Positive Behavior Management and Support Workshops

Presenters Bios

Richard Smith received his masters and doctoral degrees at the University of Florida. After receiving his doctoral degree, Smith joined the faculty at the University of North Texas where he served as chair of the Department of Behavior Analysis for 13 of his 25 years on the job. His primary research interest is in the assessment and treatment of behavior disorders in people with intellectual disabilities with specific areas of focus in motivational variables, advances in functional analysis procedures and the use of complex research designs to investigate basic principles underlying the effects of behavioral interventions. His research has resulted in numerous presentations and publications and he has served on the editorial board and as associate editor for the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis* for many years. He directs the Behavior Analysis Resource Center located on the campus of the Denton State Supported Living Center, where he and his staff and students provide caseload, clinical and caregiver training services.

Awards:

- "B.F. Skinner New Researcher Award" for innovative and important behavioral research by a new investigator, August 1997. Presented at the Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Division 25, Chicago, Illinois.
- Developing Scholar Award, University of North Texas, Fall 1999.
- Texas Association on Mental Retardation Research Award for Outstanding Research Contributions in the Mental Retardation Field, August 2000.
- Award for Distinguished Faculty Service, Special Recognition Award for 10 Years of Meritorious Service. Awarded Fall 2004. Denton State School, Denton, Texas.
- Hiram J. Friedsam Award of Distinction for Outstanding Faculty Contributions, UNT College of Public Affairs and Community Service. Awarded May 2007.
- Honor Professor, University of North Texas Student Government Award. Awarded April 2011.
- Career Contributions to Behavior Analysis in Texas Award, Texas Association for Behavior Analysis, February 2014.
- UNT President's Special Faculty Recognition Award, October 2017

Joseph Dracobly, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LBA received his undergraduate degree in psychology and Italian studies from Gonzaga University in 2005. In 2009, he received his Master of Science in behavior analysis from the University of North Texas under the supervision of Richard Smith. In 2014, he received his Ph.D. in behavioral psychology from the University of Kansas under the supervision of Claudia Dozier.

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After graduating from the University of Kansas, from 2014-2018, he was an assistant professor of psychological science at Eastern Connecticut State University.

In August 2018, Joseph joined the faculty in the Department of Behavior Analysis at the University of North Texas as an assistant professor. He is currently a board-certified behavior analyst and a Licensed Behavior Analysis in the state of Texas. Along with Richard Smith, Dracobly supervises a clinical and research project at the Denton State Supported Living Center. At this project, graduate students have the opportunity to learn behavior analytic skills related to clinical service delivery as a unit behavior analyst, serve as part of interdisciplinary team, conduct pre-service, new employee training, and conduct intensive clinical intervention as part of a research lab specializing in the assessment and treatment of severe problem behavior.

This fall, Dracobly also started the Creativity and Problem Solving lab. Dracobly has also served as a guest reviewer for the Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis, Behavior Analysis in Practice, the Psychological Record and the European Journal of Behavior Analysis.

Carla Smith serves as assistant director of University of North Texas' Behavior Analysis Resource Center where she oversees student clinical experience at the Denton State Supported Living Center. Smith received her bachelor's and master's degrees in behavior analysis at the University of North Texas and is a board-certified behavior analyst and a BACB-approved supervisor. Smith's areas of interested are improving assessment and treatment of behavior disorders, organizational behavior management, and performance-based staff training. She has presented her research to the Association for Behavior Analysis International Conference and has published in the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis* and the *European Journal of Behavior Analysis.*

Audrey Newkirk is senior project coordinator for University of North Texas' Behavior Analysis Resource Center overseeing competency-based staff training of behavior management skills at the Denton State Supported Living Center. Newkirk received her bachelor's and master's degrees in behavior analysis at UNT and is a board-certified behavior analyst. She supervises and mentor's students who obtain practical training in the assessment and treatment of behavior disorders, competency-based staff training, behavior skills training, teaching clients to cooperate with and tolerate routine health care procedures, and the evaluation of procedural fidelity in program implementation. She has completed research on the development and evaluation of a large-scale pyramidal staff training program for behavior management. Her original work was presented at the 2014 meeting of the Association of Behavior Analysis International conference, and she and her students continue to present extensions and refinements of this work at regional and national conferences.

Katy Atcheson has been the project manager for the Behavior Analysis Resource Center since 2006, where she provides training and oversight to undergraduate and graduate students at the Denton State

Supported Living Center. Katy received her bachelor's degree in psychology at the University of Nevada, Reno and her master's degree in behavior analysis at the University of North Texas; in 2006 she became a board-certified behavior analyst and is a BACB-approved provider of supervised experience. Her primary interests and expertise are in the area of assessment and treatment of severe challenging behavior. Her 16 years of experience treating people who engage in extreme, severe behavior have led to her passion to help and train future behavior analysts, providers and caregivers to better understand and more effectively manage their day-to-day behavioral challenges.