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Rowan Reinforcement Record

Center for Behavior Analysis Newsletter

ABA Faculty Awarded Nearly \$400K in Grants

For more than 40 years, the mission of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) has been to improve the health and health care of all Americans. This year, the Rowan ABA faculty are integrating behavior analysis into that mission. **Drs. MaryLouise Kerwin, Michelle Soreth, and Bethanny Raiff** are recipients of 4 out of 10 RWJF Health Care Delivery Seed Funding Grants. Rowan's Office of Research provides competitively awarded funding to Glassboro-campus full-time faculty investigators with the aim of supporting preliminary efforts towards establishing new and innovative research and cultivating interdisciplinary research part-

nerships between the Rowan School of Osteopathic Medicine (SOM) in Stratford, the main campus of Rowan University in Glassboro, and the Cooper Medical School of Rowan University in Camden (CMSRU). The grant funded research projects listed below highlight the diverse ways in which behavior analysis can be integrated into the area of healthcare. **Congratulations!**



Couples-Based Intervention for Patients with Type 2 Diabetes and their Spouses	Rachel Pruchno, Adarsh Gupta, MaryLouise Kerwin, Bethanny Raiff, Thomas Dinzeo
Comparing Health Delivery Models for Treatment of Behavioral Disorders in Young Children Identified in Primary Care Pediatric Practice (PRISM)	MaryLouise Kerwin, Michelle Soreth, Jacqueline Kaari
Interprofessional Tele-Education in Dementia and Case-Based Consultation (ITED-CBC)	Anita Chopra, Elyse Perweiler, Kathryn Eclar, Christina White, Danielle DiGregorio, Nancy Alterman, Caryl Heaton, Dyanne Westerberg, Michelle Soreth, Amy Reed
Improving Children's Outcomes by Enhancing Therapist Skills and Reducing Compassion Fatigue	Esther Deblinger, Elisabeth Pollio, MaryLouise Kerwin

Student Advising Spring 2015 Course Offerings

Undergraduate Courses

CRN	Course Number	Title	Instructor	Day & Time	Program
23438	PSY 02310	Learning and Behavior	Raiff	Monday 12:30	Specialization/Post-Bac
23188	PSY 02310	Learning and Behavior	Piscareta	Monday 5:00pm	Specialization/Post-Bac
20258	PSY 01316	Behavior Assess and Measure	Zeltman	Tuesday 8:00am	Specialization/Post-Bac
23140	PSY 01423	Seminar: Behav Treatment Autism	Soreth	Tuesday 2:00pm	Specialization/Post-Bac
23137	PSY 02305	Applied Behavior Analysis	Barnard	Tuesday 5:00pm	Specialization/Post-Bac
23225	PSY 01316	Behavior Assess and Measure	Fetherston	Tuesday 5:00pm	Specialization/Post-Bac
20259	PSY 01424	Professional Issues in ABA	Kokolis	Thursday 5:00pm	Specialization/Post-Bac
20256	PSY 02305	Applied Behavior Analysis	Kerth	Friday 11:00am	Specialization/Post-Bac
20424	PSY 02310	Learning and Behavior	Raif	Online	Specialization/Post-Bac
20425	PSY 02310	Learning and Behavior	Saulsgiver	Online	Specialization/Post-Bac

Graduate Courses

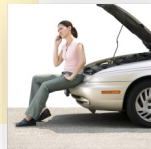
CRN	Course Number	Title	Instructor	Day & Time	Program/Location
23186	PSY 01660	Practicum	Kerwin	Monday 5:00pm	CAGS & MA/ Rowan
23141	PSY 02510	Research Methods in ABA	Raiff	Monday 5:00pm	CAGS & MA/ Rowan
23142	PSY 02610	Applied Behavior Analysis	Soreth	Tuesday 5:00pm	CAGS & MA/ Rowan
23670	PSY 02610	Applied Behavior Analysis	Kettering	Tuesday 3:30pm	CAGS & MA/ off-campus: Bancroft
23185	PSY 02661	Sp. Topics: Beh Analytic Consultation	Concors	Wednesday 5:00pm	MA/ Rowan
23578	PSY 03624	Psychopathology child/adolescents	TBD	Thursday 8:00pm	MA/ Rowan
23466	PSY 02680	Advanced Practice in ABA	Soreth	Thursday 5:00pm	MA/ Rowan

Student Advising Important Information



GRADUATION 2015

All Bachelor, Master, and Doctoral candidates must complete an *Application for Graduation* through Student Self Service www.rowan.edu/selfservice.

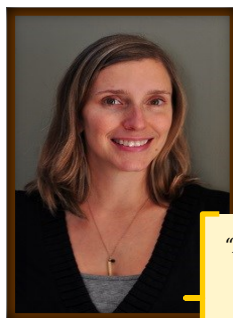


Hey Grad Students— *Is your research or practice stuck in a rut? Have you received an incomplete grade for your research project or practicum? Please contact Dr. Kerth to develop a plan to complete your project. It just may be the push you need to help you finish.*

Meet the New Coordinator of Graduate Programs in ABA

Denise Kerth, Ph.D., BCBA-D is now serving as the coordinator of all graduate programs in Applied Behavior Analysis at Rowan University. This includes the Post-Bac, CAGS, and MA programs in ABA. Dr. Kerth earned her Ph.D. in Applied Behavior Analysis from Caldwell University in 2013 under the advisement of Dr. Kenneth Reeve and her M.A. in Applied Behavior Analysis under the advisement of Dr. Sharon Reeve. She is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA-D). During her time at Caldwell, the graduate program expanded from post-baccalaureate to Masters, and then ultimately to

Ph.D. Dr. Kerth hopes to apply what she learned during her experience of this process to Rowan's Graduate programs in ABA. Dr. Kerth has worked in the field of behavior analysis for 13 years serving children and adolescents with autism, developmental disabilities, severe problem behavior,



"I am passionate about educating and training the next generation of behavior analysts"

as well as non-disabled individuals. Dr. Kerth has conducted research in the areas of language development, social skills, stimulus equivalence and functional analysis/behavior reduction. She has published and presented her work in peer-reviewed journals and at local and national conferences.

If you have any administrative questions throughout the year related to your coursework, progress/academic standing, research project, graduation, the BACB, etc., please direct them to Dr. Kerth at: marzullo@rowan.edu



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New BACB Regulations and Updates

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Fourth Edition Task List

The BACB will begin testing using the new Fourth Edition Task List content with the first examination administration of 2015. Testing based on the old Third Edition Task List content will be discontinued with the last examination administration of 2014. Rowan's coursework for the 4th edition has been approved since 2011.

New Application Packet Requirement

Effective January 1, 2015, the BACB will require all applicants for examination to send their supporting documentation (e.g., documentation of degree,

coursework, experience, college teaching, BCBA Reviews, CVs, etc.) in one single, complete submission envelope.

Revised Ethics Code Introduced

The BACB's new ethics code is titled, *Professional and Ethical Compliance Code for Behavior Analysts* ("the Code") and is available online. The Code, which includes 72 different elements in 10 sections, updates and consolidates the current Conduct Guidelines and Disciplinary Standards. Effective January 1, 2016, the Code will replace the Conduct Guidelines and Disciplinary

Standards. From that time forward, the Code will serve as the BACB's guidance to the field on ethical matters and as the basis for disciplinary complaints.

A number of other changes to BACB standards will soon take effect in a variety of areas including: experience requirements, supervisor qualifications, degree requirements, continuing education, among others. Please refer to the table below and check out the website for more in-depth information.



Check out these changes and more at www.bacb.com

Effective Date	Area	Change
January 1, 2015	Supervisor Requirements	Pass an 8-hr, post-certification, competency-based training on supervising pre-certification individuals and Pass an online, competency-based training module on BACB experience standards at www.BACB.com
January 1, 2015	Supervisee Requirements	Pass an online, competency-based training module on BACB experience standards at www.BACB.com
January 1, 2015	Distribution of Experience	The start-date and end-date of experience may not be more than five years apart
Recertification cycles that begin on or after January 1, 2015	Continuing Education	Changes to recertification cycle duration, # of required CEUs, ethics CE, and new CE categories
January 1, 2016	BCBA Degree Requirement	Possession of a minimum of a master's degree from an accredited university that was (a) conferred in behavior analysis, education, or psychology, or (b) conferred in a degree program in which the candidate completed a BACB approved course sequence.

ABA Club Corner

The Applied Behavior Analysis club is a club for undergraduate psychology majors or minors interested in the ABA specialization, or just looking for a club that may open doors to the world of psychology. We have many upcoming events and ways for interested undergrads to become involved. Our first fundraiser was Monday October 20th at the Yogo Factory . Stu-

dents who wish to become involved may also attend our monthly meetings. In addition to these meetings we have at least two annu-

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al service projects for current and prospective members. All of these events will be announced throughout

the year, so be sure to check your email and be on the lookout for flyers!

If by any chance you miss our many announcements, please contact ABA club president Quanasia Foster by email at

Foster65@students.rowan.edu for more information on upcoming events. Courtesy of Unique Lewis

ABA Club Executive Board 2013-2014
 Quanasia Foster:
 Club President
 Brianna Leonard:
 Vice President
 Unique Lewis: Public Relations Coordinator
 Brittany Glasgow:
 Treasurer
 Nicholas Sciancalepore:
 Senator
 Melissa Murphy:
 Secretary



Continuing Education Opportunities

11/12/14
Ethical Practice for Behavior Analysts
Alpine Learning Group
 Paramus, NJ
Registration Fees: \$80
 Earn 3 Type II CEUs (free).*

This workshop will review BACB standards and discuss how to use them to guide clinical practice

Erin Richard White, M.A., BCBA
 Jaime Ann DeQuinzio, Ph.D., BCBA-D

www.alpinelearninggroup.org

1/23/15– 1/25/15
ABAI 9th Annual Autism Conference: Innovative, Scientific Approaches
 JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort & Spa; Las Vegas, NV

www.associationforbehavioranalysisinternational.org

5/22/15– 5/26/15
ABAI 41st Annual Convention
 Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center; San Antonio, TX

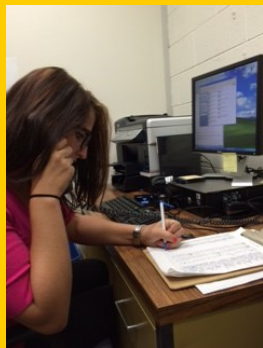


Continuing Education (CE) events are a great way to deepen your knowledge of ABA and expand your

Did you know? ABAI has over 30 Special Interest Groups (SIGs). Check it

out:
www.abainternational.org/constituents/special-interests/special-interest-groups.aspx

Rowan Autism Parent Project– RAPP



A research assistance completes a phone screening for the

In July 2013, Dr. MaryLouise Kerwin was awarded a 2-year, \$394,000 pilot grant from the New Jersey Governor's Council for Medical Research and Treatment of Autism and the New Jersey Department of Health to study parent-implemented interventions for autism. The high prevalence rates of the autism and intensive time requirements for intervention have resulted in a need for the development of innovative service delivery models. Dr. Kerwin's research team, including fellow faculty member Dr. Michelle Soreth, several expert consultants, and over 20 graduate and undergraduate students, is in the process of evalu-

ating the effectiveness of several popular interventions specifically designed for implementation by parents. The results of the pilot study may provide the required preliminary data for a successful grant application to the National Institute of Health, which would allow the team to expand research in autism treatment at Rowan and offer families affected by autism opportunities to access high-quality supplemental treatment services and trainings at no cost. Dr. Kerwin's project is the first Governor's Council for Autism grant awarded to Rowan University, and allows for Rowan's Center for Behavior Analysis,

Psychology Department, and behavior analytic faculty to continue to receive regional, state, and national attention for autism treatment and the training of future behavior analysts. To learn more about the project or are interested in getting involved in the research project, please contact Dr. Kerwin or Dr. Soreth directly. If you have a child you suspect may have autism or could benefit from the services offered by the project, please call 856-256-4846 or visit www.rowan.edu/abacenter

NJ DOE Job Code for Board Certified Behavior Analysts is Announced!

Thanks in part to Autism NJ's efforts, the New Jersey Department of Education announced a new job code for BCBA's working in school districts.

From Autism NJ: (autismnj.org)

Given the intensive educational and behavioral needs of children, adolescents, and adults with autism, Autism New Jersey is working towards advancing initiatives that increase the availability and quality of behavioral services. Our recent [collaborative public policy work with the Department of Education](#) (DOE) focused on recognition for professional behavior analysts. This important policy change sends a clear message that the distinct and specialized contributions of BCBA's are valued within the school community. This job code allows public, private, and charter schools throughout the state to hire BCBA's who may not be DOE certified.

"On behalf of the Autism New Jersey Board and students with autism across the state, we thank the DOE and Dr. Peggy McDonald for

her responsiveness and collaboration to effectuate this policy change," said Dr. Suzanne Buchanan, Autism New Jersey Executive Director. DOE OSEP Director, Dr. McDonald echoed Buchanan's sentiment regarding collaboration and the importance of meeting the educational needs of students with autism. "I am thrilled that we have been able to accomplish this together. Your passion for and dedication to this issue was extremely instrumental in keeping it high on our agenda. I look forward to continuing to work with you and the organization to facilitate the provision of appropriate programs and services to our students."

THANKS AUTISM NJ!

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you can get
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NJ:
autismnj.org***

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Faculty Highlights

Dr. MaryLou Kerwin

Chair of Symposium Behavior Analysis in Education. Presented at Annual Conference of Association for Behavior Analysis International. Chicago, IL.

Recent Publication

Kerwin, M. L. E., Giorgio, J., Steinman, R., & Rosenwasser, B. (2014). In their own voice: Mothers in drug treatment and their views on parent training. *Journal of Social Work Practice in Addictions, 14*, 1-21.

Dr. Bethany Raiff:

Upcoming invited presentations:

Raiff, B.R. (October 29, 2014). *Single-case experimental designs for mHealth.* To be presented at the Wireless Health 2014 conference, National Institutes of Health

(NIH), Bethesda, MA <http://www.wirelesshealth2014.org/conference-agenda/>

Raiff, B.R. (October 29, 2014). *Single-case experimental designs for mHealth.* To be presented at the NIH Behavioral and Social Sciences Research Lecture Series, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MA http://obsr.od.nih.gov/news_and_events/lectures_and_seminars/BSSR_lecture_series/seminars.aspx

Raiff, B.R. (November 17, 2014). *Breathe Free: Smartphone videogame-based smoking cessation intervention.* To be presented remotely to the monthly Center for Technology and Behavioral Health meeting at Dartmouth College, Lebanon, NH

Raiff, B.R., Barry, V., Ridenour, T., Jitnarin, N. (November 21, 2014). *Increasing Adherence to Blood Glucose Testing in Teens With Type I Diabetes.* To be presented in a symposium titled Developing and Disseminating Contingency Management Interventions for Behavior Change at the Annual Convention for the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Philadelphia, PA

Dr. Michelle Soreth

(and Co-authors Drs. Kerwin & Raiff):

Soreth, M., Raiff, B.R., Kerwin, M.L. (October 23, 2014). *Translational Research in Autism.* To be presented at the 32nd Annual Autism Conference at Autism New Jersey. Atlantic City, NJ.

Get Involved!

Did you know?

NJABA aspires to excel as:

- The major catalyst for growth and dissemination of behavior analytic science and practice in New Jersey
- A unifying agent for New Jersey behavior analysts and students of behavior analysis
- The primary professional resource for all New Jersey behavior analysts
- A comprehensive resource for the media on matters related to our profession and practice

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