

Center for Behavioral Education and Research (CBER) Newsletter

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Upcoming events

- Thursday, September 10: CBER GA Orientation Meeting at 9AM in Room 131 CUE
- Monday, September 21: CBER Brown-Bag Discussion "Measuring Behavioral Sensitivity to Change" with Dr. Sandra Chafouleas at 9AM (Location TBD)
- Wednesday, October 28: CBER Research Colloquium (Location TBD)

News and announcements

- *WELCOME* to new CBER GAs Josh Wilson, Ashley Moore, Melissa Eastwood, Rishi Saripalle and Rohini Sen, as well as new post-docs Breda O'Keeffe and Dan Maggin.
- GAs: Please apply for direct deposit (if you have not already done so) ASAP. You can apply by clicking the following link: http://www.payroll.uconn.edu/resources/direct_deposit.html.
- RS': If you have resource links to add to the website, please forward to Lindsay for posting.

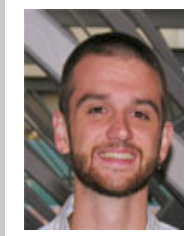
Message from George: Welcome back to another exciting school year. We have much to positively reinforce. For example, Brandi got married. Two new post-doctoral fellows (Dan Maggin and Breda O'Keeffe) have joined the CBERites. Sandy and Lisa gave presentations in Toronto. Kari had her baby. Meg successfully transitioned CBER into its temporary office space (until January we're told!). Lindsay got married. Mike Coyne presented in Amsterdam. Michael and Natalie used the summer to write grant applications and get manuscripts completed. A number of new doctoral students have joined school psychology and special education. The way things look, we have the potential for a very productive, mind-expanding, behavior shaping year in front of us. In particular, we have a number of important goals: (a) engage doctoral students more effectively and positively in CBER research and scholarly activities, (b) successfully "hit" on at least two major grants this year, (c) increase the utility of the CBER website, and (d) enhance the operations of the research collaborative. We hope you'll join us in achieving these goals! Have a great school year!

Meet Returning CBER GA, Steve Kilgus

Steve's role with CBER includes working on Project VIABLE with Sandy Chafouleas. He also TAs the Applied Behavior Analysis course with Lisa Sanetti and serves as a student member of the IRB.

Steve's research interests includes student behavior in the school, with a focus on both intervention and assessment. His interest lies in the use of Direct Behavior Ratings (DBR) across multiple purposes of assessment in school settings, with a secondary interest in the use of technology to record/store/analyze said ratings.

Steve spent the summer successfully defending his dissertation proposal, getting married to his wonderful wife, Catherine, and traveling to California and Hawaii for his honeymoon, as well as to Alaska with friends. Steve also presented at the 2009 APA Conference in Toronto and was honored with the Division 16 Award for Outstanding Student Scholarship.



In the News

President Obama spoke to students at Wakefield High School in Arlington, VA yesterday after a week of controversy surrounding the visit. Critics, concerned that President Obama might integrate parts of his political agenda into the speech, objected the event. The White House has posted the [speech](#), which talks of hope, responsibility and the necessity of a sound education, online for review.

From the Editor: Welcome to the inaugural edition of the CBER Newsletter! The intent of this bi-weekly publication is to further communication within the CBER community as well as to disseminate information regarding relevant research and professional development opportunities. Please forward any questions, comments, suggestions, news items or upcoming events to Lindsay Fallon at Lindsay.M.Fallon@gmail.com.