

## Curriculum Vitae

Jillian Benson, Psy.D., BCBA  
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### EDUCATION

- Psy.D. Clinical Psychology, Nova Southeastern University, 2015  
Directed Study: Cumulative Record Versus Latency to First Occurrence to Analyze A Response Class Hierarchy
- M.S. Clinical Psychology, Nova Southeastern University, 2012
- B.A. Psychology/Disability Studies, University of Massachusetts at Lowell, 2010

### CERTIFICATIONS

Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA): Certification #1-14-17591

### CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

**Neurobehavioral Unit**  
**The Kennedy Krieger Institute**  
**and The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine**  
**Baltimore, MD**

**July 2014- June 2015**  
**Doctoral Intern**

**Supervisors: Jonathan Schmidt, Ph.D., BCBA-D**  
**Patricia Kurtz, Ph.D.**

- Six month inpatient and outpatient rotations
- Provide intensive behavioral assessment for children and adolescents with severe behavior disorders and intellectual disabilities in inpatient, intensive outpatient, and day treatment programs
- Develop comprehensive behavioral interventions and systematically evaluate effectiveness
- Collaborate with a multi-disciplinary team within a hospital setting, including psychiatry, social work, nursing, medicine, speech therapy, occupational therapy, and school systems
- Supervise team of masters level clinicians in delivering behavioral assessments and treatments
- Provide intensive parent, caregiver, and school personnel training
- Participate in Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) training program

**Severe Behavior Disorders Program**  
**Nova Southeastern University**  
**Fort Lauderdale, FL**

**August 2012- June 2014**  
**Clinical Assistant**

**Supervisor: F. Charles Mace, Ph.D., BCBA-D**

- Serve children ages 3 to 17 who present with challenging behaviors
- Assist in conducting functional behavioral assessment
- Generate graphs, progress summaries, and daily progress notes from data collected during sessions
- Create and implement treatment plans
- Provide parent training to caregivers to implement prescribed behavioral treatments at home
- Mentor and teach new students in clinic functions
- Participate in conducting clinic research and NIH funded research

**Child, Adolescent & Family Services  
Nova Southeastern University  
Fort Lauderdale, FL**

**August 2012- October 2013  
Psychology Practicum Student**

**Supervisor: Yukari Tomozawa, Psy.D.**

- Provide individual, group, and family therapy to children, adolescents, and their families
- Create a comprehensive diagnostic and treatment approach to assist families with children ages 4 to 17 who have emotional, developmental and cognitive difficulties such as Pervasive Developmental Disorders, Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Conduct Disorder/ Oppositional Defiant Disorder, childhood bedwetting and incontinence, Anxiety Disorders, Depression, and other mental-health issues
- Administer and interpret assessments
- Provide parent training

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- Participate in the collection of data in order to inform treatment interventions.
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- Provide parent training to caregivers to implement prescribed behavioral treatments at home

**Pediatric Psychology Associates  
Coral Springs, FL**

**January 2012 -June 2012  
Social Skills Co-Facilitator**

**Supervisor: Jessica Garcia, Ph.D.**

- Co-facilitated social skills groups with children ranging from 4 to 9 years-old diagnosed with a variety of psychological disorders including Autism Spectrum Disorders, Pervasive Developmental Disorder, ADHD, ODD, depression, anxiety and developmental delays using behavioral therapy and psychoeducational techniques

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Borgen, J., Mace, F. C., Shamlan, K., Cavanaugh, B., Lit, K., **Benson, J.**, & Trauschke, S. (2015). *A stimulus control procedure produces rapid compliance to low-probability of compliance to low-probability instructions*. Manuscript in preparation.

Kunzendorf, R. G., Turgiss, J., **Benson, J.**, Ostler, C., Walsh, E., Sawyer, R., Deschenes, D. (2010). Multiple styles of self-control predict college students' alcohol consumption. *Imagination, Cognition, and Personality, 30*, 185-199.

Mace, F.C., Shamlan, K., Sheehan, T., Lit, K., **Benson, J.**, Borgen, J., Boules, I., Cavanaugh, B., Hererra, A., Tarver, D., & Trauschke, S. (2015). *Learning, Fifth Edition: A Review*. Manuscript in preparation.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Member	Commonwealth Honors Society (2007-2010) Honors Thesis: Women's Body Image and Well-Being: A Correlational Study
Member	Psi Chi International Honors Society in Psychology (2007-present)
Chapter Secretary	Psi Chi International Honors Society in Psychology (2009-2010)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member	Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) American Psychological Association (APA) Florida Association for Behavior Analysis (FABA) Maryland Association for Behavior Analysis (MABA)
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## PRESENTATIONS

### State and Regional Conferences

**Benson, J.**, Lit, K., Trauschke, S., Shamlan, K., Sheehan, T., & Mace, F.C. (2013, September). *Cumulative record versus latency to first occurrence to analyze a response class hierarchy*. Symposium conducted at the annual meeting of the Florida Association for Behavior Analysis convention, Daytona Beach, FL.

Borgen, J., Trauschke, S., **Benson, J.**, Lit, K., Tarver, D., Shamlan, K., & Mace, F. C. (2013, September). *Behavioral economics informed assessment of food reinforcer hoarding*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Florida Association for Behavior Analysis convention, Daytona Beach, FL.

Lit, K., **Benson, J.**, Cavanaugh, B., Sheehan, T., Tarver, D., Trauschke, S., & Mace, F. C. (2013, September). *A novel intervention maximizes the power of the Premack principle*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Florida Association for Behavior Analysis convention, Daytona Beach, FL.

Tarver, D., **Benson, J.**, Lit, K., Trauschke, S., Samour, K., Krantz, J., Cavanaugh, B., Borgen, J., Shamlan, K., Boules, I., Sheehan, T., Mace, F.C. (2013, September). *Treatment of a child with severe SIB when FA was not medically indicated*. Poster presented at Florida Association for Behavior Analysis Annual Conference, Daytona Beach, FL.

Trauschke, S., Borgen, J., Sheehan, T. M., Lit, K., **Benson, J.**, O'Brien, H., Cruz, Y. & Mace, F. C. (2012, September). *Evaluation of a novel procedure to increase compliance in young children with autism spectrum disorder*. Symposium conducted at the annual meeting of the Florida Association for Behavior Analysis convention, Jacksonville, FL.

### National and International Conferences

**Benson, J.,** Huete, J., & Edelstein, M. (2015, May). Assessment and treatment of problem behavior associated with caregiver separation. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis International convention, San Antonio, TX.

**Benson, J.,** Lit, K., Trauschke, S., Shamlan, K., Sheehan, T., & Mace, F.C. (2014, May). *Cumulative record versus latency to first occurrence to analyze a response class hierarchy*. Symposium conducted at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis International convention, Chicago, IL.

Lit, K., Mace, F. C., Sheehan, T. M., **Benson, J.,** Borgen, J., Cavanaugh, B., Trauschke, S., & Tarver, D. (2014, May). *Correlating reinforcer magnitude and response rate to assess the operant component of inattention*. Symposium conducted at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis International convention, Chicago, IL.

Krantz, J., Shamlan, K., Cavanaugh, B., **Benson, J.,** Borgen, J., Tarver, D. & Trauschke, S. (2014, May). *Training intraverbal responding in an individual with autism using text prompts embedded in conditional discrimination tasks*. Poster presented at annual meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis International convention, Chicago, IL.

**Benson, J.,** Borgen, J., Cavanaugh, B., Lit, K., Trauschke, S., Shamlan, K., Sheehan, T. M., & Mace, F. C. (2013, May). *Cumulative record versus latency to first occurrence to analyze a response class hierarchy*. Poster presented at annual meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis International convention, Minneapolis, MN.

Borgen, J., Lit, K., Sheehan, T. M., **Benson, J.,** Cavanaugh, B., Cruz, Y., O'Brien, H., & Trauschke, S. (2013, May). *Measuring strength of the instruction-compliance contingency to determine instruction type to deliver*. Symposium conducted at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis International convention, Minneapolis, MN.

Borgen, J., Cavanaugh, B., Lit, K., Trauschke, S., **Benson, J.,** Shamlan, K., Sheehan, T. M., & Mace, F. C. (2013, May). *Response class hierarchy analyses performed on twenty clients in an outpatient setting*. Poster presented at annual meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis International convention, Minneapolis, MN.

Borgen, J., Mace, F. C., Sheehan, T. M., O'Brien, H., Cruz, Y., **Benson, J.,** & Trauschke, S. (2012, May). *Evaluation of a novel procedure to increase compliance in young children with autism spectrum disorder*. Poster presented at annual meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis International convention, Seattle, WA.

Cavanaugh, B., Lit, K., Shamlan, K., Trauschke, S., **Benson, J.,** Borgen, J., Sheehan, T. M., Mace, F. C. (2013, May). *Strength of the S-R contingency predicts the probability of compliance to low-p instructions*. Poster presented at annual meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis International convention, Minneapolis, MN.

Lit, K., **Benson, J.**, Borgen, J., Cavanaugh, B., Shamlan, K., Sheehan, T. M., Trauschke, S., & Mace, F. C. (2013, May). *Linking reinforcer magnitude to response rate improves academic performance for children with autism*. Poster presented at annual meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis International convention, Minneapolis, MN.

Trauschke, S., **Benson, J.**, Borgen, J., Cavanaugh, B., Lit, K., Shamlan, K., Sheehan, T. M., & Mace, F. C. (2013, May). *Effects of a reflexive conditioned motivating operation on evocation of SIB, aggression, and disruptive vocalizations*. Poster presented at annual meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis International convention, Minneapolis, MN.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Behavior Principles of Learning  
Nova Southeastern University  
Fort Lauderdale, FL  
Supervisor: F. Charles Mace, Ph.D.

Fall 2012 & Fall 2013  
Graduate Teaching Assistant

Research Design  
Nova Southeastern University  
Fort Lauderdale, FL  
Supervisor: F. Charles Mace, Ph.D.

Summer 2012  
Graduate Teaching Assistant

**REFERENCES**

Patricia Kurtz, Ph.D.

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