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# North Carolina Association for Behavior Analysis

## 3rd Annual NCABA Autism Conference Announcement

The 3rd Annual NCABA Autism Conference will be held on **Friday, July 27th** at NC State University's McKimmon Center in Raleigh, NC. This exciting one-day event will consist of two 3-hour workshops, beginning at 9:00 AM with Dr. SungWoo Kahng presenting: "The Functional Analysis of Problem Behaviors: Practice and Research" and Dr. Tom Cariveau following at 1:00 PM with "Methods to Increase the Efficiency of Early Intervention for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder."

Please go to our website below to view detailed workshop information, register for the conference, or sign up to be one of our four exhibitors for this event.

<https://www.nc-aba.com/autism-conference/>

Limited seating is available for the conference so be sure to register early. Early registration rates are in effect until **Friday, July 20th**. Seating is limited so on-site registration may not be available if all seats have been filled.

We look forward to seeing you in Raleigh, NC!

~Whitney Luffman, Past-President

### Interested in Becoming a Vendor at the 3rd Annual Autism Conference?

- Set up a vendor table in the back of the conference room for the day (space is limited)
- Provide printed materials to conference attendees

If interested you can submit your request on our website using the following link:

<https://www.nc-aba.com/exhibitor-form/>

## Public & Professional Relations Committee

The NCABA Committee on Public and Professional Relations is fundraising to provide legal fees for NCABA's attorneys who will be tasked with:

- Seeking clarity from Department of Insurance, Medicaid, the legislature, NC Psychology Board, and/or other regulatory bodies to understand G.S. §58-3-192 and whether supervision by a psychologist is required to practice behavior analysis in NC. *If supervision is required, clarify the structure and nature of the supervision and the specific limitations of practice.*
- Identifying any other avenues that could provide clarity around BCBA's rights to practice and their status as professionals.
- Determining whether licensure is a plausible path towards independent practice by BCBA's in NC. *If licensure is a feasible/recommended path, funds may be used for lobbying expenses.*
- Clarifying the regulations of the practice of behavior analysis to aid companies in recruiting employees; establishing appropriate organizational structure; and budgeting for supervision, if necessary.

To learn more and to donate to the fund go to:  
[www.nc-aba.com/public-professional-relations/](https://www.nc-aba.com/public-professional-relations/)

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### NCABA 2018 Elected Officials

- **President**  
Selene Johnson
- **Past President**  
Whitney Luffman
- **President Elect**  
Kristi Toward
- **Vice President**  
Callie Plattner
- **Secretary**  
Leigh Ann Strain
- **Treasurer**  
Nancy Poteet
- **Members-at-Large**  
Monique Baker,  
Aleck Myers
- **Student Representative**  
Sydney Batchelder

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## 2018 Annual Conference Summary

The NCABA Executive Committee would like to thank the membership for supporting and attending our 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, held in Winston-Salem at the Twin City Quarter February 21-23, 2018. The conference included two pre-conference workshops, two post-conference workshops, nine invited addresses, a student symposium, twelve concurrent sessions and a lively poster session. The information shared during the conference covered important and timely behavior analytic topics, disseminated to a record number of attendees.

Invited speakers traveled from across the country to join some of our very own North Carolina based researchers to present on topics such as: increasing response allocation in the provision of early intervention services (Tom Cariveau, PhD, LP, BCBA-D, University of North Carolina Wilmington), using derived relational responding to teach language to children with autism (Mark Dixon, PhD, BCBA-D, Southern Illinois University), multi-level coaching to schools (Charles Wood, PhD, BCBA-D, University of North Carolina Charlotte), translational research and stimulus equivalence (Carol Pilgrim, PhD, University of North Carolina Wilmington), treating adults with intellectual disabilities with dignity (Dennis Reid, PhD, BCBA-D, Carolina Behavior Analysis and Support Center), evaluating and establishing preference for choice making opportunities (Jeffrey Tiger PhD, BCBA-D, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee), improving staff performance in human service settings (David Wilder, PhD, LP, BCBA-D, Florida Institute of Technology), incentivizing health promotion (Wendy Donlin Washington, PhD, University of North Carolina Wilmington), and establishing clinical standards and ethical best practice procedures (Linda LeBlanc, PhD, LP, BCBA-D, LeBlanc Behavioral Consulting).

Our twelve concurrent sessions were also outstanding and we are appreciative of our local North Carolina researchers for attending our conference and sharing their great work with us. Presenters included: Andrew Hawkey (Duke University), Jessica Woolson (University of North Carolina Wilmington), Callie

Plattner, Tracy Vail, and Crystal Lester (Access Family Services, Let's Talk, & Meredith College), Kerin Weingarten and Aakriti Tripathi (Carolina Center for ABA and Autism Treatment), Kelli Minton and Jeannie Golden (East Carolina University), Bradley Stevenson (Melmark), Audrey Shen and Mark Shen (Easter Seals UCP and UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine), Lauren Louloudis, Caroline Mulhare, Brittany Goss, Ana LePage, and Jeannie Golden (Behavioral Consultation & Psychological Services and East Carolina University), and Callie Plattner and Kelsey Van Boxel (Access Family Services).

A total of 376 people pre-registered for the 2018 conference, which is a record high for our organization. Each of the invited and concurrent talks were well-attended and our speakers did an outstanding job delivering meaningful and important content to our attendees. This year, NCABA was able to offer both NCPA and BACB continuing education credits for each of the invited and concurrent presentations, as well as the pre-and post-conference workshops.

At the opening of the conference, Whitney Luffman gave thanks to the members of the NCABA Executive Council and acknowledged their tireless efforts at supporting and growing this vibrant organization and putting together the 2018 conference. Awards were given to several very deserving individuals during the opening remarks. Callie Platter (Access Family Services) was awarded the NCABA "Do Things" Award, Melanie Bachmeyer (University of North Carolina Wilmington) was awarded the Fred Keller Excellence in Behavior Analysis Award, Christy Adams (Effective Interventions, LLC) received the Technical Utilization Award, and Bruce Pate (East Carolina University) was awarded the inaugural J. Iverson Riddle Student Scholarship.

The NCABA Student Representative, Karla Durig from the University of North Carolina Charlotte, composed an excellent student symposium for this year's conference. Student presenters included Reem Muharib, from the University of North Carolina Charlotte, Sydney Ball,

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from the University of North Carolina Wilmington, and Bruce Pate, from East Carolina University. A student gathering was also held on Wednesday, prior to the poster session, for students to network and connect with other students and to meet and talk with Student Representative Candidates prior to casting their votes.

The poster session included research conducted by undergraduate and graduate students, as well as from professionals. This year, prizes were awarded to presenters across three categories (undergraduate, graduate, and professional). Reem Muharib, Elizabeth Reyes, and Melissa Chappel took home the honors for this year's session.

This year's annual business meeting, held on Thursday, was exceptionally well-attended and centered primarily on the discussion of practice issues for behavior analysts in our state. At the annual business meeting, NCABA members voted 104-30 (77%) in favor of the following motion:

*The membership hereby authorizes the Board to retain legal counsel for the purpose of providing advice, counsel, and representation, including, if necessary, pursuing a declaratory judgment action on behalf of the association, to clarify the effect of the 2017 amendment to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-3-192, and determine the rights and status of Board Certified Behavior Analysts to provide applied behavior analysis services in North Carolina in accordance with their BACB certification. The Board is further authorized to establish a legal fund to accept donations to be used to support these efforts, to establish a subcommittee to oversee these efforts, and to take other necessary administrative actions within the Board's authority under the by-laws to effectuate this resolution.*

Please go to our website and click on the Public Policy button for more details on this discussion and the next steps for NCABA.

At the business meeting your newly elected officers were also announced and are listed on our website, along with a link you can use to contact them by email. The Board welcomes Callie Plattner in the position of Vice President, Aleck Myers into the position of Member at Large, Sydney Batchelder into the position of

Student Representative, and Leigh Ann Strain into the position of Secretary. Deserving a special thank you and acknowledgement are Jamie Clary, Ruth Hurst, Fred Spooner, and Duke Schell who serve non-voting but essential functions for the NCABA Board. Jamie Clary serves as our NCABA Web Editor, Ruth Hurst will serve as our liaison to ABAI and other related groups, and Fred Spooner and Duke Schell will continue to serve as Senior NCABA Board Advisors. I want to sincerely thank board members Melanie Bachmeyer (Past President), Erica Brown (Member at Large) and Karla Durig (Student Representative) for all they have done to support and advance NCABA during their terms.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to Mike from High Impact Entertainment for bringing the fun and getting our attendees on the dance floor during the social. It was one of our best parties to date!

And finally, I would like to sincerely thank all of the members of the Executive Council who have worked tirelessly to support the endeavors of NCABA across the course of the past year, in addition to making the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference a successful event for everyone who attended. Without the dedication and support of each and every one of you, this conference would not have been possible. On behalf of the entire NCABA Executive Council, we hope to see all of you again next year for our extra special 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, held again in Winston-Salem!

~Whitney Luffman, Past-President

### Save the Date!

The NCABA 30th Annual Conference  
will be held in Twin City Quarter  
in Winston Salem, NC  
**February 20th – 22nd, 2019**

## News from our Affiliated Associations

### Association of Professional Behavior Analysts (APBA) - Conference Highlights

- 1) North Carolina's own Dr. Martin Ivancic served as a discussant for the invited symposium "Analyzing the Effects of Mediating Behaviors on the Emergence of Untaught Verbal Repertoires". We were proud to see him represent our state at a national level on such a relevant topic.
- 2) APBA has spent funds and countless hours on a CPT code project, which affects each clinician who has a practice funded through an insurance source. Following a recent meeting with the American Medical Association on the rational and the evidence to support the field of behavior analysis, 8 CPT codes have been modified and changed from Category III to Category I codes effective January 1, 2019. APBA has supported a huge step forward for our clinical practice and the recognition of our science world wide through this public policy effort.
- 3) NCABA board members, Callie Plattner and Kristi Toward attended the affiliates meeting at the APBA convention as representatives of NCABA. During this meeting, Callie joined Gina Green for a round table discussion on state licensure and Kristi joined a representative from ONTABA to discuss membership engagement.
- 4) APBA has assisted 30 states and 2 Canadian provinces to secure licensure for behavior analyst.
- 5) St. Louis is a beautiful city and we enjoyed a Cardinals baseball game with other behaviors analysts from Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee.
- 6) During the conference there were many opportunities to have fun with other behavior analysts including a Behavior Analyst Bingo night at a local restaurant and a round table luncheon. The Behavior Analyst Bingo was an evening of fellowship with other clinicians from across the country while enjoying trivia, winning prizes, and, of course, enjoying a well-deserved beer after a full day of learning. The round table luncheons were a chance to sit down with experts across a variety of topics and enjoy challenging and friendly conversation over a meal.
- 7) The BACB's CEO, Dr. James Carr, provided valuable information regarding the Behavior Analyst Certification Board. The update highlighted the growth of the BACB and those credentialed and the upcoming changes to the Experience Standards and Documentation. The changes and effective dates can be found by following link: <https://www.bacb.com/experience-standards-monthly-system/>
- 8) Come join APBA next year in Atlanta – April 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Conference	Location	Date
NCABA 3rd Annual Autism Conference	Raleigh, NC	July 27, 2018
Florida ABA Annual Conference (FABA)	Bonita Springs, FL	September 12–15, 2018
Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis	Amherst, MA	October 10–12, 2018
Southeastern Association for ABA Conference (SEABA)	Chattanooga, TN	October 25–27, 2018
South Carolina ABA Conference	Greenville, SC	November 5–6, 2018
Tennessee ABA Conference (TABA)	Nashville, TN	November 8–9, 2018
Georgia Association for ABA (GABA)	Athens, GA	November 30, December 1, 2018

## 2018 Award Recipients

**Fred S. Keller Excellence in Behavior Analysis Award**  
 Melanie Bachmeyer, University of North Carolina Wilmington

**Technical Utilization Award**  
 Christy Adams, Effective Interventions

**“Do Things” Award**  
 Callie Plattner, Access Family Services

**Student Scholarship Award**  
 Bruce Pate, East Carolina University

**Professional Poster Award**  
 Reem Muharib, University of North Carolina Charlotte  
*Evaluation of the Empirical Support of Functional Communication Training for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders*

**Graduate Student Poster Award**  
 Elizabeth Reyes, University of North Carolina Charlotte  
*Active Student Response Strategies in a Rural Second-Grade Classroom*

**Undergraduate Student Poster Award**  
 Melissa Chappell, University of North Carolina Wilmington  
*Descriptive Assessment of Physical Activity: A Comparison of Heart Rate and Observational Measures*

## NCABA Officials Elected in 2018

- **Callie Plattner**, *Access Family Services*, Vice President
- **Leigh Ann Strain**, *Effective Interventions*, Secretary
- **Aleck Myers**, *Autism Society of North Carolina*, Member at Large
- **Sydney Batchelder**, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, Student Representative

## Submit an Article for our Newsletter

~Have you had success with a technique?~  
 ~Have you had a well established technique fail?~  
 ~Do you have an idea that you want to share?~

The NCABA Executive Committee would like to include articles in the newsletter on varied topics related to behavior analysis and the practice of behavior analysis in North Carolina. Examples of appropriate topics are:

- innovative techniques
- case studies
- staff management/training/OBM issues
- legal and legislative issues (e.g., BCBAs in NC)
- theoretical topics
- educational applications
- getting certified (BCBA, BCaBA)
- helpful tips for practitioners
- descriptions or reviews of North Carolina programs utilizing behavior analysis
- reviews or applications of books or articles related to behavior analysis
- experimental analysis

The NCABA newsletter will typically be published quarterly in March, June, September and December. For your submission to be considered it should be received by the 15th of the month prior to the publication month. The NCABA Executive Committee reserves the right to accept, reject, or request revisions to any article submitted for the NCABA newsletter.

Articles should be in Word format and should be emailed to [help@nc-aba.com](mailto:help@nc-aba.com) as an attachment:  
[help@nc-aba.com](mailto:help@nc-aba.com)

### NCABA Membership & Conference Attendance

<i>Membership 2018</i>			
Full Members	Para-professional	Student	
<b>336</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>84</b>	
<i>Conference 2018</i>			
Full Member	Paraprofessional	Student	Non-Member
<b>250</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>5</b>

### NCABA Financial Report

Cash 01-01-17	\$49,167.65
2017 Income	\$56,179.38
2017 Expenses	\$43,757.10
2017 EOY Total	\$61,589.93
Balance May 31, 2018	\$72,537.21