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From The President's Desk

BY JAIME SANTANA



Dear Members,

It is hard to believe that a whole year has passed since our last election. It is even harder to believe everything ONTABA™ has accomplished over the last 12 months. Before reflecting on the accomplishments, I want to take the time to thank our outgoing board members. Lynne Thibodeau, you were diligent and always on top of our budget to ensure that ONTABA's finances were in order. In addition to being an exacting treasurer, you made it easy to work alongside you. Sara John, as part of your work on the conference committee, you took care of the endless venue and hotel details all while starting your doctorate degree. Sydney Solomon, the other half of the conference committee, we don't know how you did it, but you booked speakers, set and rejigged the conference schedule, and completed the other conference odd and ends while holding a newborn in your arms. The work you both did for the past two conferences has been exemplary, and we hope to continue to meet the high standard you have established. Solanch Speranza-Baro, your dedication to the student membership is impressive; your constant outreach to students drove so much attention to us from the undergraduate community, I cannot thank you enough for your commitment to your role as undergraduate representative. You will all be missed in our board, and I wish you the best in everything you do in your life post-ONTABA. We would gladly receive you as a board member again in the future

As I look forward to my second and final year as president, I am excited to welcome back Jessica Cauchi as president elect, Sarah Smith as treasurer, Taylor Dayton as secretary, Alexandra White and Marilyn Kingsley, as directors-at-large, Don Togade as our diversity, equity, and inclusion representative, and Brittany Davy as our graduate representative. At the same time, I would like to welcome our newly elected board members, Catherine Jessel and Liliana Dobrovicescu as directors-at-large and Stephanie Maiorino as undergraduate representative. I am excited to work with all of you this year.

Over the past year, the board worked hard to represent behaviour analysts in working groups developed by the College of Psychologists and Behaviour Analysts of Ontario in the lead up to regulation, met with the Behaviour Analysis Certification Board to explore options for their return to Ontario, and created learning opportunities for our members. The Regulation Resource Task Force, within months of being established, released three support documents, one webinar, and presented at the conference. Their work is of course not done, in the coming months, you can expect three webinars on: (1) Supervision, 3-Dec, (2) Billing, social media and advertising, 12-Dec, and (3) Client Records and Consent, 18-Dec. A special thanks to Carobeth Zorzos for leading the task force, and the rest of the team for completing the tasks so efficiently. Our committees also hosted two webinars this year. "Evaluating Treatment Options for Inappropriate Sexual Behaviour" with Dr. Shane Spiker was a great success, with hundreds of attendees present, some from as far away as Dubai. "Creating Successful Supervision Experiences for Behaviour Analysis Supervisees and Supervisors" with Dr. Julie Koudys was successful at engaging students and clinicians alike, highlighting the importance of supervision, and the active role supervisees play in their supervision.

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BY JAIME SANTANA

Last but not least, our conference had an attendance of over 750 individuals, the majority of whom were regulated health professionals. This marked a first in ONTABA's history. Attendees this year enjoyed five keynote speakers, three of whom are Canadian and four are currently residing in or have some historical ties to Ontario (Landa Fox, Kendra Thompson, Louis Busch, and Joshua Jessel). It was exciting to see the locally cultivated expertise that is gaining national and international recognition. The poster session was our largest yet, with 30 posters, all highlighting the quality behaviour analytic work that clinicians and students are doing every day around the province. In addition to viewing the session recordings on-demand through BehaviourLive, don't forget to access the bonus content - a presentation by Dr. Tony DeBono, the Registrar of the College of Psychologists and Behaviour Analysts of Ontario. We hope to see you at next year's conference on November 6th and 7th at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

Looking ahead, ONTABA's future is looking bright. Our membership is consistently at an all time high, the relationships we have built with ministries within the Ontario government, the CPBAO, and other associations around the country allow us to be more connected and successful in our advocacy to ensure we continue to strive to provide the highest quality ABA for Ontarians. This coming year you can expect more learning opportunities from ONTABA, and you can also expect a few surprises that we are already working on behind the scenes.

As always, if you have any feedback, please connect with us at contact@ontaba.org. If you are interested in getting involved, please keep an eye out, as we will be sending out a call for volunteers in December. Volunteers shape the direction of ONTABA and in turn they help shape the future landscape of behaviour analysis in Ontario. You too can be a part of that shaping procedure, we look forward to receiving your volunteer application!

Sincerely,



Jaime Santana, M.ADS, BCBA, R.B.A. (Ont.)
He/Him
Board President
Ontario Association for Behaviour Analysis™



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culture of
excellence,
integrity, and
expertise for
the
advancement
and
promotion of
the science of
behaviour
analysis.**

**Our Mission: To
demonstrate
leadership,
knowledge, and
innovation in
education,
training, and
research for the
ethical and
effective
application of
behaviour
analysis.**

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2024

Thank you to everyone who attended ONTABACON 2024!

This year there were 563 in person attendees and 194 virtual attendees from all over the world!

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Barrie

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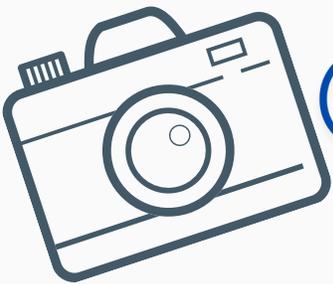
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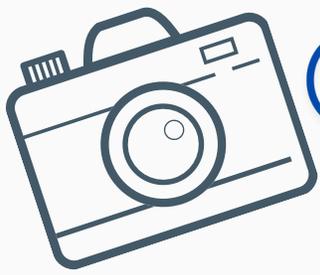
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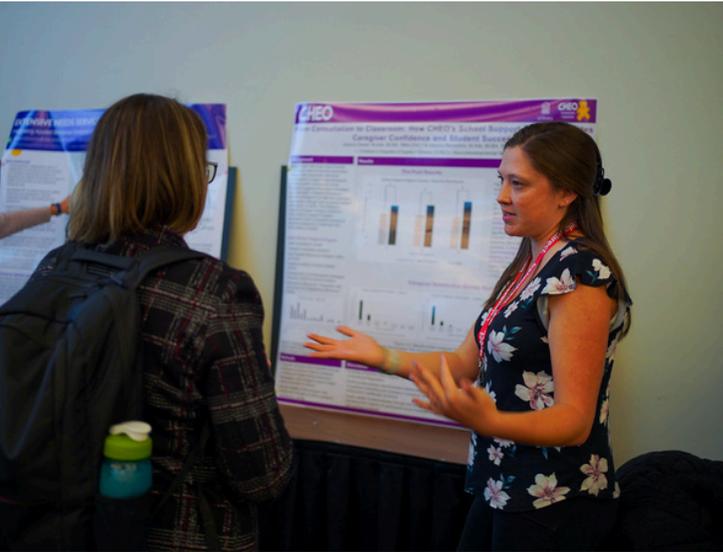
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Scholarship Recipients



“Being able to attend the conference allowed me to be able to learn more about the field of ABA and what different applications and areas can be part of ABA. The first main take away was the approach to sexual health education, and how we could do better in this area. This keynote introduced me to new resources that I can integrate into my practice and to be able to give to families when the need arises. Another great takeaway for myself was all the poster presentations and to be able to see all the great things that students and professionals are doing in the field of ABA. It opened my eyes to all the applications and areas I could pursue as a new clinician and gave me information that I can use moving forward.” - Recipient 1



“Attending the ONTABA conference was an incredible experience for me. I loved being surrounded by so many passionate professionals in the field of behaviour analysis. Before the conference, I was debating whether to pursue a master’s in counselling psychology or behaviour analysis, and I was hoping this event would give me more insight. While I haven’t made a final decision yet, the information I gained from the vendor booths, the engaging sessions, and the meaningful conversations I had with professionals over the two days have given me so much to think about. I’m truly grateful to the ONTABA team for giving me the opportunity to attend this conference. It was an inspiring and enriching experience, and I’m thankful for the chance to learn from such an amazing community of professionals.”

-Recipient 2



Scholarship Receipts

“Attending ONTABACon 2024 was an enriching experience, made possible by the scholarship covering my registration. Louis Busch’s keynote on integrating psychological flexibility and Indigenous wisdom provided a fresh perspective on contextual behavioral science, challenging traditional views in the field. Dr. Kendra Thomson’s insights on interdisciplinary collaboration highlighted the importance of cultural humility and compassion in shaping the future of behavior analysis. Dr. Joshua Jessel’s practical strategies for addressing dangerous behavior through trauma-informed frameworks emphasized the significance of proactive, compassionate care. As an international PhD student in the U.S. with plans to return to Canada, the poster sessions were particularly inspiring. They showcased the breadth of Canadian research, reaffirming my goal to contribute to advancing behavior analysis in my home country. The knowledge gained from ONTABACon will guide my academic and professional journey, fostering collaboration, compassion, and innovation.”

-Recipient 3



“I am grateful for the opportunity to attend the conference and learn from leading behaviour analysts in the field. The insightful talks and engaging workshops provided a wealth of knowledge on various applications of ABA across different settings and populations. One key takeaway was the emphasis on self-reflection as a cornerstone of practicing cultural humility, a skill I am committed to developing further in my clinical work. The conference also sparked new ideas that will influence my practice, particularly in designing individualized interventions and fostering collaboration with caregivers and multidisciplinary teams. These experiences have not only deepened my understanding of the science of behaviour but also inspired me to continuously grow as a clinician. Key takeaways include the importance of teaching sexual health and safety and how it relates to ethics, how critical non-clinical skills are, analyzing interlocking behavioural contingencies in social environments, and various strategies for anticipating, preventing, and addressing dangerous behaviour, working to ensure clients are happy, relaxed and engaged. I am incredibly thankful to have been part of this enriching event and look forward to applying what I have learned to create meaningful outcomes for the clients I support.”

-Recipient 4

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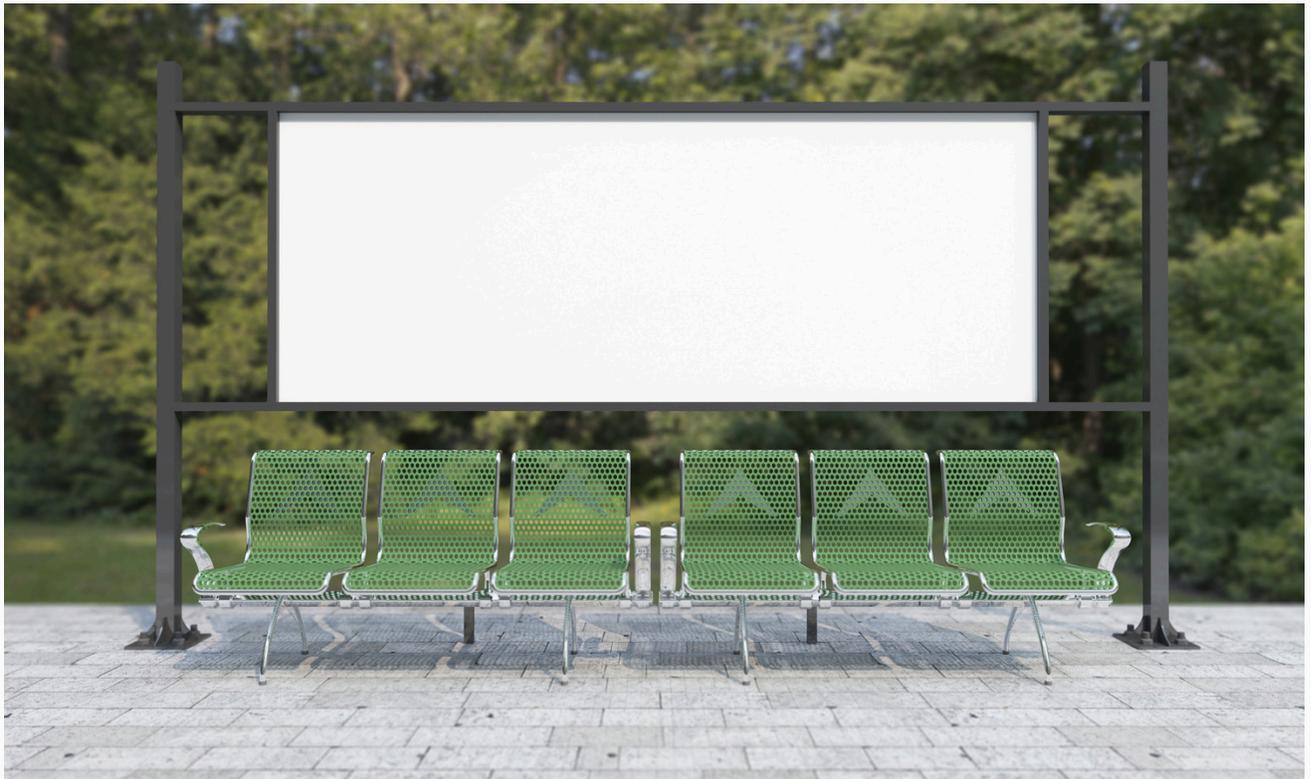
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THE ANALYST - PODCAST

Did you know that ONTABA has a podcast? In The Analyst we invite guest speakers in the field of ABA to join our host to have thought provoking and informative discussions.

If you or someone you know is interested in being a guest speaker - please reach out to contact@ontaba.org and submit a brief bio.

Episodes can be accessed for CEU'S on Behaviorlive!

Disclaimer - all submissions will be reviewed and only those chosen will be contacted.



New SIG!

The New Year brings exciting opportunities with the launch of a new Special Interest Group (SIG)! Keep an eye out for updates on the application process for the Behaviour Analysis in Publicly Funded Schools SIG. This is your chance to be part of an initiative dedicated to shaping the future of behaviour analysis in education!



A Message from the Private Practice Special Interest Group (PP-SIG)

Newsletter Post:

The Private Practice Special Interest Group (PP-SIG) is buzzing with excitement, and we're thrilled to share our latest updates! Our community is growing, and we can't wait to keep you informed and engaged in all the activities we have planned.

We are interested in your feedback! Fill out this survey and let us know how the PP-SIG can help you with your private practice: <https://forms.gle/4YG2nP4hCPjFzmg6>

If you are interested in becoming a member, please fill out this membership form: <https://forms.gle/917rNiZ3JLFashuEA>

Professional Invitation:

Have you checked out the ABA Business Toolkit yet? This comprehensive, free resource is specifically designed to provide private practitioners with the essential tools and knowledge to excel in their business operations. Don't miss out on this valuable asset! Explore it here:

<https://ababusiness toolkit.ca/>

Empowerment Exchange Series Update:

As part of our dedication to supporting and empowering private practitioners, the PP-SIG hosted a series of Empowerment Exchange meet and greets this year. These sessions provided valuable opportunities for providers to network, share insights, and engage in thoughtful discussions.

We've had successful exchanges on Accounting and Insurance, PHIPA Compliance and Cybersecurity and Insurance offering attendees expert advice and practical tips to enhance their practice. The lively conversations and robust networking made these events both informative and rewarding.

Recent Events Recap:

We were honored to host our Annual General Meeting on November 7th, where we reflected on our achievements and outlined our future goals. Additionally, we were excited to connect with many of you at our booth during this year's ONTABA conference. It was a pleasure to chat and exchange ideas with everyone who stopped by!

Stay connected with us on Facebook for details on how to sign up for future events and learn about upcoming topics. Join us as we continue to build a vibrant community of private practitioners committed to excellence and growth.

Let's learn, share, and thrive together!

A Message from The Ontario Behaviourists For Social Responsibility Special Interest Group (SIG)

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The Ontario Behaviourists for Social Responsibility (OBSFR) special interest group was pleased to have a strong presence at the 2024 ONTABA conference again this year. We held our first “mixer” at the poster session, with activities like bingo to connect with other people.

One of the keynote speakers, Dr. Traci Cihon judged posters for our annual award.

Congratulations to the poster award winner, Lina Hawi, who is currently pursuing her Master of Arts/PhD degree in School and Applied Child Psychology at the Faculty of Education at Western University. The title of Lina’s poster was “Telehealth Autism Services: Service Providers’ and Users’ Perspectives

The Culturo-Behavior Science Innovation Network (CBSIN) continues to meet online regularly, with the mission to create a community of faculty, scholars, and practitioners interested in learning more about CBS and advancing the corresponding research and practice. We aim to foster mentorship and collaboration in CBS research and practice. We have several sub-groups working on research spanning translation and applied research. If you are interested in learning more, contributing, and/or attending, please email cbsinlab@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENT

We are excited to share an upcoming event. Back by popular demand, we are honoured to have Sonia Levy, PhD ABA, BCBA, RBA (Ont) presenting, “Culturally Humble Service Delivery in ABA: Practical Strategies for Implementation” Ethics CEUs will be provided for Behavior Analyst Certification Board.

This will be a virtual event in partnership with the Department of Applied Disability Studies at Brock University held on Monday, February 24, 12-1 pm EST. Please save the date and watch for more details!

Please also visit our website for other updates or to get involved: <https://www.obfsr.org/>. We would love to hear from you!

The logo for Brock University, featuring the word "Brock" in a large, white, sans-serif font above the word "University" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, both set against a solid red rectangular background.

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