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Upcoming Conferences

37th Annual Convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis International
May 27 – May 21, 2011
Denver, CO
Contact: ABAI
http://www.abainternational.org
500 West Centre Ave., Suite 1
Portage, MI, 49024

45th Annual Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapy (ABCT) Convention
November 10 - 13, 2011
Toronto, Canada
Contact: AABT
convention@abct.org
305 7th Avenue
New York, NY  10001-6008
(212) 647-1865

64th Annual Meeting: Gerontological Society of America (GSA)
November 18- 22, 2011
Boston, MA
Contact: GSA
http://www.geron.org
1030 15th Street NW, Suite 250
Washington, DC  20005-1503
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online
We just launched a newer, more user-friendly website! Visit the page to find a list of resources and a calendar of events. Also check us out on our new Facebook page or @BGsig on Twitter for the latest in behavioral gerontology.

http://bgsig.wordpress.com/

contribute
Found an interesting book or journal article about behavior gerontology you want to share with everyone else?
Ran across a new grant site?
Want to collaborate with others?

Let’s connect!
Like us on Facebook,
Or, send us a tweet.
ABAI 2011 in Denver is quickly approaching!! We are excited to see several presentations in the area of gerontology. Below is a list of these presentations. For more information on these events and all other ABAI events, please visit the ABAI webpage at www.abainternational.org. We hope to see you all in Denver!

**SATURDAY, MAY 28**

2:30 - 3:50 p.m.  
610/612 (CONVENTION CENTER)  
#51 Symposium: Behavior Analytic Approaches to Treating Problem Behavior in Older Adults

2:30 - 3:50 p.m.  
406 (CONVENTION CENTER)  
#52 Symposium: Operant Conditioning of Alzheimer’s Disease

2:30 - 3:50 p.m.  
EXHIBIT HALL F (CONVENTION CENTER)  
#131 ABAI Expo: Behavioral Gerontology Special Interest Group

**SUNDAY, MAY 29**

**BG SIG meeting**  
8:00 a.m.  
304 (Convention Center)  
We extend a warm welcome to all members and any new members who are interested in attending or joining the SIG. At the meeting we will discuss strategies to promote behavior analytic research in the area of aging and discuss programs and services throughout the country for older adults. We will also discuss the new website and would like to hear your ideas on how to improve it even more!

9:00 - 10:20 a.m.  
KORBEL BALLROOM 1e (CONVENTION CENTER)  
#174 Symposium: Talking and Teaching Behavior Analysis to Different Client Groups -- Behavior Talk With the Agin Population.

10:30 - 11:50 a.m.  
601 (CONVENTION CENTER)  
#204 Paper Session: Meeting Challenges in Different Services Areas I -- Behavior Analysis in Adult Homes and Other Long-Term Care Settings: Challenges and Opportunities

**MONDAY, MAY 30**

10:30 - 11:50 a.m.  
403 (CONVENTION CENTER)  
#468 Symposium: Theoretical and Practical Issues in Matching-to-Sample and Stimulus Equivalence Procedures -- Remembering Functions in Patients With Dementia

1:30 - 2:50 p.m.  
610/612 (CONVENTION CENTER)  
#417 Symposium: Preference and Reinforcer Assessment in Older Adults with Dementia

3:30 - 4:50 p.m.  
401/402 (CONVENTION CENTER)  
#462 Invited Symposium: Can Drugs Help Us Understand Cognitive and Executive Functions? -- The Selective a5GABAA Inverse Agonist RY-23 Enhances Delayed-Match-to-Sample Performances and Antagonizes Triazolam’s Effects in Rhesus Monkeys

**TUESDAY, MAY 31**

10:30 - 11:50 a.m.  
KORBEL BALLROOM 3A (CONVENTION CENTER) PRA  
#522 Paper Session: Integrating Behavior Analysis into Unique Settings

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http://bgsig.wordpress.com/
Awards

Student Researcher Award

Each year the Behavioral Gerontology SIG provides one student researcher with a cash award for $50 at the Association of Behavior Analysis International conference. Graduate or undergraduate students who are first author on a behavioral gerontology related talk or poster are invited to submit their presentations for consideration. The winner of the award is acknowledged during the conference and on the BG-SIG website. In addition, the winner is given a monetary award of $50.

To submit your presentation please send a text or digital version of your Powerpoint presentation to Jonathan Baker at jonathan.c.baker@siu.edu or Southern Illinois University, Rehabilitation Institute, Rehn Hall Mail Code 4609, Carbondale, IL 62901. Entries are due the first Friday of May.

http://bgsig.wordpress.com/student-researcher-award/

B.F. Skinner Foundation: Most Outstanding Projects

BG-SIG has an opportunity to be featured on the B.F. Skinner Foundation website.

The Foundation will soon be posting projects that illustrate good behavioral practices. If you have a description, video, data, graphs, quotes or any other illustration of a successful project based on an analysis and design of contingencies, the Foundation is interested in hearing about it. The most outstanding projects will be posted on the Foundation Home Page. Please ask the members of your special interest group to send their descriptions of humane and effective contingencies that have helped improve behavior to info@bfskinner.org. The Foundation looks forward to having every special interest area represented. For more information go to www.bfskinner.org. Send in YOUR success story today!

BG-SIG encourages any member to submit any such data or information to the foundation that could spread the good word about behavioral gerontology to the masses.
Recent Publications

Behavioral Gerontology Special Issue

Geriatric Behavior Therapy: The Challenges of a Changing Environment

*Behavior Therapy* (2011, March)

- **Introduction:** Guest Editors. Daniel Houlihan and Jeffrey Buchanan
- **Alive and Well: The State of Behavioral Gerontology in 2011.** Louis Burgio, Jennifer D. Kowalkowski
- **The Role of Behavior Analysis in the Rehabilitation of Persons With Dementia.** Jeffrey A. Buchanan, Angela Christenson, Daniel Houlihan, Carly Ostrom
- **Depressed Nursing Home Residents’ Activity Participation and Affect as a Function of Staff Engagement.** Suzanne Meeks, Stephen W. Looney
- **Acceptability of Interventions for Aggressive Behavior in Long-Term Care Settings: Comparing Ratings and Hierarchical Selection.** Jonathan C. Baker, Linda A. LeBlanc
- **Linking Resident Behavior to Dementia Care Communication: Effects of Emotional Tone.** Kristine N. Williams, Ruth E. Herman
- **Command Use and Compliance in Staff Communication With Elderly Residents of Long-Term Care Facilities.** Angela M. Christenson, Jeffrey A. Buchanan, Daniel Houlihan, Megan Wanzek
- **Commentary on the Current Status and the Future of Behavior Therapy in Long-Term Care Settings.** Victor Molinari, Barry A. Edelstein
- **A Positive Aging Framework for Guiding Geropsychology Interventions.** Robert D. Hill
- **Integration of the Pleasant Events and Activity Restriction Models: Development and Validation of a “PEAR” Model of Negative Outcomes in Alzheimer’s Caregivers.** Brent T. Mausbach, Susan K. Roepke, Colin A. Depp, Raeanne Moore, Thomas L. Patterson, Igor Grant
- **Measuring the Person-Centeredness of Caregivers Working With Nursing Home Residents With Dementia.** Hannah Lann-Wolcott, Louis J. Medvene, Kristine Williams
- **The Effects of Behavioral Activation Therapy With Inpatient Geriatric Psychiatry Patients.** Brent T. Mausbach, Susan K. Roepke, Colin A. Depp, Raeanne Moore, Thomas L. Patterson, Igor Grant, Melissa Snarski, Forrest Scogin, Elizabeth DiNapoli, Andrew Presnell, Jessie McAlpine, Jacquelyn Marcinak
- **A DBT Skills Training Group for Family Caregivers of Persons With Dementia.** Claudia Drossel, Jane E. Fisher, Victoria Mercer
- **Applying Skinner’s Analysis of Verbal Behavior to Persons With Dementia.** Mark Dixon, Jonathan C. Baker, Katherine Ann Sadowksi
- **Acceptance and Commitment Therapy for Generalized Anxiety Disorder in Older Adults: A Preliminary Report.** Julie Loebach Wetherell, Lin Liu, Thomas L. Patterson, Niloofar Afari, Catherine R. Ayers, Steven R. Thorp, Jill A. Stoddard, Joshua Ruberg, Alexander Kraft, John T. Sorrell, Andrew J. Petkus
- **Assessment and Treatment of Hoarding in an Individual With Dementia.** Jonathan C. Baker, Linda A. LeBlanc, Paige B. Raetz, Laura C. Hilton
- **Understanding Behavioral Health in Late Life: Why Age Matters.** Jane E. Fisher
Membership

ABAI BEHAVIORAL GERONTOLOGY SIG
DUES & MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATE

INSTRUCTIONS:
Please complete the form below and return it with your Membership Dues ($5.00, which can be in the form of cash, money order, paypal - bgvig.web@gmail.com, or check made out to Allison Jay or Linda LeBlanc). If you are a renewing member, please use the top of the form to indicate any changes in personal data to be included in the Membership Directory. New members are requested to complete the entire form. Please print or type the form.

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INTEREST AREAS IN BEHAVIORAL GERONTOLOGY:
Assessment                   Dementia
Staff Training               Clinical Treatment (e.g., depression, incontinence, insomnia, etc.)
Independent Living           Community Programs (e.g., senior centers, transportation, meals, etc.)
Other (describe)

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