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North Carolina Association for Behavior Analysis

33rd Annual NCABA Conference Announcement

Thank you to the members who responded to our survey regarding our 2022 Annual Conference. We received almost 250 responses with helpful feedback to guide our conference planning. Based on the feedback at this time, we are planning to move forward with our in-person Annual Conference in February and will evaluate the possibility of adding a hybrid option to view remotely as we get closer to the conference. In order to safely hold our conference in-person, we will be requiring proof of vaccination or negative COVID test within 3 days of the conference, mandatory mask usage at all times when not eating or drinking, spaced seating options, increased cleaning of high-surface areas throughout the event, and sanitization stations located throughout the venue. These safety measures will be implemented as a minimum and we will continue to evaluate if other precautionary measures are needed as we move closer to the event.

We are currently planning the 33rd Annual NCABA Conference February 23-25, 2022 in Winston-Salem, NC at the Benton Convention Center. The location is steps away from both the Marriott and the Embassy Suites as well as many dining options in downtown Winston-Salem. We're honored to be hosting an exciting lineup of speakers, including invited speakers: Camille Kolu (Cusp Emergence), Cynthia Anderson (May Institute), Nicole Gravina (University of FL), Tom Cariveau (UNC-W), Caio Miguel (California State University, Sacramento), Carol Pilgrim (UNC-W), Shahla Alai (University of North Texas), and Danielle LaFrance (California State University, Sacramento). Pre-conference workshops will be held on Wednesday morning with presentations provided by Nicole Gravina and Camille Kolu. Post-conference workshops will be held on Friday afternoon with a presentation by Caio Miguel and a presentation by Shahla Alai and Malika Pritchett. BACB and NCPA CEs are being sought for the various invited, concurrent, and workshop presentations. Conference registration will be opening in December and we ask for our members to register early to help us with conference planning. In the meantime, secure your special NCABA hotel rate using the links below. Reservations can be canceled with no penalty up to 72 hours prior to the day of arrival.

Mark your calendars and reserve your rooms for a conference you won't want to miss! We have missed seeing you all and appreciate all of the ongoing support as we navigate this uncertain time!

~ Monique Baker, President

Autism Conference Summary

The NCABA Executive Committee would like to thank the membership for supporting and attending our 6th Annual Autism Conference, held virtually on July 31, 2021. The conference began with Cassi Breaux's thought-provoking workshop *Building an Assent-Based Culture: Applications in Practice and Management*. After lunch, we had two invited addresses from Dr. Daphne Hartzheim (*Interprofessional Practice in the Treatment of Non-vocal Individuals Who Use a High-Tech Communication System*) and Dr. Leslie Neely (*Technology Can Make Us More Human? The Case for Integrated Tech in ABA*), followed by an invited symposium with Mary Rosswurm, Michele Trivedi, and Lorri Unumb where the parent experience of raising a child with autism was discussed (*What You Think You Know, but Don't Know About Being an Autism Parent*). We had just over 100 attendees, making the event a great success! Thank you again to our six sponsors who helped fund the event and to all of our members for your continued support.

~ Shanun Kunnavatana, President Elect

Submit your Proposal to Present a Paper or Poster at the NCABA Annual Conference

Share your work with others at our annual conference by presenting a paper in a one hour session Thursday morning or by presenting the information in poster form at our poster session on the first evening of the conference. Monetary awards are given for Best Undergraduate Student Poster, Best Graduate Student Poster, and Best Professional Poster. The deadline for paper submissions is **December 1st, 2021** and the deadline for poster submissions is **January 7th, 2022**. You can submit your proposal online now by [clicking on this link](#). We encourage you to submit your proposal early.

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NCABA 2021 Elected Officials

- **President**
Monique Baker
- **Past President**
Callie Plattner
- **President Elect**
Shanun Kunnavatana
- **Vice President**
Nina Deese
- **Secretary**
Leigh Ann Strain
- **Treasurer**
Nancy Poteet
- **Members-at-Large**
Jacqueline Hamilton,
Sarah Pope
- **Student Representative**
Alaina Swick

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Public & Professional Relations Committee

February 2021 Behavior analyst licensure companion bills were filed in the House (H91) and Senate (S103).

May 2021 S103 was signed into law by Governor Cooper.

August/September 2021 Governor, Senate, and House licensure board appointees were made.
The following individuals have been appointed to the NC Behavior Analyst Licensure Board:

Yashira Cangas	Public Member
TBD	BCaBA
Audrey Shen	BCBA
Spencer Ramsey	BCBA
Selene Johnson	BCBA

FAQs:

Q: When will the NC Behavior Analyst Licensure Board be formed?

A: Governor, Senate, and House licensure board appointees were made in August/September 2021.

Q: When will I be able to apply for my license?

A: The NC Behavior Analyst Licensure Board is currently working on developing the rules, regulations, and processes for licensure. We will update you as soon as we have more information.

Q: Now that the licensure law has passed, can BCBAs practice independently?

A: The [NC Psychology Board](#) states that “Behavior analysis is included in the definition of the practice of psychology, pursuant to NC Gen. Stat. Sec. 90-270.2(8). In order to practice psychology in North Carolina, including behavior analysis, one must be licensed by the NC Psychology Board, unless one is exempt from licensure pursuant to NC Gen. Stat. Sec. 90-270.4.”

Thus, until/unless individuals have a NC license to practice behavior analysis, they may be subject to investigation by the NC Psychology Board if they are not working under the supervision of a LP/LPA.

Q: Where can I learn more about the NC behavior analyst licensure law?

A: Full text of the licensure law can be found by [clicking on this link](#).

Q: Whom should I contact if I have additional questions?

A: You may contact [Selene Johnson](#), NCABA’s community liaison, who is also a member of the NC Behavior Analyst Licensure Board.

Member Spotlight: Former NCABA Student Representative Sydney Batchelder First to Graduate with PhD in Psychology from UNC-Wilmington

To hear more about Dr. Batchelder’s PhD pursuit, please [click here to view a short video](#).

Student Corner

- ◆ Student members can get involved in a number of ways:
 - Student Representative: run for the position of student representative and serve on the NCABA Executive Council. It is a one year term and a great way to make an impact.
 - Student Symposium: submit a proposal to present your research in the student symposium. If accepted you would provide a 15-20 minute presentation of your work along with other students. It is a great opportunity to network with other students, receive feedback from experts in the field, and interact with leaders in ABA in North Carolina.
 - Poster Session: submit a proposal and present your research during the poster session. Two \$50 awards will be given out, one for the best graduate poster and one for the best undergraduate poster.

- ◆ Interested in attending the conference but have concerns about the costs? Consider one of the following options:
 - Student Scholarship Award: The winner will receive \$100. In addition, the conference fee the following year is waived. Candidates need to have advanced coursework and practical experience in behavior analysis and need to be nominated by a faculty member or internship supervisor by January 7th.
 - Volunteer at the Conference: NCABA will be waiving the registration fees for the first 20 student members who volunteer to work one hour during the conference. If you are a student member then plan to register as soon as registration opens in December and select the volunteer option.

Conference Hotel Information

***Make your reservations by January 25th, 2022 to assure you receive NCABA Rates!**

You have your choice of two hotels that are connected by an enclosed walkway.
All conference sessions except for the social are located in the Marriott.

Embassy Suites

Make yourself at home in our newly renovated hotel in Winston-Salem, NC in a spacious suite with private bedroom & separate living room. Amenities include breakfast, happy hour, flat-screen TV, Wi-Fi internet access, refrigerator, microwave, coffeemaker & a well-lit dining/work table.

\$159.00 per night

460 North Cherry Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Make reservations online at the group rate by
[clicking here to visit their website.](#)

Or call for reservations
and ask for the NCABA group rate.
(Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm)
Toll Free: 1-800-4HONORS

Marriott

Enjoy the new Marriott Revive Beds with 300-count linens, fluffier pillows and down comforters, complimentary high-speed internet access in all guest rooms. Luxurious amenities that create a comfortable stay. Flat-screen TV in all guest rooms. Free parking included!

\$164.00 per night

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Award Nominations Sought

At each annual conference awards are given to recognize individuals who have demonstrated outstanding work in the field of behavior analysis. If you know of someone like this, please take time to nominate them for one of the three awards described below. Nominations received online by **January 7th** will be considered by the NCABA Executive Council as they determine the award winners. [Click here to go directly to award nomination form.](#)

~Fred Keller Excellence in Behavior Analysis Award~

Given to 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~

Given to a person who has not been formerly trained in behavior analysis, but who has excelled at applying behavioral technology in their work. To qualify, the candidate must not have received formal, graduate level training in behavior analysis. The recipient of this award will receive complimentary conference registration to the next annual conference and a \$100.00 stipend toward conference expenses.

~Student Scholarship Award~

Given to a student who has excelled in their advanced course work and who has demonstrated excellent behavior analytic skills in their 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. The recipient of this award will receive complimentary conference registration to the next annual conference and a \$100.00 stipend toward conference expenses.

Join the NCABA Executive Board

NCABA is seeking nominations for people interested in serving on the Executive Committee. Nominations are being sought for the following positions:

**Vice President
Secretary
Member at Large
Student Representative**

You will find a full description for each of the positions and the form to nominate someone willing to serve [by clicking here](#). Nominations must be received by **January 7th** in order for the person to run for office.

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 Council 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., BCBA's 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 Council 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 as an attachment.