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NCABA Autism Conference summary

The NCABA 8th Annual Autism Conference was well attended. We had a workshop by Dr. Bridget Taylor on Bridging the gap: Fostering collaboration to enhance parent engagement in ABA-based parent training, and three presentations. Ashton Benedickt presented on Unmasking the Autism Mask: An Intersectional Firsthand Account of "Autistic Masking" and its Broader Implications, Tamara Kasper presented TEACH-PLAY-SAY: Improve Assent, Social Engagement and Verbal Behavior Via Social Play Chains, and Dr. Craig Kennedy presented Behavior Analysis of Sleep and Sleep Deprivation in People with ASD. Attendees were able to get up to 6 CEs. Attendees ordered snack boxes from Snack Magic upon registration.

We are thankful to our amazing sponsors, Mosiac Pediatric Therapy, ABS Kids, and the Carolina Center for ABA.

*Thank you,
Haja Jallow-Konrat, M.S., BCBA, LBA
President Elect*



North Carolina Association For Behavior Analysis 2023 Elected Board Members

President-
Nina Deese

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Shanun Kunnavatana

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Jacqueline Hamilton

Secretary- Leigh Ann
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Poteet

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Lauren Broadwell
Janis Krempa

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Kayla Jefferson

NCABA Annual Conference- February 2024!

Happy Fall NCABA Members! We are currently planning the 35th Annual NCABA Conference for February 21-23, 2024 in Winston-Salem 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:

- Jim Carr
- Jon Bailey
- Meg Heinicke
- Marta "Tiki" Fiol
- Christopher Newland
- Shanna Bahry
- Elizabeth Fong
- Tara Fahmie
- Maranda Trahan

Pre- and post-conference workshops will be available for purchase again this year. BACB and NCPA CEs will be offered for various invited, concurrent, and workshop presentations. Call for papers is currently open; submit your proposals here: [NCABA Call for Papers](#).

Conference registration will be opening in early December. Be sure to follow us on Facebook so you can stay up-to-date on all conference announcements.

Additional conference events will include a poster session and the exciting annual NCABA social with a photo booth, drinks and food, and DJ Mike! In the meantime, secure your NCABA hotel rate as both room blocks are open at [Marriott](#) and [Embassy Suites](#). Mark your calendars and reserve your rooms for a conference you won't want to miss!

Nina Deese, MS, BCBA, LBA President, NCABA

*Please refer to final pages of newsletter for additional conference information and hotel links

NCABA welcomes the creation of NCBALB

For years, North Carolina was the only state in which Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) were required to practice under the supervision of a Licensed Psychologist. In May 2021, after more than a decade of advocacy, Governor Roy Cooper, signed the Behavior Analyst Licensure Bill (SB103) into law, establishing the first North Carolina Behavior Analyst Licensure Board. The North Carolina Behavior Analyst Licensure Board (NCBALB) issues professional licenses for the practice of behavior analysis in the State of North Carolina.

NCBALB Mission

The North Carolina Behavior Analyst Licensure Board issues professional licenses for the practice of behavior analysis in the State of NC. The Board sets the standard for ABA licensure; it serves to protect the public from the practice of behavior analysis by unqualified persons, and sanctions unprofessional conduct by persons licensed to practice behavior analysis in the state. For more information, please visit:

[North Carolina Behavior Analysis Licensing Board](https://www.nc-aba.com/)

Visit us at:

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

Join or renew your *NCABA membership* today!

NCABA Spotlight

The North Carolina community would like to come together in recognition and appreciation of 3 NCABA members who have contributed tremendously in expertise, perseverance and advocacy to bring about licensure for Behavior Analyst in North Carolina. The North Carolina Behavior Analyst Licensing Board is the culmination of their dedicated work over many years and tireless efforts to preserve the integrity of applied behavior analysis in the state of North Carolina. With great appreciation, NCABA would like to recognize the integral contributions of:

Monique Baker

Selene Johnson

Callie Plattner

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.

Submit your nomination NOW for one of the NCABA Executive Committee positions that will be opening following the NCABA Annual Conference in 2024.

In order to nominate someone for a board position you must first discuss the general requirements and duties (found at [NCABA Executive Council](#)) of the position with the nominee and they must agree to fulfill all obligations. You can also choose to nominate yourself if you are willing to fulfill all obligations. To submit your nomination you will need to complete the form at the bottom of this page prior to the revised deadline of **January 5th**. **Nominations submitted after 11:59 PM on January 5th will not be considered.**

[Executive Council Nomination Submission Form](#)

Open Council Positions:

1. Vice President
2. Secretary
3. Member at Large
4. Student Representative



Dr. Ivancic accepting the
NCABA Life Time Achievement Award
with his daughter, Alison Ivancic.

NCABA presents the 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Martin Ivancic

Dr. Ivancic has had a lifelong commitment to behavior analysis and the impact that it can have on peoples' lives. This commitment was sparked by some outstanding early mentors including Jack Michael, Brian Iwata, Jerry Shook, Denny Reid and Jon Bailey.

Martin has served NCABA in many roles including Member at Large 1991-1992, and President 1994-1995, and he has been the recipient of NCABA Awards including the Fred Keller Excellence in Behavior Analysis Award in 1998, and the Do Things Award in 2010.

Over 32 years as a Senior Psychologist at Western Carolina Center, later renamed the J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center, Martin was involved in mentoring interns and staff often reminding us of the value of behavior analysis and the importance of our conceptual roots in the dimensions of Applied Behavior Analysis.

Martin has published 19 research articles or chapters including work on skill training, staff management, reinforcer assessment, and happiness. He has participated with students and co-workers in over 200 data presentations addressing the clinical issues and emphasizing life-quality for people with profound, multiple handicaps. Many of those data presentations were made at NCABA conferences and Martin and his colleagues received many awards for their outstanding posters.

Martin retired from the Center in November, 2022, but he continues to provide supervision and mentorship to psychology staff at the Center pursuing their certification in behavior analysis. In addition he provides professional consultation to individuals and state agencies advocating for the use of behavior analysis to improve the lives of people with developmental and mental health disorders and the value of behavior analysis for those seeking help and the many staff that serve them.

Student Corner

- **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 \$100 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 \$200. 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 7, 2024.
 - **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, plan to register as soon as registration opens in December and select the volunteer option.
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2023 NCABA Autism Conference Award Winners

Congratulations to the recipients of the NCABA Tech Scholarship Awards:

Whitney Chamblee

Thomas Nelson

Lainey Harrison

Simone Stoval

Award nominations currently being sought for
2024 NCABA ABA Conference:

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

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 upcoming annual conference and a \$200.00 stipend toward conference expenses.

Student Award

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 practical experience in the field. 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 the application of behavior analysis in North Carolina. The recipient of this award will receive complimentary conference registration to the upcoming annual conference and a \$200.00 stipend toward conference expenses.

[NCABA Award Nomination Form](#)

*****Deadline for award nominations is Jan 5***

ABA you may not know:

Across the fields of ABA and education, we honor excellence in behavior analysis and teaching with the Fred S. Keller Award. Who was Fred Keller?

Fred Keller was an American psychologist and a pioneer in experimental psychology. The Personalized System of Instruction, also known as The Keller Plan, is an individually paced, mastery-oriented teaching method that has had a significant impact on the college-level science education system. Dr. Keller first put his Personalized System of Instruction to use in 1964 while helping to organize the psychology department at Universities. His plan divided courses into units that students master at their own pace with the help of tutors. The system found acceptance at some American colleges. However, it was met with resistance from teachers and did not fully replace the classic lecture system.

Dr. Keller, a classmate and early associate of B. F. Skinner, the behaviorist, is also remembered for the so-called code-voice method of teaching the Morse code in the armed forces. Serving as a member of the wartime Office of Scientific Research and Development, he applied conditioned reflex and the reinforcement theory as developed by Ivan Pavlov, John B. Watson, and Dr. Skinner, among others. Army radio operators and others needing to know Morse code were trained by listening to a signal and writing down the equivalent letter. The instructor then announced the letter or number that had been signaled so the trainee could correct himself on the spot. This went on until he got all 100 signals right. The method speeded training by about a third and came to be widely used

In 1949, he and a colleague, William N. Schoenfeld, introduced an undergraduate psychology course teaching the basics of learning by testing and manipulating the responses and habits of one white rat. That addition to the curriculum made Columbia the first university in the world where undergraduates conducted experiments with living animals from the start to finish of the course.

Fred Simmons Keller (January 2, 1899 – February 2, 1996, Chapel Hill, NC)

ABA In Surprising Settings:

Criminal Justice and Corrections

ABA in forensic behavior analysis, the ABCs echo differential association—a key theory of criminology that acknowledges the influence of outside forces, such as mental health and drug use, on criminal behavior. In a corrections setting, ABA and criminology theorists work hand in hand to help former offenders “unlearn” maladaptive behaviors, often through a mix of encouragement and reinforcement. The goal of this application is to prevent released prisoners from being arrested over the next five years and help them find a more supportive/constructive place in society.

With this factor in mind, the criminal justice system and rehabilitation industry employ ABA principles on multiple levels, including

- the token economies and reward systems in prisons
- drug and alcohol treatment
- rehabilitation programs to identify triggers of criminal behavior
- reducing juvenile offender recidivism rates
- writing public policies that effectively reduce crime



Dr. Brian A. Iwata passed away at his home on October 7, 2023, surrounded by his family. He will be remembered as an outstanding researcher and beloved instructor and mentor. He was undisputedly one of the most influential scholars, teachers, and clinicians in behavior analysis since the inception of the field. Dr. Iwata received his Ph.D. in clinical/school psychology from Florida State University, under the mentorship of Dr. Jon Bailey.

ABAI Remembers Dr. Brian Iwata

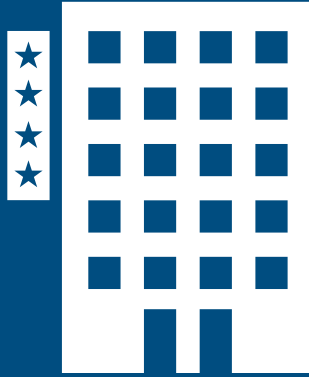


ABA Quote of the Day:

“A failure is not always a mistake, it may simply be the best one can do under the circumstances.

The real mistake is to stop trying.”

- B.F. Skinner



NCABA Conference Hotel Information

Make your reservations by January 23rd, 2024 to secure your NCABA rates!

Marriott

Enjoy the new Marriott Revive Beds with 300-count linens, fluffier pillows and down comforters, and 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 is included!

Standard Room \$174.00/night

425 North Cherry Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

[Make Marriott Reservation HERE](#)

Or call for reservations:
1-877-888-9762
(Monday-Friday, 8 am-5 pm)

Embassy Suites

Make yourself at home in our newly renovated hotel in Winston-Salem, NC. Spacious suites with private bedrooms and separate living rooms are available. Amenities include breakfast, happy hour, flat screen TV, Wi-Fi internet access, and a well-lit dining/work table.

Standard Room \$188.00/night

460 North Cherry Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

[Make Embassy Suites reservations HERE](#)

Or call for reservations:
1-800-4HONORS
(Monday-Friday, 8 am-5 pm)



2024 NCABA Annual Conference Sponsorship Opportunities

NCABA is a non-profit organization that relies on sponsorships to enable the dissemination of impactful information at an affordable cost to its members. Please consider sponsoring the 35th Annual NCABA Conference to promote your organization to our membership.

All sponsorship opportunities include:

- A special thank you and recognition during the conference.
- Special recognition on NCABA social media, conference-related emails, and digital registration packets.
- A one-page electronic company advertisement in the digital registration packet.

Sponsorship Registration link coming soon!

Sponsorship Type	Cost	Spots Available
Pre- Conference Workshop	\$250	1
Post Conference Workshop	\$500	1
Coffee and Tea	\$500	3
Break Sponsor	\$1500	4
Post Session	\$1500	1
Social Entertainment	\$1500	1
Social Drink Sponsor	\$3000	1
Social Food Sponsor	\$3000	1

Additional opportunities to connect with NCABA’s growing membership is include hosting an exhibitor table. Organizations can host a booth for all three days of the conference (\$600) or just one day (\$300). Reserve your booth today to guarantee the best space. *The deadline to register as an exhibitor is January 26, 2024.*

As an exhibitor, your company will:

- *Receive two (2) exhibitor only passes (Note: Conference registration is not included).*
- Be highlighted in the digital registration packet along with a one-page company description.
- Provided with a 4’X8’ table (clothed and skirted) and two (2) chairs
- Provided access to electrical outlets and WiFi.



NCABA Partnership Calendar Notes:

Association for Behavior Analysis International - ABAI

- The 18th Annual Autism Conference will be March 18-20, 2024 in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- The 50th Annual Convention will be May 23-27, 2024 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania—remember to make
- Submissions for the 2024 convention. Call for submissions is now open!
- The Theory & Philosophy Conference will be October 28-29, 2024 in Chicago, Illinois.

Association for the Profession of Behavior Analysis

- 2024 Convention in New Orleans, held March 8 - 9, 2024