

Brown Bag Discussion with Dr. David Eckerman

Friday, Oct. 2 in room 1710 Wood Hall
12 – 1:30 p.m.



Good Observers make good Practitioners

Train to Code is a cloud-based online program that teaches observation skills using programmed instruction principles. The trainee learns to label events in videos using a controlled vocabulary created by the training developer and video selected by the developer. They are then certified as an expert observer. We find that if a trainee learns to label good and bad performances (e.g., autism services being delivered) they themselves are better prepared to perform those services — a Say-Do Transfer quite similar to the Observer Effect in Worker Safety.

Brief Bio: Ph.D. from Columbia U, 1966 Dissertation: "Mediation of a Conditional Discrimination in Pigeons", W.W.Cumming, advisor. Taught at Univ of NC at Chapel Hill 1966 - 2001 (and off and on since). Taught several times as a visiting professor in Brazil. Interests include Basic Behavioral Processes, Behavioral Toxicology, and effective online training of perceptual and behavioral skills.

