

Staff Training Lab



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My research focuses on evaluating methods to train staff and parents to teach children and adults with developmental disabilities to use evidence-based teaching procedures and on applied behavior analytic methods to promote language in children with developmental disabilities. Additionally, I am interested in applications of applied behavior analysis to clinical psychology.

Current projects:

- Developing method to train parents in groups
- Conducting a component analysis of behavioral skills training (Ward-Horner)
- Evaluating the replicability of behavioral skills training by teaching multiple skills to staff
- Training teachers to train other staff to conduct mand training
- Evaluating the generalization of training supervisors to training staff in one skill set to another staff in another skill set
- Teaching parents to use escape extinction correctly to increase eating without disruptive behavior in children with severe feed selectivity

Recent Publications:

- Seiverling, L., Pantelides, M., Ruiz, H. & Sturmey, P. (in press). The effect of behavioral skills training with general-case training on staff chaining of child vocalizations within Natural Language Paradigm.
- Thomas, B. R., Lafasakis, M. & Sturmey, P. (in press). The Effects of Prompting, Fading, and Differential Reinforcement on Vocal Mand in Non-Verbal Preschool Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. *Behavioral Interventions*.
- Lee, R. & Sturmey, P. (in press). The effects of script-fading and a lag-1 schedule on varied social responding in children with Autism. *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*
- Nigro, D. & Sturmey, P. (in press). The effects of behavioral skills training on staff mand training and unprompted child vocal mands. *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*
- Nabeyama, R. & Sturmey, P. (in press). Using self-recording, feedback, modeling, and behavioral rehearsal for safe and correct staff guarding and ambulation distance of students with multiple physical disabilities. *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*



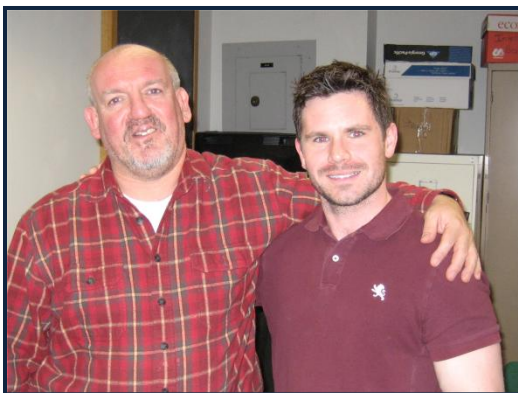
Laura J Seiverling
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Laura just published her pre-dissertation on training regular staff to conduct natural language interventions. She completed her area paper on behavior analytic approaches to feeding problems in children with autism. She just completed the data collection on training parents to conduct escape extinction and other procedures accurately to treat severe food overselectivity in children with autism.



Mike Maroquin
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Mike just completed his area paper on publication trends in parents training in JABA from 1968-2007. He is currently working on his dissertation proposal which will look at developing and evaluating a group parent training format. He consults with a number of school districts on autism and other developmental disabilities and provides BCBA supervision.



John Ward-Horner
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John published his predissertation on training parents to conduct discrete trial teaching with their own children. He developed a unique intervention using role play training based on general case training. He wrote his area paper on the methodology of component analysis which is currently in review in the Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis and is subsequently conducting a component analysis of behavioral skills training.