Abstract:

Behavior analysis is a natural science that seeks to understand the behavior of individuals by primarily focusing on environment-behavior interactions. Applied behavior analysis is a branch of the overall science that seeks to apply basic principles of learning to effect meaningful change in the lives of individuals in need. This talk will focus on several of these basic principles, explain and demonstrate how a behavior analyst approaches learning and behavior change, contrast the behavior analytic approach with other approaches to learning, and provide examples of behavior analysis in action.

Bio:

Dr. Meindl received his M.A. from Penn State - Harrisburg and his Ph.D. in Applied Behavior Analysis and Special Education from The Ohio State University. He has worked as a behavior analyst in both home and school settings. His work in these settings has ranged from developing academic programming, to teaching independent living skills, to focusing on problem behavior - primarily self-injury and aggression. In addition to his clinical work, he has a wide range of research interests including identifying factors that influence choice and preference, contrast effects, interventions for aggression and self-injury, and the effects of delayed consequences.