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Successful 4CABA conference

Gathering at 7,000 feet in Summit County, Utah, 100 members of Four Corners ABA spent the weekend in Park City; One of

Forbes Traveler magazine's top 20 prettiest towns in the US.

Consistent with 4CABA's focus on balancing basic and applied

research, we had a strong lineup of speakers from both areas. This year's list of speakers included

Donnie Staff (West Coast Optimal)

Steven Lawyer (Idaho State University)

Maxine Stitzer (Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center)

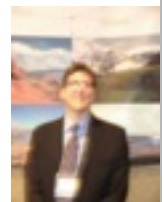
Susan Schneider (University of the Pacific)

Henry Schlinger (California State University, Los Angeles)

Jon Pinkston (University of North Texas)

Manish Vaidya (University of North Texas)

Tom Higbee (Utah State University)





We gave a Best Poster Award to one of our students based on the quality of his or her poster presentation. This poster competition takes place on the first night of our annual conference. This year’s winner was titled, “Effects of High-Fat Diet on Demand for Food” presented by Stephen Robinson, Steven Boomhower and Erin Rasmussen (Idaho State University), the second win in a row for Steven Boomhower and Erin Rasmussen. Stephen won a free membership to Four Corners ABA and conference registration for next year.



In Memory of Arnold “Arnie” H. Zencius, Jr.

By Jennifer Williams, LPC, BCBA

“I had the great pleasure of knowing and working with Arnie over the past 4 years. Our paths had crossed on a couple of occasions following his move to Colorado in 2002. First, at a work gathering for Devereux, next at a “start-up” meeting in his home for a possible Colorado ABAI chapter. We both completed our graduate training in Carbondale, IL – knew some of the same folks, had some “BAT” program stories in our shared history.

As we teamed up in private practice I came to appreciate his genuine response to any request I had. . . . “fantastic”, he would say to any new family I asked him to see, or provider fair at which I needed him to sit. He was not interested in accolades, titles, or any public recognition. Simply, the ability to use what he knew with families who needed him.

From a distance it would be easy to overlook the fact that he was an accomplished academic, administrator, book author, researcher, and BCBA working with varied populations across 4 states. I feel fortunate to have been at a closer vantage point for the past few years. Arnie gave me the great gift of perspective regarding our



work. I'm reminded of a favorite quote: "Start where you are, use what you have, do what you can". He did.

The following obituary ran in the St. Cloud Times in St. Cloud, MN February 1, 2014:

Arnold Henry Zencius, Jr. (1959-2014)

Arnold Henry Zencius, Jr. 54, Colorado Springs, CO, formerly of St. Cloud. Born the youngest of four children on October 28, 1959 to Arnold Henry Zencius, Sr. and Marylou Clitty in St. Cloud, MN. Found dead on January 9, 2014 in Colorado Springs, CO. Survived by his parents; his children: Ryan, Rachael, Phillip; his former wife of 23 years, Karen; and his siblings Robert and LuAnn. Preceded in death by brother Charles Zencius.

Arnie graduated from Apollo High School in St. Cloud in 1979. He was active in cross-country and track. Arnie graduated from St. Cloud State University with a BA degree in Psychology and Physical Education in 1984. He then graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1987 with a Master of Arts Degree in Behavior Analysis and Therapy.

Arnie impacted thousands of people in New Hampshire, Florida, Illinois and Colorado who experienced difficulties with controlling behavior. He specialized in working with adults after traumatic brain injuries and children who were mentally ill, developmentally delayed or having difficulty with Autism.

Arnie co-authored a book and 25 other publications in professional journals. In addition, he participated in 109 verbal and poster presentations at multiple seminars and conferences.

Arnie was known for his long distance running, his sense of humor, and love for Halloween. A memorial service was held in Parker, CO on January 17, 2014."

Thank you, Arnie, for your friendship, membership, dedication and contribution to the field of behavior analysis.

You will be missed,

Four Corners ABA Team

Successful UTABA Conference

The Utah chapter of ABAI held an annual conference in Layton, Utah on June 17, 2014. Dr. Tom Higbee reports this latest conference was by far their largest event to date. The one-day conference was held at the Davis Conference Center preceding the 2014 UMTSS Connections Conference. Attendees enjoyed presentations from Dr. Rob O'Neill, Matt Brodhead and Dr. Jim Carr. The organization also held it's annual business meeting. If you would like to learn more about Utah ABA, please go to <http://sper.usu.edu/utaba/>

New MS in Behavior Analysis

There is a newly established traditional masters program from the Department of Psychology at Arizona State University; applications accepted in November 2014. To learn more go to <https://psychology.clas.asu.edu/master-science-applied-behavior-analysis>

Transcribed Graduate Certificate Available from the University of New Mexico

Developed to prepare special and general education teachers and related professionals in the area of behavioral assessment and intervention, the transcribed ABA Graduate Certificate program is open to students who already have or are pursuing a graduate degree in Special Education or another related field. Minimum requirements include individuals who hold a bachelor's degree and are interested in advanced training in behavior analysis and intervention. The certificate program offers two options 1) pursue a transcribed graduate certificate from UNM or 2) pursue a transcribed graduate certificate and meet the eligibility requirements to sit for the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) exam, including the fieldwork requirement.

For more information on the transcribed Graduate Certificate program at the University of New Mexico, contact Dr. Megan Griffin (griffin@unm.edu) or Dr. Susan Copeland (susanrc@unm.edu)

Colorado ABA Established in May, 2014

At ABAI in Chicago 2014, the Executive Council of ABAI voted to recognize the Colorado Association for Behavior Analysis. Charter member Travis Blevins MS BCBA quotes the established bylaws, "We the People of the State of Colorado, in order to develop and protect the field of behavior analysis in our region, contribute to the **well-being of society** by developing, enhancing, and supporting the growth and vitality of the science of behavior analysis through **research, education, and practice**, to provide alliance and collaboration between the scientific, theoretical, and philosophical sciences of **human behavior** and practitioners, do hereby endeavor to form the Colorado Association for Behavior Analysis as an affiliate chapter of the Association for Behavior Analysis International."

Blevins further reports, "Over the last decade, behavior analysis in Colorado has grown tremendously. In part, due to the passage of the [Health Insurance Mandate for Autism Treatment](#) in 2011. We are the first organization of our kind exclusively devoted to the field of behavior analysis in Colorado. We are planning some superb workshops and symposia. Please feel free to join our organization now to participate in our upcoming elections, and stay informed as we continue to organize over the next year.

<http://www.coaba.org>