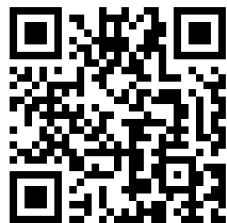


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Jan. 17, 2024 -  
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Spring 2024  
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Monday, Jan. 8.



Spring 2024  
payment is due  
Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Jax State will be  
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Dec. 25 - Jan. 1  
for the winter  
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## Student Spotlight - Dr. Laura P. Senn



I thoroughly enjoyed my time as a master's student in JSU's ABA program! While my background had been working mainly in early intervention prior to entering the program, I was able to gain new experiences that included the animal lab, precision teaching, and geriatrics. Each of the professors for the program took a vested interest in the success of each individual student. Interactions with JSU faculty went far beyond just attending someone's class. Through close work and guidance from my thesis advisor, Dr. Mackenzie Bayles, I was able to successfully navigate my first academic research project which led to my first professional journal publication. Though I had no plans to advance past a master's degree when I began the program, my JSU professors inspired a love of behavior analysis that led me to pursue a Ph.D. in ABA and a post-doc specialty in treating severe problem behavior.

I am currently an assistant clinical professor at the University of Alabama in Huntsville where I most enjoy sharing my knowledge and skills with the next generation of behavior analysts in hopes of inspiring them in the same way I was inspired by my professors. I now live in Madison, Alabama with my husband and three cats. I am happy to serve other professionals in my state through both the Alabama Association for Behavior Analysis Executive Committee and the Glenwood State Research Review Committee. I also enjoy finding opportunities to further disseminate the field of behavior analysis to the public and advocate for my brother and other adults with living with developmental disabilities.



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## GRADUATE FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

## DR. MAKENZIE BAYLES



*Graduate Student Mary Bridges, Professor Makenzie Bayles, Graduate Student Bethany Christie in JSU Psychology's new rat lab.*

Dr. Makenzie Bayles received her Ph.D. in Behavioral Psychology from the University of Kansas in 2013 and her M.S. from Jacksonville State University (JSU) in 2009. Dr. Bayles is currently an Associate Professor of Psychology at JSU and the Graduate Program Coordinator for JSU's M.S. in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) program. Her research interests include behavior-analytic strategies for facilitating development and enhancing early childhood education, the assessment and treatment of problem behavior, the use of generalized conditioned reinforcers, and, more recently, the application of behavioral principles and techniques to older adults and age-related problems. Dr. Bayles is an active member of the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) and the Alabama Association for Behavior Analysis (ALABA). She is a Board Certified and Licensed Behavior Analyst.

Interested in registering for a PSY class?

**Spring 2024 registration**

is currently open.



Unsure about  
your advisor?

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Dr. Bayles loves training the next generation of Board Certified Behavior Analysts in JSU's ABA program. Her graduate students have gone on to hold top positions throughout the state such as clinical directors, school consultants, owners of behavioral clinics, and university faculty. In addition to teaching her students clinical skills, Dr. Bayles ensures her students receive training on the critical research skills needed to understand and deliver evidence-based treatments. Two of her recent graduates, Megan Ford and Laura Senn, went on to publish their master's thesis research in top-tier behavioral journals.

