

ABA NYC

Applied Behavior Analysis NYC Conference

February 5, 2019 | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
The Sheen Center for Thought and Culture
18 Bleecker Street, New York, NY



Schedule

8:30 am	Registration and Exhibitors Breakfast and coffee will be served.	Studios A&B
9:15 am	Opening Remarks Lisa A. Veglia, LCSW, MPA, SAS Chief Executive Officer, QSAC Keynote Address/Workshop I Performance Management Leadership Training in Human Service Agencies Alicia Alvero, PhD	Loreto Theater
10:30 am	Workshop II Recent Advancements in Functional Analysis Hester Bekisz, MSED, BCBA, LBA	Loreto Theater
11:20 am	Coffee Break and Exhibitors	Studios A&B
11:50 am	Workshop III Skills For Success: Using Behavior Skills Training to Promote Independence Clare Penny, MA, BCBA	Loreto Theatre
12:40 pm	Lunch Break and Exhibitors Please use this time for lunch (on your own) and to visit our exhibitor booths. Coffee will be provided in the exhibitor hall.	Studios A&B
2:00 pm	Workshop IV Performance Issues: Why Won't They Do It? Anika Costa, MEd, BCBA	Loreto Theater
3:00 pm	Networking Reception (limited to advance RSVPs)	Studios A&B

Attention CEU (Continuing Education Unit) Attendees: Please be sure to check-in to each session in order to receive credit. BCBA attendees must also sign out of each session. Please look for signs indicating your sign in/out stations.

Keynote Speaker



Alicia M. Alvero, PhD

Associate Provost and Assistant Vice President of Research and Faculty Affairs
Queens College, CUNY

Dr. Alvero is the associate provost and assistant vice president of research and faculty affairs at Queens College, where she applies her skills as a training, leadership, and performance management consultant to help strengthen the experiences of faculty, staff, and students within higher education. She has extensive experience teaching leaders across a number of domains—including human service agencies—how to utilize ABA principles to help solve organizational challenges.

Dr. Alvero received her BA in psychology from Florida International University, her MA in industrial-organizational psychology, and her PhD in applied behavior analysis from Western Michigan University (WMU). She was awarded the prestigious Ford Foundation Fellowship while at WMU for her research. She served as deputy chair for the Department of Psychology for six years and was a faculty fellow in the Provost's Office. She has published in *JABA*, *JOBM*, *JEAB*, *Behavior Analysis in Practice*, *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*, and *Assessment & Evaluation in Higher Education*, to name a few. She is the author of several book chapters, and was an editorial board member for the *Journal of Safety Research* and an associate editor for the *Journal of Organizational Behavior Management*. Dr. Alvero has been an invited speaker across the country and also serves as an organizational consultant in the areas of training, leadership, and performance management.

Exhibitor Bingo



We encourage all attendees to participate in our exhibitor bingo game for a chance to win a \$50 Amazon gift card. To play, visit the Exhibitor Hall in Studios A&B and stop by each booth. With every stop, have the exhibitor sign your bingo card (located in your welcome packet). Once complete, submit

your card by 1:45 pm for a 1:55pm drawing in Loreto Theatre. Be sure to include your name at the bottom of the card. Good luck!

About Workshop Leaders



Hester Bekisz, MEd, BCBA, LBA

Clinical Coordinator

Eden II Programs/The Genesis Outreach Autism Center

Hester Bekisz is a certified special education teacher and board certified behavior analyst.

She holds a master's degree in childhood special education from the College of New Rochelle and has been working in the field of autism for 19 years. She completed coursework for her BCBA through the Florida Institute of Technology. She began working as a behavior specialist at The Genesis School and currently works as the clinical coordinator in Eden II Programs/The Genesis Outreach Autism Center. Ms. Bekisz has presented at local, regional, and national conferences on topics related to autism and applied behavior analysis. She has conducted and presented research in areas such as, treatment options for individuals with ASD who engage in ritualistic behavior, increasing conversation skills, the use of a complex behavioral treatment package, and the use of schedules to promote on-task behavior. Her research was presented at the Association for Behavior Analysis International Conference.



Clare Penny, MA, BCBA

Associate Clinical Director

Autism Learning Partners

Clare serves as a board certified behavior analyst out of Santa Barbara, CA. Professionally, she has been working with individuals with autism spectrum disorder for the past nine

years in Australia, New York, and California. She received her BA in psychology from California Lutheran University, and earned her MA in applied behavior analysis from Ball State University. Her current research interests focus on structured work systems, staff training, and behavior skills training.



Anika Costa, MEd, BCBA

Regional Clinical Training Coordinator
Positive Behavior Supports Corp.

Once introduced to applied behavior analysis in 2000 while working as a speech therapist, Anika quickly discovered her passion. Throughout her 18-year career, she has directly provided behavior and performance support to individuals, groups, and organizations across educational, private, and community-based agencies. A presenter at local and national conferences, Anika has used her extensive field experience as a platform for providing meaningful training, supervision, and mentoring to behavior analysts across the country. As a clinical training coordinator, student mentoring liaison, and manager of two large school district contracts at Positive Behavior Support Corp., she is currently focusing on deepening her knowledge and skills in the application of OBM.

About Sheen Center



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- Sequencing & following directions
- Creative expression
- Sensory exploration

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- Sports
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- Mindfulness

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