

New York State Association for Behavior Analysis

# Celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference



NYSABA

## Call for Papers and Registration Form

November 4-6, 2009

The Albany Marriot | Albany, NY



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### Keynote Speakers

**Dr. Raymond Romanczyk**  
**Dr. Joanne Gerenser**






# New This Year!

# Special Event




## Family/Consumer Coffee Summit!

*A forum for parents and parent organizations throughout the state to meet and discuss challenges and accomplishments unique to our state!*


 Round Table Discussions with Behavior Analysis Experts

-  Speech
-  Social Skills
-  Toileting
-  Challenging Behavior
-  Legal Issues

 Parent Panels

-  Early Childhood and Preschool
-  The Elementary Years
-  Adolescence and Transition

 Parent Poster Expo

 As a consumer of behavior analysis, hear from the experts!

 Network with other consumers of behavior analysis

## **Dr. Raymond G. Romanczyk**



Dr. Romanczyk is a SUNY Distinguished Service Professor and faculty member of the Clinical Psychology graduate program at SUNY Binghamton. He is a licensed clinical psychologist and a Board Certified Behavior Analyst specializing in the problems of children. He received his undergraduate degree from SUNY at Stony Brook and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Rutgers University. Dr. Romanczyk is the founder and director of the Institute for Child Development. Dr. Romanczyk has been involved in advocacy, program development, the judicial and legislative process as expert witness, and direct services to children and families for over 35 years. He is also former Director of Clinical Training and served two terms as Chairperson of the Department of Psychology at SUNY Binghamton. In addition, Dr. Romanczyk is an Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry of the SUNY Health Sciences Center of Syracuse.

Dr. Romanczyk is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association and his extensive professional activities include member and officer in numerous professional organizations, serving on the board of directors and board of advisors of several nationally recognized institutes and treatment facilities, consulting for numerous education and treatment programs and state government, serving as a grant reviewer for federal agencies, and on ethics and quality assurance boards for several organizations. He is a founding board member of the Association of Professional Behavior Analysts and currently a member of the scientific advisory board of the National Autism Center and a former board member of the Behavior Analyst Certification Board. He is a consultant to the NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH) Early Intervention Program and was on the NYSDOH Clinical Practice Guideline Development Panel for autism/pervasive developmental disorders, one of the first empirically based reviews of autism assessment and treatment practices. He also serves as a member of the editorial board and reviewer for numerous professional journals. Recent published works include, "Continuum-Based Model of Behavioral Treatment for Children with Autism: A Multi-factor and Multi-dimensional Perspective", "Autism & the Physiology of Stress and Anxiety", and "Social Skills vs. Skilled Social Behavior: A Problematic Distinction in Autism Spectrum Disorders." Dr. Romanczyk has presented several hundred addresses at regional, national, and international professional conferences regarding his applied and research work at the Institute, and has received numerous awards for his clinical and research accomplishments. He recently co-authored the book, "Defying Autism", written for parents and professionals.

### ***Abstract***

#### **ASD and Anxiety: Expression in Phobias, Behavior Problems, and Social Development**

Raymond G. Romanczyk, Ph.D., BCBA-D  
Institute for Child Development, SUNY at Binghamton

Description: This presentation will address recent intervention research and clinical practice for individuals with ASD who display anxiety and anxiety-related clinical problems. Anxiety is a hypothetical construct that describes a complex cluster of behaviors and physiological state that vary in proportion to one another from individual to individual. Unfortunately the term anxiety is often used very imprecisely and in that form adds little to an analysis of behavior. The process of anxiety development and maintenance will be discussed as well as clinical examples. The benefits as well as detriments to attempting to influence anxiety will be presented within the context of social and adaptive skill development. Cautions concerning well intentioned but poorly conceived therapy will be highlighted.

#### Objectives:

1. Review prevalence of anxiety and anxiety related disorders in ASD.
2. Describe necessary assessment and clinical conceptualization steps.
3. Present model examples of effective intervention.

## Dr. Joanne Gerenser



Dr. Gerenser is the Executive Director of the Eden II Programs. She received her Master's degree in Speech and Hearing at the Ohio State University and her Ph.D. in Speech and Hearing Science at the City University of New York Graduate Center. She is an adjunct Assistant Professor at Brooklyn College as well as Penn State University. Dr. Gerenser is a member of the Scientific Advisory Council for the Organization for Autism Research. She is co-author of the interactive CD-ROM entitled "Behavioral Programming for Children with Autism". She has authored several book chapters and articles on autism and developmental disabilities. Dr. Gerenser is an Associate Editor of the Journal of Speech-Language Pathology and Applied Behavior Analysis. She sits on a number of Professional Advisory Boards for several programs serving children and adults with autism in the US and abroad. She has received numerous awards for her work with children and adults with autism, including the Nassau Suffolk Autism Lifetime Achievement Award, the Mosaic Foundation's Educator of Excellence Award, the Elija Chariot Award, the Lou Miller Business Leadership Award as well as Staten Island's Albert V. Maniscalco Community Service Award.

## **Abstract**

### **The Key to a Quality of Life: Effective Communication**

*Joanne Gerenser, Ph.D., CCC-SLP*

Communication has been broadly defined as the process of meaningful interaction among human beings. Deficits in communication skills are consistent with ASD, across all levels of functioning. In fact, it can be argued that autism is a severe disorder of communication. This presentation will review the core issues in ASD that impact the development of effective communication skills as well as the impact that limited communication skills have on all other aspects of functioning. The focus will be specifically on these issues as they affect adolescents and adults with ASD. Implications for intervention, program development and policy will be discussed.

Objectives:

Following this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Identify the core issues in ASD that impact on the development of effective communication skills
2. Discuss the impact of limited communication skills on other aspects of functioning, particularly employment, social interaction, and community access.
3. Discuss the role of effective communication skills on quality of life.
4. Describe different strategies to promote effective communication skills in adolescents and adults with ASD

# **Present your work at NYSABA!**

**New this year!**

Wednesday Afternoon/Evening Workshops  
*Earn 25% participant Fee!*

***Workshops, Symposium, Panels, Papers, Posters***

Visit **[www.nysaba.org](http://www.nysaba.org)** to complete the 2009 Call for Papers Proposal form for your presentation to be considered for the conference.

**The deadline for symposium, panel and paper submissions is October 1, 2009.**

**The deadline for poster submissions is October 10, 2009.**

## **POSTER SUBMISSION**

Proposals for posters are invited. The poster should address one of the following areas: Applied Research: Systematic analysis of the effects of an intervention procedure; Experimental Research: Basic studies of behavior that include analyses of translation to problems of social/human importance; Case Studies: Represents consumer performance before and after an intervention; Program Descriptions: A description of any agency or a program offered by an agency.

## **CALL FOR POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

Poster proposals should be submitted as part of the on-line call for papers. In addition, a 100-150 word abstract, and data or a data summary, should be submitted electronically to [info@nysaba.org](mailto:info@nysaba.org). Please include the name, address, and telephone number of the primary author and/or contact person.

# Activity Description & Learning Objectives

NYSABA is the State chapter of the Association for Behavior Analysis International (“ABAI”). NYSABA is devoted to the application of evidence based treatment and educational practices derived from the experimental analysis of behavior. NYSABA represents scientists, scholars, practitioners, and students in psychology, education and related fields and consumers of applied behavior analysis. We support quality education and treatment in all areas of human service in New York through the application of ethical, humane and effective application of the principles of behavior analysis. The Annual Conference of NYSABA includes workshops, symposia and paper presentations, panel discussions and poster sessions in the experimental analysis of behavior and applied behavior analysis in all areas of social import, including developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorders, mental health, education, head injury rehabilitation, behavioral medicine, and organizational behavior management, to name a few.

The New York State Association for Behavior Analysis is approved by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) to offer continuing education (CE) for Board Certified Behavior Analysts and Board Certified Associate Behavior Analysts. CEUs will be available throughout this conference.

## REGISTRATION

Registration form and full payment must be received no later than October 20, 2009. On-site registration will only be accepted if space is available.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

The conference fee will be refunded minus a \$20 processing fee if written notification is received by NYSABA up to two weeks prior to the conference date. If the request is received two weeks to 72 hours prior to the conference, a 50% refund will be issued. If the request is received with less than 72 hours notice, no refund will be issued.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

There are a limited number of rooms available at the Albany Marriott for NYSABA attendees at a discounted rate. To make a reservation or get directions, please call the hotel directly and identify yourself as a NYSABA participant.

### **Albany Marriott**

**189 Wolf Road • Albany, New York  
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**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:**

Helen Bloomer, Conference Chair • 178 Warren Street • Glens Falls, NY 12801  
518-466-7188

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Send completed registration application and fee to...

Regular Mail:

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# Conference Registration Form

(Please use a separate registration form for each registrant; you may duplicate this form)

## REGISTRATION

Registration form and full payment must be received no later than October 20, 2009 On-site registration will be available if space allows.

PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION BELOW AND SEND THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE ADDRESS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE REGISTRATION FORM.

FIRST NAME MI LAST NAME

TITLE/POSITION ORGANIZATION

OFFICIAL MAILING ADDRESS

NUMBER/STREET

CITY STATE ZIP

COUNTY PHONE E-MAIL

**Check one:**  Professional  Direct Care  Parent  Student

**Setting: Please check the primary setting in which you work:**

Agency  Clinic  Hospital  Private Practice  School  
 State  University/College  Other

Most Recent Degree Year Received Major Area

**Are you a certified behavior analyst?**  No  Yes – if yes, which type?  BCBA  BCBA-D  BCABA

List any other professional licenses or certifications

NYSABA Directory: May we include your name in the online NYSABA Membership Directory?  Yes  No

### Primary professional activity

- Administration  Clinical
- Consulting/staff training
- Teaching  Research
- School Psychology
- Retired
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Primary field of discipline

- Developmental Disabilities/Autism
- Education/Special Education
- Mental Health/Behavior Therapy
- OBM  EAB/Basic Research
- Head Injury  Training
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**PLACE THIS AMOUNT IN THE FEES SECTION**

NYSABA Members	One Day Only (Thurs. or Fri.)	Two Days (Thurs. & Fri.)
Professional	\$130.00	\$190.00
Student or Parent/Guardian of a person with a disability	\$95.00	\$110.00
Student with faculty sponsor at professional fee (sponsor must be registered)	\$65.00	\$90.00
Non-Members	\$150.00	\$225.00
Workshops**	Wednesday Evening 4 - 6 & 6:30 - 9	\$45.00 each

\*\*A complete list of workshops will be available at [www.nysaba.org](http://www.nysaba.org) after September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009

EARLY REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009. AFTER THAT DATE, AN ADDITIONAL \$25 WILL BE ADDED. REGISTER NOW!

PACKAGE RATES: Deduct 20% for 10 or more participants from one agency and 10% for 5 or more participants from one agency – must be on one PO.

**TOTAL FEES FOR CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

Fee for Conference Registration: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please circle below the day(s) you plan on attending the conference):**

Thursday Only      Friday only      Thursday and Friday      Wednesday Workshops (Enter Workshop Titles)

CEUs for BCBA's and BCABA's will be available at \$10 per credit hour, payable at the conference \_\_\_\_\_

Add \$25 if paying after October 20 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Subtract Group Discount \$ \_\_\_\_\_      Fee for each Workshop (\$40) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (make checks payable to NYSABA)**

Master Card or Visa number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(If using a Purchase Order enter P.O. Number here \_\_\_\_\_) \*

\*If you are requesting a group rate, please submit an individual form for each participant, but one purchase order number is required to get the discount rate (20% for 10 or more participants; 10% for 5 or more participants).

**REGISTRATION WITH FULL PAYMENT MUST BE MAILED POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 20, 2009 TO RECEIVE THE PREFERRED CONFERENCE RATE**
























Please send this form complete with your payment to:

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 c/o Helen Bloomer  
 178 Warren Street  
 Glens Falls NY 12801

# Conference Marketing Opportunities

The New York State Association for Behavior Analysis, Inc., is the state chapter of the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI), an international organization devoted to the study of the experimental analysis of behavior. NYSABA represents scientists, scholars, and practitioners in psychology, education, and related fields who reside primarily in New York State and are interested in the experimental analysis of behavior in all forms. Each year our conference draws approximately 400 attendees and we expect more in 2009. NYSABA seeks the support of companies, organizations and key related industries to assist in funding this educational event. Sponsorship provides increased awareness of your company and/or products through various signage and promotions at the event and beyond. The following is a list of the sponsorships offered.

<p><b>Platinum Sponsor</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$2,000</b></span></p> <p><b>SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Vendor Table</li> <li> Two complimentary conference registrations, including meals</li> <li> Signage at the Conference</li> <li> Sponsorship ad on the NYSABA website for one full year</li> <li> Two complimentary ads in our newsletter</li> <li> Sponsorship listing in conference brochure</li> <li> Special recognition on attendee badge</li> </ul> <p>* By becoming a Platinum sponsor, you'll be sponsoring one of our Keynote speakers!</p>	<p><b>Bronze Sponsor</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$500</b></span></p> <p><b>SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Signage at the conference</li> <li> Sponsorship listing in conference brochure</li> <li> Special recognition on attendee badge</li> </ul>
<p><b>Gold Sponsor</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$1,500</b></span></p> <p><b>SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Vendor Table</li> <li> One complimentary conference registration, including meals</li> <li> Signage at the Conference</li> <li> Sponsorship ad on the NYSABA website</li> <li> One complimentary ad in our Newsletter and website</li> <li> Sponsorship listing in conference brochure</li> <li> Special recognition on attendee badge</li> </ul> <p>* By becoming a Gold sponsor, you'll be sponsoring one of our special events, including our Annual Awards Luncheon, our Student Poster Session, or our Student Welcome Luncheon!</p>	<p><b>NYSABA Patron</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$250</b></span></p> <p>For those groups or individuals who would like to be recognized as a patron of NYSABA, please let us know. By donating \$250, you'll be recognized as a patron in all conference materials, including signage, conference program, and in our newsletter and on the website.</p> <p>Your donation will be applied to either NYSABA's legislative efforts, or help sponsor a student's attendance to this valuable event. Please indicate below where you'd like us to apply this donation. Thank you for your support!</p>
<p><b>Silver Sponsor</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$1,000</b></span></p> <p><b>SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> One complimentary ad in our newsletter and on the website</li> <li> Sponsorship listing in conference brochure</li> <li> Special recognition on attendee badge</li> </ul> <p>* By becoming a Silver sponsor, you'll be sponsoring one of our breakout sessions.</p>	<p><b>Conference Vendor</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$250/table</b></span></p> <p><b>FEES INCLUDE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> One 8 foot skirted table suitable for table top exhibit</li> <li> 2 side chairs</li> <li> Continental breakfast and lunch</li> </ul>

# Sponsorship Registration Form

## Sponsorship Levels

- Platinum Sponsor (Thank you for sponsoring a Keynote Address!) \$2,000
- Gold Sponsor (Thank you for sponsoring a Special Event!) \$1,500
- Silver Sponsor (Thank you for sponsoring a Breakout Session!) \$1,000
- Bronze Sponsor \$500
- NYSABA Patron \$250
- Please apply this contribution to Student Attendance at this year's conference.
- Please apply this contribution to NYSABA's Legislative Efforts.
- Exhibitor Table \$250 (# of tables\_\_\_\_\_ )

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