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MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

Welcome to your BG SIG 2023 Fall newsletter. I'm sure you will agree that Jacqueline has done another stellar job of pulling together a great issue for our membership. A lot has happened since our last newsletter and the committee has been hard at work over the last six months.

First, we had our annual business meeting at the ABAI convention in Denver, where it was great to see so many other behavioral gerontologists come together and discuss our work and plans for the future. Over the summer, we had our first BG SIG webinar, which was a huge success and we are very grateful to both Maisie, our events coordinator, for organizing the event and Johanna for sharing her experiences with us. We also said thank you and goodbye to Sam and Ashley and welcomed three new committee members, Nehal, Stephanie, and Gordon, who are starting as Training and Education Coordinator, Honorary Secretary, and the newly created Consumer Representative roles, respectively.

Finally, we also officially started the BG SIG insurance funding sub-committee in October; this task force is going to be meeting regularly throughout the year to look at how behavioral gerontologists practice within the current infrastructure in the USA, and what steps need to be taken to expand insurance funded opportunities for our work. I am so excited to get this off the ground as funding is something that has been recognized as the greatest barrier to working in behavioral gerontology in the USA.

As always, we would love your feedback on the newsletter and on the work we are doing- criticisms, suggestions, and praise are all very much appreciated!

Zoe



2024 PHILADELPHIA 50th Annual Convention

Join us at ABAI's 50th Annual Convention in Philadelphia from May 25–May 27, 2024!

Virtual attendance is also available.

Register HERE 

Do you have behavioral gerontology research to share? The poster submission deadline is January 17, 2024.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR BG SIG MEMBERSHIP

Have you renewed your BG SIG membership for the 2024 year?

If your ABAI membership auto-renews, please note that your SIG membership does not! You must manually log into your portal account and renew it under the store tab.

[Renew your membership HERE](#)



Benefits of BGSIG Membership



WEBINAR FOR BG SIG MEMBERS



Did you miss our live webinar?

Collaborating with Care Professionals While Staying Conceptually Systematic

BG SIG members can watch a recording of this webinar on our website. Click on the "Members Content" tab and select "Videos."

The Application of Behavioral Gerontology: Collaborating with Care Professionals Whilst Remaining Conceptually Systematic

ABAI BEHAVIORAL GERONTOLOGY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP HOSTS:

An interview with Jóhanna Gildóttir where we will discuss some of the ethical and practical experiences when working within the field of behavioral gerontology.



Jóhanna Gildóttir is a behavior analyst with a special interest in behavioral gerontology, OBM and ACT. She is currently working at Hrafnista, a nursing home in Iceland and at Heilindi, a residential facility for individuals with traumatic injury and behavioral changes.

**Stay tuned for more webinars hosted
by the BG SIG in 2024!**

FALL FEATURE

Learn insights from behavioral gerontologists!



The BG SIG publicity team is starting a video series on its Facebook page titled “Exploring Behavioral Gerontology.”

We will share videos of behavioral gerontologists discussing their experiences and insights working in the field.

Check out our videos so far!

A day in the life: Dr. Zoe Lucock

A day in the life: Dr. Christopher Walmsley

A memorable experience: Dr. Zoe Lucock

A memorable experience: Dr. Christopher Walmsley

Success in behavioral gerontology Dr. Christopher Walmsley

Head over to our Facebook page to keep watching!



NEW SUBCOMMITTEE

The BG SIG is starting an insurance funding subcommittee for behavioral gerontology services in the United States.

This task force is comprised of notable gerontology practitioners and researchers, with the goal of investigating behavioral gerontology services and opportunities for funding and reimbursement.

TWO GRADUATE STUDENT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

- Work with notable practitioners and researchers in gerontology
- Attend 4 x 1hr virtual meetings per year
- Assist with document creation and policy research

Email bgsig.web@gmail.com to apply

Subject line: Student Volunteer – Insurance Funding Subcommittee



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