

# Present & Future Advances in Autism: from Research to Practice

BEST Building Conference Center, University of Kansas Edwards Campus,  
12600 Quivira Road, Overland Park, KS

**Saturday, March 30, 2019**

- 8:30-1:30** Registration (BEST Building West Lobby)
- 8:45-8:50** Allison Tetreault (University of Kansas). Opening Remarks.
- 9:00-9:50** Mary Jane Weiss (Endicott College). "Social Skills and the Goal of Efficient Instruction: Meeting the Challenge with Evidence-Based Methods."
- 10:00-10:50** Jason Travers (University of Kansas). "Extraordinary Claims, Skepticism, and the Ethical Obligation to Empiricism."
- 11:00-11:50** Sarah Bloom (University of South Florida). "Current Research in Trial-Based Functional Analysis."
- 12:00-1:00** Poster Session, Career and Education Fair, Lunch (West Lobby).
- 12:00-1:00** **Do we have any SIGs meeting this year?**
- 1:00-1:30** Business Meeting (Room 130)
- 1:30-1:50** Mike Wasmer (Autism Speaks) "Legislative Updates for the Behavior Analyst, Transitions to School and Community."
- 2:00-2:50** Ellie Kazemi (California State University, Northridge). "Leadership Skills for Supervisors."
- 3:00-3:50** Mark Dixon (Southern Illinois University). "The Importance of Derived Relational Responding for Persons with Autism."
- 4:00-4:30** Allison Tetreault (University of Kansas). Awards, Closing Comments, and Reception

## **Conference Registration and Membership**

Advanced registration is available online until March 23 at [kansaba.org](http://kansaba.org) or through the USPS postmarked by March 20 and sent to the Kansas Association for Behavior Analysis, Department of Applied Behavioral Science, University of Kansas, 1000 Sunnyside Avenue, Lawrence, KS 66045. Registration includes annual conference-to-conference KansABA membership; admission to the conference's Career and Education Fair (see below); snacks and drinks throughout the conference; and lunch. For KansABA membership independent of the conference, write [kansasaba@gmail.com](mailto:kansasaba@gmail.com). The costs of membership and registration for the conference are broken down below.

KansABA membership dues are as follows: *Full Members*, \$25; Full Members reside in Kansas or the Kansas City metropolitan area and meet the requirements for full membership in the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI). *Adjunct Members*, \$20; Adjunct Members reside in Kansas or the Kansas City metropolitan area, but do not meet the requirements for full membership in ABAI. *Student Members*, \$10; Student Members reside in Kansas or the Kansas City metropolitan area and meet the requirements for student membership in ABAI.

Pre-registration for KansABA is as follows: Full Members, \$35, Adjunct Members is \$30 and Student Members is \$20.

On-site registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and closes at 1:30 p.m. On-site rates are an additional \$5 at each membership category. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted.

KansABA members may apply for reduced-rate "chapter/adjunct" membership status in ABAI. It provides ABAI member benefits, but not a subscription to *Perspectives on Behavior Science* or ABAI voting privileges. Among the benefits of chapter/adjunct membership are the ABAI conferences, continuing education at the conferences or through ABAI's online Learning Center, and access to job postings, liability insurance, and a practitioner journal.

## **Business Meeting**

At its Business Meeting, KansABA will present reports by its Executive Council and committee chairs and hold elections for incoming executive council and committee chairs. All KansABA members are welcome and encouraged to attend the Business Meeting.

## **Poster Session**

KansABA will have a poster session for undergraduate and graduate student research and scholarship in behavior analysis. Students submit a title page (e.g., title, authors) and a 250-word abstract to [kansasaba@gmail.com](mailto:kansasaba@gmail.com) by April 6 under the subject line, "Poster Submission." They will be notified about their acceptance by March 16. The abstracts and posters must adhere to the field's ethical standards (see J. S. Bailey and M. Burch [2016]. *Ethics for Behavior Analysts* [3rd ed.]. New York: Routledge). The presenting author must register for the conference. The posters will be set up between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the West Lobby or West Meeting Room. Awards will be given for the best posters as judged by the conference's presenters. Posters must not have been presented previously at the KansABA conference.

## **Continuing Education Units and Certificates of Attendance**

Behavior Analysis Certification Board (BACB) continuing education units (CEUs) will be offered for the five main presentations, that is, all but Wasmer's short session, opening remarks, and closing comments. The CEUs are \$50 for the entire conference; they cannot be purchased for individual presentations. They may be purchased online until April 20 at [KansABA.org](http://KansABA.org) or through the USPS postmarked by April 17 and sent to the Kansas Association for Behavior Analysis, Department of Applied Behavioral Science, University of Kansas, 1000 Sunnyside Avenue, Lawrence, KS 66045. If purchased on-site, the CEUs are \$75 for the entire conference. Credit cards, checks, and cash are accepted. Certificates of attendance for the full conference attendance will be available gratis.

## **Career and Education Fair**

KansABA will host a Career and Education Fair for direct-service providers, nonprofit government agencies, and

educational institutions. Registration is \$100 for direct-service providers. Government agencies and educational institutions register gratis. Registration includes one conference registration and its benefits (e.g., lunch). KansABA does not endorse providers, agencies, or institutions and reserves the right to refuse them registration for failing to adhere to the field's ethical standards (see J. S. Bailey & M. Burch [2016]. *Ethics for Behavior Analysts* [3rd ed.]. New York: Routledge). Registrants should contact Ed Morris at [ekm@ku.edu](mailto:ekm@ku.edu) and register at [KansABA.org](http://KansABA.org) as "Other."

### **Sponsorships**

Any direct-service provider, nonprofit government agency, educational institution, or individual may be a sponsor of the 2018 KansABA conference. They must register as a sponsor by April 1 at the "Sponsor" registration link at [KansABA.org](http://KansABA.org). Sponsorships are \$250. They include one conference registration and its benefits (e.g., lunch) and the sponsor's name in the program.

### **Location, Directions, and Parking**

The University of Kansas's Edwards Campus is located in Overland Park, KS at 12600 Quivira Road, 2.3 miles south of the Quivira Road exit off I-435. Please use the 125th Street entrance to the right off of Quivira Road and park in the BEST Building parking lot. Parking is free.

### **Lodging**

The Courtyard by Marriott Kansas City/Overland Park (11301 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS 66201. Phone: 913.339.9900) offers convenient lodging, but has no conference rates.

### **ATM**

The BEST Building has no ATM, but one is available at the on-campus gas station.

### **Photography Release**

The conference will have an official photographer. By registering for the conference, you are granting KansABA permission to include your likeness in photograph(s) in any and all of its publications and in any and all other media, whether now known or hereafter existing, controlled by KansABA, in perpetuity, and for other use by KansABA. You will make no monetary or other claim against KansABA for the use of the photograph(s). KansABA will not release photographs to third parties or sell them.

### **KansABA's Mission and Governance**

KansABA's mission is to advance the science and practice of behavior analysis; address issues relevant to the science and practice of behavior analysis; maintain disciplinary, professional, and ethical standards; and recruit interest in behavior analysis throughout Kansas and the Kansas City metropolitan area (i.e., Clay, Jackson, Platte Counties in Missouri). KansABA is governed by an Executive Council that consists of a president: Ed Morris; president-elect: Allison Tetreault; a full member representative: Linda Heitzman-Powell; an adjunct member representative: Katie Gower; and a student representative: Alec Bernstein/Brett Gelino. The Council is assisted by a secretary, Kelley Harrison, and a treasurer, Sarah Mead. In addition, KansABA has a Legislative Affairs Committee: Nan Perrin, chair; Legislative Liaison: Kelley Harrison; a Conference Committee: Alec Bernstein, chair; a Web Site Committee: Matthew Novak, chair; and a Professional Development Committee: Tyler Re, chair.

### **Special Interest Groups**

KansABA's members have a range of interests in teaching, research, service, and practice. To support them, KansABA encourages the development of special interest groups (SIGs). In this, KansABA will (a) assist them with recruitment, promotion, and dissemination; (b) publish SIG news and announcements on the KansABA website and in its conference program; (c) host SIG business meetings at the KansABA conferences; (d) co-sponsor continuing education events; and (e) maintain links between the SIGs and KansABA's websites. For further information, see [KansABA.org](http://KansABA.org).

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## **Code of Ethics**

KansABA expects its members to uphold the highest standards of personal and professional behavior in the conduct of their work and the advancement of behavior analysis (see J. S. Bailey & M. Burch [2016]. *Ethics for Behavior Analysts* [3rd ed.]. New York: Routledge). KansABA embraces the diversity of professions within its membership, thus KansABA members should adhere to the ethical standards that have been defined for their professions. Examples include, but are not limited to the American Psychological Association's Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct, the Association for Clinical Researchers' Code of Ethics, the Association for Institutional Research's Code of Ethics, the Behavior Analyst Certification Board's Professional and Ethical Compliance Code, the National Association of School Psychologists' Professional Conduct Manual, the National Association of Social Workers' Code of Ethics, and the National Education Association's Code of Ethics of the Education Profession.

## **Diversity Policy**

KansABA seeks to be an organization comprised of people of different ages, races, nationalities, ethnic groups, sexual orientations, genders, classes, religions, abilities, and educational levels. KansABA opposes unfair discrimination.