PREFACE TO SPECIAL SECTION: MURRAY SIDMAN’S REMARKS

The European Journal of Behavior Analysis and Behavior and Philosophy are pleased to jointly recognize the contributions of Dr. Murray Sidman to the discipline of behavior analysis.

From 1976 to 1981, the journal then titled Behaviorism, now Behavior and Philosophy, published a series of six short articles by Dr. Sidman on various topics in behavior analysis. At our request, he recently prepared a seventh article in the same style as the originals. We then invited eight distinguished individuals to comment on these articles, and Dr. Sidman to reply to the comments. Our journals are simultaneously publishing Dr. Sidman’s seven articles, the peer commentary, and Dr. Sidman’s replies to that commentary.

Dr. Murray Sidman

Dr. Murray Sidman received his AB from Columbia in 1947, and his Ph.D., also from Columbia, in 1952. He has held positions at America’s finest academic and research institutions, including Columbia, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, University of Virginia Medical School, Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts General Hospital, Eunice Kennedy Shriver Center, Northeastern University, and the New England Center for Children. He has been a Fulbright Scholar at the University of São Paulo in Brazil and has held appointments at Keio University in Japan as well as the University of Canterbury in New Zealand. His numerous awards and citations include Lifetime Achievement Awards for the Association for Behavior Analysis–International and the American Psychological Association, and the National Association for Retarded Citizens Distinguished Research Award.

A classic scholar, Dr. Sidman has been a monumental contributor to the basic and applied analysis of behavior for 60 years. He has published over 100 scientific papers concerning avoidance, punishment, anxiety, psychopharmacology, errorless learning, mental retardation, aphasia, memory, stimulus control, concept formation, conditional discrimination, equivalence relations, and, lately, learning curves. He is best known for his advanced textbook Tactics of Scientific Research (Sidman, 1960), the definitive source for within-subject research methods. His innovative Neuroanatomy: A Programmed Text (Sidman & Sidman, 1965) has proved a lifesaver for countless medical students. His Coercion and Its Fallout (Sidman, 1989) returns to earlier concerns about where we are going as a species and the means we adopt for getting there. His Equivalence Relations and Behavior: A Research Story (Sidman, 1994) outlines, in personal terms, his pioneering research into the behavioral processes underlying complex human functioning, particularly when direct rewards have been absent.
He currently resides in Florida with Rita, his wife of 46 years, to whom he gives most of the credit for whatever he has accomplished during his career.

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