

<b>Session Number</b>	<b>Presenter(s) and Title</b>	<b>Session Description</b> <i>As made available from the presenter(s). Updated May 18, 2017.</i>
		<b>Monday, July 31, 2017: Morning General Sessions</b>
1	Mike Miklos and Angela Kirby-Wehr <b>Conference Welcome and Pennsylvania Updates</b>	Conference Welcome: This presentation will welcome participants to the conference and provide a quick update on Pennsylvania efforts in the education efforts of students with Autism. There will be a special musical presentation by Pennsylvania Teacher, Aja Weston.
2	Vince Carbone <b>Opening Keynote: The Role of Behavior Analysis in Special Education for Autism Programs</b>	Description forthcoming
3	David Mandell <b>Autism Research Updates 2017: The Shifting Sands of Autism Policy and Policy Research</b>	For the past 50 years, the US and State legislatures have enacted legislation that has transformed the service landscape for people with autism and other disabilities. Only recently, however, has research examined the impact of these policies on people with autism and their families. This presentation will summarize research that examines the effects of some of those policies, including autism insurance mandates, Medicaid policies, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The presentation also will include a discussion of the particular importance of this research in the current political climate and future directions for policy and services research in health care and education.
		<b>Monday, July 31, 2017: Afternoon Breakout Sessions, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.</b>
4	Mike Miklos <b>Introduction to the Conference and Applied Behavior Analysis</b>	Presentation will include a brief overview of evidence-based interventions for students with autism. Since most of that evidence suggests the importance of applied behavior analysis (ABA) in guiding interventions for individuals with autism, many sessions at the National Autism Conference focus on ABA. During this session, the basic principles of ABA will be presented for beginners and those who want a review of those principles. This session is appropriate for parents and educators. The content of this session will prepare attendees to get the most out of this year's conference. Information presented will be supported by videos of ABA-based interventions. Additionally, the session will include a brief review of how data may be presented in the various ABA-based sessions occurring at the conference.
5	Barry Morgenstern <b>Teaching Functional Skills to Individuals with Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities in School Settings</b>	This session is an introduction to teaching functional skills and Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) to individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities using the principles of applied behavior analysis. Functional skills are a critical outcome for individuals with developmental disabilities. Some examples of the skills that will be addressed during the presentation include toilet training, washing hands, cooking, taking a shower, cleaning up, making a purchase at a store, crossing the street, using public transportation, and completing jobs during competitive employment. This presentation will focus on teaching the basic skills that are needed to successfully teach these skills to a wide variety of learners of different ages. In addition, participants will learn how to individualize the programs for the unique needs of individual learners and troubleshoot problems when learners fail to acquire the necessary skills.
6	Charles Catania <b>The ABCs of Behavior Analysis: A Review of the Basics for Students and Teachers</b>	The topics we'll review include: selection of behavior by its consequences; contingencies of reinforcement and aversive control; stimulus control and attention; and sources of novel behavior. We'll examine the rationales behind important behavioral language practices, such as (i) specifying what's reinforced by what in arranging and/or interpreting reinforcement contingencies, (ii) describing behavior in the context of three-term or higher-order contingencies, (iii) distinguishing between positive and negative reinforcement, (iv) emphasizing the behavior of attending in the analysis of stimulus control, and (v) treating complex behavior in terms of multiple causation. We'll identify and address misrepresentations of behavior analytic concepts and practices, as when ignoring is suggested as the most effective treatment for reducing unwelcome behavior, or when reinforcement is falsely equated with bribery, or when it's argued that reinforcement has hidden costs.
7	Bob Naseef <b>Families of Children with Autism: Taking Care of Everyone's Needs</b>	This presentation includes information and tools for developing and maintaining an emotionally healthy family. Topics include: coping with everyday life, the special needs of mothers and fathers, issues facing siblings, working together as a couple, reducing stress, and the meaning of acceptance.
8	Joshua Jessel <b>Developing Skill-Based Interventions Following Practical Functional Assessments of Problem Behavior</b>	This presentation discusses how to conduct a safe and practical functional analysis that takes an average of 25 min and as little as 5 min. We will then discuss how to use the results of the functional analysis to design effective, skill-based treatments that include (1) the teaching of complex and developmentally appropriate functional communication skills, and (2) skill-based delay tolerance procedures that improve compliance, task engagement, and social interaction. The goal of the practical functional assessment and skill-based treatment process is to effect more global changes in the functional repertoires needed to be successful in contextually complex environments with natural reinforcement contingencies.
9	Per Holth <b>To be announced</b>	Description forthcoming
10	Perry Zirkel <b>An Update on Legal Issues for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders</b>	This session will provide (a) a foundation of basic building blocks of special education law; (b) a synthesis of the applicable legislation, regulations, federal agency policy interpretations, and court decisions, with emphasis on ASD-specific issues of eligibility and methodology; and (c) a case scenario based on a recent major appeals court decision.
11	James Todd <b>Extensions of "Uninhabited World – ABA and the Eclectic Temptation"</b>	Description forthcoming
12	Iser DeLeon <b>To be announced</b>	Description forthcoming

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13	Melissa Nosik <b>An Update on the Behavior Analyst Certification Board</b>	Recent developments at the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) will be presented. The most current data on the BACB's credentialing programs and university course sequence systems will be presented and discussed in the context of the profession's rapid growth. In addition, a summary of the BACB's international activities will be presented to illustrate important developments in behavior-analytic infrastructure around the world. Finally, a number of the BACB's recent activities will be discussed, including revisions to key standards and US legislative developments.
		<b>Tuesday, August 1, 2017: Morning Breakout Sessions, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon</b>
14	Vince Carbone <b>Methods to Teach Remembering to Children with Autism</b>	Many children with autism exhibit difficulty with tasks that require remembering. Many of these tasks required what is frequently referred to as visual and auditory memory skills. For example, remembering multiple step instructions and remembering what was previously seen frequently pose difficulty for children with autism. In addition, language skills that require recall (intraverbal behavior) are weak and attempts to teach these skills are frequently unsuccessful. During this workshop a behavior analytic approach to memory will be discussed (Palmer, 1991) along with the role of joint control methods (Lowenkron, 1998) to support remembering will be discussed. A review of some of the applied research that has demonstrated the effectiveness of methods to support remembering will be discussed. Video illustrations of some of these methods will be presented.
15	Amy Stango <b>Working as a Team to Create Goals and Measure Progress</b>	This presentation will illustrate how IEP team members from different disciplines can work collaboratively to identify student needs, develop measurable goals, choose evidence-based instructional strategies and collect and analyze data to ensure meaningful progress.
16	Francesca degli Espinosa <b>Teaching "Learning how to Learn" - A Functional Analysis of Curriculum Programming for Children with Autism</b>	In this presentation, I will attempt to illustrate a functional analysis of curriculum development and suggest an additional level of specificity in the design and implementation of behaviorally derived instructional sequences for children with autism. Firstly, I will suggest a way of organizing skills based on whether they constitute a generalized operant class or cumulative/finite skills and how such classification necessarily induces a consideration of mastery criteria for each skill. Secondly, I will endeavor to demonstrate how when behavioral topographies are brought under the relevant sources of environmental control they lead to rapid and generalized learning, enabling the child to acquire novel responses with minimal teaching. This conceptual framework will be illustrated in relation to two pivotal skills that may lay the foundation for the development of multiply controlled generalized verbal behavior: Simple and conditional discriminative learning and naming.
17	Jose Martinez-Diaz <b>Ethics</b>	Description forthcoming
18	Mike Miklos <b>Treatment Integrity</b>	Participants will learn how to effectively supervise and monitor classrooms using best practices of supervision. The session focus will be on treatment fidelity, classroom implementation and monitoring, utilizing transcription as a specific tool to give objective feedback on intensive teaching sessions, and other tools to help deliver effective objective supervision to classroom teams.
19	Alan Poling <b>Using Drugs to Improve the Behavior of People with Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Skeptical Appraisal</b>	Description forthcoming
20	R. Douglas Greer <b>Building Social Reinforcers are Key to Children's Social and Educational Prognosis</b>	Many of the key components for advancing verbal and social development have been identified in research, as have several protocols to establish missing development. I shall outline a few of these and explain how each of these is related to learned social reinforcers. Verbal behavior is social and social behavior is verbal. The foundations for social and verbal behavior consist of a hierarchy of learned reinforcers. Real progress requires educators and therapists to focus on establishing the learned natural reinforcers for social and verbal behavior rather the topography of behavior. Social and verbal behaviors are inseparable from function and function is synonymous with particular types of reinforcers.
21	Ami Klin <b>Bringing Science to the Community</b>	Description forthcoming
22	Eb Blakely <b>Excel Tools for Practitioners</b>	Excel is used by many behavior analysts for a variety of tasks. There are several useful tools that can be used in most applications. This presentation will demonstrate some useful tools, including copying cells to develop date sequences, formulas, data tables, and data validation. All of these tools will be combined into a staff management system.
23	Mary Mikus, Kim Herb and Lisa Gragg <b>How to Enhance Your Child's Inclusion in Early Care/Early Education and Community Settings</b>	This session, especially for parents of young children in early intervention, will be split into two parts. During the first half, participants will learn how the early intervention structure and process supports inclusion and learn ways to build successful inclusion for children. In the second half, participants will have the opportunity to visit resource and networking tables offering resources, supports, strategies and ideas for successfully including children in everyday activities, routines, and school and community settings. Evaluation and IFSP/IEP, online resources, support groups, collaboration with teams and assistive technology will all be addressed.
24	Tom Miller and Alysha Campbell <b>Mand Training</b>	Initiation of social communicative behavior is a hallmark of Autism Spectrum Disorders. In Skinner's analysis of verbal behavior, he identified the mand as key piece of a functional communicative repertoire. Through this analysis, manipulation of motivational variables, and use of effective teaching procedures students can be taught to make requests, approach others, and engage in social behavior. This presentation will cover techniques to establish motivation, approach others, and make varying types of requests.

25	Jaime Baker, Amy Foor, Heather Forbes, Debi Namey, and Sheri Saurer <b>Role of the Speech-Language Pathologist in the ABA Classroom: Interprofessional Collaboration</b>	Interprofessional collaboration when implementing evidence-based interventions is key for optimal student outcomes. This session will discuss important components of successful collaboration between speech-language pathologists and other professionals working in ABA-based public school classrooms. The session will include considerations for scheduling, assessment and goal-development, staff training, and managing potential professional disagreements.
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27	Amy Stango <b>Teaching Handwriting to Students with Autism</b>	This presentation will explore evidence-based strategies for teaching handwriting to students with autism. Video examples, resources, and relevant research will be presented.
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29	Jose Martinez-Diaz (REPEAT of session 17) – <b>Ethics</b>	Description Forthcoming
30	Stephanie Peterson <b>The Worst Kept Secrets for Successful School and BCBA Collaboration</b>	Description forthcoming
31	Debi Namey, Heather Forbes, Jaime Baker and Amy Foor <b>Role of the Speech-Language Pathologist in the ABA Classroom: Practical Application in Intervention</b>	Speech-language pathologists play a critical part of the intervention team in ABA-based public school classrooms. This session will review scientifically-informed assessment, programming, and implementation techniques for key speech-language areas, including augmentative and alternative communication systems, vocal shaping, and language instruction.
32	Lori Chamberlain <b>The Role of Fluency in Programs for Students with Autism</b>	One educational method that is highly effective and supported by published evidence is fluency training. Fluency training is implemented for skills that a child can demonstrate but not at a speed that is efficient. It serves to build the rate at which particular skills are emitted. Many educators are familiar with fluency for academic skills such as words read correctly per minute. This session will extend verbal skills using fluency training. Rate data is a valid measurement and fluency training is an effective teaching tool, however, an analysis of when to use such tools is important for maximizing effective instructional time. Skills taught to fluency aims serve to build retention, endurance, stability and promote generalization for more complex language.
33	R. Douglas Greer (REPEAT of session 20) – <b>Building Social Reinforcers are Key to Children’s Social and Educational Prognosis</b>	Many of the key components for advancing verbal and social development have been identified in research, as have several protocols to establish missing development. I shall outline a few of these and explain how each of these is related to learned social reinforcers. Verbal behavior is social and social behavior is verbal. The foundations for social and verbal behavior consist of a hierarchy of learned reinforcers. Real progress requires educators and therapists to focus on establishing the learned natural reinforcers for social and verbal behavior rather the topography of behavior. Social and verbal behaviors are inseparable from function and function is synonymous with particular types of reinforcers.
34	Jolin Jackson <b>Social Skills</b>	Description forthcoming
35	Barb Weber and Merle Crawford <b>Intervention with Young Children with Autism: Supporting Families and Using Daily Routines to Facilitate Development</b>	This presentation will focus on how early interventionists can support parents and caregivers target core deficits of autism within their daily routines to facilitate skill development. This presentation is based upon the authors' research of and training in evidence based practices and many years' experience working with infants and toddlers who have a diagnosis of autism or who have ASD "red flags." We will integrate developmental principles with treatment-focused information. We will discuss how early interventionists can support parents of children birth to age 5 from first concerns through the process of diagnosis to accessing services and supports. We will discuss the core deficits of autism (flexibility, regulation, making sense of self, others and the environment, and social communication) and strategies to embed skill development into daily routines including bedtime, book time, mealtime and snack time, household activities, playtime, community outings, diapering and dressing and hygiene. This presentation will integrate developmental perspectives and strategies with the principles of applied behavior analysis and focus on practical, functional intervention approaches.

36	Lynda Lupp, Sharon Leonard, Audrey Kappel and Linda Franchock <b>Alternate Eligible Content: The Cornerstone for Effective Instruction and Life Long Learning</b>	Alternate eligible content is the cornerstone of content, instruction and assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities. This session will provide participants an opportunity to examine practices, content and assessment updates that lead to meaningful, challenging yet attainable targets for life-long learning and success for students eligible for the Pennsylvania Alternate System of Assessment (PASA). Participants will have an opportunity to practice development of content targets aligned to alternate eligible content, review essentialized examples and learn how to apply them to instruction. Changes with the 2018 PASA will be shared and discussed.
37	Ashley Harned <b>Instruction Basics</b>	This session will provide a review of various strategies and procedures for the delivery of effective, high-quality instruction. The focus will be on evidence-based interventions that include addressing the core issues of autism spectrum disorders, namely communication and social skills. Specific procedures to improve instructional control skills will be emphasized, as well as instructional procedures for both individual and small group sessions.
		<b>Tuesday, August 1, 2017: Afternoon General Session, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.</b>
38	Vince Carbone, Marta Sierocka, Francesca degli Espinosa and Per Holth <b>Around the World Panel</b>	The evidence for what works in autism interventions is not limited by national boundaries. How services are delivered across the globe varies based on a wide range of factors. This session will highlight the status of school based autism interventions across multiple parts of the world and will include a distinguished and informed panel. The wide range of perspectives to be presented will allow participants to compare and contrast central components of educational programs for students with autism.
		<b>Wednesday, August 2, 2017: Morning Breakout Sessions, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon</b>
39	Dave Palmer <b>Memory</b>	Description forthcoming
40	Giacomo Vivanti <b>Early Start Denver Model: A Naturalistic Developmental Behavioral Intervention Designed for Preschoolers with Autism Spectrum Disorder</b>	The workshop focuses on the principles, strategies and evidence base of the Early Start Denver Model (ESDM), an early intervention program designed to address symptoms of autism during infancy, toddlerhood and the preschool years. The ESDM emphasizes the importance of providing intensive teaching, drawing from evidence-based educational strategies, individualizing the program, and addressing multiple developmental domains. The ESDM approach has a distinctive focus on early social-emotional engagement, social motivation and social learning as the framework for learning. Additionally, the ESDM includes specific procedures to individualize treatment goals so that the teaching program is built on each child's individual profile of strengths and weakness and ongoing monitoring of treatment response. The naturalistic framework of ESDM is based on the notion that teaching is more powerful when embedded in the context of the real-life, daily routines where the behaviors targeted by treatment would naturally take place. Participants will learn about (1) recent scientific evidence on early learning in ASD informing intervention procedures (2) the principles and strategies of ESDM, (3) the different ways in which the ESDM can be delivered, including group-based implementation and parent-implemented programs, (4) the differences and areas of overlap between ESDM and other early intervention approaches, and (5) recent research on the effectiveness and sustainability of ESDM.
41	Miguel Ampuero <b>Literature Review on Joint Control Procedures</b>	Description forthcoming
42	Lori Chamberlain and Rebekah Houck <b>Ethics</b>	The tools a behavior analyst brings to the table with regards to interventions with clients should also be used to govern one's own behavior. Ethics is a topic that is all-encompassing, and practitioners can often face a variety of decisions that should be driven by ethics-related undercurrents. This session will provide an analysis of ethical behavioral approaches, practical applications, data collection techniques, and strategies to improve expertise. Daily decisions, integrity and principles occur in contingencies that should be analyzed and managed to maintain professionalism.
43	Tanya Regli <b>K12 College-Career Coordinated Pathway</b>	Description forthcoming
44	Judah Axe <b>Teaching Problem Solving to Increase Academic, Communication, and Social Skills</b>	Problem solving is defined as manipulating stimuli to increase the probability of arriving at a solution to a problem. When given a problem, such as a math problem or a question that involves recalling a past event, an individual arrives at a solution by engaging in a few behaviors, such as asking herself questions, drawing out possible solutions, and visualizing. A challenge of analyzing problem solving is it often occurs covertly, or within an individual's skin. Although typically developing people engage in problem solving on a daily basis, there is limited research on teaching problem solving strategies to individuals with disabilities, especially in a behavior analytic framework. Two potential benefits of teaching problem solving skills to children with autism are less rote responding and more generalization. In this presentation, the presenter will provide a conceptual analysis of problem solving and review previous research on using problem solving to teach academic, communication, and social skills. The presenter will also describe his current research on teaching problem solving to help children with autism recall past events, and he will recommend directions for research and practice.
45	Cathleen Piazza <b>A Comparison of a Modified Sequential Oral Sensory Approach to an Applied Behavior-Analytic Approach in the Treatment of Food Selectivity in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders</b>	Treatments of pediatric feeding disorders based on applied behavior analysis (ABA) have the most empirical support in the research literature (Volkert & Piazza, 2012); however, professionals often recommend, and caregivers often use, treatments that have limited empirical support. In the current investigation, we compared a modified sequential oral sensory approach (M-SOS; Benson, Parke, Gannon, & Muñoz, 2013) to an ABA approach for the treatment of the food selectivity of 6 children with autism. We randomly assigned 3 children to ABA and 3 children to M-SOS and compared the effects of treatment in a multiple baseline design across novel, healthy target foods. We used a multielement design to assess treatment generalization. Consumption of target foods increased for children who received ABA, but not for children who received M-SOS. We subsequently implemented ABA with the children for whom M-SOS was not effective and observed a potential treatment generalization effect during ABA when M-SOS preceded ABA.

46	Tim Vollmer <b>The Concept of Automatic Reinforcement – Implications for Assessment and Treatment</b>	A great deal of emphasis has been placed on socially mediated reinforcement contingencies maintaining problem behavior displayed by individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders and related disabilities. However, there is strong evidence that some problem behavior occurs and maintains in the absence of social reinforcement contingencies. In fact, most repetitive stereotypies appear to be maintained in the absence of social reinforcement. To the extent such behavior is operant, and to the extent it is not socially reinforced, it is maintained by automatic reinforcement. The presenter will review origins and historical usage of the term automatic reinforcement, scientific implications of the concept, and clinical implications for behavioral assessment and treatment. He will also present research from his applied laboratories, including published studies and work in progress.
47	Willow Hozella <b>Behavior Basics for Children with Autism</b>	Provide basic information related to preventing and managing problem behaviors that are common for many children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Focus will be on practical methods of teaching alternatives to problem behavior and for reducing how often problem behaviors occur. The session will discuss the importance of the situations which lead to problem behavior and how to alter our interactions with children with ASD to successfully establish willing learners who communicate their needs more effectively.
48	David Roth <b>Stimulus Control and its Role in Errorless Learning</b>	Stimulus control can be described as a behavioral phenomenon in which a particular set of behaviors can be reliably strengthened in the presence of one set of circumstances and weakened in the absence of those circumstances. A strong conceptual grasp on how stimulus control is established is critical to effectively teach and develop socially adaptive behaviors for individuals with disabilities, including autism. The initial focus of this presentation will be a tutorial on what stimulus control is, how it works, how it is different from motivational control, and its role in the control over non-verbal and verbal repertoires of behavior. The second half of the talk will cover errorless learning, its history, its importance in the development of socially adaptive behaviors, and some of the research-based procedures that have been shown to be effective in good instructional design.
<b>Wednesday, August 2, 2017: Afternoon Breakout Sessions, 1:15 – 3:30 p.m.</b>		
49	Dave Palmer (REPEAT of session 39) – <b>Memory</b>	Description forthcoming
50	Heidi Wettlaufer and Laurie Ragan <b>Autism Navigator: Supporting Early Identification and a Routines-based, Parent Coaching Model of Early Intervention</b>	This session overviews the suite of courses available through Autism Navigator/Florida State University and highlights the routines based, parent coaching model of the Early Social Interaction Project. Autism Navigator course enrollment, including Pennsylvania’s EITA sponsored enrollment, will be described. Resources for families will be highlighted. The Early Intervention Providers course (modeled on the Early Social Interaction Project through FSU) will be demonstrated and key concepts of intervention (such as using everyday routines as learning opportunities) will be discussed. This is a practical applications session highlighting evidence based supports that are compatible with Early Intervention service systems.
51	Amiris DiPuglia <b>Considerations for Teaching Early Reading Skills</b>	This presentation will cover implications for early language instruction. Language development and instruction will be classified and clarified as an instrumental component to reading instruction. This session will address the importance of building reading fluency and comprehension.
52	Laura Eiseman, Rebekah Houck, Danielle Buzin and Melissa Taylor <b>Activities of Daily Living</b>	Description forthcoming
53	Eb Blakely <b>Clinical Practice: Escape/Avoidance Hierarchies, Occupational Therapy Procedures, and Self-Control</b>	Health and safety skills are important targets in many programs. One way of developing cooperation in these programs is to present task-related stimuli in a hierarchy and gradually introduce these stimuli. Several examples of this will be presented. Sensory integration is an element in many approaches. This presentation will discuss the potential behavioral functions of sensory integration, and furthermore, discuss the implications for intervention. Finally, behavioral views of self-control, and research studies thereof, will be presented. Implications of these views for treatment will be discussed.
54	Session cancelled	Session cancelled
54b	Jane T. Brown <b>Collaboration and Transition from High School to College to Work</b>	As the population of students with autism grows, there is an increasing need to address the unique needs for the group transitioning to college (and the world of work.) PDE and PASSHE are collaborating on the AACHIEVE program, an Autism College and High School collaboration for Innovation, Education and Vocational Excellence. A panel will discuss the four new programs at PASSHE campuses and the transition programming at the school districts beginning in 9th grade. Effective practices for transition planning, strategies, and information for students on the autism on the high end of the spectrum will be explored.
55	Tom Calvecchio <b>To be announced</b>	Description forthcoming
56	Tina Lawson & Shanna Bradfield <b>Implementing Evidence-Based Practices to Increase Graduation Rates and Decrease Dropout Rates for Students with Disabilities in Pennsylvania</b>	Schools in Pennsylvania are working to increase the graduation rate and decrease the dropout rate for students with disabilities by utilizing a State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP). Participants will study the phases for identifying students with disabilities who are off-track for graduation. The five phases include: 1) establishing a local leadership team and an Early Warning System (EWS), 2) analyzing attendance, behavior, and course performance data, 3) identifying target areas for interventions for students who are off-track, 4) developing an action plan, and 5) implementing and monitoring an evaluation plan.
57	PaTTAN Staff <b>Promising Practices</b>	Description forthcoming
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<b>Wednesday, August 2, 2017: Afternoon Poster Session, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.</b>		
59	<b>Poster Session, Reception, and The Art of Expression Exhibit</b>	View the research proposals and art of expression exhibits.

<b>Thursday, August 3, 2017: Morning Breakout Sessions, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon</b>		
60	Francesca degli Espinosa and Dave Palmer <b>Association for Behavior Analysis International Workshop</b>	Description forthcoming
61	Mark Sundberg <b>Teaching Conversational Skills to Children with Autism: Analysis, Assessment and Intervention</b>	Conversation is a complex aspect of social behavior and is especially difficult for most persons with autism. The DSM-5's main criterion for the diagnosis of autism consists of "Persistent deficits in social communication and social interaction." The DSM-5 goes on to exemplify this criteria with the "failure of normal back-and-forth conversation." But what constitutes a "normal" conversation? A behavioral analysis will suggest it involves verbal behavior, listener behavior, motivation, social behavior, multiple control, conditional discriminations, and a host of other variables. Identifying these variables is essential for the assessment and treatment of impaired or absent conversational skills. Following an analysis of conversational behavior, suggestions will be provided as to how to assess conversational behavior, including supporting social behaviors, and develop appropriate intervention programs.
62	Tom Freeman <b>Pharmacology</b>	Description forthcoming
63	Jonathan Ivy <b>Creating and Maintaining a Token Economy: Current Research and Best Practice</b>	A token economy is a complex system of reinforcement in which conditioned reinforcement in the form of token presentation or removal occurs contingent upon a target behavior (or behaviors). Tokens are then exchanged, once specific environmental conditions are met (e.g., the passage of a pre-determined amount of time), for access to already established reinforcers (i.e., back-up reinforcers). Although there are many possible procedural variations, a token economy contains these basic mechanics. The complexity of this operant technology is derived from the interconnected components that are inherent in all token economies. Although the token economy is widely disseminated and well-established, there are few sources that provide practitioners and researchers with guidelines as to the development of a token economy. Further, as much of the development in the conceptualization of a token economy has occurred in basic research, Applied Behavior Analysts are often unfamiliar with these findings, which are relevant to applied work. In this workshop, attendees will learn to identify the six inherent components of a token economy, develop and maintain a token economy, and program for common token economy procedural variations. Finally, recent research – both basic and applied – will be discussed, with a focus on implication for applied work.
64	Jared Campbell <b>Math – Part 1 of 2 Presentations</b>	Description forthcoming
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67	Francesco DiSalle (REPEAT of session 54) – <b>To be announced</b>	Description forthcoming
68	Laura Eiseman, Rebekah Houck, Danielle Buzin and Melissa Taylor <b>Activities of Daily Living</b>	Description forthcoming
69	Anna Petursdottir <b>Update on Verbal Behavior Research with Individuals with Autism</b>	Research on the use of Skinner's (1957) conceptualization of verbal behavior to teach language and communication skills to individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is published with increasing frequency. This research appears in many different journals, making it cumbersome for practitioners to follow and stay up to date with the literature. The purpose of this presentation is to summarize and synthesize information from recently published research in this area. A brief introduction to general trends in verbal behavior research will be followed by a comprehensive summary of recently published (within the last two years) studies that cover procedures for teaching mands, tacts, intraverbals, and complex verbal operants to individuals with ASD. Specific themes that emerge from these studies will be discussed, focusing on implications for practice.
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71	Mark Sundberg (REPEAT of session 61) – <b>Teaching Conversational Skills to Children with Autism: Analysis, Assessment and Intervention</b>	Conversation is a complex aspect of social behavior and is especially difficult for most persons with autism. The DSM-5's main criterion for the diagnosis of autism consists of "Persistent deficits in social communication and social interaction." The DSM-5 goes on to exemplify this criteria with the "failure of normal back-and-forth conversation." But what constitutes a "normal" conversation? A behavioral analysis will suggest it involves verbal behavior, listener behavior, motivation, social behavior, multiple control, conditional discriminations, and a host of other variables. Identifying these variables is essential for the assessment and treatment of impaired or absent conversational skills. Following an analysis of conversational behavior, suggestions will be provided as to how to assess conversational behavior, including supporting social behaviors, and develop appropriate intervention programs.
72	Tom Freeman <b>Fad Treatments/ Ethics</b>	Description forthcoming

73	Jonathan Ivy (REPEAT of session 63) – <b>Creating and Maintaining a Token Economy: Current Research and Best Practice</b>	A token economy is a complex system of reinforcement in which conditioned reinforcement in the form of token presentation or removal occurs contingent upon a target behavior (or behaviors). Tokens are then exchanged, once specific environmental conditions are met (e.g., the passage of a pre-determined amount of time), for access to already established reinforcers (i.e., back-up reinforcers). Although there are many possible procedural variations, a token economy contains these basic mechanics. The complexity of this operant technology is derived from the interconnected components that are inherent in all token economies. Although the token economy is widely disseminated and well-established, there are few sources that provide practitioners and researchers with guidelines as to the development of a token economy. Further, as much of the development in the conceptualization of a token economy has occurred in basic research, Applied Behavior Analysts are often unfamiliar with these findings, which are relevant to applied work. In this workshop, attendees will learn to identify the six inherent components of a token economy, develop and maintain a token economy, and program for common token economy procedural variations. Finally, recent research – both basic and applied – will be discussed, with a focus on implication for applied work.
74	Jared Campbell <b>Math – Part 2 Presentation</b>	Description forthcoming
75	Jim Connell <b>Links Between Secondary Services and Adult Services</b>	Description forthcoming
76	Session cancelled	Session cancelled
77	Rachel Kittenbrink <b>Applying the Science to Supervision</b>	Quality supervision of future behavior analysts and employees should be a priority for all leaders. Lack of quality supervision leaves our field in at serious risk of credibility. This session focuses on how to apply the science to supervision. Elements covered will include assessments of supervisee skills sets, developing a supervision plan, monitoring supervisee performance, balancing literature with hands on experience, and developing curricular programs to meet supervisee needs.
78	Kerry Collins <b>EFFECTIVE Parent Communication and Training</b>	Description forthcoming
79	Anna Petursdottir (REPEAT of session 69) – <b>Update on Verbal Behavior Research with Individuals with Autism</b>	Research on the use of Skinner’s (1957) conceptualization of verbal behavior to teach language and communication skills to individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is published with increasing frequency. This research appears in many different journals, making it cumbersome for practitioners to follow and stay up to date with the literature. The purpose of this presentation is to summarize and synthesize information from recently published research in this area. A brief introduction to general trends in verbal behavior research will be followed by a comprehensive summary of recently published (within the last two years) studies that cover procedures for teaching mands, tacts, intraverbals, and complex verbal operants to individuals with ASD. Specific themes that emerge from these studies will be discussed, focusing on implications for practice.
		<b>Thursday, August 3, 2017: Afternoon General Session, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.</b>
80	Bill Heward <b>Closing Keynote: Next Year Is Now</b>	Educating children with autism is a team game. The goal: improved quality of life now and maximal independence in the future. The clock is running and everyone involved—school, teachers, family members, and especially the child—has limited resources to contribute. The most pragmatic and ethical way forward entails targeting only those learning outcomes most likely to yield optimal benefit to the child. This presentation will explore the meaning of meaningful behavior change and suggest actions educators and parents can take to ensure their hard work translates into higher quality of life for the children they serve.