



THE ONTABA ANALYST

Newsletter of the Ontario Association for Behaviour Analysis

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

With 2023 in full swing, our new ONTABA Board is actively planning to offer you activities and other membership benefits. I'd like to begin by sincerely thanking our departing board members - Anna Alderson, Carolyn Mancuso, Taylor Manuge, Dawn Marciello, Tracie Lindblad, Valdeep Saini, and Evelyn Stuart. These board members' hard work supported our membership and community tremendously. I am so very grateful for your volunteer work in 2022. Together in 2022, we were able to host the most successful annual conference in ONTABA history, unveil a new strategic plan, provide updates and information via social media and our email blasts, offer a variety of membership benefits, continue to move toward professional regulation, and so much more.

I'd also like to introduce our new board of directors for 2023, including new and returning board members: Jaime Santana (President-Elect), Lynne Thibodeau (Treasurer), Jane Button (Secretary), Arezu Alami (Director-At-Large), Sarah Smith (Director-At-Large), Sara John (Director-At-Large), Alina Pozniak (Undergraduate Rep), Sydney Solomon (Director-At-Large), Jordan O'Dell (Director-At-Large - DEI), and Marisa Leuzzi (Graduate Student Rep). I sincerely look forward to working with all of you. Read more about your 2023 ONTABA board [here](#).

I'm happy to announce that our first ever ONTABA employee, Laura Amodio, has begun working with us in her role as Administrative Assistant. Laura will be supporting a variety of operations including but not limited to operational activities related to ONTABA events (e.g., conference, webinars), broad communications with membership, and other administrative membership related activities.

In terms of government relations, we continue to support providers, families and the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) with the rollout of the Ontario Autism Plan. If you are supervising programming of children/youth with ASD who currently have a behaviour plan, please click on this link. Scroll to the section "Transition to core clinical services" for information on how to support their transition. Importantly, any clients on an existing behaviour plan must create an AccessOAP account to transition to core clinical services.

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If you have any clients that do not have an AccessOAP account, please watch and [share this video](#) that describes how to create an account. If you have any further questions, you can reach out to AccessOAP at info@AccessOAP.ca or 1-833-425-2445 (Monday-Friday - 8:30 am - 5:00 pm EST).

As a part of our commitment to support a variety of populations we serve, we are expanding our government relations efforts in 2023 across a variety of Ministries (e.g., Colleges and Universities, Mental Health and Addictions, Education). If you are interested in getting involved in government relations efforts please reach out to me directly at president@ontaba.org.

As we look forward to the months to come in 2023, your ONTABA Board will continue to work hard to support the roll out of professional regulation. Find the latest updates on regulation [here](#).

Compassionate and hard working professionals like all of you combined with robust scientific evidence result in meaningful differences across so many different populations. The future of Behavior Analysis in Ontario is bright. Our new ONTABA Board is in place and planning is in full swing for 2023. I'm excited to make 2023 the best year yet for you (our membership), the clients we serve and the communities we support. If you want to get involved in our efforts, email me at president@ontaba.org, I'd love to hear from you.



Nancy Marchese

Nancy Marchese, Ph.D., C.Psych., BCBA-D





Health, Sport, & Fitness Canada Special Interest Group (SIG)

NEW

What is our purpose?

To educate, coordinate, disseminate, and provide resources to Canadian behaviour analysts and other members of society seeking to address human challenges in health, sport, and fitness through the application of the science of behaviour analysis.

Who is eligible to join?

Anyone interested in the application of behaviour analysis to the areas of health, sport and fitness, agrees with the purpose of the SIG, and pays their membership dues.

What are the potential benefits to being a member?

- Access to HSF information from a uniquely Canadian perspective
- Access to a member's only directory
- Discounted BACB continuing education (CE) opportunities
- Access to quarterly newsletters
- Opportunity to publish guest posts on our website blog
- Access to monthly HSF practitioner collaboration meetings
- Low HSF-SIG membership dues

What are the prospective activities?

- Webinars and workshops opportunities
- Networking events
- Mentorship directory
- Training resources
- Annual meetings
- Newsletter
- Spotlight blog



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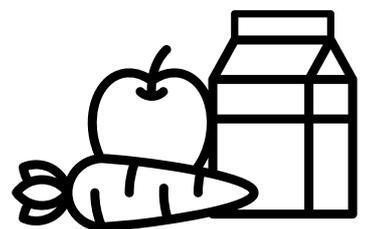
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Want to join?

1. Complete the contact form here: [Join HSF Canada SIG](#)
2. An officer of the HSF Canada SIG, will contact you to confirm your registration

Want more information?

- Visit our website here: [HSF Canada SIG Website](#)
- Email us at hsfcanadasig@gmail.com





AN UPDATE FROM THE ONTARIO BEHAVIOURISTS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (BFSR-SIG)



The Board of Planners for the O-BFSR SIG is happy to report that the activities undertaken in our first year have maintained their momentum, and we are excited to announce upcoming initiatives planned for this coming year!

Our SIG has two new task forces: 1) Behaviourists Reading About Social Responsibility and 2) the Wild Yards Task Force.

The **Behaviourists Reading About Social Responsibility** will, as the name suggests, read articles and books related behavioural science and social issues. We will have invited speakers who authored readings join as many group discussions as possible.

Please hold **March 23rd, 2023 at 7pm** for the first session of the reading group. The first series readings will work through the chapters of the Cihon and Mattaini (2020) text: “Behavior Science Perspectives on Culture and Community”.

We are thrilled to announce the Dr. Traci Cihon will be joining us to kick off our Culturo-Behavioral Science learning journey! We plan to read and discuss Chapter 1 of her text on March 23rd.

You can purchase the book using the links below:

[https://www.abainternational.org/Shopping/Item-Listing.aspx?
intItemKey=31073](https://www.abainternational.org/Shopping/Item-Listing.aspx?intItemKey=31073)

<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-030-45421-0>

We are also working on providing CEUs for attendees. Indicate your interest by emailing Albert Malkin, Task Force Chair at bfsr.sig@gmail.com



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The purpose of the **Wild Yards task force** is to connect with others who have re-wilding aspirations that begin with Wild Yards of their own yards and hope to motivate others by example and outreach. The Wild Yards Task Force is for members who wish to be involved in re-wilding efforts. The group plans to analyze their own behaviour around nature and re-wilding.

Contact Angeline Savard at bfsr.sig@gmail.com if you are interested. The group is tentatively planning an introductory meeting the week of March 6th, 2023.

To keep up-to-date with all our activities, please keep an eye on our eye-catching website maintained by Angeline Savard, here: obfsr.org.

If you are interested in joining the O-BFSR SIG, please fill out our membership form: <https://forms.gle/SsoxyGMs9MAZM7qP8> . Membership fees are by donation of any amount this year.

Finally, we'd love to hear from you! Want to connect with us? Email us at: bfsr.sig@gmail.com

Sincerely,

The O-BFSR SIG Board of Planners

P.S. Two of our own O-BFSR Board of Planners members recently published a 'socially responsible' article in Behavior Analysis in Practice. If you are interested, check it out here: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40617-022-00767-9>

CONGRATULATIONS

ONTABA 2023 AWARD RECIPIENTS

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Louis Busch

BEHAVIOUR ANALYTIC ALLY AWARD

Alina Cameron

CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

Louis Busch

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION AWARD

Solanch Speranza Baro

TEACHING AWARD

Arezu Alami

STUDENT AWARD

Samantha Smith

RESEARCH AWARD

Dr. Alison Cox

2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- **Nancy Marchese**, President (returning)
- **Jaime Santana**, President-Elect (returning)
- **Lynne Thibodeau**, Treasurer (returning, new role)
- **Jane Button**, Secretary (returning)
- **Jordan O'Dell**, Director-at-Large- DEI (new)
- **Alina Pozniak**, Undergraduate Rep (new)
- **Marisa Leuzzi**, Graduate Rep (new)
- **Arezu Alami**, Director-at-Large (returning)
- **Sarah Smith**, Director-at-Large (new)
- **Sara John**, Director-at-Large (new)
- **Sydney Solomon**, Director-at-Large (new)

Get to know your Board of Directors by visiting [this page!](#)



**We are pleased to welcome
ONTABA's new
Administrative Assistant,**

Laura Amodio

Laura Amodio has a BEd in Adult Education from Brock University. Laura worked at the University of Toronto for over 10 years in Enrollment Services.

She has a background in health care and graduated from the Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences. She also has experience being a Board Director on various boards. She is a positive, caring and resourceful professional with a knack for building productive collaborative relationships with stakeholders. She has experience working with a diverse population, and providing excellent customer care. In her free time, she loves taking her dog for long walks.



ABA SUCCESS STORIES CAMPAIGN

Calling all **ABA service recipients and self advocates, family members of ABA service recipients, ABA students and ABA professionals!**

DO YOU HAVE AN ABA SUCCESS STORY TO SHARE?

We are looking for new stories to feature in ONTABA's
2023 ABA Success Stories Campaign!

You will be interviewed on your experience with ABA by ONTABA's Public Relations representative. Your video and written interview will be shared across ONTABA social media channels and website.

If you or someone you know is interested in participating, please contact afindlater@selectpr.com and secretary@ontaba.org to get started!



WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

DR. ROSEMARY CONDILLAC, C. PSYCH, BCBA-D

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, APPLIED DISABILITY STUDIES, BROCK UNIVERSITY



COMING SOON...

*Stay tuned for the latest segment of
Dr. Condillac's Ethics feature!*

COMING IN

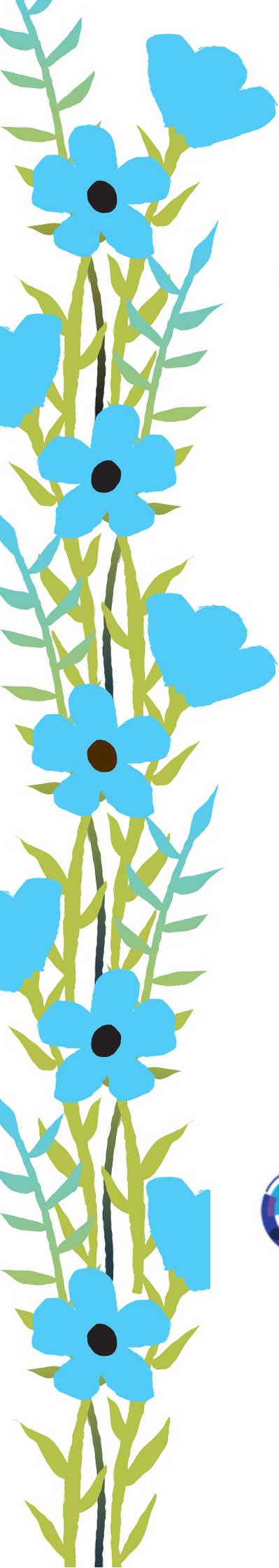
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