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## NSU Mourns the Passing of CPS Professor Emeritus Nathan Azrin, Ph.D.



Professor Emeritus Nathan (Nate) Azrin, Ph.D., and NSU Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Frank DePiano, Ph.D.

Nova Southeastern University (NSU) Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Frank DePiano, Ph.D., informed the university family of the passing over the weekend of Professor Emeritus Nathan (Nate) Azrin, Ph.D., ABPP, after a lengthy illness.

Azrin had been affiliated with NSU and the Center for Psychological Studies for 30 years, beginning his service with the university in 1980, retiring in 2010. A highly regarded scientist, clinician, and academician, Professor Azrin dedicated his career to advancing science - producing seminal research that ultimately led to improvements in the quality of life for those with challenging behaviors.

Trained at Harvard University by the famous behavioral scientist B. F. Skinner, Professor Azrin began his career as a research psychologist in the United States Army, after which he became Director of Treatment Development at the Ana Mental Health and Developmental Center. He was the founder and editor of the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, editor of the *Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior*, and editor of 15 other leading journals. Over his distinguished career, he published more than 100 studies in the field of learning and psychological treatment. Professor Azrin received numerous awards and honors. His hundreds of research publications have been cited by other researchers at an unprecedented rate. Professor Azrin has 31 "citation classics" (defined in psychology as 100 plus citations) that place him among the most cited psychologists in the world.

Azrin also published both academic books and books for parents. The public knows Professor Azrin as the author of *Toilet Training in Less Than a Day*. This practical guide has sold millions of copies and has been reproduced in many languages. Today's parents can also thank Azrin for inventing "time-out," the popular alternative to spanking. But it is his work with the severely mentally-handicapped, the so-called "untrainables," upon which a large part of his legacy rests. The techniques he pioneered nearly half a century ago remain in widespread use today.

Professor Azrin's countless achievements have marked him as one of the greatest thought-leaders of our time, his work led to the development and experimental evaluation of applied interventions; and in 2011, Azrin was presented with NSU's first-ever Lifetime Achievement Award for Research Contributions That Have Bettered Humanity.

## The Week Ahead

Student Literary Magazine  
Digressions to Celebrate  
Release of 10th Issue, Event  
April 10

Save the Date for the Spring  
Optical Style Show, April 10

Become a Part of The Irish  
Dracula Play, Discover  
Famous Story's Irish Roots,  
Ends April 10

Optometry Students to  
Display Research Posters,  
April 10

Solve Boundary Value  
Problems at Semester's Final  
Math Colloquium Talk, April  
10

Get Moving to Graduate  
Psychology Talks on Exercise  
and Memory, April 10

NSU Aviation Club Now  
Forming - Join Us on April 10

Microbe Week Takes Over at  
the Oceanographic Center,  
Begins April 11

New Session of the Weight  
Watchers @ Work Program  
Begins; Attend Free  
Information Meeting, April 11

NSU's Office of Human  
Resources' Lunch and Learn  
Series, Continues April 11

Photography Exhibition Offers  
Glimpse of Modern Japanese  
Life from the 1970s to 21st  
Century, Last day April 12

View Student Research, Films  
at Undergraduate Student  
Symposium, April 12

Mark your calendar for Relay  
for Life 2013, April 12 and 13

NSU Offers Low-Income  
Children Dental Care, April 13

Irish Dracula Play to Premiere  
on Campus with Dramatic  
Reading, April 13

5K 'Motion for the Ocean'  
Run/Walk to Benefit At-risk  
Youth, April 14

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Azrin's wife, Victoria Besalel Azrin, their children Rachel Azrin, Michael Azrin (Michelle), David Azrin (Judy), and Rick Azrin (Cheryl), were joined by a host of colleagues and friends during memorial services on Sunday morning, March 31, 2013.

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