

NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

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**North Carolina Association for Behavior Analysis
7th Annual Autism Conference
Save the Date!**

Friday, August 12, 2022

We are very excited to announce our 7th Annual NCABA Autism Conference to be held virtually on August, 12, 2022. This year, we will be offering a 3-hour workshop in the morning and will have three consecutive presentations in the afternoon. Speakers and presenters are yet to be confirmed but topics this year will include sexuality and autism as well as topics focused around cultural competence and improving supervision practices.

Registration for this conference will include full day access to all events for only \$75. Registration will be open early-July once the agenda has been finalized. Stay tuned to our website and social media pages for more information to come. We look forward to sharing the day with you and learning together!

-Nina Deese, President Elect



**Submit your Proposal to Present a Paper or Poster
at the NCABA 2023 Annual Conference**

Share your work with others at our annual conference by presenting a paper in a one hour session 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, 2023 and the deadline for poster submissions is January 7th, 2022. You can submit your proposal online now by clicking on this [NCABA](#). We encourage you to submit your proposal early.



**We are excited to announce the 34th Annual NCABA Conference in
Winston-Salem.**

Our hope is to finally be able to gather again in person!

The Conference will be held *February 22nd – 24th 2023*

We look forward to bringing you an inspiring line up of invited speakers and workshops.

NCABA 2023 Annual Conference Hotel Booking

Winston-Salem Marriott for \$169 USD per night

Start Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2023

End Date: Friday, February 24, 2023

Last Day to Book: Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Book your group rate for NC Association for Behavior Analysis

Awards 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 complete the [Nomination Form](#) for one of the awards described below.

2022 Award Recipients:

~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.

2022 Award Recipient:

Mark Galizio

~~Lifetime Achievement Award~

2022 Award Recipient:

Carol Pilgrim

~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

2022 Award Recipient:

Sarah Teague

~~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.

2022 Award Recipient:

Carly Hodges

~~Do Things Award~

2022 Award Recipient:

Selene Johnson

Submit an Article for the NCABA 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.

Meet your new 2022 NCABA Board Members

My name is **Haja Jallow-Konrat**, I currently live in Fayetteville NC and I have been a BCBA since 2013. I am the owner and Director of ABA at Caring Hearts Behavioral Services LLC where we provide ABA to individuals on the spectrum. Our focus is on military families, but we are open to providing services to non military families as well. I was recently elected as *Vice President* of the NCABA and I am excited to learn from those who have been on the board, and hopefully be able to make lasting change. Some of my interests outside of ABA are my family, I am fortunate to have my mom and sister here in Fayetteville.

Hello, my name is **Liz Thuman**. I currently attend the University of North Carolina Wilmington as a third-year PhD student under the mentorship of Chris Hughes. My primary areas of research includes the experimental analysis of punishment, in particular the mechanisms underlying the effects of timeout from positive reinforcement and contingent work procedures. I have additional research interests in supervision practices, as well as resurgence of academic responding. Clinically, I am interested in the assessment and treatment of severe challenging behavior in pediatric populations. I was recently elected *Student Board Representative* of NCABA, and in this role I hope to learn about the business affairs of conference planning from new and returning board members. One goal of mine as the Student Rep is to increase student involvement and attendance at the upcoming annual conference. Outside of ABA, I enjoy spending time at the beach, listening to live music, and exploring new places.

Hello My name is **Janis Krempa**. I have been a BCBA since 2003 and currently live in Raleigh. I was recently elected to NCABA as Member-At-Large. In this role, I am looking forward to becoming more active in the NCABA events and having the opportunity to get to know other board members, other NCABA members, and other members of the ABA community. One of the things I am most looking forward to in this role is learning more about ABA in North Carolina and advocating for more access to quality services. Clinically, I am interested in supervision, strengthening parent-clinician partnerships, and professional development for recently certified BCBA's. Outside of ABA, I enjoy being outdoors (just ask my family- I'm known for saying "Let's go outside" more than once a day!) and learning calligraphy.

33rd Annual Conference February 24-25 2022

Conference Summary



On behalf of the NCABA Executive Council, I would like to thank our attendees, speakers and membership for supporting our 33rd Annual Conference which was held virtually on February 24-25th, 2022. Moving to a virtual conference was a difficult decision and we are grateful that our membership demonstrated overwhelming support.

We had over 400 registered attendees who had the opportunity to learn from invited speakers who presented on a variety of topics. We appreciated our speaker's willingness to shift to a virtual format and provide our members with such valuable information such as a trauma-informed behavioral support (Camille Kolu, PhD, BCBA-D, Cusp Emergence), discourse and radical behaviorism (Carol Pilgrim, PhD, University of North Carolina-Wilmington), feasibility research (Cynthia Anderson, PhD, BCBA-D, May Institute), assessing challenging behavior (Shanun Kunnavatana, PhD, BCBA-D, Easterseals UCP of NC and VA), quality feedback in supervision (Nicole Gravina, PhD, BCBA-D (University of Florida), programming for generativity (Danielle LaFrance, PhD, BCBA-D (West for Elemy), contingencies of joy (Shahla Alai-Rosales, PhD, BCBA-D, LBA (University of North Texas), and motivating operations (Caio Miguel, PhD, BCBA-D (California State University, Sacramento).

We thank each and every one of you for your attendance at the 33rd Annual Virtual Conference. Because of your continued support, our speakers were able to deliver meaningful content and promote research within the field of behavior analysis. Our speakers did an outstanding job of delivering meaningful and important content to our attendees. NCABA was able to offer both NCPA and BACB continuing education credits, including supervision and ethics credits. Up to 12 BACB credits were available to participants (inclusive of 4 ethics credits and 3 supervision credits) as well as up to 12 NCPA credits (inclusive of 4 ethics credits). A total of 414 registrants participated in the 2022 conference. This was an increase of more than 100 additional participants than our 2021 virtual conference which included 311 registrants. NCABA was thrilled with the high level of participation and attendance given that the conference was being held virtually.

During the opening of our conference awards were presented to several well-deserving individuals. Selene Johnson (ABC of NC) was awarded the NCABA "Do Things" Award; Mark Galizio (University of North Carolina Wilmington) was awarded the Fred Keller Excellence in Behavior Analysis Award; Carly Hodges (Little Steps, Big Leaps) received the Technical Utilization Award, and Sarah Teague (Complete ABA) received the Student Scholarship Award. Dr. Carol Pilgrim was also honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

The NCABA Student Representative, Alaina Swick (University of North Carolina Charlotte), organized an excellent student symposium for this year's conference, including presentations by Sarah Hayes (East Carolina University), Amber Flannigan (East Carolina University), Melissa Tapp (University of North Carolina Charlotte), Janet Sanchez Enriquez (University of North Carolina Charlotte), and Alanna Ferguson (University of North Carolina Wilmington).

Despite the virtual nature of this year's conference, this year's annual business meeting was well-attended. The status of licensure for behavior analysts in North Carolina was discussed, with a presentation made by Selene Johnson, who chairs the North Carolina Licensure Board. The newly elected officers were announced and are listed on our website, along with a link that members can use to contact them by email. The Board welcomes Haja Jallow in the position of Vice President, Janis Krempa in the position of Member at Large, and Elizabeth Thuman into the position of Student Representative. Leigh Ann Strain was re-elected into the position of Secretary.

Deserving a special thank you and acknowledgement are Jamie Clary, Ruth Hurst, Fred Spooner, Duke Schell, Selene Johnson and Sarah Pope who serve non-voting but essential functions for the NCABA Board. Jamie Clary serves as our NCABA Web Editor, Ruth Hurst serves as our liaison to NCPA, Sarah Pope serves as our ABAL liaison and ACE Coordinator, Selene Johnson serve as our Community Liaison, and Fred Spooner and Duke Schell serve as Senior NCABA Board Advisors. We want to sincerely thank out-going board members Callie Plattner (Past President) and Jacqueline Hamilton for all they have done to support and advance NCABA during their terms.

On behalf of the entire NCABA Executive Council, thank you and we look forward to seeing you in person at our 34th Annual Conference in Winston-Salem!

Monique Baker, Past-President

Spotlight:

Liz Thuman, NCABA Student Representative for her recent publication:

Irwin Helvey, C., Thuman, E. & Cariveau, T. (2022). Recommended Practices for Individual Supervision: Considerations for the Behavior-Analytic Trainee. *Behavior Analysis in Practice*, 15, 370–381. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40617-021-00557-9>

NCABA Special Announcement:

*NCABA is excited to offer a new **Technician Scholarship** to help those providing direct ABA services attend the NCABA Annual Autism Conference.*

This year we will be awarding **FIVE** scholarships. Scholarships consist of waived registration fees and \$100 to assist with potential loss of wages that may be incurred as a result of attending the conference.

In order to qualify, you must provide direct ABA services (not at a professional level), be an active member of NCABA, and complete the [application](#).

Applications are due by July 20th and recipients will be notified by August 1st. We look forward to having you join us at the Annual Autism Conference in August!!