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Education

Doctorate in Philosophy, Behavior Analysis, Western New England University, Springfield, MA

2017

Advisor: Dr. Gregory Hanley

Dissertation: Preference Analysis of Reinforcer Variation, Sequence, and Choice

Comprehensive Review: A Review of Differential Reinforcement of Alternative Behavior without

Extinction

Master of Arts, Applied Behavior Analysis, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

2011

Advisor: Dr. Raymond Miltenberger

Thesis: Evaluating a Teaching Program to Teach Firearm Safety Skills in a Classroom Setting

Bachelor of Arts Cum Laude, Psychology, Western New England College, Springfield, MA

2009

Advisor: Dr. Gregory Hanley

Honors Program Thesis: Evaluating Preschooler Verbal Behavior

Academic Appointments

Associate Professor of Practice and Practicum Director, Simmons University, Boston, MA	2025-Current
Adjunct Professor, Psychiatry, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA	2021-Current
Adjunct Professor, Applied Behavior Analysis, Capella University, Minneapolis, MN	2022-2025
Associate Professor, Applied Behavior Analysis, Elms College, Chicopee, MA	2022-2024
Assistant Professor, Applied Behavior Analysis, Elms College, Chicopee, MA	2016-2022
Doctoral Fellow, Psychology, Western New England University, Springfield, MA	2013-2016
Research Assistantship, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL	2010-2011

Other Positions and Employment

Associate Consultant, FTF Behavioral Consulting, Worcester, MA

2022-Current

Consult to BCBA's (including international) on practical functional assessment and skill-based treatments for severe problem behavior

Manager of Special Projects and Consultant, New England ABA

2020-2023

Manage special projects including the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Program ASD-ID program, consult on severe problem behavior cases, ECHO Autism program to provide crisis recommendations to clinicians

Private Consulting, East Longmeadow, MA

2017-2020

Consult to BCBA's (including international) on practical functional assessment and skill-based treatments for severe problem behavior

Board Certified Behavior Analyst & Consultant, James Levine and Associates, South Hadley MA 2012-2013
Implemented ABA assessments and programming in Special Education Classrooms

Board Certified Behavior Analyst, Behavioral Health Network, Springfield, MA Implemented ABA programming for in-home ABA families

2011-2012

Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst, ABA Solutions, Tampa, FL

2010-2011

Implemented ABA assessments and programming for children in foster care and group homes

Board Assistant, Human Development Center

2009-2010

Implemented ABA assessments and programming for adults

Major Leadership Positions

Practicum Director, Simmons University, Boston, MA	2025-Current
ABA/ASD Graduate Program Director, Elms College, Chicopee, MA	2016-2024
Co-Chair of Social Sciences Division, Elms College, Chicopee, MA	2022- 2024

Educational Activities and Program Development

Educational Programs Developed

Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis, Elms College Minor in Applied Behavior Analysis, Elms College Community Partner Program, Elms College

External Educational Activities

Alternatives to Extinction in Treatment and Skill Building, Elms College CEU Event, Chicopee, MA	2024
Overview of ABA in Hospital Settings, Invited Talk, UMASS Med Psychiatry Fellows, Worcester, MA	2024
Alternatives to Extinction, Invited Workshop, Behavioral Services of Western MA, Springfield, MA	2019
Teaching Kids Safety Skills, Invited workshop, Behavioral Services of Western MA, Springfield, MA	2019

Certification and Licensure

Board Certified Behavior Analyst, Certificate # 1-11-9735 Licensed Applied Behavior Analyst (Commonwealth of Massachusetts), License #967 International Behavior Analyst, Certificate #77850712

Scholarship

Peer-reviewed publications

- Frazier, J. A., **Hanratty, L. A.**, & Weinstock, A. K. (2025). Mental Health Care Needs of and Access to Care for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities. *Medical Care*
- **Hanratty**, L. A., & Hanley, G. P., (2021) Preference for reinforcer variation, sequence, and choice. *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, *54*, 1062-1074.
- **Hanratty**, L. A., Miltenberger, R., & Florentino, S. (2016). Evaluating the effectiveness of a teaching package utilizing behavioral skills training and in situ training to teach gun safety skills in a preschool classroom. *Journal of Behavioral Education*, *25*, 310-323.
- Hanley, G. P., Jin, C. S., Vanselow, N. R., & **Hanratty**, L. A. (2014) Producing meaningful improvements in problem behavior of children with autism via synthesized analyses and treatments. *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, 47, 1-21.

Books & Chapters

- **Hanratty, L.A,** & Liggette, H.(2024) Person-Centered Treatments in ABA in The Handbook of Person-centered Care in ABA Service Delivery.
- Miltenberger, R., & **Hanratty**, L. A.(2013). Teaching sexual abuse prevention skills to children. In D. Bromberg, & W. O'Donohue (Eds.), Handbook of Child and Adolescent Sexuality: Developmental and Forensic Psychology (pp.419-447). London: Elsevier

Projects In Preparation

- **Hanratty**, L. A., Jessel, J., Tamburrino, C., Clark, A. J., Reyes, R. E., & Amatruda, J., Avoiding the Use of Extinction during a Skill-Based Treatment of Dangerous Behavior in the Home
- Frazier, J. A, **Hanratty**, L. A., & Weinstock, A. Current State of Behavioral Health Care for Autistic Adults and Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- **Hanratty**, L. A. Person-Centered Treatment of Challenging Behavior, chapter in The Handbook of Person-Centered Care in Applied Behavior Analysis

Other Presentations, Posters & Abstracts

International

- Hanratty, L. A., Tamburrino, C., Fogg, M., & Clark, A. J (2020, May) Analysis of Stimulus Variation and Choice. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Behavior Analysis, International, Washington DC. Cancelled due to COVID-19
- Hanratty, L. A., Clark, A. J., Tamburrino, C., Reyes, R. E., & Fogg, M., (2019, May) Functional Communication Training without the Use of Extinction. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Behavior Analysis, International, Chicago, IL.
- Fogg, M., Clark, A. J., Tamburrino, C., & **Hanratty**, L. A. (2018, May) Evaluating Efficacy of Varied Reinforcers on Teaching New Skills. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis International, San Diego, CA.
- Clark, A. J., Fogg, M., Tamburrino, C., & **Hanratty**, L. A. (2018, May) Differential Reinforcement of Alternative Behavior without Extinction. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis International, San Diego, CA.
- Ghaemmaghami, M., Hanley, G. P., & **Hanratty**, L. A. (2016, May). A comparison of contingency-based progressive delays and multiple schedules within communication-based treatments for problem behavior. Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the Association of Behavior Analysis International, Chicago, IL.
- **Hanratty**, L. A. & Hanley, G. P. (2015, January). Evaluating the Efficacy of and Children's Preference for Less Common Dimensions of Positive Reinforcement. Poster presented at the Association for Behavior Analysis International Autism Conference, Las Vegas, NV.
- **Hanratty**, L. A. & Hanley, G. P. (2014, May). Evaluating the Efficacy of and Children's Preference for Less Common Dimensions of Positive Reinforcement. Paper presented at the meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis International, Chicago, IL.

National

- Landa, R., Hanley, G. P., Ghaemmaghami, M., Slaton, J., **Hanratty**, L.A, Jessel, J., & Rajaraman, A. (2016, March). A Review of Procedural Modifications Following Undifferentiated Interview-informed Synthesized Contingency Analyses (IISCAs). Paper presented at the Annual Convention for the Association of Professional Behavior Analysts, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- **Hanratty**, L., Miltenberger, R., Florentino, S. (2011, September) Evaluating a Teaching Package to Teach Gun Safety Skills in a Preschool Classroom. Poster presented at the Florida Association for Behavior Analysis Annual Conference, Daytona Beach, FL.
- Miltenberger, R., **Hanratty**, L. A., Florentino, S., (2011, Septemer) Assessment of Reactivity in Staff
 Management Research. Paper presented at the Florida Association for Behavior Analysis Annual

Regional

- Stuart, A.E., Sego, S.A., **Hanratty**, L.A., & Hakala, C. (2020, October) Sink or Swim? How to Make the Best of Service Expectations and Come out Stronger. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the New England Psychological Association, remotely due to COVID-19
- Hanratty, L. A., Tamburrino, C., Fogg, M., & Clark, A. J (2019, October) Analysis of Stimulus Variation and Choice. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Berkshire Association of Behavior Analysis and Therapy, Worcester, MA.
- Hanratty, L. A., Clark, A. J., Tamburrino, C., Reyes, R. E., & Fogg, M., (2018, October) Functional Communication Training without the Use of Extinction. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Berkshire Association of Behavior Analysis and Therapy, Amherst, MA.
- Fogg, M., Clark, A. J., Tamburrino, C., & **Hanratty**, L. A. (2018, March) Evaluating Efficacy of Varied Reinforcers on Teaching New Skills. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Connecticut Association of Behavior Analysis, Hartford, CT.
- Clark, A. J., Fogg, M., Tamburrino, C., & **Hanratty**, L. A. (2018, March) Differential Reinforcement of Alternative Behavior without Extinction. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Connecticut Association of Behavior Analysis, Hartford, CT.
- Landa, R., Hanley, G. P., Ghaemmaghami, M., Slaton, J., **Hanratty**, L., Jessel, J., & Rajaraman, A. (2016, October). A Review of Procedural Modifications Following Undifferentiated Interview-informed Synthesized Contingency Analyses (IISCAs). Paper presented at the meeting of the Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy, Amherst, MA.
- Hanratty, L. A., Ghaemmaghami, M. & Hanley, G. P. (2015, October). A Comparison of Contingency-Based Progressive Delays and Multiple Schedules within Communication-Based Treatments for the Problem Behavior of Young Children with Autism. Paper presented at the meeting of the Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy, Amherst, MA.
- Hanratty, L. A. & Hanley, G. P. (2014, October). Evaluating the Efficacy of and Children's Preference for Less Common Dimensions of Positive Reinforcement. Paper presented at the meeting of the Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy, Amherst, MA.
- Hanratty, L. A. & Hanley, G. P. (2014, March). Evaluating the Efficacy of and Children's Preference for Less Common Dimensions of Positive Reinforcement. Poster presented at the meeting of the Connecticut Association for Behavior Analysis, New Haven, CT.
- **Hanratty**, L., Miltenberger, R., Florentino, S. (2011, October) Evaluating a Teaching Package to Teach Gun Safety Skills in a Preschool Classroom. Poster presented at the Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy Annual Conference, Amherst, MA.
- Beaulieu, L., Hanley, G., Roberson, A., **Hanratty**, L., (2011, October) Effects of Responding to a Name and Group Call on Preschooler's Compliance. Paper presented at the Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy Annual Conference, Amherst, MA.
- Beaulieu, L., Hanley, G., **Hanratty**, L., Luczynski, K. (2009, March) Descriptive Assessment of Preschooler Compliance and Compliance Precursors, Poster presented at the annual conference of the Connecticut Association of Behavior Analysis, Cromwell, CT.

Professional Memberships and Activities

Association of Professional Behavior Analysts	2022- Current
Association for Behavior Analysis International, Member	2009-Current
Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy, Member	2007-Current
American Psychological Association, Member	2012-2013
Florida Association for Behavior Analysis, Member	2009-2011

Editorial Responsibilities

Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis Guest Reviewer Translational Issues in Psychological Science Intermittent, 2015-Current 2017