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EDUCATION:

- Ph.D. '98 Child Development and Family Studies,
specialization: Marriage and Family Therapy
(AAMFT accredited)
Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana
Dissertation: "Women clients' perceptions of
power and gender in therapy sessions: A
phenomenological study"
Advisor: Volker Thomas, Ph.D.
- M.S.W. '05 Master of Social Work, School of Social Work
(CSWE accredited)
St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa.
- M.S. '94 Human Development and Family Studies
specialization: Family Studies
Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa
Thesis: "An examination of adolescent
attitudes toward marriage"
- B.A. '92 Psychology & Sociology (double major)
minor: Spanish
St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa
Summa cum laude

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS:

- Graduate Professor of the Year, St. Ambrose University, 2009
Faculty Development Grant, St. Ambrose University, 2009
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Graduate Research Professor of the Year, St. Ambrose University, 2003.
Phi Alpha, Nat'l Social Work Honor Society, Theta Sigma Chapter, 2001.

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE/TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

July 1, 2014-
present Director and Professor
 St. Ambrose University, School of Social Work
 Director, MSW Program

Duties: Responsible for direction and administration of the MSW Program and overseeing the School of Social Work as well as teaching several courses per year.

At Department level:

- provide collegial leadership and direction in the MSW Program and School of SW
- facilitate program compliance and oversee reaffirmation for CSWE accreditation
- day-to-day operations of the building and the program
- oversight of the workload assignments for full-time and adjunct program faculty and staff
- hiring full-time and adjunct faculty for the School
- evaluation of program faculty in accordance with PTS standards, annual reviews of staff
- administration of course schedules, budget, catalog, building maintenance, staff responsibilities
- liaison between University administration and MSW faculty
- Attend and contribute to all CHHS Director meetings and Graduate Council
- development and implementation of the program's admissions and educational standards and policies
- coordinating the needs of the SSW with other University offices including the communications and marketing, informational technology, human resources, registration and general accounting offices
- promoting service linkages and educational partnerships with community social service agencies
- recruitment visits to conferences and other Universities
- promote program across the bi-state region, collaborating with communications and marketing on all publications
- teach 2-3 courses per academic year, up to 9 credits

At University level:

- Member, Graduate Council Executive Committee, April 2018-present.
- Member, Mental Health strategic task force, Sept. 2018-present.
- Member, Academic Affairs Committee, August 2015-May 2018.
- Member, Woodrow Wilson committee, August 2015-May 2018.
- Member, SEP Action Committee May 2015-May 2016

July 1, 2013-
Dec. 31, 2013

Dean, College of Social and Natural Sciences
(tenured Professor) Grand View University

Duties: Responsible for the direction of all functions of a newly formed College with 9 Departments including Nursing, Biology, Chemistry/Physics, Math/Computer Science, Business/Accounting, Political Science, Psychology/Human Services, Sociology/Criminal Justice/Social Work, and Human Performance. These Departments include 56 full-time faculty, 8 staff, and 75+ adjuncts per semester. Job requirements include:

- Serving on 4 faculty committees including Promotion and Tenure, Curriculum, Assessment, and Core (General Education) Oversight.
- Serve as a member of Provost's Council.
- Coordination of all aspects of scheduling on a 2 year rotation for courses within College
- Facilitate understanding and implementation of new Core curriculum at the University
- Oversight on College budget and all departmental budgets
- Review and evaluate all College faculty for tenure and continuing contract
- Facilitate professional training for department chairs
- Hiring and evaluation of adjunct faculty
- Ensure the development of Assessment reports and Program Evaluations by Departments
- Facilitate Curriculum development by Departments
- Facilitate development of new Bachelor of Social Work Program
- Facilitate successful resolution of personnel issues and student complaints
- Work as a liaison between administration and faculty
- Coordinate positive communication between faculty and academic staff with the goal of increasing student success

July'08-June '13

Director and Professor (promotion to Professor, 2012)
St. Ambrose University, School of Social Work.

Duties: Responsible for direction and administration of the School of Social Work, including:

At Department level:

- See current description

At University level:

- Planning Facilitator Team and Member University Strategic Planning
- Member Graduate Council and Graduate Council Executive Committee
- Member Promotion, Tenure and Standards committee

- Member Interdisciplinary Health Science Event Planning Team (2010-2013)
- Member Ambrose Women for Social Justice
- Member Strategic Enrollment Management Team (2011-2012)
- Member Diversity Work Group (2010-2011)
- Member Women's Studies Advisory Board(2005-2010)
- Member BSN Director Search Committee (2010-2011)
- Member Institutional Review Board (2004-2009)
- Chair Hooding Committee (2008-2009)

TEACHING/UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE:

Fall '01-Fall '08 Full time Assistant/Associate Professor, St. Ambrose University, School of Social Work.

Duties: Solely responsible for teaching courses including Human Behavior in the Social Environment, Research Methods II, Couple and Family Therapy, Feminist Social Work, Concentration Field Seminar, International Social Work in Ecuador Intersession, Concentration and Foundation Field, and Empowerment Social Work in Mental Health Settings.

At the Departmental level (beyond teaching):

- student advising regarding plans of study, professional and career development
- alumni job seeking consultation
- student program evaluation project advising
- Admissions committee chair
- faculty advisor to the MSW Student Government Association (01-06)
- participation in all departmental faculty, curriculum and field meetings
- served as chair of curriculum committee (04-06) while undertaking significant curriculum changes
- previous membership on the Research committee and Field Advisory Board

At the University level:

- member Institutional Review Board (04-09)
- member Ambrose Women for Social Justice
 - planned yearly social justice speakers and panel
- member of DBA Admissions Committee (02-07)
- member SAU Alumni Advisory Board (02-07)
- member Children's Campus Strategic Planning Committee (04-06)
- member of campus Sexual Assault Advocacy Team (02-06)
 - member Student Life Committee (03-06)

- Spring '01 Adjunct instructor, MSW 570, St. Ambrose University
Duties: Solely responsible for teaching graduate students "Couple and Family Therapy." This course focused on the theory and practice of systemic therapy and includes lecture, activities, and lab practice of skills. Assignments focus on integration of knowledge and skills in written and videotape presentations.
- Fall '00 Adjunct instructor, SOCW 200, Marycrest International University
Duties: Solely responsible for teaching students the psychology section of a multi-disciplinary course, "Human Diversity." This course focuses on biological, sociological, economic and psychological development over the life span. Responsible for lecture, activities, and exam writing.
- Summer '99 Adjunct instructor, PSYC 324A, St. Ambrose University
Duties: Solely responsible for teaching 6 students "Abnormal Psychology." Course included lecture, video presentations, class discussion, written assignments and exams related to the diagnosis and treatment of psychological disorders.
- Spring '98 Adjunct instructor, PSYC 105M, St. Ambrose University
Duties: Solely responsible for teaching 24 students "Introduction to Psychology". Course included lectures, activities, exams, and written assignments in regard to general psychological concepts.
- Fall '96-Spring'97 Graduate teaching instructor, CDFS 431, Purdue University
Duties : Jointly responsible (one semester) and solely responsible (one semester) for teaching 30 graduate and undergraduate students "Skills for Helping Professionals". Responsible for facilitation of lab experience, course construction, lecturing, exam writing, and grading.
- Fall'94-Spring'96 Graduate teaching instructor, CDFS 255, Purdue University
Duties: Responsible for teaching two sections (with 50 students each) per semester of "Marriage and Family Relationships". Responsible for lecture, in class activities, quizzes, assignment grading and testing.
- Fall '95 Graduate lab assistant, CDFS 560, Purdue University
Duties: Responsible for supervision of applied lab experience in "Counseling Skills for Child and Family Specialists". Facilitated counseling skill development for 20 graduate and undergraduate students.

Fall '95-Spring '96 Teaching assistant CDFS 301, Purdue University
Duties: Facilitated poverty simulation with small group of ten students on two occasions in "Families and Societies" course. Project focuses on student experience of understanding poverty.

Fall'92-Spring'94 Teaching assistant, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Iowa State University
Duties: Responsible for assignment grading, exam writing, grade keeping, and individual short-term tutoring for 400 students per semester in an introductory "Individual and Family Life Span Development" class.

TEACHING INTERESTS:

Beginning and advanced social work practice skills
Couple and Family Therapy
Empowerment Social Work in Mental Health
Feminist Social Work
Social Work Ethics

PUBLICATIONS:

Strzepek, K., Jacobson, B., & Van Blair, K (2011). *The Long Table Model: Bringing Transnational Debates to a Small Midwestern University*. In Sierra, M & Roman-Odio, C. (Eds), *Transnational Borderlands in Women's Global Networks: The Making of Cultural Resistance*. Palgrave MacMillan, New York.

Michelson, K**. (1998). Mapping multiplicity: An application of the Internal Family Systems model. In T. Nelson & T. Trepper (Eds.) 101 More Interventions in Family Therapy, Volume II.

Michelson, K**. (1997). Integrative solution-focused therapy with children: An interview with Matthew Selekman. Marriage and Family Therapy News, 14(3). 3-4.

**Michelson (former name)

PRESENTATIONS:

Van Blair, K. (2017). *Ethics and Empowerment Social Work*. University of Cuenca, Department of Social Work. Cuenca, Ecuador. January 4, 2017

Van Blair, K. (2014). *The Ethical is Political: Examining Social Work Ethics through a Gendered Lens*. School of Social Work, St. Ambrose University Ethics CEU Event, Davenport, IA.

Steketee, G, & Van Blair, K. (April 2011). *Encouraging/requiring professional behavior in students*. National Association of Deans and Directors of Schools of Social Work Spring Conference. Laguna Beach, CA.

- Van Blair, K. (Oct. 2010). *Empowerment Social Work and Multi-stressed Families*. School of Social Work, St. Ambrose University Ethics CEU event, Davenport, IA.
- Van Blair, K. (Oct. 2008). *Ethics and Empowerment Social Work*. St. Ambrose Alumni CEU event, Davenport, IA.
- Strzepek, K., Jacobson, B., Van Blair, K. (Sept. 2008). *The Long Table Approach: Ambrose Women for Social Justice Bringing Transnational Feminist Debates to a small school in Iowa and Beyond*”, GLCA Conference Transnational Dialogues: De-centering the Academic Debate on Global Feminisms. Kenyon College, Gambier, OH.
- Van Blair, K. & Timm, T. (October, 2007). *Feminist Pedagogy as Teaching in Action*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Van Blair, K. (May 2007). *Feminisms with Adolescent Girls: Focus on Action*. Whispers and Screams are Hard to Hear Annual Conference of the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women. Ames, IA.
- Van Blair, K. (May, 2005). Invited Address: *Feminist Work with Adolescent Girls: Focus on Action*. Whispers and screams are hard to hear: Creating an audience for girls’ voices, a conference of the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women and the Iowa Department of Human Rights, Ames, Iowa.
- Van Blair, K & Stephens, R. (November, 2004). Understanding economic inequality: The regional context. St. Ambrose Social Justice Conference, Davenport, Iowa.
- Van Blair, K. (August, 2004). Keynote: Feminisms in Social Work Practice: Integration and Action. Annual Fall Field Orientation, SAU School of Social Work, Davenport, Iowa.
- Van Blair, K. (February, 2002). Communication and Conflict Resolution. Invited address, Central College, Pella, Iowa.
- Michelson, K.**, & Thomas, V. (1998). Female clients’ perceptions of power and gender in therapy. Poster session, 56th Annual Conference of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy. Dallas, Texas.
- Ivey, D., Thomas, V., Wampler, K., & Michelson, K**. (1998). Internships in doctoral MFT programs: Benefits and pitfalls. Round-table discussion, 56th Annual Conference of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy. Dallas, Texas.
- Michelson, K.** (1998). Working systemically with couples. ILLOWA Chapter of Employee Assistance Professionals Association (EAPA) Annual Conference. Bettendorf, Iowa.

Michelson, K.** (1997). Clinical dilemmas of therapist gender socialization. Department of Child Development and Family Studies, Purdue University, departmental poster session.

Michelson, K**. (1996). Clinical dilemmas of therapist gender socialization. Annual Conference of the Indiana Association of Marriage and Family Therapy. Indianapolis, Indiana.

Michelson, K**. & Stange, L. (1994). Clinical dilemmas of therapist gender socialization. 52nd Annual Conference of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Chicago, Illinois.

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS:

Van Blair, K. (June, 2018). *Ethics for School Social Work in the age of social media: NASW Code, FERPA, HIPAA*. Mississippi Bend AEA. Davenport, IA.

Van Blair, K. (March, 2014). *Ethics and Empowerment in Complex Situations*. Humility of Mary Housing, Inc. Davenport, IA.

Van Blair, K. (September 2013). *An Ethical Application of Recovery*. Reclaiming Lives: Mental Health and Co-Occurring Recovery. Unity Point Health- Des Moines Behavioral and Powell Chemical Dependency Center Services 3rd Annual Fall Conference. Altoona, IA.

Van Blair, K. (July 2012). *Ethics and Empowerment Social Work*. Tanager Place, Cedar Rapids, IA.

Van Blair, K. (yearly). *Social Work as a Career*. Health Careers Adventure Camp, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa

Van Blair, K. (yearly). *Professional Development for Social Work Practice*. MSW Program Orientation, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa

Van Blair, K. (June 2011). *Why do we do Social Work?* Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mississippi Valley, Davenport, IA.

Van Blair, K. (May 2011). *Social Work Values and Ethical Principles*. Great Prairie Area Education Agency, Burlington, IA.

Van Blair, K. (June 2010). *Burnout and Resilience: Strategies for Prevention*. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mississippi Valley, Davenport, Iowa

Van Blair, K. (November 2007). *Parenting and Mental Illness*. NAMI of Scott County Community Education Program. Bettendorf, IA.

Van Blair, K. (November, 2003). Collaboration with other systems: An empowerment approach. Service Coordinator Training, John Lewis Community Services, Davenport, Iowa.

- Van Blair, K. (July, 2002). Empowering dialogues in families. Family Resources, Davenport, Iowa.
- Van Blair, K. (May, 2002). Stress management. QC Rape/Sexual Assault Counseling Program, Rock Island, Illinois.
- Van Blair, K. (February, 2002). Today's Wife: Managing an Equal Marriage. Presented to enlisted men during a marital enrichment weekend at the Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois.
- Van Blair, K. (September, 2001). Talking to your teen. Invited presenter and group discussion leader, North Scott Junior High School, Eldridge, Iowa.
- Van Blair, K. (April, 2001) Family and Individual Development, Spiritual Direction Training, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa.

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Inter-professional collaboration across disciplines
Feminist pedagogy
Power and gender in therapy sessions
Feminist marriage negotiation

SERVICE:

Member, Poverty committee, Davenport community school district, May 2016-Present.

Member, United Way Income Council, July 2012-July 2013, October 2015-June 2016.

Participant, Trauma Informed Care consortium strategic planning focus group, May 2016.

Participant, St. Ambrose University Children's Campus strategic planning group, April 2016.

Support faculty member, Study Abroad Engineering courses. Supported Dr. Prorise related to the delivery of courses and 16 students. June, 2015.

Co-coordinator, MLK/Arrowhead Ranch/St. Ambrose School of Social Work Empowerment Conference- Working together in response to Ferguson, MO. March 2015.

Member, Tanager Place Research Center Review Board, June 2015-present.

Member, State of Iowa Mental Health and Disabilities Workforce Workgroup, appointed, October 2012-July 2013.

Chair, Tanager Place Research Center Review Board, July 2012-July 2013.

Member, Vera French Foundation Speakers Bureau subcommittee, July 2011-July 2013.

Member, CPPC Scott County, October 2011-July 2013.

Board secretary, Scott County Regional Authority, January 2008-January 2011.

Board member, Non-profit panel chair, Scott County Regional Authority, January, 2004-January 2011.

Invited participant, National Issues Identification Council Meeting. Royal Neighbors of America, Atlanta, Georgia, April, 2004.

Board member, Quad City Rape/Sexual Assault Counseling Program,
September, 2003-2004.
Non-profit review panel vice-chair, Scott County Regional Authority, April
2002 – 2011.
Grant review panel, Scott County Decategorization Project, October 2001,
April 2002, October 2002.
Member Quad City Coalition for Mental Health, 2000-2001.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION SERVICE:

CSWE Site Visitor, Council on Social Work Education, 2014-present.
CSWE APM abstract reviewer, 2013, 2015.
CSWE session chair, annual program meeting, 2006.
AAMFT abstract reviewer, annual conference, 2003-2007.
Senior student interviewer for prospective new students, Marriage and
Family Therapy program, March, 1997.
Presentation proposal reviewer, *Creating the tapestries of women's lives:
Spinning, weaving, and celebrating*. Association for Women in
Psychology conference, March 1995.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

Member Council on Social Work Education
Member National Association of Social Workers
Member Iowa Chapter, NASW
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, State of Iowa
Clinical Member American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
Member Iowa Association for Marriage and Family Therapy

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

July '01-present	Licensed marriage and family therapist in multi-disciplinary behavioral health care setting. Work with individuals, couples, and families per week. Was full-time from Dec. 13-June 14.
Sept '98- July '01	Full time licensed marriage and family therapist in large multidisciplinary private practice. General practice with specialization in individual, family and couple issues (i.e. depression, anxiety, parenting, communication, divorce mediation, prevention of violence). Experience working with managed care, insurance panels, and private pay clients.
July '97- July '98	Clinical resident and prevention of abuse specialist, Marriage and Family Counseling Service, Rock Island, Illinois. Worked full time with individuals, couples and families addressing a variety of issues, with specialty in working with pre-abusive and abusive couples.

- Fall '94-Spring'96 Therapist, Purdue University Marriage and Family Therapy Center, 360 clinical hours. Worked with individuals, couples, families, and groups, addressing issues such as divorce adjustment and decision-making, stepfamily issues, domestic violence, communication, grief, single mother issues, gender issues, and relationship enhancement.
- Jan '96-May '96 Group facilitator, Greater Lafayette Singles West Lafayette, Indiana
Duties: Facilitator of divorce adjustment group
- July'93- May'94 Therapist/group facilitator, Pathways Youth and Shelter Services, Ames, Iowa
Duties: 200+ clinical hours, facilitator of women's and children's groups, responsible for group activities, case management consultation, individual and family crisis intervention. Worked with issues of stress and anger management, parenting, relationships, school adjustment, divorce, and behavior management.
- Fall'93-Spring'94 Referral advisor, Marriage and Family Therapy Clinic, Iowa State University
Duties: Responsible for intake at the clinic, receiving the initial phone intake and paperwork required when the client began work in the clinic.
- Summer'91 Recreation Therapist Assistant, Jasper County Care Facility, Newton, Iowa.
Duties: Responsible for creating and utilizing therapeutic recreational activities for older adults, individuals who are severe and profoundly handicapped, and individuals with severe and persistent mental illness
- Fall'90-Spring'91 Mental Health Technician, Vera French Pineknoll, Davenport, Iowa.
Duties: One-on-one interaction with individuals diagnosed with severe and persistent mental illness

CLINICAL INTERESTS:

Trauma Informed therapy
Divorce adjustment (family, couple, and individual)
Couples therapy (communication, conflict resolution)
Single parent and step-parent families
Depression and anxiety treatment
Adolescent girls and family development
Feminist family therapy
Domestic violence and adult survivor issues