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Education

Southern Illinois University - Carbondale	Ph.D.	2013
Southern Illinois University - Carbondale	M.S.	2010
University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire	B.S.	2008

Academic Positions

Sam Houston State University	2013-present
Assistant Professor, Tenure-track	
Low Incidence Disabilities and Autism Program	
Board Certified Behavior Analyst-Doctoral	

Publications

Refereed

Vargo, K. K., & Becknell, K. (accepted, pending revisions). An application of the group-oriented concurrent-chains assessment. *Behavior Analysis in Practice*.

Vargo, K. K. (in press). Class-wide behavioral strategies for secondary educators. *Scholar-Practitioner Quarterly*.

Lee, J., **Vargo, K. K.**, & Porretta, D. (2018). An evaluation of the effects of antecedent exercise type on stereotypic behaviors. *Journal of Developmental and Physical Disabilities*, 30, 409-426.

Cowl, A., & **Vargo, K. K.** (2018). A comparison of functional and preferred reinforcers during FCT. *Journal of Multidisciplinary Graduate Research*, 4, 19-31.

Ringdahl, J. E., Berg, W. K., Wacker, D. P., Crook, K., Molony, M. A., **Vargo, K. K.**, Nuernberger, J. E., Zabala, K., & Taylor, C. J. (2018). Effects of response preference on resistance to change. *Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior*, 109, 265-280. doi:10.1002/jeab.308

Miskell, A., & **Vargo, K. K.** (2017). An evaluation of teachers' acquisition of and preference for stimulus preference assessments. *Journal of Multidisciplinary Graduate Research*, 3, 18-32.

Dickson, M. J., & **Vargo, K. K.** (2017). Training kindergarten students lockdown drill

- procedures using behavioral skills training. *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, 50, 407-412.
- Lee, J., & **Vargo, K. K.** (2017). Physical activity into socialization: A movement-based social skills program for children with autism spectrum disorder. *Journal of Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance*, 88, 7-14.
- Nava, M., **Vargo, K. K.**, & Babino, M. (2016). An evaluation of a three component multiple schedule to indicate attention availability. *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, 49, 674-679.
- Vargo, K. K.**, & Ringdahl, J. E. (2015). An Evaluation of Resistance to Change with Unconditioned and Conditioned Reinforcers. *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, 48, 643-662.
- Vargo, K. K.**, Heal, N. A., Epperley, K., & Kooistra, E. (2014). Effects of a multiple schedule plus rules on hand raising during circle time in preschool classrooms. *Journal of Behavioral Education*, 23, 326-343.
- Allen, M. B., Baker, J. C., Nuernberger, J. E., & **Vargo, K. K.** (2013). Precursor manic behavior in the assessment and treatment of episodic problem behavior for a woman with a dual diagnosis. *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, 46, 685-688.
- Nuernberger, J. E., **Vargo, K. K.**, & Ringdahl, J. E. (2013). An application of differential reinforcement of other behavior and self-monitoring to address repetitive behavior. *Journal of Developmental and Physical Disabilities*, 25, 105-117.
- Nuernberger, J. E., Ringdahl, J. E., **Vargo, K. K.**, Crumpecker, A. C., & Gunnarsson, K. F. (2013). Using a behavioral skills training package to teach conversation skills to young adults with autism spectrum disorders. *Research in Autism Spectrum Disorders*, 7, 411-417.

Recent Professional Presentations

- Loflin, L., **Vargo, K. K.**, & Plaster, M. (2018, March). An Evaluation of and Preference for Two Flashcard Interventions. Poster presented at the annual Texas Association for Behavior Analysis Conference. Houston, TX.
- Brown, C., **Vargo, K. K.** (2018, March). An Evaluation of and Preference for Variations of the Good Behavior Game. Poster presented at the annual Texas Association for Behavior Analysis Conference. Houston, TX.
- Loflin, L., **Vargo, K. K.**, & Plaster, M. (2017, October). Teaching Sight Words to Early Learners. Talk presented at the annual Joan Prouty Conference. Huntsville, TX.
- Lee, J. & Vargo, K. K. (2017, March). Evaluation of a Motor-Based Social Skills Program. Talk presented at the SHAPE National Convention and Expo. Boston, MA.

- Hawes, M. J., & Vargo, K. K. (2016, May). Training kindergarten students lockdown drill procedures using behavioral skills training. Poster presented at the 42nd Annual convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis International, Chicago, IL
- Nava, M., Vargo, K. K., & Babino, M. (2016, May) An evaluation of a three component multiple schedule to indicate attention availability. Poster presented at the 42nd Annual convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis International, Chicago, IL
- Vargo, K. K., Ringdahl, J. E., Berg, W. K., Wacker, D. P., Romani, P., Ryan, S. E., & Ing, A. (2015, May). Further evaluation of response persistence following FCT: The role of response prompting. Talk presented at the 41st Annual convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis International, San Antonio, TX.
- Vargo, K. K., & Ringdahl, J. E. (2014, April; 2014, May). An Evaluation of Resistance to Change with Unconditioned and Conditioned Reinforcers. Talk presented at the Virginia Association for Behavior Analysis Conference, Leesburg, VA. Talk presented at the 40th Annual convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis International, Chicago, IL.
- Nuernberger, J. E., Ringdahl, J. E., Vargo, K. K., Crumpecker, A. C., & Gunnarsson, K. F. (2013, May). Using a behavioral skills training package to teach conversation skills to young adults with autism spectrum disorders. Talk presented at the 39th Annual convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis International, Minneapolis, MN.

Service

University

The Woodlands Center Advisory Committee/member	Spring 2016-Summer 2017
Student Disciplinary Committee/member	Fall 2016-present

College

Enrichment Fund Committee/chair	Fall 2017-present
Enrichment Fund Committee/member	Fall 2015-Summer 2017
Graduate Advisory Council	Fall 2017-present
Professional Concerns Committee/member	Fall 2014-Summer 2015
Promotion and Tenure Committee/member	Fall 2014-Summer 2016
Policies Committee/member	Fall 2016-Summer 2017
Faculty Research and Review/member	Fall 2016-Summer 2017

Department

Research Committee/member	Fall 2016-Summer 2017
Research Resources Committee/chair	Fall 2017-present
Promotion and Tenure/Post-Tenure Review Guidelines/member	Fall 2015-present
Scholarship Committee/chair	Fall 2015-Summer 2017

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Faculty/Student Concerns Committee/member
Graduate Scholarship Committee/member
Garret Scholarship Committee/member

Fall 2017-present
Fall 2014-Summer 2015
Fall 2014-Summer 2015
Spring 2015

Community

SHSU Autism Movement (SAM) Program

Summer 2014, 2015

Professional Memberships

TXABA Public Policy Group

November 2017-Present

Member of Association for Professional Behavior Analysts

March 2016 - Present

Member of Association for Behavior Analysis International

November, 2006- Present

Member of the Texas-Association for Behavior Analysis

January 2014-Present

Member of the Mid-American Association for Behavior Analysis

2007- 2013