy, An Evidence Based Approach*. Participants will receive a copy of the book.

**Post-Conference Workshop VI** - Presenter: Julie Grimes, Ph.D., “Companion Animal Training Workshop: Reducing the Frequency of Undesired Behaviors in Pets.” In this workshop, participants will learn ways to deal with undesired behaviors in companion animals without the use of physical punishment. Examples of undesired behaviors may include jumping, chewing, inappropriate vocalization, inappropriate elimination and fearful reactions to a stimulus. Attendees will have the opportunity to observe and discuss several non-punishment based interventions.

**Post-Conference Workshop VII** - Presenter: Andy Bondy, Ph.D., “Can PECS help with challenging behaviors?” Contextually inappropriate behaviors (CIBs), what we commonly refer to as ‘challenging behaviors’ are highly resistant to change unless we understand the function of the behavior. We will review three broad reasons that we may see CIBs and consider a general approach to intervention. We will look at each function and how the use of PECS may help in designing effective intervention packages. Participants will look at some of their own cases and review how PECS and related strategies may help in the development of an effective intervention plan.

**Post-Conference Workshop VIII** - Presenter: Tom Thompson, Ph.D., “Providing Clinical Supervision in Compliance with the N. C. Psychology Practice Act.” This workshop will focus on legal issues related to the supervision of Licensed Psychologists, Licensed Psychological Associates, and Ancillary Services Providers under the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act.

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

# NCABA 2009 TENTATIVE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## Wednesday February 18, 2009

8:30-4:00	<b>Conference Registration: PREFUNCTION CONCOURSE</b>			
9:00-5:00	<b>Silent Auction Open in TIDEWATER Room: Place Your Bids!</b>			
	<b>BANKS CHANNEL</b>	<b>MASONBORO</b>	<b>AIRLIE</b>	<b>CAUSEWAY</b>
9:00-12:00	<p>*†Pre-Conf Workshop I:  <b>Jeannie Golden, Ph.D., BCBA</b>, Assistant Professor, East Carolina University  <i>Children with Attachment Disorders: Assessment &amp; Intervention from a Behavioral Perspective</i></p>	<p>*†Pre-Conf Workshop II:  <b>William Heward, Ed.D., BCBA</b>, Professor Emeritus, The Ohio State University  <i>Six Common Teaching Mistakes and What To Do Instead</i></p>	<p>*†Pre-Conf Workshop III:  <b>Andy Bondy, Ph.D., BCBA</b>, President, Pyramid Educational Consultants, Inc.  <i>PECS and the Pyramid Approach to Education: Building Effective Educational Environments</i></p>	<p>*†Pre-Conf Workshop IV:  <b>Julie Grimes, Ph.D.</b>, Behavioral Consultant, NC Zoo &amp; Faculty, Davidson Community College  <i>Companion Animal Training Workshop: How to Teach Your Pet Almost Anything</i></p>
12:00-1:30	<b>Lunch on Your Own Poster Set Up in PREFUNCTION CONCOURSE</b>			
	<b>MASONBORO &amp; AIRLIE</b>			
1:30-2:00	<p>Welcome to the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual NCABA Conference  <b>Ruth Hurst, Ph.D., BCBA</b>, NCABA President            Assistant Professor of Psychology, University of North Carolina at Wilmington</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Fred Keller Excellence in Behavior Analysis Award</i></li> <li>• <i>Technical Utilization Award</i></li> <li>• <i>Student Scholarship Award</i></li> <li>• <i>"Do Things" Award</i></li> </ul>			
2:00-3:00	<p>*Invited Address: <b>Murray Sidman, Ph.D.</b>  <i>The Analysis of Behavior: Why Do We Do It?</i></p>			
3:10-4:10	<p>*Invited Address: <b>William Heward, Ed.D., BCBA</b>, Professor Emeritus, The Ohio State University  <i>Why Be a Behavior Analyst?</i></p>			
4:20-5:20	<p>NCABA Conference Student Symposium            Chair: <b>April Mustian</b>, NCABA Student Representative, University of North Carolina at Charlotte</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student presenters to be announced</li> </ul>			
5:30-6:30	<p><b>Past Presidents Panel: Ya-yu Lo, Ph.D. (host)</b> University of North Carolina at Charlotte  <i>The Past, Current &amp; Future Directions of NCABA</i></p>			
	<b>PREFUNCTION CONCOURSE</b>			
6:30-7:30	NCABA Poster Session (Beer, & Light Snacks Available)			

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**Check out our website [www.nc-aba.com](http://www.nc-aba.com)**

**Did you know that on our website....**

- you can register for membership or the conference?
- you can submit proposals for poster presentations for the 2009 poster session?
- you can view photos from the past eight conferences?
- you can view pictures and information about the speakers presenting at the 2009 conference in February?
- you can view abstracts for each of the conference sessions as they become available?

**All these and more can be found at [www.nc-aba.com](http://www.nc-aba.com). Log on today!**

## Thursday February 19, 2009

8:00-4:00	<b>Conference Registration: PREFUNCTION CONCOURSE</b>		
9:00-6:30	<b>Silent Auction Open in TIDEWATER Room: Place Your Bids!</b>		
	<b>CAUSEWAY</b>	<b>MASONBORO</b>	<b>AIRLIE</b>
8:15-9:15	<p><b>*Maureen Schepis, Ph.D., BCBA</b> (Center for Early Communication &amp; Learning) <i>It's Never Too Early or Late to Communicate: Augmentative/Alternative Communication for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities</i></p>	<p><b>*Pam Mims, M.A. &amp; Fred Spooner, Ph.D.</b> (University of North Carolina at Charlotte) <i>Applications of Shared Stories with Students who have Significant Cognitive Disabilities and Visual Impairments</i></p>	<p><b>*Martin Ivancic, Ph.D. &amp; Kimberly Willis</b> (J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center) <i>Repeated Within-Class Exemplar Review of Trained Staff Responding In an Attempt to Demonstrate Between-Class Generalization: A Methodology for Managing Maintenance</i></p>
9:30-10:30	<p><b>*Anne Hoffman, M.A. &amp; Andy Bondy, Ph.D., BCBA</b> (Pyramid Educational Consultants, Inc.) <i>Help! I Cannot Wait for a Break.</i></p>	<p><b>*Carol Pilgrim, Ph.D. &amp; Rachel Kolb</b> (University of North Carolina at Wilmington) <i>An Equivalence Approach to Teaching Basic Math Skills to Preschoolers</i></p>	<p><b>Julianne Gold Brunson, Ph.D. &amp; Scott Lawrence, Ph.D.</b> (Journey, Inc.) <i>Impact of Deaf-Client and Therapist Moods on Sign-Language Interpreter Recipient Mood</i></p>
10:45-11:45	<p><b>*Jeannie Golden, Ph.D., BCBA</b> (East Carolina University) <i>Innovative Research on the Assessment &amp; Treatment of Children with Attachment Disorders</i></p>	<p><b>*Ya-yu Lo, Ph.D. &amp; April Mustian, M.A.</b> (University of North Carolina at Charlotte) <i>Peer-Mediated, Multimedia-Integrated Social Skill Instruction</i></p>	<p><b>Lori Stuart, M.A.</b> (Private Consultant) <i>ABA and the Alternative Pencil: Bedfellows?</i></p>
11:45-1:15	<b>Lunch on Your Own</b>		
	<b>MASONBORO &amp; AIRLIE</b>		
1:15-2:15	<p>*Invited Address: <b>Judy Favell, Ph.D., BCBA</b>, Chief Executive Officer, AdvoServ <i>Applied Behavior Analysis: Perspectives on the Past, Prospects for the Future</i></p>		
2:30-3:30	<p>*Invited Address: <b>Dennis Russo, Ph.D.</b>, Chief Clinical Officer, The May Institute, Inc. <i>Providing Effective Practices to Children with Autism</i></p>		
3:45-4:45	<p>*Panel: <b>Tom Thompson, Ph.D. (host)</b>, Murdoch Developmental Center, <b>Judy Favell, Ph.D., BCBA</b>, Chief Executive Officer, AdvoServ &amp; <b>Dennis Russo, Ph.D.</b>, Chief Clinical Officer, The May Institute, Inc. <i>The Right to Treatment by a Competent Professional</i></p>		
5:00-6:00	<p><b>*Julie Grimes, Ph.D.</b> Behavioral Consultant, NC Zoo &amp; Faculty, Davidson Community College <i>Behavior Management in a Zoological Park: A Behavior Analytic Contribution</i></p>		
6:00-6:30	<b>Silent Auction in TIDEWATER Room: Final Bids by 6:30!!</b>		
7:30-11:00	<b>NCABA Social: CAUSEWAY, MASONBORO, AIRLIE (Food, Beverages, and Music)</b>		

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### New Award for Poster Session

Due to increased involvement from students in the poster session we are pleased to announce that an additional poster award will be given for the 2009 poster session. A \$50.00 award will be given in each of the three new categories (undergraduate, graduate, and professional). Judges will determine and announce the winners in each category at the end of the poster session. If you are interested in presenting a poster please go to [www.nc-aba.com](http://www.nc-aba.com) for more information.

# Friday February 20, 2009

8:00-12:00	<b>Conference Registration: PREFUNCTION CONCOURSE</b>			
	<b>MASONBORO &amp; AIRLIE</b>			
8:30-9:30	<b>NCABA Annual Business Meeting Election Results for 2009, Conference 2010 Planning &amp; More!</b>			
9:45-10:45	*Invited Address: <b>Dennis H. Reid, Ph.D., BCBA</b> , Director, Carolina Behavior Analysis and Support Center <i>Teaching for Quick Success: Ways to Accelerate Learning Among People with Severe Disabilities</i>			
11:00-12:00	*Invited Address: <b>Andy Bondy, Ph.D., BCBA</b> , President, Pyramid Educational Consultants, Inc. <i>The Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS): A Clear Picture</i>			
12:00-1:30	<b>Lunch on Your Own</b>			
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1:30-4:30	*⚡Post-Conf Workshop V: <b>Bryan Crisp, M.A., BCBA</b> Private Practice, Greenville, NC & Instructor, East Carolina University <i>Behavioral Marriage and Family Therapy, an Evidence-Based Approach</i>	*⚡Post-Conf Workshop VI: <b>Julie Grimes, Ph.D.</b> , Behavioral Consultant, NC Zoo & Faculty, Davidson Community College <i>Companion Animal Training Workshop: Reducing the Frequency of Undesired Behaviors in Pets</i>	*⚡Post-Conf Workshop VII: <b>Andy Bondy, Ph.D., BCBA</b> , President, Pyramid Educational Consultants, Inc. <i>Can PECS Help with Challenging Behaviors?</i>	⚡Post-Conf Workshop VIII: <b>Tom Thompson, Ph.D.</b> , Murdoch Developmental Center <i>Providing Clinical Supervision in Compliance with the N. C. Psychology Practice Act</i>

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## 2008 Mid-Year Workshops Were a Success!

Thank you to all who participated by attending, presenting or volunteering to help in the planning process. According to reports by the secretary/treasurer the workshops presented mid-year in 2008 were a great success. Duke Schell from J.Iverson Riddle Developmental Center presented a workshop entitled *Ethical Issues in the Assessment and Treatment of Behavioral Disorders* and Ya-yu Lo, Charles Wood, and April Mustian from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte presented a workshop that afternoon entitled *Functional Behavioral Assessments and the Analysis of Behavior*. Forty-nine people attended the workshops offered which generated \$1,196.34 in funds for use at the annual conference.

Posters are being solicited for the conference. Monetary awards for Best Poster Awards in 3 categories (undergraduate, graduate & professional) will be given. Poster Session will be held Wednesday, Feb. 18th from 6:30-7:30. Submit proposal online at [ww.nc-aba.com](http://ww.nc-aba.com) Or contact Ya-yu Lo at: [ylol1@umcc.edu](mailto:ylol1@umcc.edu)

### NCABA 2008 Elected Officials

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

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NCABA is seeking nominations for **Vice President, Member at Large, Treasurer and Student Representative** to serve on the executive committee. We are also seeking award nominations 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. A full description of each of the board positions and awards can be found on the website at www.nc-aba.com. All award board member nominations must be postmarked by *January 7, 2009*. Please submit nominations to Mark Stafford at Mark.stafford@ncmail.net or at  
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January 19th, 2009 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 all pre- and post-workshops for a total of 6 obtainable hours per person.

Seventeen BCBA CEUs will be available (6 for attending two BCBA approved workshops & 11 for attending approved sessions in the regular conference program).

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