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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)

Testimony Experience

- Testified as an expert witness in civil litigation and criminal cases in California Superior Court, Northern and Southern California

Case Experience

1. Independent Medical Evaluations
2. Elder Financial Abuse and Undue Influence
3. Psychiatric Malpractice
4. Civil and Criminal Competencies: Capacity to consent to sexual activity and competency to stand trial
5. Violence and Sexual Risk Assessments: Performed and trained in the administration of the Static-99R, HCR-20, and other risk assessment instruments
6. Criminal Responsibility (Legal Insanity)

Clinical Practice

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

Academic Appointment

- Assistant Professor at Touro University California College of Osteopathic Medicine (2024–present), working with residents at Dignity Health - St. Joseph's Medical Center

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)

Presentations

1. Forensic Assessment of Dissociation: From Drama to Trauma. 53rd Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL) (2022).
2. Criminal Responsibility in Epilepsy. AAPL 53rd Annual Meeting (2022).
3. Compulsive Sexual Behavior. University of Chicago Psychiatry Grand Rounds (2022).
4. Brains, Blame, and Punishment, in Psychiatric Neuroscience: A Reckoning. American Psychiatric Association (APA) Annual Meeting (2022).
5. Earlier presentations (2019–2021) on compulsive sexual behavior, paraphilic disorders, and complex neuropsychiatric conditions at APA, ACLP, and ANPA annual meetings.

Publications

1. Hassan et al. (2025). Treatment. In *A Clinical and Forensic Guide to Cults and Persuasive Leadership*. Cambridge University Press.
2. Datta & Blum (2024). Forensic assessment of somatoform and functional neurological disorders (Behav. Sci. Law).
3. Grant & Blum (2023). Neurobiology of Decision-making. In *The SAGE Handbook of Clinical Neuropsychology: Clinical Neuropsychological Disorders*. SAGE Publications Ltd.
4. Scott et al. (2023). The forensic assessment of dissociation: Distinguishing real from the unreal (Behav. Sci. Law).
5. Holoyda & Blum (2023). Efforts to Reify Other Specified Paraphilic Disorder (Nonconsent) and Their Implications (J. Am. Acad. Psychiatry Law).
6. Blum, A. (2023). Compulsive Sexual Behavior Disorder: Understanding, Assessment, and Treatment (J. Psychiatr. Pract.).
7. Blum & Datta (2022). Neuroimaging. In *Representing People with Dementia: A Practical Guide for Criminal Defense Lawyers*. ABA Book Publishing.
8. Blum & Grant (2022). N-acetylcysteine in the treatment of compulsive sexual behavior disorder: A case series (J. Psychiatr. Res.).
9. Blum & Grant (2022). Legal aspects of problematic Internet usage (Curr. Opin. Behav. Sci.).
10. Grant et al. (2022). Religiosity, impulsivity, and compulsivity in university students (JNS Spectr.).
11. Blum & Ross (2022). Lifting the Veil: How the Brain Decides Blame and Punishment (Biol. Psychiatry).
12. Blum et al. (2022). (PO-172) COVID-19 Catatonia: A Review and Update After One Year (J. Acad. Consult. Liaison Psychiatry).
13. Blum et al. (2022). (PO-173) Fact-Checking a Factitious Illness: What Role Should Social Media Play? (J. Acad. Consult. Liaison Psychiatry).
14. Blum et al. (2022). Legal settlements and the reporting of adverse drug events: Insights from the aripiprazole products liability litigation (Psychiatry Res.).
15. The Editors (2022). 2021 Articles of Import and Impact (Am. J. Psychiatry).
16. Durns et al. (2021). fMRI in the Courtroom: A (Very Brief) Overview (APL Newsletter).
17. Blum, A. (2021). The Residents' Journal, Our Journal (Am. J. Psychiatry Resid. J).
18. Blum, A.W. (2021). Belief: What It Means to Believe and Why Our Convictions Are so Compelling (J. Am. Acad. Psychiatry Law).
19. Blum & Grant (2021). Use of Anticraving Agents in the treatment of Exhibitionism and Frotteuristic Disorder (J. Clin. Psychopharmacol.).
20. Blum & Grant (2021). Legal and Forensic Aspects. In *Controlling Disorder: A Clinical Guide to Treatment*. American Psychiatric Association Publishing.
21. Blum et al. (2021). Catatonia Associated with COVID-19 (J. Neuropsychiatry Clin. Neurosci.).
22. Blum & Datta (2021). Functional Neurological Disorder in Civil Litigation: An Initial Empirical Study (J. Neuropsychiatry Clin. Neurosci.).
23. Blum et al. (2021). Ethical Aspects of Enforced Medical Treatment in Patients with Psychiatric Illness (Psychiatr. Ann.).
24. Blum, A. (2020). Writing in Psychiatry: Practice and Process (Am. J. Psychiatry Resid. J).
25. Blum et al. (2020). Neurosarcoidosis Presenting as Catatonia (J. Neuropsychiatry Clin. Neurosci.).
26. Blum & Ross (2020). Losing Control: Impulsivity in Psychiatry (Biol. Psychiatry).
27. Blum & Grant (2020). Considering the Overlap and Nonoverlap of Compulsivity, Impulsivity, and Addiction. In *The Cambridge Handbook of Substance and Behavioral Addictions*. Cambridge University Press.
28. Blum & Virani (2020). [Summary] Symposium II: Cannabis Policy and Outcomes for the Addiction Psychiatrist: Making Progress Toward Model State Laws to Reduce Harm (Am. J. Addict.).
29. Blum et al. (2020). Links between sexuality, impulsivity, compulsivity, and addiction in a large sample of university students (JNS Spectr.).
30. Blum & Grant (2020). Positive Response of Compulsive Sexual Behavior to Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (Prim. Care Companion CNS Disord.).
31. Blum, A. (2019). "Why Psychiatry?" Revisited (Am. J. Psychiatry Resid. J).
32. Blum & Grant (2019). Uncontrollable Urges to Gamble Following Treatment with Pramipexole (Mirapex). In *Comorbid Substance and Psychiatric Disorders*. Springer.
33. Blum et al. (2018). Quality of life of young adults with non-paraphilic problematic sexual behaviors: An exploratory study (Addict. Behav. Rep.).
34. Blum et al. (2018). Transactional sexual activity among university students: Prevalence and clinical correlates (Int. J. Sex. Health).
35. Blum et al. (2018). Neuroanatomical Correlates of Impulsive Action in Excoriation (Skin-Picking) Disorder (J. Neuropsychiatry Clin. Neurosci.).
36. Blum et al. (2017). Neurocognitive dysfunction in problem gamblers with co-occurring antisocial personality disorder (Compr. Psychiatry).
37. Blum et al. (2018). Cognitive inflexibility in a young woman with pyromania (J. Behav. Addict.).

38. Blum & Grant (2017). Behavioral Addictions and Criminal Responsibility (J. Am. Acad. Psychiatry Law)
39. Blum et al. (2018). Stealing behavior and impulsivity in individuals with kleptomania who have been arrested for shoplifting (Compr. Psychiatry)
40. Harries et al. (2017). A structural MRI study of excoriation (skin-picking) disorder and its relationship to clinical severity (Psychiatry Res. Neuroimaging)
41. Blum et al. (2017). Neurocognitive Findings in Onychophagia (Pathological Nail Biting) (Psychiatr. Q)
42. Blum et al. (2018). Neurocognitive Functioning in Young Adults with Subclinical Body Dysmorphic Disorder (Psychiatr. Q)
43. Blum et al. (2017). Sensory and physiological dimensions of cold pressor pain in trichotillomania (J. Obs.-Compuls. Relat. Disord.)
44. Leppink et al. (2016). Neurocognitive and clinical correlates of gambling behavior based on mode of gambling (Ann. Clin. Psychiatry)
45. Ismayilova et al. (2016). Maltreatment and Mental Health Outcomes among Ultra-Poor Children in Burkina Faso: A Latent Class Analysis (PloS One)
46. Schepel 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.)

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