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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)

Honors and Awards

- Rapoport 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]. 53rd Annual Meeting of American Neuropsychiatric Association, Chicago, IL (2019, March).

Publications

1. Datta, V., & Blum, A.W. (2024). Forensic assessment of somatoform and functional neurological disorders (Behav. Sci. Law)
2. Grant, J.E., & Blum, A.W. (2023). Neurobiology of Decision-making. In *The SAGE Handbook of Clinical Neuropsychology: Clinical Neuropsychological Disorders*. SAGE Publications Ltd.
3. Scott, C.L., et al. (2023). The forensic assessment of dissociation: Distinguishing real from the unreal (Behav. Sci. Law)
4. Holoyda, B., & Blum, A.W. (2023). Efforts to Reify Other Specified Paraphilic Disorder (Nonconsent) and Their Implications (J. Am. Acad. Psychiatry Law)
5. Blum, A. (2023). Compulsive Sexual Behavior Disorder: Understanding, Assessment, and Treatment (J. Psychiatr. Pract.)
6. Blum, A., & Datta, V. (2022). Neuroimaging. In *Representing People with Dementia: A Practical Guide for Criminal Defense Lawyers*. ABA Book Publishing.
7. Blum, A.W., & Grant, J.E. (2022). N-acetylcysteine in the treatment of compulsive sexual behavior disorder: A case series (J. Psychiatr. Res.)
8. Blum, A.W., & Grant, J.E. (2022). Legal aspects of problematic Internet usage (Curr. Opin. Behav. Sci.)
9. Grant, J.E., et al. (2022). Religiosity, impulsivity, and compulsivity in university students (CNS Spectr.)
10. Blum, A.W., & Ross, D.A. (2022). Lifting the Veil: How the Brain Decides Blame and Punishment (Biol. Psychiatry)
11. Blum, A.W., et al. (2022). (PC 17c), COVID-19 Catatonia: A Review and Update After One Year (J. Acad. Consult. Liaison Psychiatry)
12. Blum, A.W., et al. (2022). (PO-170) Fact-Checking a Factitious Illness: What Role Should Social Media Play? (J. Acad. Consult. Liaison Psychiatry)
13. Blum, A.W., et al. (2022). Legal settlements and the reporting of adverse drug events: Insights from the aripiprazole products liability litigation (Psychiatry Res.)
14. The Editor. (2022). 2021 Articles of Import and Impact (Am. J. Psychiatry)
15. Durns, T., et al. (2021). fMRI in the Courtroom: A (Very Brief) Overview (AAPL Newsletter)
16. Blum, A.W. (2021). The Residents' Journal, Our Journal (Am. J. Psychiatry Resid. J)
17. Blum, A.W. (2021). Belief: What It Means to Believe and Why Our Convictions Are so Compelling (J. Am. Acad. Psychiatry Res.)
18. Blum, A.W., & Grant, J.E. (2021). Use of Anticraving Agents in the Treatment of Exhibitionism and Frotteuristic Disorder (J. Clin. Psychopharmacol.)
19. Blum, A.W., & Grant, J.E. (2021). Legal and Forensic Aspects. In *Gambling Disorder: A Clinical Guide to Treatment*. American Psychiatric Association Publishing.
20. Blum, A.W., et al. (2021). Catatonia Associated with COVID-19 (J. Neuropsychiatry Clin. Neurosci.)
21. Blum, A.W., & Datta, V. (2021). Functional Neurological Disorder in Civil Litigation: An Initial Empirical Study (J. Neuropsychiatry Clin. Neurosci.)
22. Blum, A.W., et al. (2021). Ethical Aspects of Enforced Medical Treatment in Patients with Psychiatric Illness (Psychiatr. Ann.)
23. Blum, A. (2020). Writing in Psychiatry: Practice and Process (Am. J. Psychiatry Resid. J)
24. Blum, A.W., et al. (2020). Neurosarcoidosis Presenting as Catatonia (J. Neuropsychiatry Clin. Neurosci.)
25. Blum, A.W., & Ross, D.A. (2020). Losing Control: Impulsivity in Psychiatry (Biol. Psychiatry)

26. 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.
27. 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*)
28. Blum, A.W., et al. (2020). Links between sexuality, impulsivity, compulsivity, and addiction in a large sample of university students (*CNS Spectr.*)
29. Blum, A.W., & Grant, J.E. (2020). Positive Response of Compulsive Sexual Behavior to Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (*Prim. Care Companion CNS Disord.*)
30. Blum, A. (2019). "Why Psychiatry?" Revisited (*Am. J. Psychiatry Resid. J*)
31. Blum, A.W., & Grant, J.E. (2019). Uncontrollable Urges to Gamble Following Treatment with Pramipexole (Mifapex). In *Comorbid Sleep and Psychiatric Disorders*. Springer, Cham.
32. Blum, A.W., et al. (2018). Quality of life of young adults with non-paraphilic problematic sexual behaviors: An exploratory study (*Addict. Behav. Rep.*)
33. Blum, A.W., et al. (2018). Transactional sexual activity among university students: Prevalence and clinical correlates (*Int. J. Sex. Health*)
34. Blum, A.W., et al. (2018). Neuroanatomical Correlates of Impulsive Action in Excoriation (Skin Picking) Disorder (*J. Neuropsychiatry Clin. Neurosci.*)
35. Blum, A.W., et al. (2017). Neurocognitive dysfunction in problem gamblers with co-occurring antisocial personality disorder (*Compr. Psychiatry*)
36. Blum, A.W., et al. (2018). Cognitive inflexibility in a young woman with pyromania (*J. Behav. Addict.*)
37. Blum, A.W., & Grant, J.E. (2017). Behavioral Addictions and Criminal Responsibility (*Am. Acad. Psychiatry Law*)
38. Blum, A.W., et al. (2018). Stealing behavior and impulsivity in individuals with kleptomania who have been arrested for shoplifting (*Compr. Psychiatry*)
39. Harries, M.D., et al. (2017). A structural MRI study of excoriation (skin-picking) disorder and its relationship to clinical severity (*Psychiatry Res. Neuroimaging*)
40. Blum, A.W., et al. (2017). Neurocognitive Findings in Onychophagia (Pathological Nail Biting) (*Psychiatr. Q*)
41. Blum, A.W., et al. (2018). Neurocognitive Functioning in Young Adults with Subclinical Body Dysmorphic Disorder (*Psychiatr. Q*)
42. Blum, A.W., et al. (2017). Sensory and physiological dimensions of cold pressor pain in trichotillomania (*J. Obs.-Compuls. Relat. Disord.*)
43. Leppink, E.W., et al. (2016). Neurocognitive and clinical correlates of gambling behavior based on mode of gambling (*Ann. Clin. Psychiatry*)
44. Ismayilova, L., et al. (2016). Maltreatment and Mental Health Outcomes among Ultra-Poor Children in Burkina Faso: A Latent Class Analysis (*PLoS One*)
45. 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 Members' Role

- Committee on Forensic Neuropsychiatry, American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (2021–2024)

Editorial Activities

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

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