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Education

Present	Doctor of Philosophy	Social Psychology	Queen's University	Kingston, ON
05/2007	Master's of Science	Psychology	Acadia University	Wolfville, NS
	Thesis: <i>Perceived Social Support for Relationships as a Predictor of Relationship Well-Being, Mental and Physical Health in Same-Sex and Other-Sex Couples</i> Nominated for Governor General's Award			
10/2003	Bachelor's of Arts, (Hon)	Psychology & Criminal Justice	University of Guelph & Public Policy	Guelph, ON
06/1999	High School Diploma		St. John's Ravenscourt	Winnipeg, MB

Honours, Awards, Fellowships & Grants

Canadian Graduate Scholarship - Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
Award to Study Out of Country for 6 Months
Award to be held with Dr. Lisa Diamond at the University of Utah

Travel Award
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgendered Summer Research Institute
University of Michigan, August 2008

Graduate Student Travel Award
School of Research and Graduate Studies
Queen's University

Nominee for the Trudeau Foundation Fellowship - 2007
Queen's University

Student Travel Award
Canadian Psychological Association - CPA Conference 2008

Certificate of Academic Excellence, 2007 - Master's Thesis
Canadian Psychological Association
On the recommendation of Acadia University, Department of Psychology

Tri-Council Recipient Recognition Award, 2007
Queen's University
School of Research and Graduate Studies

CGS Doctoral Award, September 2007 - August 2010
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

Henry Minton Excellence in Research Award for Best Paper Presentation
 Canadian Psychological Association 2006 Conference
 Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Issues Section

CGS Master's Award
 Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) - October 2005 -2006

Student Research Award
 Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation, September 2005 - 2006
 Declined due to CIHR award conflict

Research Support & Funding

SUPPORT PERIOD	TITLE	PROGRAM NAME / ORGANIZATION	PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR	CO-INVESTIGATOR	TOTAL AMOUNT
05/2005 - 06/2006	PERCEIVED SOCIAL NETWORK SUPPORT AS A PREDICTOR OF MENTAL & PHYSICAL HEALTH IN LESBIAN COUPLES	LESBIAN HEALTH FUND - GAY AND LESBIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (GLMA)	KAREN BLAIR	DIANE HOLMBERG	\$10,101.40 CAD (\$8500 US)

Publications

Blair, K.L. & Holmberg, D. (2008). Perceived Social Network Support and Well-Being in Same-Sex versus Mixed-Sex Relationships. *Journal of Social and Perceived Relationships*, 25(5), 769-791.

Custer, L., Holmberg, D., Blair, K., & Orbuch, T. (2008) "So How Did You Two Meet?" Narratives of Relationship Initiation. In Susan Sprecher, Amy Wenzel, & John Harvey (Eds.), *Handbook of Relationship Beginnings*. Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Inc.

Holmberg, D., & Blair, K.L. (2009). Sexual desire, communication, satisfaction and preferences of men and women in same-sex versus mixed-sex relationships. *Journal of Sex Research*, 46(1), 57-66.

Holmberg, D., Blair, K.L. & Phillips, M. (2009). Women's Sexual Satisfaction as a Predictor of Well-Being in Same-Sex versus Mixed-Sex Relationships. In Press, *Journal of Sex Research*, 46, 1-11.

Invited Presentations

Conducting Online Research: Methods of Success. Workshop on "Do-It-Yourself Programming for Online Studies." Open to the Acadia University Faculty and Student Body. Acadia University Psychology Department, April 30, 2007.

Same-Sex Couples & Health. Human Sexuality, Acadia University - November, 2006.

CIHR National Poster Competition: Invitation to Compete & Present - June 2006.

Train the Trainer: Anti-Homophobia & GLBT Wellness. Acadia University, November 2005.

An Introduction to Sexual Diversity. Introductory Psychology, Acadia University, February 2005.

Queer Linguistics & Canadian Queer Identities. Acadia Pride Seminar, Acadia University, November 1, 2004 & November 4, 2004.

Queer Media: Gay & Lesbian Representations in Film, Television & Print Media. Acadia Pride Seminar, Acadia University, October 18, 2004.

Conference Presentations

Blair, K.L., Coyle, S., & Pukall, C. “*Gender and Sexual Orientation Differences in Defining and Engaging in Cybersex*” Poster - Annual University of Guelph Sexuality Conference, Guelph, Ontario, June 2009.

Dargie, E., **Blair, K.L.,** Goldfinger, C., & Pukall, C. “*Long Distance Dating Relationships: Are They Doomed?*” Poster - Annual University of Guelph Sexuality Conference, Guelph, Ontario, June 2009.

Blair, K.L. “*What’s the WORST That Could Happen?*” *Heterosexual & Sexual Minority Women’s Concerns about Physical Examinations.*” Poster - SSTAR 2009 Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., March 2009.

Blair, K.L. & Holmberg, D. “*Who’s Calling the Shots? Gender or Sexual Orientation? Sexual Satisfaction and Desire in Same-Sex and Mixed-Sex Couples.*” Paper - SSSS 2008 Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 2008.

Blair, K.L., Goldfinger, C., Smart, K., & Pukall, C. “*The impact of body image on body exposure during sex and sexual esteem in same-sex vs. other-sex coupled individuals.*” Paper - Canadian Sex Research Forum Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, October 2008.

Blair, K.L. & Holmberg, D. “*Desire: A Comparison of Self-Reported Sexual Desire in Men and Women, in Same-Sex and Mixed-Sex Relationships.*” Paper - Canadian Psychological Association Annual Convention, Halifax, Nova Scotia, June 2008.

Blair, K.L. & Holmberg, D. “*Who’s Calling the Shots? Gender or Sexual Orientation? Sexual Satisfaction and Desire in Same-Sex and Mixed-Sex Couples.*” Poster - SSTAR 2008 Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, March 2008.

Goldfinger, C., Smith, K.B., Pukall, C., **Blair, K.L.,** & Dargie, E. “*Sexual esteem and body image as predictors of sexual functioning and sexual satisfaction among heterosexual and queer-identified individuals.*” Poster presented at the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Society for Sex Therapy and Research, Chicago, Illinois, March 2008.

“*The Ethics Board Meets Technology: Challenge & Success in Conducting Research via the Internet.*” Symposium Moderator, Canadian Psychological Association Annual Convention, Ottawa, June 2007.

Blair, K. “*No Experience Necessary: Tackling the Technology of Online Research.*”

Scharfe, E., Kerr, L. & **Blair, K.** “*Selling it to your REB: Avoiding potential “my mother is better than your mother” battles.*”

Holmberg, D., & **Blair, K.** “*The Match Game: Matching Individuals across Time and Within Relationships, in Internet Research.*”

Price, L. & Benoit, D. “*The Challenges of Conducting Anonymous Longitudinal Online Research.*”

- Blair, K.L.** & Holmberg, D. “‘The Story of Us’ - Differences and Similarities between Same-Sex and Opposite-Sex Relationship Narratives.” Poster - Canadian Psychological Association Annual Convention, Ottawa, June 2007.
- Blair, K.L.** “HIV Drug Advertising: A wolf in Sheep’s Clothing.” Poster - Canadian Psychological Association Annual Convention, Ottawa, June 2007.
- Blair, K.L.** & Holmberg, D. “Perceived Social Network Support as a Predictor of Mental & Physical Health in Same-Sex Couples.” Gay and Lesbian Medical Association Annual Conference, Paper Presentation, San Francisco, October 2006.
- Blair, K.L.** & Holmberg, D. “Perceived Social Network Support as a Predictor of Mental & Physical Health in Same-Sex vs. Opposite-Sex Relationships.” Canadian Psychological Association Paper Presentation, Calgary, June 2006.
- Blair, K.L.** & Holmberg, D. “Challenges in Recruiting Participants for an International Online Study of Same-Sex and Opposite-Sex Relationships.” Canadian Psychological Association Paper Presentation, Calgary, June 2006.
- Blair, K.L.** & Holmberg, D. “How Did You Two Meet?: Narrative Accounts of Same-Sex vs. Opposite-Sex Relationship Beginnings.” Narrative Matters 2006, Paper Presentation, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, May 2006.
- Blair, K.L.** & Holmberg, D. “Perceived Social Network Support as a Predictor of Mental & Physical Health in Same-Sex vs. Opposite-Sex Relationships.” International Association of Relationship Research Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, July 22, 2005.

Professional Activities

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| Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Issues Section of the Canadian Psychological Association
Website Manager - http://www.sogii.ca
Queen’s University Graduate Student Representative
Secretary | 2007 - Present |
| Narrative Matters 2006 International Conference
Planning Committee Member | 2004 - 2006 |
| Acadia University
Active Member of Acadia Graduate Student Association
Faculty of Science Graduate Student Representative to the Graduate Council
Faculty of Science Graduate Student Representative to the University Senate Committee on Research and Graduate Studies | 2005 - 2006 |
| Acadia Positive Space Campaign
Founding member of positive space (for GLBTQ students) campaign at Acadia University. | 2005 - 2006 |