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HLABA's 10th annual conference is quickly approaching! The 10th annual conference will be held on Thursday, March 3rd and Friday, March 4th at the DoubleTree Hotel, located at 1616 Dodge Street, in downtown Omaha, Nebraska. We are excited to once again host the conference at this wonderful venue, which is located in the heart of downtown Omaha, just minutes from the Old Market, Pedestrian Bridge, Henry Doorly Zoo, shopping, restaurants, and many other attractions!



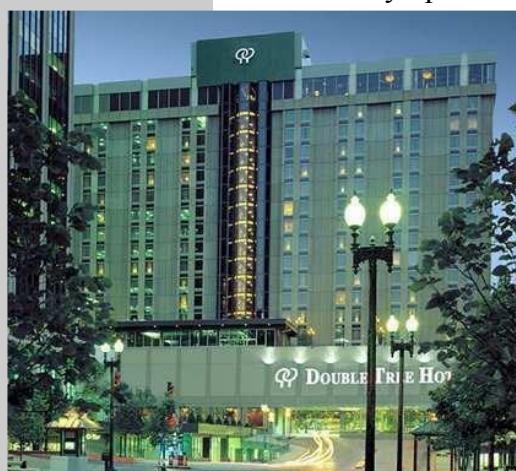
## HLABA 10th Annual Conference

William J. Higgins Vice President

We also have an exciting line-up of speakers for this year's conference! We are thrilled to announce that Drs. SungWoo Kahng and Alice Shillingsburg will conduct Thursday's workshops. Friday's presenters include Drs. SungWoo Kahng, Alice Shillingsburg, Cathleen Piazza, Regina Carroll, and Nicole DeRosa. Stay tuned for a finalized schedule for the conference! HLABA also will select submitted presentations for a symposium to be held on Friday afternoon and will host a poster presentation and competition on Thursday evening (March 3rd). Please refer to pages 8-10 for the official Call for Papers Announcement.

Please be sure to submit your completed registration form (coming soon to our website) and payment to the address provided on the form. At this year's conference, HLABA members will have the opportunity to vote for open positions on the HLABA Executive Board. Please submit your nominations for the board to [heartlandaba@gmail.com](mailto:heartlandaba@gmail.com) by February 8, 2016. Refer to p. 6 for detailed information regarding open board positions and the nomination process. Nominations for the HLABA Award of Excellence also will be accepted until February 8, 2016. Please submit nominations to [heartlandaba@gmail.com](mailto:heartlandaba@gmail.com).

**10th Annual Conference to be  
held at the DoubleTree by  
Hilton in Downtown Omaha, NE**



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## 10th Annual Conference Invited Presenters



**Sung Woo Kahng, Ph.D., BCBA-D** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Health Psychology at the University of Missouri and the Director of the Applied Behavioral Intervention Service of the MU Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders. Prior to his current position, he was a faculty member in the Department of Behavioral Psychology and a senior behavior analyst on the Neurobehavioral Unit at the Kennedy Krieger Institute as well as an associate professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Dr. Kahng graduated from Kalamazoo College with a bachelor's of arts in psychology and received his Ph.D. in behavior analysis from the University of Florida. He was recently appointed an Associate Editor for the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis* where he also served on the Board of Editors. Additionally, he is on the Board of Editors for *Behavioral Intervention* and has served as an *ad hoc* reviewer for numerous other journals. He is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and a Licensed Behavior Analyst in the State of Missouri. Dr. Kahng is the recipient of the 2003 B.F. Skinner New Researcher Award given by Division 25 of the American Psychological Association. He has been invited to present at regional, national and international events, as well as to consult for numerous organizations. Dr. Kahng has co-authored over 70 peer reviewed articles and chapters. The focus of his research and clinical work has been on assessing and treating behaviors exhibited by individuals with developmental disabilities. He is also interested in a broader research agenda, which includes topics related to obesity and aging. Finally, he has mentored numerous undergraduate, master's level, and predoctoral students as well as post-doctoral fellows.

*Online registration coming soon! Go to our website ([www.hlaba.org](http://www.hlaba.org)) to access our membership form. Complete and send the form to the following address with the appropriate payment:*

**HLABA**

**P.O. Box 31631**

**Omaha, NE 68131-0631**

**Please make checks payable to "HLABA"**



## 10th Annual Conference Invited Presenters

**Alice Shillingsburg, Ph.D., BCBA-D** is in clinical psychology at Auburn University. She is currently an assistant professor in the division of Autism and Related Disorders in the Department of Pediatrics at Emory University and the Program Director of the Language and Learning Clinic at the Marcus Autism Center. Dr. Shillingsburg is a licensed psychologist and Board Certified Behavior Analyst at the Doctoral level. Her clinical expertise includes developing language and behavioral programming to address a variety of behavioral difficulties and communication deficits associated with developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorders (ASD). Dr. Shillingsburg is associate editor and editorial board member of *The Analysis of Verbal Behavior* and former editorial board member of *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*. Her current research interests include theoretical and practical applications of verbal behavior and the assessment and treatment of language deficits particularly strategies to promote language acquisition and social interaction skills in children with autism.



**Cathleen Piazza, Ph.D., BCBA-D** is a Professor of Pediatrics and Director of the Pediatric Feeding Disorders Program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska. She previously directed similar programs at the Marcus Institute in Atlanta and at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore. Dr. Piazza and her colleagues have examined various aspects of feeding behavior and have developed a series of interventions to address one of the most common health problems in children. Her research in this area has been among the most systematic in the field and has firmly established behavioral approaches as preferred methods for assessment and treatment. In her roles as clinical, research, and training director, Dr. Piazza has mentored a large number of interns and fellows who have gone on to make significant contributions to the field. Highly regarded for her general expertise in research methodology, Dr. Piazza is a former Editor of the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*.



**Regina Carroll, Ph.D., BCBA-D** is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at West Virginia University. She received a Master's in Behavior Analysis from Saint Cloud State University under the supervision of Dr. John Rapp, and her Ph.D. in Behavior Analysis from the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Munroe-Meyer Institute under the supervision of Drs. Tiffany Kodak and Wayne Fisher. Dr. Carroll is an editorial board member for the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis* and has served as a guest reviewer for seven other behavior analytic journals. She also serves on the board of directors for the Southeastern Association for Behavior Analysis and the West Virginia Behavior Analysis Association. Dr. Carroll's research interests include evaluating instructional interventions for individuals with an autism spectrum disorder and related intellectual disabilities, verbal behavior, and treatment integrity.



**Nicole DeRosa, Psy.D., BCBA-D** received her Psy.D. in 2012 from the University of Southern Maine in School Psychology with an emphasis in Applied Behavior Analysis. She completed a pre-doctoral internship in behavioral psychology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Munroe-Meyer Institute's Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders. In 2012, she was recruited for a post-doctoral position at the Family Behavior Analysis Program, Department of Pediatrics, Upstate Medical University, where she is currently employed as Director of the Severe Behavior Disorders Sub-Clinic. Dr. DeRosa also has experience implementing behavioral treatments in an integrated day treatment and school program with children and adolescents diagnosed with emotional and behavioral disorders. In addition to her experience relating to severe behavior disorders, Dr. DeRosa has experience implementing and supervising the implementation of early-intensive behavioral intervention services for individuals with developmental disabilities, including autism spectrum disorder. Dr. DeRosa has published several peer-reviewed papers, co-authored a book chapter, and delivered numerous professional presentations at both local and national conferences in the areas of applied behavior analysis and childhood behavior disorders. Her current research interests include severe behavior disorders, functional communication training, behavioral economics, pediatric feeding disorders, and parent/caregiver training.



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# Call for Papers

The annual conference includes  
posters, paper addresses, symposia,  
panel discussions, and exhibits!

The deadline for submission is Febr-  
uary 8th, 2016 by midnight.

Send submissions, questions, or CE application materials to the  
Conference Coordinator at [heartlandaba@gmail.com](mailto:heartlandaba@gmail.com)

Please list “HLABA submission” as the subject of the email. Call (402) 559-3014 if you have email problems or questions that would not be easily resolved by email. Refer to the Call for Papers announcement at the end of the newsletter, the website ([www.hlabab.org](http://www.hlabab.org)), or our Facebook page for details regarding the submission process!

## Poster Presentation & Competition

Join us on Thursday, March 3rd, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the DoubleTree Hotel for great opportunities to network and learn about innovative research during HLABA’s annual poster session! Check out posters representing current research in the heartland and get to know some of the HLABA presenters and other professionals in the field of ABA. HLABA-appointed judges will score posters on the research idea and contribution to the field of Behavior

Analysis. The winner of the competition will receive a \$200 cash prize to be used toward fees for attending the Association for Behavior Analysis International Annual Conference.



# NOMINATIONS

## Nominations for HLABA Executive Board 2016

We are seeking nominations for two positions on the HLABA Executive Board. Send your nominations to [heartlandaba@gmail.com](mailto:heartlandaba@gmail.com). The following positions require nominations:

### **Vice President:**

The Vice President shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee, perform all presidential duties in the absence of the President, oversee the development and functioning of all HLABA committees, and coordinate any chapter newsletters or publications. The Vice President is also the President-Elect and serves as President when the President's term expires or if the President vacates the position before the end of the term. The Vice President must be a Full Member of HLABA and the term of office is one year.

### **Representative-at-Large:**

The Representative-at-Large shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee, coordinate the distribution of newsletters, publications, and workshop or conference announcements, maintain the HLABA website, and represent the interests of general HLABA membership. The Representative-at-Large may be a Full or Affiliate Member and the term of office is two years.

## Nominations for the HLABA Award of Excellence

Nominees should be individuals who have been crucial to the development and ongoing success of ABA in the Heartland area. We will honor the recipient at this year's annual conference. Please send your nominations to [heartlandaba@gmail.com](mailto:heartlandaba@gmail.com) along with a brief statement regarding why you would like to nominate the individual for HLABA's Award of Excellence. Please email any questions you have regarding this award or the nomination process.

Past recipients include:



Wayne Fisher	Steve Taylor	Bobbi Hightree
Leah Clark	Connie Taylor	Terri Newton
Valerie Volkert	Mark Shriver	Lisa Kelly-Vance
Ryan Groeneweg		

# HLABA Upcoming Events

Event	Date and Time	Information
<b>HLABA Speaker Series</b> Kimberly Crosland Ph.D., BCBA-D University of South Florida	January 21st	TBA
<b>HLABA Speaker Series</b> Jason Vladescu, Ph.D., BCBA-D Caldwell College	February 17th	
<b>10th Annual HLABA Conference</b> Omaha, NE	March 3rd and 4th	TBA
Association for Behavior Analysis International 42th Annual Convention Chicago, IL	May 27-31	TBA
<b>Stay tuned for future speaker series events!</b>	<i>We will hold future monthly Speaker Events at the Munroe-Meyer Institute</i>	<i>Attendees may earn 1.0 BCBA Credit for each event. Check the HLABA website and stay tuned for future emails for more details and the new schedule!</i>



  
**Reserve your room at the DoubleTree Hotel Today!**

**Group Name:** Heartland Association for Behavior Analysis (HLABA)

**Group Code:** HAB

**Group Discount Rates Available for:** Mar 2-Mar 5

**Hotel Address:** 1616 Dodge St. Omaha, NE 68102

**Hotel Phone:** 402-346-7600

**Group Web Page:** TBA

**Call or email with questions!**

(402) 559-3014 or whiggins@unmc.edu



# Call for Papers

***All submissions due by Friday, February 8th, 2016, by midnight***

## **Presentation Formats**

**Posters** consist of visual displays of information describing and reporting the results of empirical research. The poster session will be held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Double Tree Hotel. We will provide easels to display posters. **Students submitting a poster will be included in a Poster Contest!** The HLABA Board members and invited judges will score the posters on their research idea and contribution to the field of Behavior Analysis. The winner will receive \$200 to encourage attendance at ABAI!

**Paper Addresses** are individual oral presentations describing ABA-related conceptual, historical, or methodological issues or empirical research. Paper addresses should be no more than 20 minutes in length and may be combined with other Papers in longer sessions. The program committee reserves the right to group individual Paper Addresses with other Paper Addresses or to assign a Paper Address submission to a Poster based on scheduling constraints.

**Symposia** are a series of 15 to 20-minute presentations organized around an ABA-related theme or issue. A chairperson will organize the presentations and moderate the session, assuring timeframes are maintained and that the session ends on time. A discussant will deliver remarks at the end, which are intended to highlight and integrate the contributions of the various speakers. Symposia are 75 minutes in length. HLABA is not responsible for designating or notifying a chairperson or discussant.

**Panel Discussions** consist of several speakers' responses to a question or issue with time allotted for audience participation. A panel discussion is organized and led by a chairperson who is responsible for the flow of the session. Panel discussions are 75 minutes in length. HLABA is not responsible for designating or notifying a chairperson.

**Exhibits** are an opportunity for ABA-related training programs, commercial vendors, agencies, and businesses to display information about their program or promote products for sale. Display space includes one 3' x 8' skirted table. The fee for an exhibit is \$75 or \$25 for HLABA members renewing membership from the previous year. We will display exhibits in the lunch area, so that attendees may visit the exhibits before and after lunch.

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## **Submission Instructions:**

All proposals should be typed in MSWord and submitted as an email attachment to the Conference Coordinator (on the next page). Contact the Conference Coordinator if other arrangements are necessary. We will not accept incomplete submissions. Please follow submission outline instructions for each submitted presentation. Although there is no limit on the number of presentations in which an author may participate, the overall number of submissions may be limited depending on scheduling constraints.

## **Submission Outline:**

**Please Specify One Type of Presentation:** Poster, Paper address, Symposium, Panel Discussion, Display, Exhibit

**Title:** Symposia will include a session title and individual titles for each presentation.

**Chairperson:** Include the name and (one) affiliation for all symposia and panel discussions.

**Discussant:** Include the name and (one) affiliation for symposia only.

**Contact Information:** Include name, email address, and phone number for the presenting author. All correspondence will be sent to this email address.

## **Abstract/Display/Exhibit Description:**

- 1) **Abstracts** are required for posters, paper addresses, symposia, and panel discussions. Abstracts are required for each presenter in a symposium. The abstract must follow APA style and be no more than 200 words. Keep in mind, the content of your abstract will govern the attendance of your session and interest in your poster.
- 2) **Display/Exhibit Descriptions** are required for displays. Descriptions should include information about the display, which will be published in the program. The description should be no more than 200 words.

**Author Information:** For posters, paper addresses, symposia, and panel discussions, include the presenting author's name and (one) affiliation. The presenting author should be listed in ALL UPPERCASE LETTERS. If not designated, we will assign the first author as the presenting author. The presenting author must be present at the event and registered to attend the conference.

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**Schedule Preference** will be honored when possible.

**Conference Submissions:** We will send the contact author a confirmation of acceptance by February 12th, 2016. If accepted, the confirmation will include the date and time of the presentation. The contact author is responsible for contacting all other presenters to inform them of the presentation's acceptance and the date and time of the presentation.

## **Equipment**

HLABA will provide a screen. The size of the screen will depend on the room size. We will also provide a microphone for larger rooms. HLABA will provide a projector and a PC computer. Presenters are responsible for all other equipment unless other arrangements are made with HLABA in advance.

## **Continuing Education by BACB**

To have your paper address, symposium, or panel discussion considered for BACB CEUs, include a curriculum vita (CV) and a brief description of the objectives for your presentation with your submission (include a copy of the CV and the objectives for each individual presentation for symposia). Objectives should be written in behavioral terms that specify what the participants will do during the event or should be able to do after completing the event, rather than what the participants will “know” or what the instructor (s) will do. See the BACB website ([www.bacb.com](http://www.bacb.com)) for further information on BACB requirements. The CV and objectives will be reviewed by the HLABA CE Coordinator to assure it meets BACB requirements. We will send acceptance emails when the event is officially approved. One BACB CE may be granted for each 50 minutes of approved instruction or presentation (or 0.5 CE for 25 minutes).

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**Visit our website ([www.hlabab.org](http://www.hlabab.org)) for this and other important information about the upcoming conference! We'll see you at the conference!**

