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Board Certification and Licensure

- Board Certified in Psychiatry and Forensic Psychiatry, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (Current)
- Medical licensure in California (180054) and Illinois (036.158500)
- Admitted to the State Bar of California (Good Standing, Inactive)

Forensic Practice

- Conducted over 30 forensic psychiatric evaluations and consultations in multiple practice settings
- Testified as an expert witness in civil litigation and criminal cases in California Superior Court in Northern and Southern California
- 18-month geriatric forensic psychiatry rotation at the University of Chicago with Sanford Finkel, MD (testamentary capacity and undue influence cases)
- Specialization in impulsive/compulsive behavior and sexual disorders

Clinical Practice

- Psychiatrist, Napa State Hospital, California Department of State Hospitals, Napa, CA (2023–present)

Medical Training

- Clinical Fellow in Forensic Psychiatry, University of California, Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, CA (2022–2023)
- Resident Physician in Psychiatry, University of Chicago Medicine, Chicago, IL (2018–2022)

Education

- Doctor of Medicine, The University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, Chicago, IL (2014–2018)
- Juris Doctor, cum laude, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY (2009–2012)
- Bachelor of Arts in History, summa cum laude & Phi Beta Kappa, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY (2005–2009)

Honors and Awards

- Rappeport Fellowship, American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (awarded to six “outstanding residents with interests in psychiatry and the law”) (2021)
- American Psychiatric Association (APA)/APA Foundation (APAF) Leadership Fellowship (2020)
- National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Outstanding Resident Award, Honorable Mention (2020)
- National Neuroscience Curriculum Initiative (NNCI) Scholar (2021)
- American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training/George Ginsberg Fellowship Award (2022)

Presentations

1. Forensic Assessment of Dissociation: From Drama to Trauma [Panel discussion]. 53rd Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL), New Orleans, LA (2022, October).
2. Criminal Responsibility in Epilepsy [Workshop]. AAPL 53rd Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (2022, October).
3. Compulsive Sexual Behavior. University of Chicago Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Neuroscience Grand Rounds, Chicago, IL, June 2022.
4. Brains, Blame, and Punishment, in Psychiatric Neuroscience: A Reckoning [Workshop]. American Psychiatric Association (APA) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (2022, May).
5. Compulsive Sexual Behavior: A Review of Case Law [Poster]. AAPL 52nd Annual Meeting, Virtual (2021, October).
6. The Neuroscience of Self-Control: A Guide for Forensic Experts [Flash Talk]. AAPL 52nd Annual Meeting, Virtual (2021, October).

7. Novel Pharmacotherapies for Exhibitionism and Frotteuristic Disorder [Poster]. APA Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA (2021, May).
8. Pedophilia in a Female Adolescent: A Diagnostic Dilemma [Poster]. APA Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA (2021, May).
9. Successful Treatment of Hyperactive Delirium with Olanzapine and Valproic Acid After Gunshot Wound to the Cerebellum [Poster]. CLP 2019, San Diego, CA (2019, November).
10. Recurrent Catatonia and Psychosis Later Diagnosed as Frontal Lobe Epilepsy [Poster]. 30th Annual Meeting of American Neuropsychiatric Association, Chicago, IL (2019, March).

Publications

1. Grant, J.E., & Blum, A.W. (2023). Neurobiology of Decision-making. In *The SAGE Handbook of Clinical Neuropsychology: Clinical Neuropsychological Disorders*. SAGE Publications Ltd.
2. Scott, C.L., et al. (2023). The forensic assessment of dissociation: Distinguishing real from the unreal. (*Behav. Sci. Law*)
3. Holoyda, B., & Blum, A.W. (2023). Efforts to Reify Other Specified Paraphilic Disorder (Narcissism) and Their Implications (*J. Am. Acad. Psychiatry Law*)
4. Blum, A. (2023). Compulsive Sexual Behavior Disorder: Understanding, Assessment, and Treatment (*J. Psychiatr. Pract.*)
5. Blum, A., & Datta, V. (2022). Neuroimaging. In *Representing People with Dementia: A Practical Guide for Criminal Defense Lawyers*. ABA Book Publishing.
6. Blum, A.W., & Grant, J.E. (2022). N-acetylcysteine in the treatment of compulsive sexual behavior disorder: A case series (*J. Psychiatr. Res.*)
7. Blum, A.W., & Grant, J.E. (2022). Legal aspects of problematic Internet usage (*Curr. Opin. Behav. Sci.*)
8. Grant, J.E., et al. (2022). Religiosity, impulsivity, and compulsivity in university students (*CNS Spectr.*)
9. Blum, A.W., & Ross, D.A. (2022). Lifting the Veil: How the Brain Decides Shame and Punishment (*Biol. Psychiatry*)
10. Blum, A.W., et al. (2022). (PO-172) COVID-19 Catatonia: A Review and Update After One Year (*J. Acad. Consult. Liaison Psychiatry*)
11. Blum, A.W., et al. (2022). (PO-173) Fact-Checking a Factious Illness: What Role Should Social Media Play? (*J. Acad. Consult. Liaison Psychiatry*)
12. Blum, A.W., et al. (2022). Legal settlements and the reporting of adverse drug events: Insights from the aripiprazole products liability litigation (*Psychiatry Res.*)
13. The Editors (2022). 2021 Articles of Import and Interest (*Am. J. Psychiatry*)
14. Durns, T., et al. (2021). fMRI in the Courtroom: A (very) Brief Overview (*AAPL Newsletter*)
15. Blum, A. (2021). The Residents' Journal, Our Journal (*Am. J. Psychiatry Resid. J*)
16. Blum, A.W. (2021). Belief: What It Means, How We Believe, and Why Our Convictions Are so Compelling (*J. Am. Acad. Psychiatry Law*)
17. Blum, A.W., & Grant, J.E. (2021). Use of Antidrug Agents in the Treatment of Exhibitionism and Frotteuristic Disorder (*J. Clin. Psychopharmacol.*)
18. Blum, A.W., & Grant, J.E. (2021). Legal and Forensic Aspects. In *Gambling Disorder: A Clinical Guide to Treatment*. American Psychiatric Association Publishing.
19. Blum, A.W., et al. (2021). Catatonia Associated with COVID-19 (*J. Neuropsychiatry Clin. Neurosci.*)
20. Blum, A.W., & Datta, V. (2021). Functional Neurological Disorder in Civil Litigation: An Initial Empirical Study (*J. Neuropsychiatry Clin. Neurosci.*)
21. Blum, A.W., et al. (2021). Ethical Aspects of Enforced Medical Treatment in Patients with Psychiatric Illness (*Psychiatr. Ann.*)
22. Blum, A. (2020). Writing in Psychiatry: Practice and Process (*Am. J. Psychiatry Resid. J*)
23. Blum, A.W., et al. (2020). Neurosarcoidosis Presenting as Catatonia (*J. Neuropsychiatry Clin. Neurosci.*)
24. Blum, A.W., & Ross, D.A. (2020). Losing Control: Impulsivity in Psychiatry (*Biol. Psychiatry*)
25. Blum, A.W., & Grant, J.E. (2020). Considering the Overlap and Nonoverlap of Compulsivity, Impulsivity, and Addiction. In *The Cambridge Handbook of Substance and Behavioral Addictions*. Cambridge University Press.
26. Blum, A.W., & Virani, S. (2020). [Summary] Symposium II: Cannabis Policy and Outcomes for the Addiction Psychiatrist: Making Progress Toward Model State Laws to Reduce Harm (*Am. J. Addict*)
27. Blum, A.W., et al. (2020). Links between sexuality, impulsivity, compulsivity, and addiction in a large sample of university students (*CNS Spectr.*)
28. Blum, A.W., & Grant, J.E. (2020). Positive Response of Compulsive Sexual Behavior to Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (*Prim. Care Companion CNS Disord.*)
29. Blum, A. (2019). "Why Psychiatry?" Revisited (*Am. J. Psychiatry Resid. J*)
30. Blum, A.W., & Grant, J.E. (2019). Uncontrollable Urges to Gamble Following Treatment with Pramipexole (Mirapex). In *Comorbid Sleep and Psychiatric Disorders*. Springer, Cham.
31. Blum, A.W., et al. (2018). Quality of life of young adults with non-paraphilic problematic sexual behaviors: An exploratory study (*Addict. Behav. Rep.*)

32. Blum, A.W., et al. (2018). Transactional sexual activity among university students: Prevalence and clinical correlates (*Int. J. Sex. Health*)
33. Blum, A.W., et al. (2018). Neuroanatomical Correlates of Impulsive Action in Excoriation (Skin-Picking) Disorder (*J. Neuropsychiatry Clin. Neurosci.*)
34. Blum, A.W., et al. (2017). Neurocognitive dysfunction in problem gamblers with co-occurring antisocial personality disorder (*Compr. Psychiatry*)
35. Blum, A.W., et al. (2018). Cognitive inflexibility in a young woman with pyromania (*J. Behav. Addict.*)
36. Blum, A.W., & Grant, J.E. (2017). Behavioral Addictions and Criminal Responsibility (*J. Am. Acad. Psychiatry Law*)
37. Blum, A.W., et al. (2018). Stealing behavior and impulsivity in individuals with kleptomania who have been arrested for shoplifting (*Compr. Psychiatry*)
38. Harries, M.D., et al. (2017). A structural MRI study of excoriation (skin-picking) disorder and its relationship to clinical severity (*Psychiatry Res. Neuroimaging*)
39. Blum, A.W., et al. (2017). Neurocognitive Findings in Onychophagia (Pathological Nail Biting) (*Psychiatr. Q*)
40. Blum, A.W., et al. (2018). Neurocognitive Functioning in Young Adults with Subclinical Body Dysmorphic Disorder (*Psychiatr. Q*)
41. Blum, A.W., et al. (2017). Sensory and physiological dimensions of cold pressor pain in trichotillomania (*J. Obs.-Compuls. Relat. Disord.*)
42. Leppink, E.W., et al. (2016). Neurocognitive and clinical correlates of gambling behavior based on mode of gambling (*Ann. Clin. Psychiatry*)
43. Ismayilova, L., et al. (2016). Maltreatment and Mental Health Outcomes among Ultra-Poor Children in Burkina Faso: A Latent Class Analysis (*PloS One*)
44. Schepel, S.A., et al. (2010). The single kinin receptor signals to separate and independent physiological pathways in Malpighian tubules of the yellow fever mosquito (*Am. J. Physiol. Regul. Integr. Comp. Physiol.*)

Professional & Service Activities

Committee Membership

- Committee on Forensic Neuropsychiatry, American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (2021–present)

Institutional Service (University of Chicago)

- Scholarship & Discovery (S&D) Student Ambassador, University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine (2017–2018)
- Independent Review Committee (IRC) for the University of Chicago Police Department, Student member (2014–2015)

Editorial Activities

- American Psychiatric Association (APA) Publishing Editorial Board (Books Division), Associate Editor (2021–2023)

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