

Kathleen Estelle Dignan

Educational History

University of North Texas
Denton, TX 76205

Degree:	M.S. in Behavior Analysis	2011-2016
Thesis Advisor:	Richard Smith, Ph.D., BCBA-D	
GPA:	3.8	
Degree:	B.S. in Applied Behavior Analysis	2006-2010
GPA:	3.5	

CERTIFICATION

Board Certified Behavior Analyst ID: 1-16-23774	8/31/2016-Present
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Advanced Behavior Consultants, LLC Supervisor: Curtis Harris, M.S. BCBA Provide in-home behavior services to clients diagnosed with ASD utilizing behavior principles. Create and implement behavior support programs for clients, treatment assessments, and progress reports. Aid in conducting weekly social groups with clients. Aid in development of research projects as well as transitioning into supervisor position as BCBA.	June 2016- Present
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The Behavior Exchange, ABA Therapist Supervisors: Tammy Cline, M.S., BCBA Responsibilities: Implement teaching protocols and collect data on the student's performance of the target behaviors. Graphed data and had input on the direction of programs to better serve the child's needs.	May 2011-August 2011
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The Art and Science of Animal Training Conference The University of North Texas Supervisor: Jesús Rosales-Ruiz, Ph. D I assisted in preparing and hosting ORCA's annual conference, The Art and Science of Animal Training.	2012-2015
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Association for Behavior Analysis International Poster Presentation The University of North Texas	May 2012
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Supervisor: Jesús Rosales-Ruiz, Ph. D

Teaching Patagonian Cavies to Like People Using CAT

I co-authored a poster detailing my research in the use of negative reinforcement to shape calm behavior in captive Patagonian cavies at the 38th Annual ABAI Convention.

Association for Behavior Analysis International Workshop

2013-2014

The University of North Texas

Supervisor: Jesús Rosales-Ruiz, Ph. D

Beyond Successive Approximations: Useful Shaping Strategies and Tactics to Improve Your Teaching

I facilitated an 8-hour workshop at ABAI in which we taught participants how to teach and shape behavior through the use of the Portable Operant Research and Teaching Lab (PORTL).

Association for Behavior Analysis International Symposium

May 2014

The University of North Texas

Supervisor: Jesús Rosales-Ruiz, Ph. D

I was the chair and a presenter at a symposium in which I provided information on the Portable Operant Research and Teaching Lab (PORTL) that I assisted in developing for use in behavior analysis classrooms and research labs.

Lakes Regional Community Center

Jan. 2016-present

Supervisor: Bryan Lovelace, M.S., BCBA

I perform applied behavior analysis therapy for teens and adults with intellectual disabilities, including Autism. I conduct initial interviews and functional assessments, provide treatment recommendations, develop data collection, implement those recommendations, facilitate implementation by caregivers, and analyze data to evaluate the recommended treatment.

Teaching Experience

University of North Texas, Graduate Teaching Assistant

Fall 2011

BEHV 4750 Capstone Course in Behavior Analysis

Instructor: Richard Smith, Ph. D., BCBA-D

Duties: Grade tests and essays, provide information to students about the course and subject matter, host study sessions

University of North Texas, Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

2009-2010

BEHV 2300-Basic Behavior Principles

Instructor: Malika Pritchett, M.S. and Kelly Tait, M.S.

Duties: Guest lecture, grade homework and tests, provide private tutoring lessons

Research Experience

The Organization for Reinforcement Contingencies with Animals **2011-2015**

University of North Texas

Supervisor: Jesús Rosales-Ruiz, Ph. D.

ORCA's mission is to enhance the lives of animals and their guardians through behavior analytic research and to inform the public about these discoveries. I have assisted in conducting research in animal shelters and exotic animal habitats. I have conducted research in training calm behaviors in Patagonian cavies using distance as a negative reinforcer contingent on desired behaviors.

BARC lab: The Behavior Analysis Resource Center **2013-2016**

University of North Texas and Denton State Supported Living Center

Supervisor: Richard Smith Ph. D., BCBA-D

BARC provides contracted caseload services for residents of the Denton State School. BARC staff participates as members of interdisciplinary teams and provides a wide range of behavioral services. I assisted in implementing functional assessments of behavior, developing behavior programs and data collection methods, implementing those behavior programs, participating in interdisciplinary teams, and creating monthly progress notes and graphic data displays.

Research Project (presented at ABAI) **May 2015**

University of North Texas and Denton State Supported Living Center

Supervisor: Richard Smith Ph. D., BCBA-D

Primary Author: Christina DeLapp

The Sensitivity to Aversive Stimulation Survey: An Individualized Anecdotal Assessment to Identify Potentially Aversive Stimuli

I assisted in the development of an anecdotal assessment in which raters provide information about a client's compliance, affect, and problem behavior in potentially aversive situations.

Scholarships and Grants

Title: Donald L. Whaley Memorial Scholarship **2011-2013**

Amount: Received, \$1000.00

Title: UNT Tuition Grant **2011-2013**

Amount: Received, \$1500.00