

CELEBRATION OF DONALD M. BAER

A 5-DISC VIDEO SERIES

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This video set chronicles a conference held in April of 2002 to honor Donald M. Baer. Over 100 participants from around the world gathered at the University of Kansas in Lawrence to celebrate Don's anticipated retirement, after a distinguished career as an eminent professor and scholar in behavioral science. The "Baerfest" included a research seminar, a banquet, and a "festschrift" presentation of scholarly papers prepared by

Don's former students and colleagues. Videotape footage of the conference provides a legacy of Baer's enduring contributions. Two weeks after the conference, Baer died unexpectedly. This video serves as a memorial for those who knew him and respected his work, and as a vehicle for educating students about Don's role in the history of psychology and social science.



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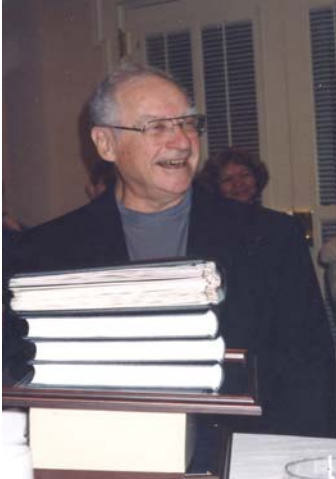
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Special points of interest:

- Ivar Lovaas, Frances Horowitz, and other distinguished scientists discussing behavioral science and Baer's influence on the field
- Insightful commentary by Baer and personal reflections on his career
- Humorous dialogue, toasts, and songs honoring Baer and his legacy as a founder of applied behavior analysis

Contents Featured on Discs



“I think that the analytic concept that explains retirement is, as it always is over time, the token system.”

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Disc 1 “Baerfest” Highlights

Clips from the entire conference, including the opening session, research seminar, and banquet celebration.

Disc 2 Opening Address and Morning Session

Introduction to the DVD series, opening address, and morning of research seminar. Speakers and topics include:

- Frances Degen Horowitz

Reflects on the creation of a behavior analysis program within a university department and Baer’s pivotal role in establishing the HDL department at KU.

- Trevor Stokes

Comments on life as a student and interaction with Baer and others as mentors.

- Barry S. Parsonson

Discusses research design and probing for response generalization.

- James A. Sherman

Discusses stimulus generalization and teaching in real-life environments.

- Donald M. Baer

Responds informally to Barry and Jim following their presentations.

Disc 3 Afternoon Session

- Karen S. Budd

Describes interaction with Baer in planning the research seminar around his topics of interest and professional goals.

- Ivar Lovaas

Reminisces about life as a post-doctoral fellow with Baer and issues of assessment and treatment of children with autism.

- Eileen Gambrill

Discusses the concept of science as proof and applications of critical thinking in the context of evidence-based practice.

- Donald M. Baer

Responds informally to Ivar and Eileen following their presentations.

Disc 4 Banquet Beginning

Personal reflections on Baer’s career and influence by former students, colleagues, and friends, interspersed with songs by “The Behaviorettes.”

Disc 5 Banquet Conclusion

Presentation of a bound Festschrift in Baer’s honor with toasts, good humor, and concluding comments by Don.

Banquet Speakers (in order)

Elsie Pinkston
Jim Sherman
Ed Morris
Monika Suchowierska
John Smagner
Barbara Etzel
Karen Budd
Kristen Villone
Ruth Baer
Jane Mary Rawls
Barry Parsonson

Bob Peterson
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