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### Registration Information

#### Registration Fee:

\$125 per person (Both workshops)  
\$75 per person (1 workshop)

#### Group Discount:

\$100 per person for groups of 4 or more (Eligible only for attendance of both workshops)

Light breakfast and lunch are included with registration fee. In addition, workshop materials will be provided to attendees.

#### Payment:

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## *Functional Analysis and Treatment of Aberrant Behavior in Autism*

**Dr. Wayne Fisher, BCBA-D**



## *Assessment and Treatment of Feeding Problems in Autism*

**Dr. Cathleen Piazza**



**Friday, October 16, 2009**

**9am — 4pm**

Caldwell College Alumni Theater  
120 Bloomfield Avenue  
Caldwell, NJ 07006

Caldwell College and the Graduate Programs in ABA are pleased to present 2 half-day workshops by prominent behavior analysts Dr. Wayne Fisher and Dr. Cathleen Piazza. The workshops are geared towards professionals and graduate students who are interested in ABA and autism. Attendees may register for both workshops or a single workshop of their choice.

Attendees who are certified as BCBA or BCaBA may earn up to 6 Type II Continuing education credits for both workshops or 3 credits for a single workshop. BACB Type II credits are offered free of charge for registered workshop attendees.

## AGENDA

**8:00-8:45am**

Light Breakfast

Check-in / Registration

**8:50-9:00am**

Introductory Remarks / Announcements

**9:00am-12:00pm**

Workshop 1: *Functional Analysis and Treatment of Aberrant Behavior in Autism* (includes 10-minute break)

**12:00-12:55pm**

Lunch (Provided)

Check-in / Registration (Workshop 2)

**12:55-1:00pm**

Introductory Remarks / Announcements

**1:00-4:00**

Workshop 2: *Assessment and Treatment of Feeding Problems in Autism* (includes 10-minute break)

## WORKSHOP 1: Functional Analysis and Treatment of Aberrant Behavior in Autism — Wayne Fisher, Ph.D., BCBA-D

Functional analysis (FA) is an individualized assessment designed to evaluate a person's problem behavior in relation to environmental events that may affect the future probability of that behavior. Functional analysis is designed to identify (a) the environmental contexts in which problem behavior is likely and unlikely to occur; (b) the consequences that reinforce problem in those contexts; and (c) specific interventions that are likely to effectively reduce the individual's problem behavior. This workshop will show how FA methods have (a) increased our understanding of how environmental antecedents and consequences affect problem behavior in children with autism; (b) facilitated the development of novel and effective treatments; and (c) produced simpler and more efficient interventions for problem behavior. Finally, how descriptive data can be used to develop alternative functional analyses for idiosyncratic functions of problem behavior displayed by individuals with autism will be discussed.

## WORKSHOP 2: Assessment and Treatment of Feeding Problems in Autism — Cathleen C. Piazza, Ph.D.

Feeding disorders are common in children diagnosed with autism and may be exhibited as a variety of topographies (e.g., food selectivity, food refusal). These problems may result in inadequate nutritional status and may be related to long-term developmental and behavioral sequelae. The purpose of this workshop will be to discuss methods of evaluating how specific behaviors can be defined and measured to allow quantification of variables related to the topographies of feeding disorders displayed by children with autism. A second purpose will be to review how this data-based approach can be used to prescribe and evaluate the effectiveness of treatment.

### Presenter Biographies

**Dr. Wayne Fisher** is the H.B. Munroe Professor of Behavioral Research in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Director of the Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders at the Munroe-Meyer Institute. He was previously a Professor of Psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and served as Executive Director of the Neurobehavioral Programs at the Kennedy Krieger Institute (Baltimore) and the Marcus Behavior Center at the Marcus Institute (Atlanta). Dr. Fisher is a past Editor of the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, a Fellow in the Association for Behavior Analysis, and recipient of the APA (Division 25) award for distinguished contributions to applied behavioral research.

**Dr. Cathleen Piazza** received her doctorate from Tulane University in New Orleans, LA. She completed a pre-doctoral internship and post-doctoral fellowship at the Kennedy Institute (KKI) and Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine (JHUSM) in Baltimore, MD. Currently, Dr. Piazza is a Professor in Pediatrics at University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) and the director of the Pediatric Feeding Disorders Program at Munroe-Meyer Institute (MMI). She is a former Associate Editor, the current Book Editor, and the Editor of the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*.

## Registration Form

Detach this form and mail with fee (See Registration Information on reverse side)

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