Sac State professor to receive Outstanding Mentor award

Sacramento State Psychology Professor Caio Miguel will receive one of three Outstanding Mentor awards from the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) during its 2014 convention in Chicago in late May.

Miguel was nominated by several of his former Sacramento State students who now work in the community or attend doctoral programs across the country. Evelyn Sprinkle, a former student and doctoral candidate, praises Miguel for being “thoughtful and generous with his time. … He’s an exemplary role model and the kind of mentor I strive to be as I continue my academic and professional career.”

ABAI, which will hold its convention May 23-27, has been the primary membership organization for those interested in the philosophy, science, application and teaching of behavior analysis. It has 87 affiliated chapters worldwide, accredits undergraduate and graduate training programs in behavior analysis, and publishes four scholarly journals. Miguel was this year’s Outstanding Scholarly and Creative Activities Award recipient for Sacramento State’s College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies.

As a doctoral-level, board-certified behavior analyst, Miguel directs the Verbal Behavior Laboratory and Clinic. His research projects involve the development of teaching technologies for teaching communication and problem-solving skills to children diagnosed with autism.

Miguel has conducted one-on-one sessions with youngsters who have disorders, including those involving speech, feeding and motor skills. These sessions include encounters in Amador Hall with children referred to the program. (See our earlier story: http://bit.ly/1gyNQE6). The overarching goal is to get participants to function more effectively on a personal and academic level.

Miguel consults for schools and families on issues pertaining to the education of children with disabilities and serves as a research consultant for several autism service providers in the region. Before joining Sacramento State in 2006, he served as a clinical consultant for the St. Amant Centre’s ABA program in Winnipeg, Canada, and...
worked as a program specialist at the New England Center for Children, where he also served as a clinical assistant professor at Northeastern University.

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