

CURRICULUM VITAE
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Education

2020, Ph.D., University of South Florida, Applied Behavior Analysis
Dissertation Advisor: Raymond G. Miltenberger, PhD, BCBA-D

2014, M.A., University of the Pacific, Psychology
Major Professor: Matthew P. Normand, PhD, BCBA-D

2012, B.A., University of Kansas, Applied Behavioral Science
Advisor: Claudia L. Dozier, PhD, BCBA-D
Minor: Psychology

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor of Instruction | Curriculum Coordinator, Department of Child and Family Studies

University of South Florida (2022 – Present)

Online Master of Arts in Applied Behavior Analysis

- Supervision and Training in Applied Behavior Analysis (Fall 2022)
- Directed Research I (Fall 2022)
- Directed Research II (Spring 2023, Fall 2023)
- Practicum Seminar III (Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024)
- Behavior Theory (Summer, 2023)
- Practicum Seminar II (Spring 2024)

Undergraduate Courses

- Ethics in Applied Behavior Analysis (Fall 2023)

Adjunct Professor | Department of Child and Family Studies

University of South Florida (2023)

Undergraduate Courses

- Ethics, Supervision, and Management in Applied Behavior Analysis (Spring 2023, Fall 2023)

Postdoctoral Fellow | Instructor, Department of Child and Family Studies

University of South Florida (2021 – 2022)

Undergraduate Courses

- Practicum Seminar in Applied Behavior Analysis (Fall 2021)

- Ethics, Supervision, and Management in Applied Behavior Analysis (Fall 2021, Spring 2022)

Graduate Courses

- Applied Behavior Analysis and Developmental Disabilities (Fall 2021)
- Practicum II: Applied Behavior Analysis (Spring 2022, Summer 2022)
- Behavior Theory (Spring 2022)
- Supervision and Training in Applied Behavior Analysis (Summer 2022)

**Graduate Teaching Instructor, Departments of Child and Family Studies and Psychology
University of South Florida (2014 – 2017)**

Undergraduate Courses

- Fundamentals of Applied Behavior Analysis (Spring 2015, Summer 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016)
- Applied Behavior Analysis in Autism and Developmental Disabilities (Summer 2016)
- Behavior Modification, Psychology Department (Fall 2017)

Graduate Courses (online)

- Applied Behavior Analysis: Basic Principles (Spring 2017)

Publications

Snapp, S. K., Miltenberger, R. G., & **Zerger, H. M.** (2023). Evaluating the effectiveness of video feedback to improve cheerleading tumbling skills. *Behavioral Interventions*.

Miller, B. G., Miltenberger, R. G., Livingston, C. P., **Zerger, H. M.**, Valbuena, D. (2022). Evaluating public posting and goal setting to increase physical activity in young children. *Behavioral Interventions, 1-13*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/bin.1902>

Miller, B. G., Valbuena, D., **Zerger, H. M.**, & Miltenberger, R. G. (2018). Evaluating public posting and goal setting to increase physical activity during recess. *Behavioral Interventions, 1-14*. <https://doi: 10.1002/bin.1631>

Zerger, H. M., Miller, B. M., Valbuena, D., & Miltenberger, R. G. (2017). Evaluating the effects of peer competition on physical activity during school recess. *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis, 50*, 529-537. <https://doi: 10.1002/jaba.389>

Zerger, H. M., Normand, M. P., Boga, V., & Patel, R. R. (2016). Adult attention and interaction can promote moderate-to-vigorous physical activity of children. *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis, 49*, 1-11. <https://doi: 10.1002/jaba.317>

Miller, B. G., Normand, M. P., **Zerger, H. M.**, Larson, T. A. (in prep) Behavioral assessment of physical activity preferences of young children.

Book Chapters

- Miltenberger, R., Miller, B., **Zerger, H.**, & Novotny, M. (2018). Shaping. In S. Hayes & S. Hofmann (Eds), *Core competencies in behavioral cognitive therapies* (pp. 223-232). Oakland, CA: New Harbinger.
- Miltenberger, R., **Zerger, H.**, Novotny, M., & Livingston, C. (2017). Behavioral skills training. In J. Leaf (Ed.), *Handbook of social skills and autism spectrum disorder: Assessment, curricula, and interventions* (pp. 325-342). New York: Springer.
- Miltenberger, R., **Zerger, H.**, Novotny, M., & Haynes, R. (2017). Community living skills. In K. A. Shogren, M. L. Wehmeyer, and N. N. Singh (Eds), *Handbook of positive psychology in intellectual developmental disabilities: Translating research into practice* (pp. 297-310). New York: Springer.
- Miltenberger, R., Miller, B., & **Zerger, H.** (2016). Applied Behavior Analysis. In C. M. Nezu & A. M. Nezu (Ed.), *The Oxford handbook of cognitive and behavioral therapies* (pp. 79-95). New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Invited Presentations

World Behavior Analysis Day Panel. Virtual panel for the Hoosier Association for Behavioral Analysis organization. March 2023.

Paper Presentations

- Miller, B.G., Miltenberger, R. G., Livingston C., & **Zerger, H. M.** (2018, May). *Evaluating Public Posting, Self-Monitoring, and Goal Setting to Increase Physical Activity in Children*. Paper presented at the annual Association for Applied Behavior Analysis conference.
- Miller, B.G., Miltenberger, R. G., Livingston C., & **Zerger, H. M.** (2017, October). *Evaluating Public Posting, Self-Monitoring, and Goal Setting to Increase Physical Activity in Children*. Paper presented at the annual Florida Association for Behavior Analysis conference.
- Zerger, H. M.**, Miller, B.M., Valbuena, D., & Miltenberger, R.G. (2016, May). *Evaluating the Effects of Peer Competition on Physical Activity During School Recess*. Paper presented at the annual Association for Applied Behavior Analysis International conference.
- Miller, B. G., Valbuena, D., **Zerger, H. M.**, & Miltenberger, R. G. (2016, May). *Evaluating Public Posting and Goal Setting to Increase Physical Activity During Recess*. Paper presented at the annual Association for Behavior Analysis International conference.
- Zerger, H. M.**, Miller, B. M., Valbuena, D., & Miltenberger, R. G. (2015, September). *Evaluating the Effects of Peer Competition on Physical Activity During School Recess*. Paper presented at the annual Florida Association for Behavior Analysis conference.

- Zerger, H. M.**, Normand, M. P., Boga, V., & Patel, R. R. (2015, May). A Comparative Analysis of Physical Activity Interventions for Young Children. Paper presented at the annual Association for Applied Behavior Analysis International conference.
- Miller, B. G., Normand, M. P., **Zerger, H. M.**, & Larson, T. A. (2014, May). *Behavioral Assessment of Physical Activity Preferences of Young Children*. Paper presented at the annual Association for Behavior Analysis International conference.
- Zerger, H. M.**, Normand, M. P., Boga, V., & Patel, R. R. (2014, September). A Comparative Analysis of Physical Activity Interventions for Young Children. Paper presented at the annual Florida Association for Behavior Analysis conference.
- Miller, B. G., Normand, M. P., **Zerger, H. M.**, & Larson, T. A. (2013, September). *Behavioral Assessment of Physical Activity Preferences of Young Children*. Paper presented at the annual Florida Association of Behavior Analysis.
- Zerger, H. M.**, Bayles, M. W., & Neidert, P. L. (2012, May). Assessment and treatment of food refusal in a young child diagnosed with autism. Poster presented at the annual University of Kansas Applied Behavioral Science Poster Fair, Lawrence, KS.

Areas of Service

Graduate Thesis Advisor, University of South Florida

- Madeline McCullen (2023)
- Ryan Partin (2024)

Graduate Thesis Committees, University of South Florida

- Talitha Vargas (2021)
- Madeline Molve (2021)
- Samantha Martinez (2022)
- Allison Fisher (2022)
- Jason Wiley (2023)

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Chair, University of South Florida

- Emily Shetrone (2021)

Mid-American Association for Behavior Analysis

- Board Member, 2021—2023

Clinical Experience

Clinical Review Specialist

Achieve Behavior Partners, LLC, Tampa, FL, (April – August 2021)

- Review of all clients' written functional behavior assessments and behavior analysis service plans

- Feedback to BCBA's regarding selection of behavioral assessment and intervention procedures, behavior change goals, data presentation, data analyses, and caregiver training procedures

Board Certified Behavior Analyst

Achieve Behavior Partners, LLC, (2019 – 2021) and ABA Solutions, Inc. (2015 – 2019) Tampa, FL

- Behavioral assessment and treatment of problem behavior in young children and adolescents with ASD, developmental disabilities, and intellectual disabilities
- Functional analysis of severe problem behavior
- School, home, and community-based service delivery
- Administration and program development of VB-MAPP, ABLLS-R, and AFLS
- Supervision and training of BCBA, BCaBA, and RBT level analysts
- Practicum supervisor
- Continual caregiver training in schools and home settings
- Development of BACB Task List assignments for students pursuing BCBA certification

Behavior Analysis Intern (2012-2014)

University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA

- Stockton Unified School District
- Classroom-based behavioral assessment and intervention
- Home-based behavioral assessment and intervention
- Physical activity and nutrition education
- Group-based behavioral staff training

Professional Memberships

- Association for Behavior Analysis International, 2012—Present
- Florida Association for Behavior Analysis, 2014—Present
- Mid-American Association for Behavior Analysis, 2021—2022
- California Association for Behavior Analysis, 2013—2014
- Kansas Association for Behavior Analysis, 2012

Professional References

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- Dr. Bryon Miller | bryonmiller@usf.edu | 408.348.3273