

Jack Michael Award



Call for Nominations for 2025

Due: Monday, March 24, 2025

Purpose: The purpose of the Jack Michael Award is to recognize individuals for their outstanding contributions to the advancement of the study of verbal behavior. The award competition is sponsored and managed by the Verbal Behavior Special Interest Group (VB SIG) of the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI). The award was created in 2012 and Jack Michael was the first recipient. Other recipients were Mark Sundberg (2013), David Palmer (2014), Hank Schlinger (2015), Barry Lowenkron (2016), Vince Carbone (2017), R. Douglas Greer (2018), and Caio Miguel (2020).

Eligibility: Individuals who are considered to have made considerable empirical or conceptual contributions to the study of language using Skinner's analysis of verbal behavior can be nominated to this award. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

Nomination Process: Those interested in nominating someone for consideration to the Jack Michael Award must submit a nomination letter to the Award Coordinator by Monday, March 24, 2025. The letter must not exceed two pages and must outline the individual's contributions to the field.

Selection of Award Recipient: The award coordinator will select three to five ad-hoc reviewers who will select their top choice independently. In case of a tie, the award coordinator will select the winner. The final selection must be approved by the VB SIG officers by a majority vote.

Announcement and Ceremony: The award coordinator will contact The Award Recipient by Monday, May 12, 2025. The award will be delivered at the VB SIG business meeting at the 2025 ABAI conference in Washington, DC.

Send nominations to: thevbsig@gmail.com (Subject line: Jack Michael Award) by March 24, 2025.