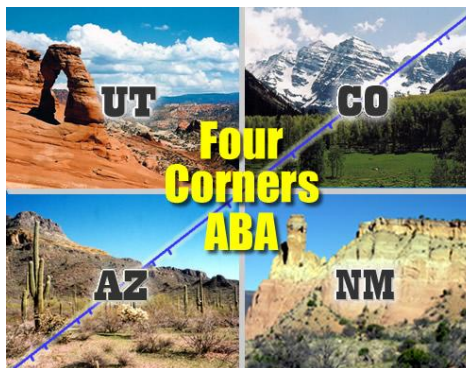


# Four Corners Association for Behavior Analysis



## Fifth Annual Meeting to be Held in Winter Park, Colorado

The fifth annual Four Corners ABA convention will take place in Winter Park Colorado on April 1-2, 2012.

the Iron Horse Resort, which offers a heated swimming pool, fitness center, hot tub, and on-site ski rentals.

We have a growing list of outstanding speakers confirmed for next year's conference, including Tim Hackenburg (Reed College), Pat Friman (University of Nebraska Medical Center), Philip Hinline (Temple University), Einar Ingvarsson (University North Texas Health Science Center), Eduardo Fernandez (University of Washington), and Merrill Winston (PCMA, Inc.).

When you call to make your reservation (970-726-8851), mention 4caba to receive our discounted room rate (a block of rooms will be reserved for the convention beginning January 1).

For questions about the conference, contact the program director, Travis Blevins at 303-709-9292 or [travis@bsotr.com](mailto:travis@bsotr.com).

We are looking forward to another great meeting!

Winter Park is located 40 miles west of Denver and boasts some of the best skiing in Colorado.

The convention will be held at

### 4CABA OFFICERS

#### *President*

Steven R. Lawyer, PhD  
(Idaho State University)

#### *President-Elect*

Travis Blevins  
(Behavioral Services of the Rockies)

#### *Secretary*

Michele R. Bishop, Ph.D., BCBA-D  
(Center for Autism and Related Disorders, Inc.)

#### *Treasurer*

Nicole Bank, M.S., BCBA  
(Developmental Behavioral Health, Inc)

#### *Board of Directors*

Peter Killeen, PhD (Phoenix, AZ)  
Andrew Gardner, PhD (Northern Arizona University)  
Jeff Kupfer, PhD (Denver, CO)

#### *Student Representative*

Ehren Wertz, M.S., BCBA  
(Arizona Autism United)





## The Colorado Corner: Updates and Announcements

by Travis Blevins, MS, BCBA



There is a lot happening in Colorado recently. We have the University of Colorado Denver, School of Education and Human Development finishing up their first sequence of continuing and professional education courses to help prepare students for their Board Certifications (BCaBA and BCBA). For more information, please contact Dr. Patricia Oliver at [patricia.oliver@ucdenver.edu](mailto:patricia.oliver@ucdenver.edu).

In addition, Colorado's Health Insurance Mandate for Autism Treatment (HIMAT) law has been implemented and insurance companies are beginning to credential BCBA's throughout the state. This law allows BCBA's to independently provide autism services under most Colorado-based insurance plans. Supervision by other provider groups is not required. This law breaks from the national trend to license BCBA's, and may help ease your transition if you relocate to Colorado. To learn more about this law, please visit: [www.autismcolorado.org/index.php/himat](http://www.autismcolorado.org/index.php/himat).

Applied practitioners continue to flock to Colorado to take advantage of the employment opportunities and supportive environment for behavior analysis. Colorado now boasts of over 100 registered BCBA and BCaBA, with over 20 practitioners who recently sat for their exam. Colorado offers a supportive and friendly behavior analytic community with growing opportunities for employment.

There is still a need for adult ABA practitioners, and academic positions and departments supporting ABA. So please consider joining us in providing evidence based ABA services to those in need in Colorado!

We are excited and honored to host this year's 4caba annual conference! And look forward to seeing all of you in Winter Park this year!!



*Speakers from our 2011 Convention  
in Santa Fe, NM*

*New technologies and behavioral  
cusps: Can one impact the other?*  
Janet Twyman

*Avoidance of responsibility and  
other side effects of null-hypothesis  
significance testing: Can behavior  
analysis help?*  
Marc Branch

*Framing the behavioral and  
neurobiological constituents of  
spatial navigation*  
Derek Hamilton

*Discounting options: Towards a  
quantitative analysis of choice  
overload*  
Derek Reed

*The engineering of insight: using  
stimulus equivalence in instruction  
with advanced learners*  
Tom Critchfield

*Some public perspectives on the  
problem of privacy*  
M. Jack Marr

*Cannabinoids, obesity, and the  
reinforcing properties of food and  
exercise*  
Erin B. Rasmussen

*Building a better drinking game:  
The use of laboratory studies to  
investigate risky alcohol use*  
Christopher Correia

## Highlights from our 2011 Convention

Our fourth annual conference was held in Santa Fe, New Mexico on April 1-2, 2011 at La Fonda on the Plaza right in the heart of Santa Fe. We had strong attendance records at this year's convention, on par with our previous three meetings. This is an important milestone for 4caba, as it shows a clear trend toward well-attended conventions, which are the life blood of our fledgling organization.



Dr. Janet Twyman

A glance at the list of speakers at last year's convention illustrates the high quality of the presentations that has become part of 4caba's allure to basic and applied behavioral researchers alike. Notably, the content of our intrepid group of invited speakers included the full range of behaviorally-relevant subject matter, from philosophy (Marr) to the good, bad, and ugly of statistics (Branch) to behavioral pharmacology (Rasmussen) to advances in applied behavior analysis (Critchfield and Twyman) to laboratory models of human behavior (Correia and Reed) to the role of behavior analysis in spatial navigation (Hamilton).



Dr. Derek Reed

Moreover, we were pleased to have four Past Presidents of the Association for Behavior Analysis International (Janet Twyman, Marc Branch, Tom Critchfield, M. Jack Marr) as speakers at this year's event.



Dr. Tom Critchfield

We are looking forward to next year's convention to continue our efforts to bring behavior analysis to the four corners region.



Dr. Derek Hamilton



Dr. Marc Branch

## 4caba Sponsors Musician at ABAI Expo

This year's Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) meeting featured a 4caba-sponsored musician who played during the ABAI Expo.

Richard Johnston, who has been dubbed the "Hill Country Troubador" played an outstanding mix

of his blues and rock-inspired originals.

Originally from Memphis, TN, Johnston is known for captivating one-man-band performances influenced by a range of artists, including R.L. Burnside, Led Zeppelin, and the Rolling Stones. Notably, Johnston also likes to

make his own unique instruments that he uses to communicate his eclectic style.

He put on a great show for ABAI Expo attendees, to be sure.

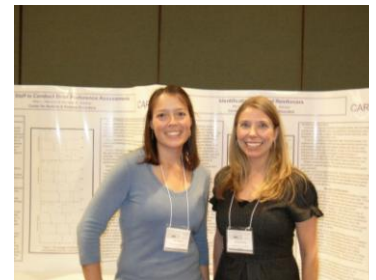
If you are interested in learning more about Richard Johnston, you can visit his website ([richardjohnston.com](http://richardjohnston.com)), where you can listen to and download his music.

Thanks, Richard!



*"Having four corners doesn't make you a square"*

--Euclid



## Beena Kuruvilla wins Student Poster Competition

Beena Kuruvilla, a graduate student in Idaho State University's PhD program in clinical psychology, was the winner of the student poster competition at 4caba's 2011 convention in Santa Fe, NM.

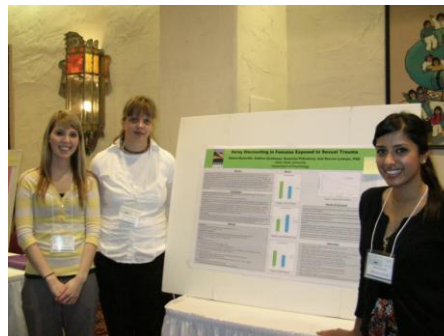
Her poster, entitled "*Delay Discounting in Females Exposed to Trauma*" compared delay discounting in samples of sexually victimized and non-victimized women.

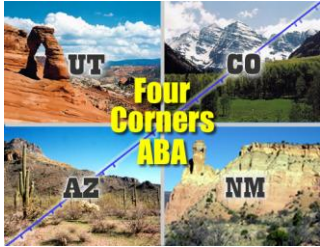
Student posters were reviewed by a panel of three judges, who commented on the high quality of the posters submitted to the session.

The award for best poster

included an announcement on the second day of the conference and a one-year membership to 4caba.

Congratulations, Beena!





We're on the Web!

[www.4caba.org](http://www.4caba.org)

[four.corners.ABA@gmail.com](mailto:four.corners.ABA@gmail.com)

## Idaho State University kicks off its new Experimental Psychology PhD program

The Department of Psychology at Idaho State University accepted its first batch of students in the fall semester of 2011. The ISU Psychology Department accepted four students into this year's class and anticipates accepting more as space and resources allow.

In this program, students can specialize in a variety of subdisciplines in psychology, including an emphasis in behavior analysis. Students interested in behavior analysis in the larger field of psychology can receive training in behavioral pharmacology from Dr. Erin Rasmussen or in behavioral models of

impulsive decision-making from Dr. Steven Lawyer.

Interested individuals should visit <http://www.isu.edu/departments/psych/> for more information.



## Four Corners ABA: The Who, What and Why

### What is 4caba?

The Four Corners Association for Behavior Analysis is an independent, non-profit, professional organization affiliated with the Association for Behavior Analysis, an international organization dedicated to promoting the experimental, theoretical, and applied analyses of behavior. Our members reside, teach, conduct research and practice primarily in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah.

### What is our mission?

Four Corners ABA's mission is to promote the science of behavior and evidence-based technologies derived from the basic science in the Four Corners region.

### What are our objectives?

- (1) Serve as a scientific and professional reference group
- (2) Promote basic and applied research
- (3) Identify and promote the use of effective treatment procedures
- (4) Organize and sponsor an annual conference
- (5) Promote the development and expansion of education, training, and employment in the field of behavior analysis
- (6) Support efforts of allied organizations in providing evidence-based behavior analytic services