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## **Newton Resident Chrissy Barosky Honored for her Work with Children Diagnosed with Autism at Annual Behavior Analysis Conference**

BOSTON (October 17, 2017) – Simmons College Associate Professor and Newton resident Chrissy Barosky was named the recipient of the Dr. Jerry Shook Practitioner Award at the 2017 Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy (BABAT) conference recently for her work with autistic children.

The Jerry Shook Practitioner Award is presented to a mid-career practitioner at the BABAT conference as a special recognition of their contributions to the practice of applied behavior analysis. Dr. Jerry Shook founded the Behavior Analyst Certification Board for professional behavioral analyst practitioners.

Barosky is currently regional vice president of Bierman ABA and serves as the faculty director of intensive practicum in the Simmons School of Social Work (SSSW). She was nominated for the award for her work expanding services to children in New England. This year she helped open a new location in Rhode Island that made care available for children who had not received treatment before.

For over a decade Barosky has worked as a special education teacher, public school consultant, and has provided support for children with developmental disabilities and autism in home-based settings. She has also supervised and trained other behavior analysts to work with young children diagnosed with autism in a center-based model.

“The Simmons School of Social Work is proud that Chrissy Barosky, a member of our faculty and Ph. D. candidate, has been recognized for her work in the field of behavior analysis,” said SSSW Dean Cheryl Parks. “While Chrissy is dedicated to her research around increasing the acquisition of verbal behavior and early language in children with autism, she is also known for her commitment to helping develop the skills of other board certified behavioral analysts.”

Barosky received her bachelor’s degree from Northeastern University and a master’s degree from Columbia University in Behavior Analysis and Education. She is expected to receive her Ph. D. in Behavior Analysis from Simmons in 2018.

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