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BACB Events at the ABAI Convention

The BACB will again be actively involved in this year's annual convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis International. Below is a list of events that may be of interest to BACB certificants. We hope you will attend some of these events and stop by the exhibit booth to say hello during the convention.

Saturday (May 26)

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7:00 PM - 7:50 PM

4C-1 (Convention Center)

Behavior Analyst Certification Board: University Contact Faculty (for faculty members)

Chair: James E. Carr (Behavior Analyst Certification Board)

Type 5 CEUs available through the BACB

Sunday (May 27)

110

8:00 AM - 8:50 AM

4C-1 (Convention Center)

Behavior Analyst Certification Board: Introduction and Application

Chair: Christine L. Ratcliff (Behavior Analyst Certification Board)

248

6:00 PM - 6:50 PM

612 (Convention Center)

Behavior Analyst Certification Board: Status and New Developments (our general update)

Chair: James E. Carr (Behavior Analyst Certification Board)

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9:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Ballard (Sheraton)

Reception in Honor of Jerry Shook

Chair: James E. Carr (Behavior Analyst Certification Board)



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Monday (May 28)

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6:00 PM - 6:50 PM

603 (Convention Center)

Behavior Analyst Certification Board: International Certification Development

Chair: Neil T. Martin (European Association for Behaviour Analysis)

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Do You Subscribe to Behavior Analysis Journals?

Practicing behavior analysts have numerous ethical and historical obligations to stay in contact with the research literature. For example, the BACB *Guidelines for Responsible Conduct* states that behavior analysts must base professional decisions on the literature (1.01-Reliance on Scientific Knowledge; 2.10-Treatment Efficacy) and maintain competence by making contact with the literature (1.03-Professional Development). In addition, ABAI's position statements on [The Right to Effective Behavioral Treatment](#) and [The Right to Effective Education](#) state that consumers who receive behavior-analytic therapeutic and educational services are entitled to programs that are based on empirical evidence. Many practitioners receive guidance about effective treatments

through conferences and workshops. However, there is no substitute for direct contact with the published literature.

Although maintaining access to the published literature can be difficult after university training has ended (see [Carr & Briggs, 2010](#)), targeted journal subscriptions are a low-effort way to stay informed about contemporary research. If you have not already done so, you might consider subscribing to *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis* and *Behavior Analysis in Practice*. These journals are relatively inexpensive and routinely publish articles relevant to the practice of applied behavior analysis.

Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis Website

Mission: the original publication of reports of experimental research involving applications of the experimental analysis of behavior to problems of social importance

Individual Subscription: \$40 US per year





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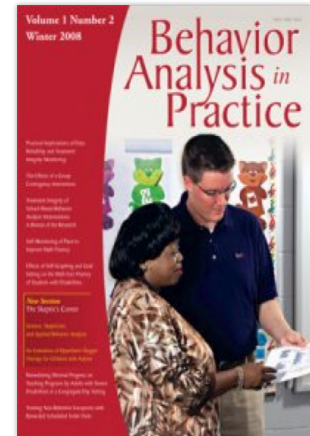
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Do You Subscribe to Behavior Analysis Journals? *cont'd*

Behavior Analysis in Practice [Website](#)

Mission: to promote empirically validated best practices in an accessible format that describes not only what works, but also the challenges of implementation in practical settings

Individual Subscription: \$50 US per year



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Changes to the Certificant Registry

Please be informed that, effective immediately, the BACB Newsletter will be emailed to all certificants. Certificants may no longer opt out of receiving the newsletters because they represent the primary method for informing certificants about changes to BACB rules and standards. In addition, all certificants will now appear in the online [Certificant Registry](#). With over 10,000 certificants, and with rapidly increasing inquiries from regulators, third-

party payors, and consumers, the registry has increasingly become an important resource to the community. Despite these two changes, certificants will still have the ability to disable email contact through the registry and opt out of receiving mass emails from third parties about training, educational, job, and research opportunities. We encourage all certificants to review their Information Release settings at the [Certificant Gateway](#).

Board of Directors Update

We are pleased to announce the results of our spring Board of Directors election. Jane Howard and Debora Harris each were elected to serve an additional three-year term and Eric Larsson will begin serving a three-year term as a new director. We extend our congratulations to the newly elected directors and offer our thanks to all of the candidates for running. We also wish to thank all of the certificants who nominated candidates and who voted in this important election.

We are pleased to announce that Barbara Byers (Ann Arbor, MI) has been appointed to serve a three-year term as the Board's new Consumer Representative. Welcome, Barbara!

We wish to sincerely thank our Consumer Representative, Jennica Nill, for her seven years of dedicated service to the Board of Directors. Jennica brought an important consumer-level perspective to numerous BACB decisions and her contributions will be missed. Thank you, Jennica!

Finally, we must sadly say goodbye to Judy Favell, as her second three-year term on the Board expires. Judy has served as the Board's President for the past 5 years, during which time she was instrumental in shaping the BACB's tremendous growth and managing its first CEO transition. We extend our sincerest thanks to Judy for her contributions to the BACB. We'll miss you, Judy.



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The 2012 Michael Hemingway Behavior Analysis Award

This award is given in tribute to the late Michael Hemingway who played a central role in the development of behavior analyst certification in Florida before serving as a founding director of the BACB. Michael's courage and commitment to the profession of behavior analysis and certification are reflected in the behavior of the individual who receives this award.

We are proud to announce that the 2012 recipient of the Hemingway Award is the late Dr. Jerry Shook, our founding CEO. Jerry's longstanding efforts to develop and disseminate quality behavior analysis credentials are unparalleled. The size and impact of today's BACB certification programs are testaments to Jerry's vision and hard work. Thank you, Jerry. We miss you!

A Reminder about Continuing Education Content

The content of Type 2 continuing education (CE) events can address any aspect of behavior-analytic theory, methods, and/or practice. However, because these events are to provide continuing education and professional development for certified individuals, the content and level of instruction must go beyond what is required to become certified. Type 2 CE events should not simply cover

material from the BACB Task List and the coursework required to sit for the certification exam, because all BCBA's and BCaBA's should already have those basic competencies in their repertoires. Instruction should be presented at a level of difficulty that is appropriate for certificants who already have degrees and have completed some coursework in behavior analysis.

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