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THURSDAY, MAY 24 - WORKSHOP

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Manchester Grand Hyatt, Harbor Ballroom E

Establishing Social Repertoires in Toddlers With Autism: The Nuts and Bolts of Teaching, Rebecca P. F. MacDonald, Ph.D & Pamela Nichole Petereson (NECC); Carolyn Walker & Brianna Rachel Holohan (Behavioral Health Works)

FRIDAY, MAY 25 - WORKSHOP

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Manchester Grand Hyatt, America's Cup A-D

From the Classroom to Workforce: Teaching Vocational Skills to Individuals With an Autism Spectrum Disorder, Julie S. Weiss, Juienne Fairchild LeBlanc & Christine Ann Pellerin (NECC)

SATURDAY, MAY 26 - SYMPOSIA

10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.

Manchester Grand Hyatt - Seaport Ballroom C

Use of Denial-Delay Tolerance Training in the Treatment of Ritualistic and Stereotypic Behavior, Dewey Delisle & Jessica L. Thomason-Sassi (NECC)

Increasing Medical Adherence for Individuals With Autism, Hailee Stuesser & Eileen M. Roscoe (NECC)

10:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.

Manchester Grand Hyatt - Grand Hall A

Transferring Successful Skill-Based Treatments to Caregivers, CE Instructor: Florence D. DiGennaro Reed, M.S.; Chair: Shannon Ward (NECC)

Meals Without Tears: The Treatment of Food Selectivity in Children With Autism, Julian Marcus (NECC), Gregory P. Hanley, Kyle Sears, Holly Gover & Kelsey Ruppel (Western New England University), Christine Ann Warner (NECC)

Manchester Grand Hyatt - Grand Hall D

Improving Observational Learning in Children With Autism and Social Delays: Recent Advances in Research and Practice, CE Instructor & Chair: Jaime DeQuinzio, PhD (Alpine Learning Group), Discussant: William H. Ahearn (NECC)

11:00 a.m.- 12:50 p.m.

Manchester Grand Hyatt - Seaport Ballroom H

Response Interruption and Redirection Treatment Integrity Considerations, Candice Colon-Kwedor (Behavioral Concepts Inc.), Kimberly Gauthier & William H. Ahearn (NECC)

3:00 p.m.-3:50 p.m.

Manchester Grand Hyatt - Seaport Ballroom H

A Conceptual Analysis of Social Referencing, Pamela Nichole Peterson & Rebecca P. F. MacDonald (NECC)

4:00 p.m.-5:50 p.m.

Manchester Grand Hyatt - Grand Hall D

An Evaluation of Progressive Extinction to Assess Response Class Membership of Multiple Topographies of Problem Behavior, Christine A. Warner (NECC), Gregory P. Hanley, Mahshid Ghaemmaghami, Holly Gover, Robin K. Landa, Adithyan Rajaraman, Jessica Slaton, Kelsey Ruppel

SATURDAY, MAY 26 - POSTERS

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Marriott Marquis, Pacific Ballroom

Decreasing Energy Usage Through the Use of Feedback, Prompts, and Rewards, Tanvi Pendharkar & Jason C. Bourret (NECC)

Measures to Predict Reinforcing Efficacy: QO and Preference Assessments, Allison Josephine Castile & Jason C. Bourret (NECC)

Evaluation of a Punisher Assessment for Automatically-Reinforced Problem Behavior, Holly Wiggins, Amanda Verriden & Eileen M. Roscoe (NECC)

Using Antecedent Strategies to Teach Implementation of the Brief Response Restriction Preference Assessment, Kelly James & Allen J. Karsina (NECC)

Negative Reinforcer Magnitude Manipulations for Treating Escape-Maintained Problem Behavior Jacqueline Marra, Eileen M. Roscoe & Daniel Fredericks, Nabil Mezhoudi (NECC)

SUNDAY, MAY 27 -SYMPOSIA

8:00 a.m.-9:50 a.m.

Manchester Grand Hyatt - Grand Hall C

Recent Advancements in Social Skills Instruction With Individuals With Autism Spectrum Disorder CE Instructor & Discussant: Rebecca P. F. MacDonald, PhD (NECC); Chair: Ruth M. DeBar (Caldwell University)

Evaluation of Strategies for Teaching Social Skills During Leisure Engagement, Chantal Little, Stacie Bancroft, Erin Jarvis & Matthew Darcy (NECC)

Assessing and Enhancing Social Behavior of Individuals Diagnosed With an Autism Spectrum Disorder, Tracey Toran & William H. Ahearn (NECC)

10:00 a.m.-10:50 a.m.

Manchester Grand Hyatt - Seaport Ballroom G

Assessment and Treatment of Automatically Maintained Self-Injurious Behavior CE Instructor: Samantha Russo, MEd.; Chair: Eileen M. Roscoe (NECC)

12:00 p.m.-12:50 p.m.

Manchester Grand Hyatt - Grand Hall C

Behavior Analytic Strategies for Enhancing Quality of Life in Individuals With Developmental Disabilities, CE Instructor & Chair: Stacie Bancroft (NECC)

Generation of Contextually Relevant Stimulus Control for Initiation of Leisure Activities, Stephanie Muse, Stacie Bancroft, Sean Ferris & Elaina Strampach (NECC)

When Teaching Leisure Isn't Enough: Increasing Preference for Leisure Activities by Embedding Natural Reinforcers, Fatima Zahrah Zaidi, Stacie Bancroft, Adela Castellon & Corey Anderson (NECC)

3:00 p.m. -4:50 p.m.

Manchester Grand Hyatt - Grand Hall A

Making the Treatment Work! Recent Updates in Stimulus Selection as Reinforcers and Response Persistences, CE Instructor: Tiffany Kodak, MS, Chair: Cormac MacManus (NECC)

SUNDAY, MAY 27 -SYMPOSIA, con't.

3:00 p.m. –4:50 p.m.

Correspondence Between and Stability of Paired Stimulus Preference Assessment and Progressive Ratio Schedule Data, Shawn J. Janetzke & Jason C. Bourret (NECC)

Assessing the Effects of a Modified Differential Reinforcement of Other Behavior Procedure From the Perspective of Behavioral Momentum Theory, Kylee Drugan-Eppich, Alex Elfont, Brandi Todaro & William H. Ahearn (NECC)

SUNDAY, MAY 27 - POSTERS

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Marriott Marquis, Grand Ballroom 1-6

A Review of Applications of Progressive-Ratio Schedules, Lindsay Lloveras, Shawn J. Janetzke & Jason C. Bourret (NECC)

A Functional Analysis of Manding, Rasha Baruni, Jonathan Seaver, Christina Coley & Stephen Tramontozzi (NECC and NECC-AD)

Marriott Marquis, Pacific Ballroom

Effects of Category and Choice on Preference, Jessica Gutfleish, Diannelys Rojas, Hallie Glassman, Meaghan Griffin, Emily McGrail & Allen J. Karsina (NECC)

Establishing Stimulus Control of Visual Stimuli Over “Stop” and “Go Slow” Responses, Christian Yensen & Chata A. Dickson (NECC)

Do Edible and Leisure Items Displace Attention? Zoe Newman, Nicole Goldberg & Eileen M. Roscoe (NECC)

Evaluation of the Effect of Negative Punishment on the Rate of Excessive Mands, Nabil Mezhoudi, Aimee Courtemanche, Maureen Kelly, Randi Layne Mahoney & Jason C. Bourret (NECC)

A Comparison of Mixed and Multiple Schedules for the Treatment of Pica, Denise Figueroa & Jessica L. Thomason-Sassi (NECC)

Increasing Physical Activity in Children With Autism Spectrum Disorder, Chelsea Hedquist & Eileen M. Roscoe (NECC)

Using Lag Schedules to Increase Toy Play Variability for Children With Autism in the United Arab Emirates, Rasha Baruni & Daniel John Sheridan (NECC-AD), Clodagh Mary Murray (National University of Ireland Galway), Michelle P. Kelly (Emirates College for Advanced Education), Jonathan Seaver (NECC) Discussant: Aimee Giles (University of South Wales)

Differences in Performance of Critical Foundational Skills in Children With and Without Autism Spectrum Disorders, Kelly L. McConnell & Chata A. Dickson (NECC), Jacquelyn M. MacDonald (Regis College)

The Successful Extension of a Skill-Based Treatment for Socially-Mediated Problem Behavior to the Student’s Teachers, Shannon Ward (NECC), Gregory P. Hanley (Western New England University), Adithyan Rajaraman (Western New England University), Kelsey Ruppel (Western New England University), Holly Gover (Western New England University)

MONDAY, MAY 28- SYMPOSIA

9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.

Manchester Grand Hyatt - Grand Hall A

Approaches to Integrating Research and Practice in Applied Settings, CE Instructor: Louis P. Hagopian, PhD, Chair: Patricia F. Kurtz (Kennedy Krieger Institute).

- *Integrating Research and Practice at The New England Center for Children* (Applied Research), William H. Ahearn (NECC)

9:00 a.m.–10:50 a.m.

Manchester Grand Hyatt - Seaport Ballroom G

Reducing Public Masturbation in Individuals With Autism Spectrum Disorder: An Assessment of Over-correction and Response Blocking, Jonathan Priehs, Adelyn Kishbaugh, Haley Steinhauer, Catia Cividini-Motta & William H. Ahearn (NECC)

Manchester Grand Hyatt - Seaport Ballroom DE

Comparison of Sensitivity to Changing Reinforcement Parameters in Individuals With Automatically and Socially Maintained Self-Injurious Behavior, Alexander Rodolfo Arevalo, Griffin Rooker, Jennifer N. Haddock & Louis P. Hagopian (Kennedy Krieger Institute), Nabil Mezhoudi (NECC)

Manchester Grand Hyatt - Harbor Ballroom AB

Examining Stimulus-Stimulus Pairing Procedures: From SSP to Direct Reinforcement, Michael Heiberger (Western New England University), Rachel Schweon & William H. Ahearn (NECC)

10:00 a.m.–11:50 a.m.

Manchester Grand Hyatt - Coronado Ballroom AB

Assessment and Treatment of Pediatric Food Selectivity via Choice and Shaping With Synthesized Reinforcers, Holly Gover, Kelsey Ruppel, Gregory P. Hanley & Robin K. Landa (Western New England University), Juliana Marcus (NECC)

Manchester Grand Hyatt- Seaport Ballroom C

Identifying Preferred Break Environments for Individuals With Escape-Maintained Problem Behavior, Natalie Castelluccio & Cammarie Johnson (NECC)

11:00 AM–12:50 PM

Manchester Grand Hyatt- Grand Hall C

A Video Modeling Approach to Train Abduction Prevention Skills, Jonathan Priehs & William H. Ahearn (NECC)

3:00 p.m.–4:50 p.m.

Marriott Marquis, Grand Ballroom 10-13

A Complete Behavior Analyst: Remembering the Life and Work of Maria R. Ruiz (1950–2017)
CE Instructor & Chair: Chata A. Dickson, PhD (NECC)

Pragmatic and Humanistic Values in the Education and Treatment of Individuals With Developmental Disabilities: Contributions and Lessons From Maria Ruiz

MONDAY, MAY 28- POSTERS

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Marriott Marquis, Pacific Ballroom

Assessing Food Selectivity and Mealtime Problem Behavior in Children With Autism Using Caregiver Input, Juliana Marcus, Gregory P. Hanley, Holly Gover, Kelsey Ruppel, Kyle Sears & Christine Ann Warner (NECC)

The Effects of Presenting Video-Based Instructional Antecedents on the Acquisition and Generalization of Discrimination Skills by a Child With Autism, Carly Eby (NECC), Elizabeth Demarchi (Vinfen)

Descriptive Assessment of Functional Analysis Methodology at a Behavior Analytic School for Individuals With Autism, Jacquelin Lanphear (NECC)

Random Sampling Affects Background Probability Calculations in Descriptive Assessments, Randi Layne Mahoney & Jason C. Bourret (NECC)