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**ACADEMIC POSITION**Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech)

2015-present	Assistant Vice Provost for Enrollment and Degree Management
2009-present	Associate Dean, Graduate School
2002-present	Alumni Distinguished Professor
1994-present	Professor, Adult Development and Aging
1981-1994	Assistant and Associate Professor, Gerontology and Family Studies Department of Human Development (“Family & Child Development,” 1981-98)
2015-present	Senior Fellow, Center for Gerontology
1983-2015	Associate Director, Center for Gerontology
2014-present	Faculty of Health Sciences
2002-present	Faculty Affiliate, Religious and Cultural Studies
2002-2005	Faculty Affiliate, Center for Race and Social Policy (center closed)
2001-present	Adjunct Professor, Department of Sociology
1996-present	Faculty Affiliate, Women’s and Gender Studies
1983-1991	Faculty Affiliate, Center for Volunteer Development and Public Service (center closed)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 2007 Visiting Professor, Luther Seminary  
St. Paul, MN
- 2000-2001 Director of Strategic Planning, Office of the President  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- 2000 Petersen Visiting Scholar in Family Gerontology  
Oregon State University, Corvallis
- 1997-2002 Psychology Consultant, Mental Health Service Education Program  
Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Salem, VA
- 1991-1992 Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Sociology  
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- 1982-1983, Acting Director, Center for Gerontology  
1996 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- 1971-1976 Instructor and Assistant Professor, Department of Human Ecology  
Mercyhurst College, Erie, PA (now Mercyhurst University)
- 1971-1972 Instructor, Individual and Family Studies, Behrend College  
The Pennsylvania State University, Erie, PA (Part-time)

## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D., 1982 The Pennsylvania State University  
Major: Human Development-Family Studies (Adult Development and Aging)  
Minor: Sociology (Social Psychology)
- M.S., 1971 The Ohio State University Major: Family and Child Development
- B.A., 1970 Mercyhurst College (now, University) Major: Vocational Home Economics Education  
(Honors)

## HONORS

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- 2016 Charter Fellow, International Association for Relationship Research
- 2015 Teacher of the Week, VT Center for Instructional Development and Educational  
Research (November 1-7)
- 2013-15 President-elect, President, and Past President, Gerontological Society of America
- 2013 Scholar of the Week, VT Office of the Vice President for Research (January 23-29)
- 2012 Distinguished Alumna Award for Outstanding Service to a Chosen Field, Mercyhurst  
University
- 2009 Undergraduate Commencement Speaker, Virginia Tech
- 2006 Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising, College of Liberal Arts and Human  
Sciences Virginia Tech
- 2000 Alumni Recognition Award, College of Health and Human Development, The  
Pennsylvania State University

- 1999 Fellow, National Council on Family Relations  
 1999 Outstanding Educator, Virginia Association on Aging  
 1998 University Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching, Virginia Tech  
 1998 Academy of Teaching Excellence, Virginia Tech  
 1998, 1999 Outstanding Educator Certificates, The Service-Learning Center of Virginia Tech  
 1998 Distinguished Teacher of Gerontology, Association for Gerontology in Higher Education  
 1998 Exemplary Achievement in Writing Assignment Design, University Writing Program, Virginia Tech  
 1997 Charter Fellow, Association for Gerontology in Higher Education  
 1997 Certificate of Teaching Excellence, College of Human Resources, Virginia Tech  
 1997 Fellow, American Psychological Association, Division 20  
 1996 New Contribution Award Runner-up, International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships (1 of 5 finalists)  
 1996 Distinguished Academic Gerontologist, Southern Gerontological Society  
 1995-96 Excellence in Instruction, Research, and Public Service, Department of Family and Child Development, Virginia Tech  
 1993-94 Faculty Award for Excellence in Research, Teaching, and Public Service, Department of Family and Child Development, Virginia Tech  
 1993, 1991 Certificate of Appreciation for Service, National Council on Family Relations  
 1991 Fellow, Gerontological Society of America  
 1991 Certificate of Appreciation for Service, Virginia Association on Aging  
 1988-89 Outstanding Professional Contributions Award, Department of Family and Child Development, Virginia Tech  
 1989 Academy of Faculty Service, Virginia Tech  
 1979 Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society  
 1979 Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society  
 1978 Omicron Nu National Honor Society (became Kappa Omicron Nu in 1991)  
 1971 Phi Upsilon Omicron National Honor Society  
 1970 Carpe Diem Award for the Outstanding Student in the Class of 1970, Mercyhurst College

## **GRANTS, CONTRACTS, AND SUPPORT**

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- “Professional Development Grant, International Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, Seoul.” Virginia Tech International Travel Supplemental Grant, College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, and Department of Human Development, \$2000 (2013).
- “Professional Development Grant, International Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, Paris.” Virginia Tech Foundation, Inc., College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, and Department of Human Development, \$2,000 (2009).
- “Support for Editorial Office Operations, *Journal of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences*.” Contract with Gerontological Society of America, \$224,348 (2008-2012).
- “Caring for a Spouse with Mild Cognitive Impairment: Daily Challenges, Marital Relations, and Physiological Indicators of Health.” Co-investigator with Dr. Karen A. Roberto (PI) and Dr. Jyoti Savla (Co-investigator). Alzheimer’s and Related Disorders Research Award Fund, Virginia Center on Aging, \$40,000 (2008-09).
- “Understanding Mild Cognitive Impairment: Family Dynamics and Diversity.” Co-investigator with Dr. Karen A. Roberto, PI. Alzheimer’s Association, # IIRG-07-59078, \$240,000 (2007-10).
- “Inter- and Intra-generational Examination of Family Influence on Individual Adjustment.” Co-

- investigator with Dr. Kee-Jeong Kim. CLAHS Dean's Fellowship Program, Virginia Tech, 1-year project, \$14,788 (2006).
- "The Healthy Families Project." Co-investigator with Drs. Kirby Deater-Deckard and Douglas Southard. Virginia Tech-University of Virginia-Carilion Health System Collaborative Research Grants Competition, 1-year project, \$29,690 (2006).
- "Caregivers of Persons with Mild Cognitive Impairment: Information and Support Needs." Co-investigator with Dr. Karen A. Roberto, PI. Alzheimer's Association, # IIRG-03-5926, \$239,975 (2003-06).
- "Advanced Training Institute on Longitudinal Methods, Modeling, and Measurement." Selected participant. American Psychological Association (2003).
- "Exploration of a Longitudinal Data Base Approach to Technology Impact Research in Human Development." Co-investigator with Drs. Peggy M. Meszaros and Jay A. Mancini. Department of Human Development, \$1,200 (2002).
- "Longitudinal Follow-up of Friendship Research Participants: A Feasibility Study." Principal Investigator. ASPIRES Grant, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, \$9,775 (2000-02).
- "Older Families in Rural Communities: Personal and Social Influences on Service Use." Co-investigator with Dr. Karen A. Roberto. National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program, USDA/CSREES, # 99-35401-7769, \$150,000 (1999-02).
- "Professional Development Grant, International Conference on Personal Relationships, Australia." Virginia Tech Foundation, Inc., College of Human Resources and Education, and Department of Human Development, \$1,400 (2000).
- "Enhancing Intergenerational Service-learning in Virginia." Principal Investigator. Association for Gerontology in Higher Education and Generations Together, \$34,492 (1997-98).
- "Multicultural Perspectives on Aging: Enhancements of FCD 3004, Human Development II: Adulthood and Aging." Principal Investigator. University Office of International Programs and Newman Library, \$655 (1997-98).
- "Older Adults' Perceptions of Biological and Chosen Grandchildren: A Feasibility Study." Co-investigator with Drs. Katherine R. Allen and Karen A. Roberto. ASPIRES Grant, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, \$38,122 (1997).
- "Toward a National Study of Older Adult Friendship." Principal Investigator. Seed money grant, College of Human Resources, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, \$1,500 (1995).
- "Faculty Development Institute." Selected participant, training in alternative instructional technologies. Learning Resources Center, Educational Technologies, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (1995).
- "Enhancing FCD 3004, Human Development II: Adulthood and Aging." Summer Faculty Fellowship, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (1994).
- "Summer Seminar in Writing." Selected participant, Writing Across the Curriculum training. The University Writing Program, Center for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (1994).

- “Professional Development Grant, 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Personal Relationships, The Netherlands.” Virginia Tech Foundation, Inc., \$800 (1994).
- “Older Adult Friendship Patterns and Mental Health.” Co-investigator with Dr. Rebecca G. Adams. AARP Andrus Foundation, Women's Research Institute of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and University of North Carolina at Greensboro, \$22,464 at Virginia Tech, \$76,283 total (1992).
- “Transportation Expenses for 'View from the Mountains' Field Trip Students,” College of Human Resources Supplemental Grants Fund, \$100 (1991).
- “Professional Development Grant, 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Personal Relationships, England.” Virginia Tech Foundation, Inc., \$1,000 (1990).
- “Longitudinal Data Workshop, Henry A. Murray Research Center, Radcliffe College.” Women's Research Institute, Virginia Tech, \$818 (1989).
- “Professional Development Grant, XIV International Congress of Gerontology, Mexico.” Virginia Tech Foundation, Inc., \$677 (1989).
- “Continuity of Household Task Performance During Widowhood.” Co-investigator with Dr. Rebecca Lovingood. AARP Andrus Foundation, \$43,321 (1987).
- “Grant for Complimentary Books for Authors of Chapters in Adams and Blieszner Volume on Adult Friendship.” Sage Publications, Inc., \$700 (1987).
- “Professional Development Grant, 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Personal Relationships, Israel.” Virginia Tech Foundation, Inc., \$1,000 (1986).
- “The Family of the Alzheimer's Patient: A Pilot Study of the Impact of Stigma on Coping Strategies.” Co-investigator with Dr. Peggy Shifflett. U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Biomedical Research Support Grant #2S07RR7095-18, \$5,670 (1985-86).
- “Coordinated Career Preparation Targeting the Rural Elderly.” Co-investigator with Drs. W. J. McAuley and J. A. Mancini; Coordinator of project evaluation and dissemination. U. S. Department of Health and Human Services # 90AT0115/01, \$97,715 (1984-85).
- “Warm Hearth Retirement Community Research Project.” Co-investigator with Drs. L. Thompson, S. Day and R. Goss, Co-investigator of friendship development study with Dr. L. Thompson. Virginia Tech Research Division, \$2,000; Virginia Tech Foundation, Inc., \$1,000 (1983-84).
- “Travel Grant for Young Professionals, XII International Congress of Gerontology, Hamburg.” American Executive Committee, International Association of Gerontology, \$600 (1981).
- “Social Relationships and Life Satisfaction in Late Adulthood.” Principal Investigator. U. S. Administration on Aging Dissertation Research Grant #90AT0053/01, \$5,500 (1980-81).
- “Social Relationships and Life Satisfaction in Late Adulthood.” Principal Investigator. Phi Upsilon Omicron National Honor Society Founders Fellowship, \$1000 (1979-80).
- National Institute on Aging Predoctoral Fellowship (1977-80).
- U.S. Administration on Aging Predoctoral Traineeship (1976-77).

“Competency-Based Instructional Program for Vocational Home Economics Education Majors in the Child Development Laboratory at Mercyhurst College.” Co-author with J. Bender; Project Director. Pennsylvania Department of Education, #30-5002, \$7,500 (1974-75).

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Books**

1. Blieszner, R., & Bedford, V. H. (Eds.). (2012). *Handbook of families and aging* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger.
2. Ramsey, J. L., & Blieszner, R. (2012). *Spiritual resiliency and aging: Hope, relationality, and the creative self*. Amityville, NY: Baywood Publishing Company, Inc.
3. Ramsey, J. L., & Blieszner, R. (1999). *Spiritual resiliency in older women: Models of strength for challenges through the life span*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
4. Blieszner, R., & Bedford, V. H. (Eds.). (1995). *Handbook of aging and the family*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.  
[Republished (1996), *Aging and the family: Theory and research*. Westport, CT: Praeger].
5. Blieszner, R., & Adams, R. G. (1992). *Adult friendship*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage.
6. Adams, R. G., & Blieszner, R. (Eds.). (1989). *Older adult friendship: Structure and process*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage.

### **Book Chapters and Encyclopedia Entries**

1. Blieszner, R., & Ogletree, A. M. (submitted). Relationships in middle and late adulthood. In D. A. Vangelisti & D. Perlman (Eds.), *Cambridge handbook of personal relationships* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). New York: Cambridge University Press.
2. Blieszner, R. (accepted for publication). Family life cycle. In M. H. Bornstein (Ed.), *The SAGE encyclopedia of lifespan human development*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
3. Blieszner, R. (2016, in press). Friendships. In S. K. Whitbourne (Ed.), *The encyclopedia of adulthood and aging*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell.
4. Savla, J., Roberto, K. A., & Blieszner, R. (2014). Well-being of spouses of persons with mild cognitive impairment. In A. C. Michalos (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of quality of life and well-being research* (pp. 7098-7103). Dordrecht, Netherlands: Springer.
5. Blieszner, R., & Bedford, V. H. (2012). The family context of aging: Trends and challenges. In R. Blieszner & V. H. Bedford (Eds.), *Handbook of families and aging* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., pp. 3-8). Westport, CT: Praeger.
6. Bedford, V. H., & Blieszner, R. (2012). New directions for family gerontology. In R. Blieszner & V. H. Bedford (Eds.), *Handbook of families and aging* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., pp. 567-579). Westport, CT: Praeger.
7. Blieszner, R., & Roberto, K. A. (2012). Partners and friends in adulthood. In S. K. Whitbourne & M. J. Sliwinski (Eds.), *The Wiley-Blackwell handbook of adulthood and aging* (pp. 381-398). Malden,

MA: Wiley-Blackwell.

8. Fingerman, K. L., Brown, B. B., & Blieszner, R. (2011). Informal ties across the life span: Peers, consequential strangers, and people we encounter in daily life. In K. L. Fingerman, C. Berg, J. Smith, & T. C. Antonucci (Eds.), *Handbook of lifespan development* (pp. 487-511). New York: Springer Publishing Co.
9. Antonucci, T. C., Blieszner, R., & Denmark, F. (2009). Psychological perspectives on older women. In H. Landrine & N. F. Russo (Eds.), *Handbook of diversity in feminist psychology* (Ch. 7). New York: Springer Publishing Company.
10. Blieszner, R. (2009). Aging processes and relationships. In H. T. Reis & S. K. Sprecher (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of human relationships* (Vol. 1, pp. 68-72). Walnut Creek, CA: Sage Publications.
11. Blieszner, R. (2009). Friendship in adulthood. In D. Carr (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of the life course and human development, Vol.2: Adulthood* (pp. 152-154). Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA.
12. Blieszner, R. (2009). Who are the aging families? In S. H. Qualls & S. Zarit (Eds.), *Aging families and caregiving* (pp. 1-18). New York: Wiley.
13. Blieszner, R. (2007). The intersection of personal and professional development: Preparing students for life beyond the university. In E. S. Geller & P. K. Lehman (Eds.), *Teaching excellence at a research-centered university: Energy, empathy, and engagement in the classroom* (pp. 35-41). Boston: Pearson Custom Publishing.
14. Blieszner, R. (2006). Close relationships in middle and late adulthood. In A. Vangelisti & D. Perlman (Eds.), *The Cambridge handbook of personal relationships* (pp. 211-227). New York: Cambridge University Press.
15. Blieszner, R., & Roberto, K. A. (2006). Perspectives on close relationships among the Baby Boomers. In S. K. Whitbourne & S. L. Willis (Eds.), *The Baby Boomers grow up: Contemporary perspectives on midlife* (pp. 261-281). Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.
16. Blieszner, R., & Roberto, K. A. (2004). Friendship across the life span: Reciprocity in individual and relationship development. In F. R. Lang & K. L. Fingerman (Eds.), *Growing together: Personal relationships across the lifespan* (pp. 159-182). New York: Cambridge University Press.
17. Blieszner, R. (2003). The aging dimension in personal relationships courses. In S. K. Whitbourne & J. C. Cavanaugh (Eds.), *Integrating aging topics into psychology: A practical guide for teaching undergraduates* (pp. 217-228). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.
18. de Vries, B., Blieszner, R., & Blando, J. A. (2002). The many forms of intimacy, the many faces of grief in later life. In K. J. Doka (Ed.), *Living with grief: Loss in later life* (pp. 225-241). Washington, DC: Hospice Foundation of America.
19. Allen, K. R., Blieszner, R., & Roberto, K. A. (2001). Families in the middle and later years: A review and critique of research in the 1990s. In R. M. Milardo (Ed.), *Understanding families into the new millennium: A decade in review* (pp. 130-145). Minneapolis, MN: National Council on Family Relations.
20. Bedford, V. H., & Blieszner, R. (2000). Personal relationships in later life families. In R. M. Milardo & S. Duck (Eds.), *Families as relationships* (pp. 157-174). New York: Wiley.
21. Bedford, V. H., & Blieszner, R. (2000). Older adults and their families. In D. H. Demo, K. R. Allen,

- & M. A. Fine (Eds.), *Handbook of family diversity* (pp. 216-231). New York: Oxford University Press.
22. Blieszner, R. (2000). Close relationships in old age. In C. Hendrick & S. Hendrick (Eds.), *Close relationships: A sourcebook* (pp. 84-95). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
  23. Blieszner, R., & Wingfield, N. P. (2000). Parent-child relationships in adulthood. In A. E. Kazdin (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of psychology* (Vol. 6, pp. 55-61). New York: American Psychological Association and Oxford University Press.
  24. Ramsey, J. L., & Blieszner, R. (2000). Transcending a lifetime of losses: The importance of spirituality in old age. In J. H. Harvey & E. D. Miller (Eds.), *Loss and trauma: General and close relationship perspectives* (pp. 225-236). New York: Brunner-Routledge.
  25. Bedford, V. H., & Blieszner, R. (1997). Personal relationships in later life families. In S. Duck (Ed.), *Handbook of personal relationships* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., pp. 523-539). New York: Wiley.
  26. Blieszner, R., Mancini, J. A., & Marek, L. I. (1996). Looking back and looking ahead: Life course unfolding of parenthood. In C. D. Ryff & M. M. Seltzer (Eds.), *The parental experience in mid-life* (pp. 607-637). Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
  27. Adams, R. G., & Blieszner, R. (1996). Midlife friendship patterns. In N. A. Vanzetti & S. Duck (Eds.), *A lifetime of relationships* (pp. 336-363). Pacific Grove, CA: Brooks/Cole Publishing Company.
  28. Blieszner, R., & Bedford, V. H. (1995). The family context of aging: Trends and challenges. In R. Blieszner & V. H. Bedford (Eds.), *Handbook of aging and the family* (pp. 3-12). Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.
  29. Blieszner, R. (1994). Feminist perspectives on friendship: Intricate tapestries. In D. L. Sollie & L. A. Leslie (Eds.), *Gender, families, and close relationships: Feminist research journeys* (pp. 120-141). Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.
  30. Blieszner, R. (1994). Close relationships over time. In A. L. Weber & J. H. Harvey (Eds.), *Perspectives on close relationships* (pp. 1-17). Rockleigh, NJ: Allyn & Bacon.
  31. Mancini, J. A., & Blieszner, R. (1994). Later life transitions and family well-being. In P. C. McHenry & S. J. Price (Eds.), *Families and change: Coping with stressful events* (pp. 111-125). Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.
  32. Blieszner, R. (1993). Resource exchange in the social networks of elderly women. In U. G. Foa, J. Converse, Jr., K. Y. Törnblom, & E. B. Foa (Eds.), *Resource theory: Explorations and applications* (pp. 67-79). San Diego: Academic Press.
  33. Blieszner, R., & Hamon, R. R. (1992). Filial responsibility: Attitudes, obligations, and roles. In J. W. Dwyer & R. T. Coward (Eds.), *Gender, families, and elder care* (pp. 105-119). Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.
  34. Blieszner, R., & Mancini, J. A. (1992). A lifespan developmental perspective on relationship loss. In T. L. Orbuch (Ed.), *Close relationship loss: Theoretical approaches* (pp. 142-154). New York: Springer-Verlag.
  35. Blieszner, R. (1989). Developmental processes of friendship. In R. G. Adams & R. Blieszner (Eds.), *Older adult friendship: Structure and process* (pp. 108-126). Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.

36. Blieszner, R. (1989). An agenda for future research on friendships of older adults. In R. G. Adams & R. Blieszner (Eds.), *Older adult friendship: Structure and process* (pp. 245-252). Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.
37. Blieszner, R., & Shifflett, P. A. (1989). Affection, communication, and commitment in adult-child caregiving for parents with Alzheimer's disease. In J. A. Mancini (Ed.), *Aging parents and adult children* (pp. 231-243). Lexington, MA: Lexington Books.
38. Blieszner, R. (1988). Individual development and intimate relationships in middle and late adulthood. In R. M. Milardo (Ed.), *Families and social networks* (pp. 88-101). Refereed book, National Council on Family Relations Monograph Series. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.
39. Blieszner, R., & Shea, L. (1987). Designing a research project. In W. J. McAuley (Ed.), *Applied research in gerontology* (pp. 59-76). New York: Van Nostrand Reinhold.
40. Blieszner, R., McAuley, W. J., Newhouse, J. K., & Mancini, J. A. (1987). Rural-urban differences in service use by older adults. In T. H. Brubaker (Ed.), *Aging, health, and family: Long-term care* (pp. 162-174). Beverly Hills: Sage Publications.

#### **Refereed Journal Articles and Other Refereed Publications**

1. Potter, E., Roberto, K. A., Brossoie, N., & Blieszner, R. (in press). Decisions, decisions: African American families' responses to Mild Cognitive Impairment. *Research on Aging*.
2. Komelski, M., Blieszner, R., & Miyazaki, Y. (in press). Curriculum, practice, and diet predict health status among experienced Taiji and Qigong practitioners. *The Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine*. doi: 10.1089/acm.2015.0071
3. Roberto, K. A., & Blieszner, R. (2015). Diverse family structures and the care of older persons. *Canadian Journal on Aging*, 34(3), 305-320. doi: 10.1017/S0714980815000288
4. Blieszner, R. (2014). The worth of friendship: Can friends keep us happy and healthy? *Generations*, 38(1), 24-30.
5. Pasymowski, S., Roberto, K. A., & Blieszner, R. (2013). Adjustment to mild cognitive impairment: Perspectives of male care partners and their spouses, *Journal of Couple and Relationship Therapy*, 12, 213-234. doi: 10.1080/15332691.2013.806703
6. Roberto, K. A., McCann, B. R., & Blieszner, R. (2013). Trajectories of care: Spouses coping with changes related to MCI. *Dementia*, 12, 45-62. doi: 10.1177/1471301211421233
7. Savla, J., Granger, D. A., Roberto, K. A., Davy, A., Blieszner, R., & Gwazdauskas, F. (2013). Cortisol and alpha amylase reactivity to daily stressors in spouses of persons with mild cognitive impairment. *Psychology and Aging*, 28, 666-679. doi: 10.1037/a0032654
8. Komelski, M. F., Miyazaki, Y., & Blieszner, R. (2012). Comparing the health status of US Taijiquan and Qigong practitioners to a national survey sample across ages. *The Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine*, 18, 281-286. doi:10.1089/acm.2011.0008
9. Allen, K. R., Blieszner, R., & Roberto, K. A. (2011). Perspectives on extended family and fictive kin in the later years: Strategies and meanings of kin reinterpretation. *Journal of Family Issues*, 32, 1156-

1177. doi: 10.1177/0192513X11404335

10. Kiecolt, K. J., Blieszner, R., & Savla, J. (2011). Long-term influences of intergenerational ambivalence on midlife parents' psychological well-being. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *73*, 369-382. doi: 10.1111/j.1741-3737.2010.00812.x
11. Roberto, K. A., Blieszner, R., McCann, B., & McPherson, M. (2011). Family triad perceptions of mild cognitive impairment. *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, *66*, 756-768. doi: 10.1093/geronb/gbr107
12. Savla, J., Roberto, K. A., Blieszner, R., Cox, M., & Gwazdauskas, F. (2011). Effects of daily stressors on the psychological and biological well-being of spouses of persons with mild cognitive impairment. *Journal of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences*, *66*, 653-664. doi: 10.1093/geronb/gbr041
13. Blieszner, R., & Roberto, K. A. (2010). Care partner responses to the onset of mild cognitive impairment. *The Gerontologist*, *50*, 11-22. doi: 10.1093/geront/gnp068
14. Buys, L., Roberto, K. A., Miller, E. A., & Blieszner, R. (2008). Prevalence and predictors of depressive symptoms among rural older Australians and Americans. *Australian Journal of Rural Health*, *16*, 33-39. doi:10.1111/j.1440-1584.2007.00948.x
15. Voorpostel, M., & Blieszner, R. (2008). Intergenerational solidarity and support between adult siblings. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *70*, 157-167. doi:10.1111/j.1741-3737.2007.00468.x
16. Blieszner, R. (2007). Introduction: Challenges and resilience among later-life couples. *Generations*, *XXXI*(3), 6-9.
17. Blieszner, R., Roberto, K. A., Wilcox, K. L., Barham, E. J., & Winston, B. L. (2007). Dimensions of ambiguous loss in couples coping with mild cognitive impairment. *Family Relations*, *56*, 195-208. doi: 10.1111/j.1741-3729.2007.00452.x
18. Roberts, J., & Blieszner, R. (2007). Infusion of gerontology content: An ethical imperative. *Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work*, *12*, 129-140.
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Responsible for reviewing and editing the topics list, nominating authors for various entries, and soliciting authors and editing articles for 12 entries related to middle and old age

Editorial Board Membership

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#### Guest Editor

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#### Associate Editor

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Manuscript reviewer for *Australian Psychologist*; *Canadian Journal on Aging*; *Developmental Psychology*; *Family and Consumer Sciences Research Journal*; *Family Relations*; *The Gerontologist*; *International Journal of Behavioral Development*; *International Journal of Aging and Human Development*; *Journal of Aging Studies*; *Journal of Applied Gerontology*; *Journal of Family Communication*; *Journal of Family Issues*; *Journal of Family Psychology*; *Journal of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences*; *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*; *Journal of Marriage and Family*; *Journal of Personal and Interpersonal Loss*; *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*; *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*; *Personal Relationships*; *Psychological Bulletin*; *Psychology and Aging*; *Quality of Life Research*; *Research on Aging*; *Life-Span Development and Behavior*, Vol. 10, Vol. 12; Department of Agricultural Economics, Virginia Tech; Baltes & Baltes, eds., 1986, *The psychology of control and aging*, Erlbaum; Lachman & James, eds., 1994, *Multiple paths of midlife development*, University of Chicago Press; Baltes & Staudinger, eds., 1995, *Interactive Minds: Lifespan perspectives on the social foundation of cognition*, Cambridge University Press; Connidis, 2001; *Family ties and aging*, Sage; Fingerman, 2001, *Aging mothers and adult daughters*, Springer.

Book prospectus reviewer for Guilford Publications, W. W. Norton, Oxford University Press, Sage Publications, and Springer Publishing Company.

### **RESEARCH GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEWS**

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National Endowment for the Humanities (2009)  
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Kim, S., Blieszner, R., & Roberto, K. A. (2015, November). *Effects of family discrepancy in perceptions*

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- Savla, J., Kim, S., Liu, Y., Butner, L. M., Roberto, K. A., Brossoie, N., & Blieszner, R. (2015, November). When more is not always better: Management strategies for MCI can reduce rewards of caregiving. In J. Savla (Chair), *Intervention strategies for families caring for persons with dementia: What works? What is needed?* Symposium presented at the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Orlando.
- Savla, J., Roberto, K. A., & Blieszner, R. (2015, November). It takes a village: Role of family in promoting successful aging. In D. Jimenez (Chair), *Optimizing cognitive and emotional functioning in at-risk older populations*. Symposium presented at the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Orlando.
- Blieszner, R. & Roberto, K. A. (2015, January). Longitudinal family-level analyses: Challenges and opportunities. In S-T. Cheng (Chair), *Dementia caregiving: Challenges and interventions*. Symposium presented at the Gerontological Society of America-Chinese University of Hong Kong conference, Putting Aging Research and Clinical Practice in Cultural Context, Hong Kong.
- Blieszner, R. (2014, November). Holistic support for graduate education from a feminist and social justice perspective. In E. Anderson (Chair), *Administering a humane workplace: The influence of feminism and social justice*. Special session presented at the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Baltimore, MD.
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- Kim, S., Blieszner, R., Roberto, K. A., & O'Hora, K. A. (2014, November). *Does family acknowledgement of Mild Cognitive Impairment affect care partners' coping?* Paper presented at the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC.
- O'Hora, K. A., Roberto, K. A., Blieszner, R., & Kim, S. (2014, November). *Care partner relationships: Thematic analysis of planning in families with Mild Cognitive Impairment*. Paper presented at the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC.
- Potter, E., Roberto, K. A., Brossoie, N., & Blieszner, R. (2014, November). *Perceptions, awareness, and systems of support among African American families responding to Mild Cognitive Impairment*. Paper presented at the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC.
- Blieszner, R., & Roberto, K. A. (2014, August). *Translating family caregiving theory and research to practice*. Poster presented at the 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.
- Hwang, E., Beamish, J., Roberto, K. A., Brossoie, N., Blieszner, R., Ott Rowlands, S., & Koh, S-H. (2014, March). *Global age-friendly communities initiative*. Poster presented at the Deans' Global Forum. Virginia Tech, Blacksburg.

- Kimmel, C., Hall, R., Blieszner, R., & Watts, B. (2014, March). *Virginia Tech international graduate certificates*. Poster presented at the Deans' Global Forum. Virginia Tech, Blacksburg.
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- Savla, J., Roberto, K. A., Blieszner, R., Brossoie, N., & Lorenzi, J. (2013, November). Process of care network activation: Implications for care partners of persons with MCI. In J. Savla & K. A. Roberto (Co-chairs), *Examination of family care networks dealing with chronic illness*. Symposium presented at the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans.
- Blieszner, R., Roberto, K. A., & Brossoie, N. (2013, June). Behind the scenes: Support for care partners of elders with MCI. In R. Blieszner (Chair), *A new horizon for caregiver support*. Symposium presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, Seoul.
- Blieszner, R. (2013, June). *Age-friendly community initiatives to support interactions among the generations*. Presented at the Jeju International Forum, Jeju Island, S. Korea.
- Bedford, V. H., & Blieszner, R. (Co-chairs). (2012, November). *Charting new frontiers in aging family research: Addressing societal and familial transitions*. Symposium presented at the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Diego.
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- Rivers, C., Roberto, K. A., & Blieszner, R. (2012, October). *Aging in rural America: Helping networks of older adults in Appalachia*. 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Expo, American Public Health Association, San Francisco.

- Blieszner, R., & Bedford, V. H. (Co-chairs). (2011, November). *Family Relationship Styles → Lifespan Effects*. Symposium presented at the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston.
- Ermann, L. S., Brossoie, N., Roberto, K. A., & Blieszner, R. (2011, November). *Taking care of a parent with mild cognitive impairment: An exploration of coping mechanisms*. Presented at the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston.
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- Roberto, K. A., Blieszner, R., Brossoie, N., & Savla, J. (2011, November). Older women care partners: Race and socioeconomic influences on caring for a relative with MCI. In R. Rooks & S. Arber (Chairs), *Vulnerable older women*. Symposium presented at the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston.
- Komelski, M. F., Blieszner, R., & Miyazaki, Y. (2011, June-July). *Predicting optimal health-status in US adult Taijiquan/Qigong practitioners*. Presented at the International 21<sup>st</sup> Puijo Symposium on Physical Exercise, Ageing, and Disability – Current Evidence, Kuopio, Finland.
- Savla, J., Roberto, K. A., & Blieszner, R. (2011, June). *Daily stressors and marital interactions affect diurnal cortisol and alpha-amylase rhythm in spouses of persons with mild cognitive impairment*. Presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Psychoneuroimmunology Research Society, Chicago, IL.
- Bedford, V. H., & Blieszner, R. (Co-Chairs). (2010, November). *Cutting-edge theory, methods, and research in aging families: A taste of what's to come*. Symposium presented at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans.
- Blieszner, R. (2010, November). Invited discussant comments. In J. Wagner & F. R. Lang (Co-chairs), *Social relationship dynamics in aging-related life conditions*. Symposium presented at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans.
- Blieszner, R., & Roberto, K. A. (2010, November). Innovative care-partnering in families affected by mild cognitive impairment. In C. Sherman (Chair), *Innovations in caregiving research: Diverse family and disease contexts*. Symposium presented at the 72<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis.
- Blieszner, R., Roberto, K. A., & Savla, J. (2010, November). Mild cognitive impairment as a source of ambivalence in family relationships. In K. Hooker (Chair), *Stretching the boundaries of the ambivalence framework: New arenas for research*. Symposium presented at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans.
- Brossoie, N., Roberto, K. A., & Blieszner, R. (2010, November). *Sources of support for African American care partners with mild cognitive impairment*. Presentation at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans.
- Komelski, M. F., Blieszner, R., & Miyazaki, Y. (2010, November). *Predicting optimal health-related quality of life in US adult Taijiquan (Tai Chi) practitioners*. Presentation at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual

Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans.

- Ramsey, J. L., & Blieszner, R. (2010, November). *Cognitive and affective dimensions of spiritual resiliency in older adults: A gendered perspective*. Presentation at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans.
- Roberto, K. A., Blieszner, R., & Savla, J. (2010, November). Three voices are better than one: Family members' assessment of cognitive deficits in late life. In J. Savla (Chair), *Expanding paradigms of care and support: Challenges faced and lessons learned*. Symposium presented at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans.
- Blieszner, R., & Roberto, K. A. (2009, November). The role of gender in coping with mild cognitive impairment. In C. Sherman (Chair), *Caregiving in context: Individual and relational differences in the caregiver experience*. Symposium presented at the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta.
- Brossoie, N., Roberto, K. A., & Blieszner, R. (2009, November). "Nobody likes to admit what's going on": Avoidance behaviors of families coping with MCI. Poster presented at the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta.
- Pujari, K., Roberto, K. A., & Blieszner, R. (2009, November). *Safety vs. autonomy: The struggles of adult children assisting parents with Mild Cognitive Impairment*. Poster presented at the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta.
- Savla, J., Roberto, K. A., & Blieszner, R. (2009, November). Daily stressors and implications of mild cognitive impairment for care partners. In J. Savla & S. Charles (Chairs), *Diary approaches for studying the effects of daily stressors on the health of caregivers*. Symposium presented at the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta.
- Kiecolt, K. J., Blieszner, R., & Savla, J. (2009, August). *Long-term influences of parent-child relations on midlife parents' psychological well being*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco.
- Roberto, K. A., & Blieszner, R. (2009, July). Family experiences with the mild cognitive impairment trajectory. In R. Blieszner (Chair), *Changing families / emerging issues and needs*. Symposium presented at the XIX<sup>th</sup> International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics World Congress, Paris.
- Blieszner, R. (2008, November). Resilience and psychological well being in old age. In H. Brown-Borg & M. Crowther (Chairs), *Surviving and thriving! Potential adaptive mechanisms of resilience: Biological, psychosocial, and policy implications*. Symposium presented at the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, National Harbor, MD.
- Pujari, K., Roberto, K. A., Blieszner, R., & Brossoie, N. (2008, November). *Caring for a spouse with mild cognitive impairment (MCI): Influences on well being and family dynamics*. Poster presented at the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, National Harbor, MD.
- Ramsey, J. L., & Blieszner, R. (2008, November). *Relational, spiritual resiliency: Forgiveness and community among older German and American men and women*. Paper presented at the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, National Harbor, MD.
- Roberto, K. A., & Blieszner, R. (2008, November). Elders with mild cognitive impairment: Changes and challenges in family relationships. In R. Blieszner (Chair), *Care Networks: Promoting resilience*

- in aging families*. Symposium presented at the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, National Harbor, MD.
- Blieszner, R. (Chair). (2008, August). *What psychologists should know about working with older adults*. Continuing Education Workshop organized for the 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston.
- Blieszner, R., & Mehrotra, C. (2008, August). One size does not fit all. In R. Blieszner (Chair), *What psychologists should know about working with older adults*. Continuing Education Workshop presented at the 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston.
- Blieszner, R. (2008, July). Taking a life span perspective and including multiple family members in research. In R. G. Adams (Chair), *Writing and reviewing for an interdisciplinary journal*. Symposium presented at the biennial meeting of the International Association for Relationship Research, Providence, RI.
- Blieszner, R., & Roberto, K. A. (2007, November). Patient views of mild cognitive impairment. In K. A. Roberto (Symposium Chair), *Professional and personal perspectives on mild cognitive impairment*. *The Gerontologist*, 47(Special Issue I), 778. (Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco).
- Roberto, K. A., & Blieszner, R. (2007, November). Family perceptions of mild cognitive impairment. In K. A. Roberto (Symposium Chair), *Professional and personal perspectives on mild cognitive impairment*. *The Gerontologist*, 47(Special Issue I), 778-779. (Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco).
- Blieszner, R. (2006, November). *Studying aging families at the family level of analysis*. Presented at the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Dallas.
- Blieszner, R., & Roberto, K. A. (2006, November). Social support complexity: Effects of mild cognitive impairment on family and friends. *The Gerontologist*, 46(Special Issue I), 554-555. (Gerontological Society of America, Dallas).
- Blieszner, R., & Roberto, K. A. (2006, November). Stability and change in family responses to mild cognitive impairment. In K. W. Piercy (Chair), *Coping with later life challenges: Widowhood, caregiving, and depression*. Symposium presented at the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis.
- Kite, M. E., Blieszner, R., Freeman, J. E., Lewis, L., & Mio, J. (2006, October). *APA Presidential Task Force on Diversity Education Resources*. Symposium presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Reaching Out: Best Practices in Teaching Diversity & International Perspectives Across the Psychology Curriculum Conference, Society for the Teaching of Psychology, Atlanta.
- Blieszner, R., & Roberto, K. A. (2006, August). Multiple informants shed light on an ambiguous memory condition. In V. H. Bedford (Chair), *Contributions of multiple informants to family caregiver research*. Symposium presented at the 114<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, New Orleans.
- Adams, R. G., Ueno, K., & Blieszner, R. (2006, July). *Revising the Adams-Blieszner Integrative Conceptual Framework for Friendship Research*. Paper presented at the International Association for Relationship Research Conference, Rethymnon, Crete.
- Blieszner, R., Roberto, K. A., & Barham, E. (2006, July). *Mild cognitive impairment as an experience of ambiguous loss for spouses*. Paper presented at the International Association for Relationship

Research Conference, Rethymnon, Crete.

- Voorpostel, M., & Blieszner, R. (2006, July). *Family solidarity and support between adult siblings*. Paper presented at the International Association for Relationship Research Conference, Rethymnon, Crete.
- Adams, R. G., Blieszner, R., & Ueno, K. (2006, March). *The Adams-Blieszner-Ueno integrative conceptual framework for friendship research*. Presentation at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans.
- Fisher, B., Roberto, K. A., Blieszner, R., McDonnell, A., Kinney, J., & Snyder, J. (2006, February). *The benefits of the Program of Merit designation and review process: Reflections of five recipient institutions*. Panel discussion presented at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Indianapolis.
- Benson, M. J., Allen, K. R., Few, A. L., & Blieszner, R. (2005, November). *Transforming the master's degree in human development and family science*. Presentation at the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix.
- Blieszner, R. (2005, November). The intersections of family and friendship: Focus on diversity in structure and process. In K. Kopera-Frye (Chair), *The multiple meanings of family in later life*. Panel presentation at the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix.
- Blieszner, R., & Roberto, K. A. (2005, November). *Family responses to mild cognitive impairment*. Paper presented at the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix.
- Brossoie, N. E., Mancini, J. A., Roberto, K. A., Blieszner, M., & Stevenson, M. (2005, November). *A model for sense of community among older adults*. Presentation at the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix.
- Winston, B. L., Roberto, K. A., Wilcox, K. L., & Blieszner, R. (2005, November). The influence of mild cognitive impairment on marital relationships. *The Gerontologist*, 45(Special Issue II), 451-452. (Gerontological Society of America, Orlando).
- Winston, B. L., Roberto, K. A., Blieszner, R., Wilcox, K. L., & Kim, K. Y. (2005, October). *Needs and concerns of family care partners of persons with mild cognitive impairment*. Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine Research Recognition Day, Blacksburg.
- Roberto, K. A., & Blieszner, R. (2005, August). Personal and social characteristics affect family responses to MCI. Paper presented in R. Blieszner (Chair), *Family responses to mild cognitive impairment*. Symposium presented at the 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.
- Roberts, J., & Blieszner, R. (2005, March). *Infusion of gerontology content: An ethical imperative*. Presentation at the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, Orlando.
- Blieszner, R., & Ramsey, J. L. (2004, November). Dimensions of spiritual resiliency in American and German aged men. In J. Sinnott & H. R. Moody (Symposium Chairs), Spirituality, feeling connected, psychosocial development, and aging. *The Gerontologist*, 44(Special Issue I), 616. (Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC).
- de Vries, B., Blieszner, R., & Adams, R. G. (2004, November). The cultural context of friendship definitions in the third age. *The Gerontologist*, 44(Special Issue I), 620-621. (Gerontological

Society of America, Washington, DC).

Roberts, J., & Blieszner, R. (2004, November). Woven threads: Infusing gerontology into social work education. *The Gerontologist*, 44(Special Issue I), 203-204. (Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC).

Wilcox, K. L., Roberto, K. A., Winston, B. L., & Blieszner, R. (2004, November). Caregivers of persons with mild cognitive impairment: Information and support needs. *The Gerontologist*, 44(Special Issue I), 575. (Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC).

Blieszner, R., & Roberto, K. A. (2004, July). *Personal and social resources and well being among informal care recipients*. Presentation at the 112<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Psychological Association, Honolulu.

Blieszner, R., & Roberto, K. A. (2004, July). *Influences on psychological well being for elders receiving family assistance*. Presentation at the International Association for Relationship Research Conference, Madison, WI.

Weaver, B. L., Roberto, K. A., & Blieszner, R. (2004, April). *Planning for the future: Family perspectives of the diagnosis of mild cognitive impairment*. Presentation at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, Atlanta.

Roberto, K. A., Blieszner, R., Jarrott, S. E., & Piercy, K. W. (2004, February). *Facilitating faculty-student research teams: Successful strategies and common challenges*. Presentation at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Educational Leadership Conference of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Richmond, VA.

Blieszner, R. (2003, November). Interdisciplinary collaboration for improved research outcomes. In T. Baker (Symposium Chair), Exploring new and old theories of aging: Why do we need theory in research? *The Gerontologist*, 43(Special Issue I), 73. (Gerontological Society of America, San Diego).

Blieszner, R., & Roberto, K. A. (2003, November). Variations on family care networks. In V. Bedford (Symposium Chair), The family care networks of older adults: Beyond the principal caregiver. *The Gerontologist*, 43(Special Issue I), 539. (Gerontological Society of America, San Diego).

Blieszner, R., Roberto, K. A., Love-Norris, D., Rogers, S., & Fruhauf, C. A. (2003, November). Rural older adults' previous help and support experiences: Influences on attitudes about current and future assistance. *The Gerontologist*, 43(Special Issue I), 171-172. (Gerontological Society of America, San Diego).

Brossoie, N., Mancini, J. A., Roberto, K. A., & Blieszner, R. (2003, November). Community connections and sense of community among older adults. *The Gerontologist*, 43(Special Issue I), 211-212. (Gerontological Society of America, San Diego).

Roberto, K. A., & Blieszner, R. (2002, November). *Relationships matter: Multiple helpers in the lives of rural elders*. *The Gerontologist*, 42(Special Issue I), 71. (Gerontological Society of America, Boston).

Blieszner, R., & Roberto, K. (2002, October). *What about elders who have no informal or formal support?* Virginia Public Health Association, Fairfax, VA.

Blieszner, R. (2002, August). *Longitudinal follow-up of research participants*. Poster presented at the 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Chicago.

- Shlien-Dellinger, R., & Blieszner, R. (2002, August). *Cost-efficient methods of providing aging course work to psychology students*. Poster presented at the 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Chicago.
- Blieszner, R., Roberto, K. A., Teaster, P. B., & Jarrott, S. E. (2002, July). Case study on informed consent, risks and benefits to participants, and dual role of participants and researchers. In D. Braithwaite & L. Olsen (Chairs), *Ethical issues in personal relationships research in health contexts*. Invited plenary symposium presented at the 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Personal Relationships, Halifax.
- Roberto, K. A., & Blieszner, R. (2002, July). *When health declines: Family and friends as helpers of rural older adults*. Paper presented at the 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Personal Relationships, Halifax.
- Roberto, K. A., & Blieszner, R. (2002, March). *Taking research to the streets: Developing policy briefs for community leaders*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Pittsburgh.
- Blieszner, R., & Ramsey, J. (2001, November). Uncovering spiritual resiliency through feminist qualitative methods. In S. McFadden (Symposium Chair), *Epistemological stirrings in the study of spirituality and aging*. *The Gerontologist*, 41(Special Issue I), 172-173. (Gerontological Society of America, Chicago).
- Roberto, K. A., Blieszner, R., Singh, K., & Fikretoglu, D. (2001, November). *The helping networks of rural elders: Demographic and social psychological influences*. *The Gerontologist*, 41(Special Issue I), 174. (Gerontological Society of America, Chicago).
- Shlien-Dellinger, R. K., & Blieszner, R. (2001, November). Is competency in aging studies required for APA accreditation? *The Gerontologist*, 41(Special Issue I), 342. (Gerontological Society of America, Chicago).
- Blieszner, R., & Roberto, K. A. (2001, August). *Well being and coping strategies of elders without informal support*. Presented at the 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco.
- Blieszner, R., & Roberto, K. A. (2001, June). *What about elders who have no formal or informal support?* Presented at the meeting of the International Network on Personal Relationships, Prescott, AZ.
- Allen, K. R., Blieszner, R., & Roberto, K. A. (2000, November). *Kin upgrading in older families: Mixing modern and postmodern relationships*. Paper presented at the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis.
- Blieszner, R., Roberto, K.A., & Allen, K. R. (2000, November). Resources for research, policy, practice, and education in family gerontology. In J. Sandberg (Symposium Chair), *Moving beyond basic research in family gerontology: Applications and interventions*. *The Gerontologist*, 40(Special Issue), 85. (Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC).
- Roberto, K. A., Allen, K. R., & Blieszner, R. (2000, November). Research trends in family gerontology: What we've learned, challenges ahead. *The Gerontologist*, 40(Special Issue), 192-193. (Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC).
- Blieszner, R., Roberts, J., Viers-Yaun, D., & Walsh, S. (2000, March). *They're at it again: Family stress*

- and conflict reduction strategies*. Workshop presented at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, Raleigh, NC.
- Artale, L. M., & Blieszner, R. (2000, February). *Service-learning in undergraduate courses on aging: strategies and benefits*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Myrtle Beach, SC.
- Jarrott, S. E., & Blieszner, R. (2000, February). *Creating a family in the classroom: An active learning approach*. Roundtable presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Myrtle Beach, SC.
- Blieszner, R., & Artale, L. (1999, November). Contributions of service-learning to knowledge and attitudes about aging. In R. Blieszner (Symposium Chair), Gerontology in the "Real World": Models of experiential pedagogy. *The Gerontologist*, 39(Special Issue I), 114. (Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco).
- Roberto, K. A., Blieszner, R., & Allen, K. R. (1999, November). *Older men, their children, and grandchildren: Diversity within family relationships*. Poster presented at the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Irvine, CA.
- Allan, G., Blieszner, R., Canary, D. J., Hendrick, S. S., Noller, P., & Orbuch, T. (1999, June). *The implications of gender similarities and differences for interpersonal relationships*. Panel discussion presented at the INPR/ISSPR Conference, Louisville.
- Blieszner, R., Roberto, K. A., & Allen, K. R. (1998, November). Older adults' preferences for future care: Familial support versus formal plans. In J. P. Reinhardt (Symposium Chair), Positive and negative support: Implications for well-being in later life. *The Gerontologist*, 38(Special Issue I), 352. (Gerontological Society of America, Philadelphia).
- Blieszner, R., Roberto, K. R., & Allen, K. A. (1998, August). Complexity within and between generations: Implications for grandparent-grandchild relationships. In K. L. Fingerma (Chair), *Diversity and complexities in grandparents' psychological experiences*. Symposium presented at the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco.
- Blieszner, R., & Teaster, P. B. (1998, August). Promises and pitfalls of the interactive television approach in adult development and aging. In K. Collins & R. Blieszner (Co-chairs), *Old age meets the cutting edge: The use of electronic technology in teaching adult development and aging*. Symposium presented at the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco.
- Allen, K. R., Blieszner, R., & Roberto, K. A. (1998, June). *Older adults' experiences of family diversity*. Paper presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Personal Relationships, Saratoga Springs, NY.
- Allen, K. R., Blieszner, R. & Roberto, K. A. (1998, May). *Older adults' responses to nonnormative family events: An in-depth analysis of family change*. Paper presented at the Conference of the International Network on Personal Relationships, Norman, OK.
- Blieszner, R., Roberto, K. A., & Allen, K. R. (1998, April). *Older adults' perceptions of challenging family events*. Paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society Meetings, Atlanta.
- Allan, G., Bedford, V. H., Blieszner, R., Kurth, S., & Schwartz, P. (1998, April). *Engaging psychologists in sociological dialogue about relationships*. Panel discussion presented at the Southern Sociological Society Meetings, Atlanta.

- Roberto, K. A., Blieszner, R., & Allen, K. R. (1998, April). *Developing and maintaining supportive family relationships of older women*. Paper presented at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, Chattanooga.
- Usita, P. M., Blieszner, R., & Roberto, K. A. (1998, February). *Alumni perspectives of a graduate certificate in gerontology program*. Paper presented at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Winston-Salem, NC.
- Adams, R., & Blieszner, R. (1997, November). Cohort identity and friendship interaction: Hypotheses for baby boomer relationships. In D. L. Morgan (Symposium Chair), *The baby boom at midlife and beyond*. *The Gerontologist*, 37(Special Issue I), 236. (Gerontological Society of America, Cincinnati).
- Blieszner, R. (1997, November). Lifespan perspectives on aging parent-adult child coresidency. In A. B. Lee & S. D. Levy (Chairs), *Parent/Adult Child Coresidence: Consequences of Grown Children in Parental Households for Mid- and Later-life Parenthood and Family Socialization*. Symposium presented at the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Crystal City, VA.
- Blieszner, R., & Buffer, L. (1997, November). Student responses to writing intensive courses in adult development and aging. In S. K. Whitbourne & G. Smith (Symposium Chairs), *Teaching undergraduate gerontology courses: Formulas for success*. *The Gerontologist*, 37(Special Issue I), 85. (Gerontological Society of America, Cincinnati).
- de Vries, B., Adams, R. G., & Blieszner, R. (1997, November). Older adults' definitions of friendship in two north American cities. *The Gerontologist*, 37(Special Issue I), 276. (Gerontological Society of America, Cincinnati).
- Usita, P. M., & Blieszner, R. (1997, November). Communication in adult immigrant mother-American daughter relationships. *The Gerontologist*, 37(Special Issue I), 87. (Gerontological Society of America, Cincinnati).
- Usita, P. M., & Blieszner, R. (1997, November). *Immigrant Japanese women: Stories of motherhood challenges*. Paper presented at the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Crystal City, VA.
- Speice, J., Shields, C., & Blieszner, R. (1997, March). *The effects of family communication patterns during the middle phase of Alzheimer's disease*. Paper presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Family Therapy, Jerusalem, Israel.
- Cachaper, C., & Blieszner, R. (1997, April). *Intimacy in older adult friendships*. Paper presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, Norfolk, VA.
- Ramsey, J. L., & Blieszner, R. (1996, November). *Community, affect, and family relations: A cross-cultural study of older women's spiritual resiliency*. Paper presented at the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Kansas City, MO.
- Blieszner, R. (1996, August). Resources and strategies for teaching family gerontology topics. In R. Blieszner (Chair), *Innovative approaches to teaching adult development and aging*. Symposium presented at the 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Toronto.
- Blieszner, R., & Usita, P. (1996, August). Social exchange and psychological well-being in late life. In S. O. Gaines (Chair), *Interpersonal resource exchange in personal relationships: Conceptual and*

- empirical advances*. Symposium presented at the meeting of the International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships, Banff, Canada.
- Adams, R. G., & Blieszner, R. (1996, August). Structural predictors of problematic friendship in later life. In D. L. Morgan (Chair), *Positive and negative aspects of relationships*. Symposium presented at the meeting of the International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships, Banff, Canada.
- Usita, P. M., Blieszner, R., & Mancini, J. A. (1996, February). *Diversity and dynamics in late-life mother-daughter relationships*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Philadelphia.
- Adams, R. G., & Blieszner, R. (1995, November). Structural characteristics of older adult friendship networks. *The Gerontologist*, 35(Special Issue I), 426. (Gerontological Society of America, Los Angeles).
- Blieszner, R., Adams, R. G., & Morris, H. (1995, November). Problems with friends in old age. In K. Fingerman (Symposium Chair), *Negative aspects of social relations in later life*. *The Gerontologist*, 35(Special Issue I), 66-67. (Gerontological Society of America, Los Angeles).
- Marshall-Baker, A., Lytton, R., Benson, M., Blieszner, R., Buffer, L., Giddings, V., Parsons, B., & Thye, F. (1995, August). Synergy and collaboration: Innovative writing techniques in Human Resources courses. Paper presented at the Fall Symposium, *Collaboration: Opportunities for growth*, College of Human Resources, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg.
- Blieszner, R. (1995, August). Writing intensive need not be instructor oppressive: Using student writing to enhance teaching and learning. In S. K. Whitbourne (Chair), *Innovative approaches to teaching adult development and aging*. Symposium presented at the 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, New York.
- Reinhardt, J. P., & Blieszner, R. (1995, August). *From research to practice: Social support in chronically impaired elders*. Poster presented at the 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, New York.
- Adams, R. G., & Blieszner, R. (1994, November). Older adult friendship patterns and mental health. *The Gerontologist*, 34(Special Issue II), 68. (Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta).
- Bedford, V. H., & Blieszner, R. (Symposium Chairs). (1994, November). Family and aging: The interface between theory and methods. *The Gerontologist*, 34(Special Issue II), 241. (Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta).
- Blieszner, R. (1994, November). Cognitive, affective, and behavioral processes in later life friendship. In J. P. Reinhardt & R. Blieszner (Symposium Chairs), *Dynamics and diversity in later life friendship*. *The Gerontologist*, 34(Special Issue II), 182-183. (Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta).
- Blieszner, R., & Daniels, J. L. (1994, August). *Attributions about friendship among older adults*. Poster presented at the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Los Angeles.
- Rojiani, R. H., & Blieszner, R. (1994, July). *Caregiving in later life: An attachment explanatory model*. Poster presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Personal Relationships, Groningen, The Netherlands.
- Blieszner, R. (1994, June). Friendship and psychological well-being in old age. In H. Grotevant & L.

- Krappmann (Chairs), *Intimate relationships across the life span*. Symposium presented at the XIII Biennial Meetings of the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development, Amsterdam.
- Adams, R. G., & Blieszner, R. (1994, April). *Improving friendships*. Paper presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, Charlottesville.
- Rojiani, R. H., & Blieszner, R. (1994, April). *Personal predictors of caregiving: Some implications for support interventions*. Paper presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, Charlottesville.
- Adams, R. G., & Blieszner, R. (1993, November). Older men's friendship patterns. *The Gerontologist*, 33(Special Issue II), 113. (Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans).
- Mancini, J. A., & Blieszner, R. (1993, November). Aging parents and adult children: Cohesion, companionship and conflict. In J. Dwyer (Chair), *Perspectives on the family and intergenerational exchange*. Symposium presented at the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Baltimore.
- Blieszner, R., Adams, R. G., & Faulconer, L. A. (1993, April). *Exploring new frontiers in friendship and well-being*. Paper presented at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, Richmond.
- Blieszner, R. (Symposium Chair and Discussant). (1992, November). The family context of health challenges in an aging society. *The Gerontologist*, 32(Special Issue II), 11. (Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC).
- Blieszner, R. (1992, November). Feminist perspectives on adult friendship. In D. L. Sollie & L. Leslie (Chairs), *Feminist perspectives on studying interpersonal relationships: Conceptual and methodological issues*. Symposium presented at the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Orlando.
- Blieszner, R., & Adams, R. G. (1992, November). Seeking the connection between late-life friendship and health: Research trends and future directions. *The Gerontologist*, 32(Special Issue II), 139. (Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC).
- Blieszner, R., & Adams, R. G. (1992, August). *Friendship processes in adulthood and old age*. Paper presented at the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.
- Blieszner, R. (1992, July). Feminist perspectives on friendship patterns. In D. L. Sollie & L. Leslie (Chairs), *Feminist Perspectives on Studying Interpersonal Relationships: Conceptual and Methodological Issues in Current Research*. Symposium presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Personal Relationships, Orono, ME.
- Adams, R. G., & Blieszner, R. (1992, July). *A model of friendship interventions*. Paper presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Personal Relationships, Orono, ME.
- Hill, P. P., Lovingood, R. P., & Blieszner, R. (1992, July). *Household task performance and coping during widowhood: Is there a link?* Paper presented at the XVII International Federation of Home Economics Conference, Hannover, Germany.
- Adams, R. G., & Blieszner, R. (1992, April). *An integrated model of friendship*. Paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society Conference, New Orleans.

- Blieszner, R. (1991, November). A feminist analysis of widowhood. In T. M. Calasanti (Symposium Chair), Bringing gender relations into gerontology research and practice. *The Gerontologist*, 31(Special Issue II), 148. (Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco).
- Blieszner, R., & Mancini, J. A. (1991, November). Parenting in the later years: Rewards and challenges. In C. D. Ryff (Symposium Chair), Parenthood in middle and later adulthood: Normative and nonnormative experiences. *The Gerontologist*, 31(Special Issue II), 120. (Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco).
- Mancini, J. A., & Blieszner, R. (1991, November). *What relationships provide: Why it is important to be with others*. Paper presented at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Denver.
- Blieszner, R., & Xiang, N. (1991, November). *Perspectives on everyday household tasks: The views of widows and widowers*. Paper presented at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Denver.
- Fu, V. R., Stremmel, A. J., Allen, K. R., Francis, A. J., Stone, T. J., DeBord, K. B., Sawyers, J. K., Cherian, M. G., Roberts, D. V., Dillard, C. L., & Blieszner, R. (1991, November). *Exploring multicultural education in a culturally diverse society: A sociocultural perspective*. Seminar presented at the Annual Conference of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Denver.
- Blieszner, R., & Mancini, J. A. (1991, May). Developmental perspectives on relationship loss. In T. Orbuch (Chair), *Close relationship loss*. Symposium presented at the Third Iowa Network on Personal Relationships Conference, Normal, IL.
- Blieszner, R., & Adams, R. G. (1991, March). *Structure and process in friendship: Implications for policy and practice*. Paper presented at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, Atlanta.
- Hubbard, W. S., Blieszner, R., & London, J. W. (1991, March). *Does living without indoor plumbing increase the risk of institutionalization?: Case studies of older adults in Appalachia*. Paper presented at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, Atlanta.
- Hill, P. P., Lovingood, R. P., & Blieszner, R. (1991, February). *Task performance during widowhood: An empirical model*. Paper presented at the Southeastern Regional Family Economics/Home Management Conference, Auburn, AL.
- Bromley, M., Blieszner, R., & Stoller, E. (1990, November). Planning for long term care: Filial behavior and relationship quality of adult children with independent parents. *The Gerontologist*, 30(Special Issue), 32A. (Gerontological Society of America, Boston).
- Blieszner, R. (1990, July). Friendship processes in adulthood: A decade review. In R. Blieszner (Chair), *Adult and old age friendship research*. Symposium presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Personal Relationships, Oxford, England.
- Blieszner, R. (Chair and Discussant). (1990, March). *Family caregiving: Defining links between research and practice*. Symposium presented at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, Orlando.
- Benson, M. J., Mancini, J. A., & Blieszner, R. (1990, March). *The effects of social support and parent-child relationships on the well-being of elderly adults*. Paper presented at the Conference on

Human Development, Richmond, VA.

- Blieszner, R., & Grossman, M. P. (1989, November). Predictors of loneliness for widowed elders: A symbolic interactionist perspective. *The Gerontologist*, 29(Special Issue), 113A. (Gerontological Society of America, Minneapolis).
- Blieszner, R., & Grossman, M. P. (1989, November). *Loneliness in widowhood among elders: The importance of intimacy and self-esteem*. Paper presented at the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, New Orleans.
- Alley, J. M., & Blieszner, R. (1989, November). *Family caregiving: Family strains, coping response patterns, and caregiver burden*. Paper presented at the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, New Orleans.
- Hill, P. P., Lovingood, R. P., & Blieszner, R. (1989, November). *Gender differences in role changes after widowhood*. Paper presented at the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, New Orleans.
- Blieszner, R. (1989, June). Friend interaction and loneliness after relocation. In L. C. Mullins & E. C. de Lehr (Co-chairs), *Cross-national studies of loneliness and isolation of older persons*. Symposium presented at the XIV International Congress of Gerontology, Acapulco.
- Hamon, R. R., & Blieszner, R. (1989, June). *Filial role enactment by adult children*. Paper presented at the XIV International Congress of Gerontology, Acapulco.
- Blieszner, R. (1989, April). Co-editorial collaboration. In R. G. Adams (Chair), *The editorial process*. Symposium presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, Charleston, SC.
- Blieszner, R. (1988, November). Gender issues in widowhood. In T. M. Calasanti (Symposium Chair), *Incorporating gender into research and theory on aging*. *The Gerontologist*, 28(Special Issue), 52A. (Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA).
- Mullins, L. C., Blieszner, R., & Slorah, P. (1988, November). Loneliness and family and friend relations: A study of older persons in congregate housing. *The Gerontologist*, 28(Special Issue), 52A. (Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco).
- Marek, L., Blieszner, R., & Lovingood, R. P. (1988, November). *Adjustment to widowhood: Effects of lifestyle continuity*. Paper presented at the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Philadelphia.
- Alley, J. M., & Blieszner, R. (1988, October). *Quality assurance in case management: A family caregiving perspective in home health care for the elderly*. Paper presented at the Conference on Issues in Home Health Care, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.
- Blieszner, R. (1988, July). *Developmental processes of friendship*. Paper presented at the Fourth International Conference on Personal Relationships, Vancouver.
- Hill, P. P., Lovingood, R. P., & Blieszner, R. (1988, June). *Household task performance continuity during widowhood*. Paper presented at the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Exposition of the American Home Economics Association, Baltimore. Published in J. E. Gritzmacher & R. P. Lovingood (Eds.), *1988 AHEA Annual Meeting Research Abstracts*. Bloomington, IL: Meridian Research Corporation.

- Grossman, M. P., Blieszner, R., & Lovingood, R. P. (1988, April). *Loneliness in widowhood*. Paper presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, Atlanta.
- Blieszner, R., McConatha, D., Mullins, L. C., Suggs, P. K., & Teitelman, J. (1988, April). *Educating for employment: The future for academic training in gerontology*. Roundtable discussion presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, Atlanta.
- Price, S. J., & Blieszner, R. (1988, April). *The impact of social support on older men's adjustment to widowhood*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Virginia Home Economics Association, Roanoke, VA.
- Blieszner, R. (1987, November). Future research on late life friendship. In R. G. Adams (Symposium Chair), Friendship in later adulthood. *The Gerontologist*, 27(Special Issue), 126A-127A. (Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC).
- Blieszner, R., & Bass, B. B. (1987, November). *Commitment to care: Families with Alzheimer's Disease patients*. Paper presented at the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Atlanta.
- Blieszner, R., & Hayes, B. (1987, April). *College student' attitudes toward older adults as a function of contact and information*. Paper presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, New Orleans.
- Mancini, J. A., & Blieszner, R. (1986, November). Successful aging and close relationships with children. *The Gerontologist*, 26(5, Special Issue), 166A. (Gerontological Society of America, Chicago).
- Mancini, J. A., Blieszner, R., & Thompson, L. (1986, November). *The relationships that older mothers and fathers have with their daughters and sons*. Paper presented at the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Dearborn, MI.
- Blieszner, R., & Mancini, J. A. (1986, August). *Need for social approval and psychological well-being among older adults*. Paper presented at the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC
- Blieszner, R., & Mancini, J. A. (1986, July). *Older adults' perceptions of parental rights and responsibilities*. Paper presented at the Third International Conference on Personal Relationships, Herzlia, Israel.
- Blieszner, R., & Shifflett, P. (1986, April). *The effects of Alzheimer's disease on close relationships between patients and caregivers*. Paper presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, Norfolk, VA.
- Shifflett, P. A., & Blieszner, R. (1986, April). *Stigma and Alzheimer's disease: Types and behavioral consequences for families*. Paper presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, Norfolk, VA.
- Blieszner, R., & Mancini, J. A. (1985, November). The Social Provisions Scale: Assessing the functions of older adults' close relationships. *The Gerontologist*, 25(5, Special Issue), 120. (Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans).
- Mancini, J. A., Thompson, L., Blieszner, R. & Travis, S. S. (1985, November). *Measurement of affection and antagonism in aged parent-adult child relations*. Paper presented at the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Dallas.

- McAuley, W. J., & Blieszner, R. (1985, July). *Behavioral interdependence in the social networks of older adults*. Paper presented at the XIIIth International Congress of Gerontology, New York.
- McAuley, W. J., & Blieszner, R. (1985). A comparison of rural and urban elderly's expressed preferences for long-term care arrangements. *Sociological Abstracts*, 33(3, suppl. 135), 31. (Rural Sociological Society, Blacksburg, VA).
- Deaton, A., & Blieszner, R. (1985, February). *Researching the relationship between life satisfaction of older adults and their participation in volunteer activities*. Paper presented at the Life-long Learning Conference, University of Maryland, College Park.
- Habegger, C. E., & Blieszner, R. (1984, November). Social correlates of reminiscence in late life. *The Gerontologist*, 24(5, Special Issue), 207. (Gerontological Society of America, San Antonio).
- Blieszner, R. (1984, October). Trends in family gerontology research. In L. Isbell (Chair), *Family gerontology - new directions in a new era*. Symposium conducted at the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, San Francisco.
- Blieszner, R., & Thompson, L. (1984, July). *Processes and consequences of friendship development among relocated older adults*. Paper presented at the Second International Conference on Personal Relationships, Madison, WI.
- McAuley, W. J., & Blieszner, R. (1984, April). *Selection of long term care arrangements by older community residents*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Knoxville, TN.
- Blieszner, R., & Thompson, L. (1983, November). Friendship development and loneliness in a new retirement community. *The Gerontologist*, 23(5, Special Issue), 180-181. (Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco).
- Deaton, A., & Blieszner, R. (1983, March). *Volunteer activity and life satisfaction among the elderly*. Paper presented at the Second Annual Blueprints Conference: Promoting Healthful Aging, Temple University Long Term Care Center, Philadelphia, PA.
- Blieszner, R. (1982, October). *Expected and actual reciprocity of resource exchanges in the social networks of elderly women*. Paper presented at the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Washington, DC.
- Blieszner, R. (1981, November). Aging and interdependence: A theoretical model for close relationships. *The Gerontologist*, 21(5, Special Issue), 95. (Gerontological Society of America, Toronto). [Reprinted, (1982) ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED 217 360].
- Willis, S. L., & Blieszner, R. (1981, August). *Plasticity and enhancement of intellectual functioning in old age: Penn State's Adult Development and Enrichment Project (ADEPT)*. Paper presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meetings of the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development, Toronto.
- Blow, F. C., Blieszner, R., Willis, S. L., & Baltes, P. B. (1981, July). *Short-term longitudinal cognitive training research*. Paper presented at the XII International Congress of Gerontology, Hamburg.
- Blieszner, R. (1981, July). *Social relationships and life satisfaction in late adulthood*. Paper presented at the XII International Congress of Gerontology, Hamburg.
- Blieszner, R. (1980, November). Assessing qualities of social relationships. *The Gerontologist*, 20(5, Pt.

II), 68. (Gerontological Society of America, San Diego).

Blieszner, R., & Szinovacz, M. E. (1979, November). Women's adjustment to retirement. *The Gerontologist*, 19(5, Pt. II), 45. (Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC).

Willis, S. L., Blieszner, R., & Baltes, P. B. (1979, November). Training research in aging: Modification of intellectual performance on a fluid ability component. *The Gerontologist*, 19(5, Pt. II), 164. (Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC).

Willis, S. L., Blieszner, R., & Baltes, P. B. (1978, November). Training research on figural relations and induction abilities in aging: Short-term longitudinal studies. *The Gerontologist*, 18(5, Pt. II), 158. (Gerontological Society of America, Dallas).

Willis, S. L., & Blieszner, R. (1978, August). *Modifiability of fluid intelligence in aging: A series of short-term longitudinal training studies*. Paper presented at the XI International Congress of Gerontology, Tokyo.

Szinovacz, M. E., & Blieszner, R. (1978, August). *Female employment status and female retirement: Neglected dimensions in family developmental theories*. Paper presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Sociology, Uppsala.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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Blieszner, R. (2015, November). The importance of taking a lifespan perspective in adult sibling relationship research. Discussant comments in V. Bedford (Chair), *Aging as a lifelong process: How lifelong sibling relationships (including twins) affect later life*. Symposium presented at the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Orlando.

Blieszner, R. (2015, January). It's a family affair: Mild Cognitive Impairment in late life. Invited keynote address at the Gerontological Society of America & Chinese University of Hong Kong conference, *Putting aging research and clinical practice in cultural context*. Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.

Blieszner, R. (2014, September). Resilience and psychological well-being in late life. Invited address at the Linking Gerontology and Geriatrics Conference, *Breaking the silence: Elder abuse, care, and resilience*. Oklahoma State University, College of Human Sciences, Stillwater.

Blieszner, R. (2014, February). Demographic change: Effects on families and societies. Keynote speaker for the International Symposium on *Solidarity between young and elderly citizens creating and living a joint future – the contribution of older persons*. International Federation for Home Economics, Fulda, Germany.

Blieszner, R. (2013, April). *Caring for relatives with Mild Cognitive Impairment*. Invited address at the Sino-US Forum on the Psychology of Aging, Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China.

Blieszner, R. (2103, April), *Families and Mild Cognitive Impairment: Concepts and methods for research*. Invited presentation at the Tianjin Normal University Psychology Department, Tianjin, China.

Blieszner, R. (2013, March). *That's what friends are for: How friends affect health and well-being*. Keynote speaker for the Russell B. Clark Gerontology Conference, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.

- Blieszner, R. (2013, March). *Family responses to mild cognitive impairment*. Invited research presentation, Gerontology Program, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.
- Blieszner, R. (2012, November). The importance of translational science. Discussant comments in R. Allen (Chair), *Participatory research and translation of intervention trials near the end of life*. Symposium presented at the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Diego.
- Blieszner, R. (2012, September). *That's what friends are for – The value of close relationships throughout life*. Invited Sixth Annual Aging Lecture, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, West Virginia University, Morgantown.
- Blieszner, R. (2012, September). *What do you think is going on? Family triad perceptions of mild cognitive impairment*. Invited lecture, Departments of Communication Studies, Psychology, and Social Work, West Virginia University, Morgantown.
- Blieszner, R. (2011, November). Intergenerational family relationships. Discussant comments in J. R. Smith (Chair), *Intergenerational relationships in later life: Changing norms and changing contexts*. Symposium presented at the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston.
- Blieszner, R. (2010, November). Sources and types of relationship data. Discussant comments in J. Wagner & F. R. Lang (Co-chairs), *Social relationship dynamics in aging-related life conditions*. Symposium presented at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans.
- Blieszner, R. (2010, October). Contributions of spiritual resiliency to aging well. Invited presentation at the Fall Symposium, *Relationships and resilience in later life: Mechanisms for optimal aging*, Center on Aging and the Life Course, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.
- Blieszner, R. (2009, December). *Commencement address*. Virginia Tech Undergraduate Commencement, Blacksburg.
- Blieszner, R. (2009, June). *Contributions of close relationships to health and well being in later life*. Invited presentation at the Families and Health: New Directions in Research and Theory Conference, co-sponsored by the National Center for Marriage Research and NICHD. National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD.
- Blieszner, R. (2008, November). Preparing and submitting manuscripts. In *How to publish*. Workshop presented at the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, National Harbor, MD.
- Blieszner, R. (2008, November). Strengths of the Family Exchanges Study. Discussant comments in K. Fingerma (Chair), *Who gives a (blank): New findings from the Family Exchanges Study*. Symposium presented at the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, National Harbor, MD.
- Blieszner, R. (Chair). (2008, August). *Responding to the challenges of aging: Lessons from psychology, medicine, and law*. Presidential symposium organized for the 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston.
- Blieszner, R. (2007, December). *Complex reactions to an ambiguous condition: Family responses to Mild Cognitive Impairment*. Center for Mental Health and Aging Scientific Seminar Series, University

of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

- Blieszner, R. (2007, November). Preparing and submitting manuscripts. In *How to publish*. Workshop presented at the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco.
- Blieszner, R. (2007, October). *Complex reactions to an ambiguous condition: Family responses to Mild Cognitive Impairment*. Department of Family Social Science Colloquium, University of Minnesota, St. Paul.
- Blieszner, R. (2007, June). *Who are the aging families?* Presentation at the 2007 National Clinical Geropsychology Conference, Colorado Springs.
- Blieszner, R. (2007, May). *Family responses to mild cognitive impairment and future directions in family gerontology research*. Presentation at the Human Environmental Sciences Research Symposium, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.
- Blieszner, R. (2007, January). *Family caregivers and mild cognitive impairment*. Presentation at the Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology Colloquium Series, Detroit.
- Blieszner, R. (2006, November). New approaches to research on religion, spirituality, and aging. Discussant comments in M. Brennan (Chair), *Religion, spirituality, and social support among middle-aged and older adults: The confluence of personal and social resources*. Symposium presented at the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Dallas.
- Blieszner, R. (2005, November). The intersections of family and friendship: Focus on diversity in structure and process. In K. Kopera-Frye (Chair), *The multiple meanings of families in later life*. Symposium presented at 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix.
- Blieszner, R. (2005, November). Venturing into uncharted territory in social behavioral and cognitive aging research. Discussant comments in K. E. Cichy & K. L. Fingerman (Chairs), *A picture tells a thousand words: Observation studies in gerontological research*. Symposium presented at the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Orlando.
- Blieszner, R. (2005, September). *Research on close relationships and health*. Presentation for the VT Alumni Association Chapter Officers' Forum, Blacksburg.
- Blieszner, R. (2005, February). *Why are close relationships important for health?* Presentation for the Virginia Tech Focus on Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series, Blacksburg.
- Blieszner, R. (2004, November). Filial norms and filial contexts. Discussant comments. In D. Gans & M. Silverstein (Chairs), *Filial norms toward intergenerational support of the aged: Contextual approaches*. Symposium presented at the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC.
- Blieszner, R. (2004, March). *Family involvement in elder care arrangements: Lessons from rural Southwest Virginia*. Presentation at the Gerontology Colloquium, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park.
- Blieszner, R. (2003, June). *Caring and sharing: The special role of friends*. Presentation at the Women's Health Virginia 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Women's Health, Charlottesville, VA.
- Blieszner, R. (2003, June). *The promises and perils of friendship*. Presentation at the Circle of Excellence

- Retreat: Virginia Tech Women Making a Difference, Office of University Development. The Homestead, Hot Springs, VA.
- Blieszner, R. (2003, May). *Celebrating 25 years of gerontology education, research, and outreach at Virginia Tech*. Speech to the Old Guard Reunion, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg.
- Blieszner, R. (2001, November). Integrating social and cognitive research on families. Discussant comments. In B. Carpenter (Chair), *Decision making in late life families*. Symposium presented at the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston.
- Blieszner, R. (2001, November; 2002, February). *Striving for excellence in higher education: National trends and how they affect your career*. Presentation to the Departments of Human Development and Sociology, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg.
- Blieszner, R. (2001, November). Varieties and benefits of interdependence among middle-aged and older married couples. Discussant comments. In A. Townsend & B. Miller (Co-chairs), *Highlighting interdependence in mid life and late life married couples*. Symposium presented at the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Chicago.
- Blieszner, R. (2000, November). From theory and research to practice: The need for a public education campaign on elders' care planning. Discussant comments. In S. Sörensen & M. Pinguart (Co-chairs), *Planning for the future: Preparation for care needs by older adults and their families*. Symposium presented at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC.
- Blieszner, R. (2000, June). "A family is a circle of friends who love you:" *Circles and cycles of close relationships in old age*. Keynote address, 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Personal Relationships, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.
- Blieszner, R., & Ramsey, J. (2000, April). *Research and practice: Resiliency and spirituality in women*. Lecture presented at the conference on Spirituality: Education, Research, and Practice at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Nursing, Richmond.
- Blieszner, R. (1999, November). Stability and change in adult parent-child relationships: Discussant comments. In D. Field (Chair), *Parent-child relationships in older families: Reports from both generations*. Symposium presented at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA.
- Blieszner, R., Piercy, K. W., & Bedford, V. H. (1999, November). *Advising, mentoring, and doing qualitative theses and dissertations: Issues, concerns, and problems*. Round table presentation for the Qualitative Research Interest Group, 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco.
- Blieszner, R. (1999, October). *Spirituality and resilience among old women*, Presentation at the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies Faculty Affiliates Seminar, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg.
- Blieszner, R. (1999, April). *The many faces of family relationships in old age*. Presentation at the Gerontology Colloquium, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park.
- Blieszner, R. (1999, January). *Spiritual resiliency in older women*. Lecture presented at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Blacksburg.

- Blieszner, R. (1998, November). *How to get started in grant writing*. Session presented at the Students/New Professionals Skills Exchange, 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Milwaukee.
- Blieszner, R. (1998, April). *Engaging in cross-disciplinary dialogues*. Introduction of President Rebecca G. Adams, Southern Sociological Society Meeting, Atlanta.
- Blieszner, R. (1998, March). *Mental health issues of older adults and their families*. Presentation to Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Honor Society, Blacksburg, VA.
- Blieszner, R. (1998, February). *New approaches to undergraduate teaching*. Distinguished Teacher Lectures (2), 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Winston-Salem, NC.
- Ramsey, J. L., & Blieszner, R. (1997, October). *Spiritual resiliency in elderly women*. Presentation at the Gerontology Forum, Center for Gerontology, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg.
- Blieszner, R. (1997, April). *New directions in aging research*. Presentation at the Seniors Day Seminar on Healthy Aging Today and Tomorrow at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, Norfolk, VA.
- Blieszner, R. (1997, February). *The implications of friendship for mental health*. Presentation to the Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Center Psychology Service Staff Education Seminar, Salem, VA.
- Blieszner, R. (1996, September). *That's what friends are for: Well-being in the later years*, Invited keynote speaker. *Maintaining independent living in widowhood*, Invited workshop presenter. Pennsylvania/Delaware Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Grantham, PA.
- Blieszner, R. (1996, February). *Problems in late life friendship*. Presentation at the Gerontology Forum, Center for Gerontology, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg.
- Blieszner, R. (1995, November). *Enhancing the reliability of relationship data: Some examples from real research*. Presentation in the preconference workshop, *Research Strategies for Studying Aging Families and Intergenerational Relationships: International Perspectives*, V. L. Bengtson (Chair), 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Los Angeles.
- Blieszner, R. (1995, November). *Friendships in later life*. Presentation in the preconference workshop, *Perspectives in Behavioral and Social Sciences Research*, P. Dilworth-Anderson (Chair), 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Los Angeles.
- Blieszner, R. (1995, September). *Friendship patterns in older adults*. Presentation at the Warm Hearth Gerontology Center Research Roundtable, Blacksburg, VA.
- Blieszner, R. (1995, September). *Identifying resources and services for older family members, whether they live locally or at a distance*. Presentation at the Virginia Tech Resource and Referral Service Seminar Series, Blacksburg.
- Blieszner, R. (1995, September). *Friendship processes and well-being in old age*. Presentation at the Psychology Department Colloquium, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA.
- Blieszner, R. (1995, April). *A close look at close friendships in old age*. Presentation at the Penn State Gerontology Colloquium, University Park.

- Blieszner, R. (1995, January). *Parent-child relationships and Friendship*. Invited instructor, Virginia Commonwealth University telecourse, Psychology of Aging, Family Issues session, Richmond.
- Blieszner, R. (1994, November). Discussant comments. *Multiple contexts of motherhood*. Paper session presented at the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis.
- Blieszner, R. (1994, October). Implications of population aging for the family. Presentation in the session, *Revitalizing America's Families*, College of Human Resources, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg.
- Blieszner, R. (1994, July). Discussant comments. In J. Smith & L. L. Carstensen (Chairs), *The self and social relationships in late adulthood*. Symposium presented at the XIII Biennial Meetings of the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development, Amsterdam.
- Blieszner, R. (1994, April). *Friendship and well-being in the later years of life*. Presentation at the Boston Society for Gerontologic Psychiatry, Boston.
- Blieszner, R. (1994, March). *Issues about aging*. Invited instructor, Virginia Tech Dimensions telecourse for high school students, Aging and Class session, Blacksburg.
- Blieszner, R. (1993, November). *Developing a successful program of research*. Presentation at the Student/New Professionals Development Forum, 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Baltimore.
- Blieszner, R. (1993, August). *Friendship patterns and psychological well-being in late adulthood*. Invited speaker, 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Toronto.
- Blieszner, R. (1993, April). *Close relationships as developmental processes: The sample case of friendship*. Presentation at the Department of Psychology Colloquium, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg.
- Blieszner, R. (1992, October). *Looking ahead/Looking back: Life-course unfolding of parenthood*. Invited participant, MacArthur Foundation Workshop on Mid-life Parenting, Chicago, IL.
- Blieszner, R. (1991, May). *Trends and future directions in adult friendship research*. Presentation at the Third International Network on Personal Relationships Conference, Normal, IL.
- Blieszner, R. (1991, March). *Trends and future research directions in older adult friendship research*. Invited workshop presented at the Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family, Panama City, FL.
- Lovingood, R. P., Blieszner, R., & Hill, P. P. (1988, March). *Continuity of household task performance during widowhood*. Presentation at the Gerontology Forum, Center for Gerontology, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg.
- Blieszner, R. (1987, October). *Filial maturity and responsibility for aging parents*. Presentation at the Virginia Home Economics Association Western Region Meeting, Mountain Lake.
- Blieszner, R. (1987, April). *Friendships in retirement communities*. Presentation at Social Issues and Aging: Contemporary Concerns in Practice and Research, the Second University of North Carolina at Greensboro Gerontology Conference, Greensboro.

- Blieszner, R. (1986, August). *Friends and lovers: The social psychology of close relationships*. Invited instructor, five-day Elderhostel course, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg.
- Blieszner, R. (1986, July). Chair, Panel Discussion: *Virginia's response to Alzheimer's disease*. Summer Institute on Aging, Center for Gerontology, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg.
- Blieszner, R. (1986, April). *Support for family caregivers*. Invited workshop leader, Belle Boone Beard Gerontology Conference, Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, VA.
- Blieszner, R. (1985, May). *What do retired people say about life after work?* Keynote Address, Meeting the Challenges of Aging II, University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service Conference, Lexington.
- Blieszner, R. (1985, May). *How to be a successful parent to your adult child*. Invited workshop leader, Meeting the Challenges of Aging II, University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service Conference, Lexington.
- Blieszner, R. (1984, August). *Friends and lovers: The social psychology of close relationships*. Invited instructor, five-day Elderhostel course, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg.
- Blieszner, R. (1983, November). *Friendship development in a retirement community*. Presentation at the Gerontology Forum, Center for Gerontology, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg.
- Blieszner, R. (1983, February). *Social relations and life satisfaction of older women*. Presentation to the Blue Ridge Education and Practice Council on Aging, Roanoke, VA.
- Blieszner, R. (1982, November). *Close relationships in late adulthood*. Presentation at the Gerontology Forum, Center for Gerontology, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg.
- Blieszner, R. (1982, October). [Comments on *Systems conceptualization of relationship accomplishment* and *An attempt at an eclectic model of nonnormative crises*.] Invited discussant, Preconference Workshop on Theory Construction and Research Methodology, National Council on Family Relations, Washington, DC

## TECHNICAL REPORTS

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- Blieszner, R. (1994, October). *Program planning procedures for the International Conference on Personal Relationships*. Submitted to the International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships.
- Blieszner, R. (1994, May). *A guide to doctoral study in the psychology of adult development and aging, including clinical psychology and postdoctoral opportunities*. Education Committee, Division 20, American Psychological Association.
- Adams, R. G., & Blieszner, R. (1993, June). *Older adult friendship patterns and mental health*. Final Report to the AARP Andrus Foundation, Washington, DC.
- Adams, R. G., & Blieszner, R. (1993, June). *Older adult friendship and well-being: Resources for*

- professionals*. Greensboro: University of North Carolina, Department of Sociology.
- Blieszner, R., & Adams, R. G. (1993, March). *Friendship in adulthood and old age: Research trends and future directions*. Background paper for use in development of a Research Program Announcement, commissioned and funded by the National Institute on Aging, Behavioral and Social Science Program, Washington, DC.
- Blieszner, R. (1989, September). *Longitudinal data workshop, Henry A. Murray Research Center, Radcliffe College*. Final Report to the Women's Research Institute, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.
- Lovingood, R. P., Blieszner, R., & Hill, P. P. (1988, April). *Coping with widowhood and bereavement: Resource list for human service professionals*. Blacksburg: Center for Gerontology, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.
- Lovingood, R. P., Blieszner, R., & Hill, P. P. (1987, December). *Continuity of household task performance during widowhood*. Final Report to the AARP Andrus Foundation, Washington, DC.
- McAuley, W. J., et al. (1986, April). *Coordinated career preparation targeting the rural elderly*. Final Report to Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, Washington, DC. Authored sections on Process Evaluation, Outcome Evaluation, Course Evaluation, and Dissemination and Utilization; reviewed and edited other sections.
- Eisler, T. A., Bird, G. W., Blieszner, R., & Taper, J. (Eds.). (1982, March). *Conference proceedings: You and your aging parent*. Blacksburg: Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Center for Gerontology.
- Blieszner, R. (1979). *Development of the ADEPT Induction Diagnostic Test and training materials*. University Park: The Pennsylvania State University, Institute for the Study of Human Development, Gerontology Center.
- Blieszner, R. (1979). *ADEPT induction training procedures*. University Park: The Pennsylvania State University, Institute for the Study of Human Development, Gerontology Center.

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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### American Psychological Association

Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest, Committee on Aging (2005-07), Chair (2007); Presidential Task Force on Diversity Education Resources (2006-07); Division 8: Member (1976-95); Division 20: Member (1976-present), Elected Member-at-Large (1993-96), Program Committee (1992-94, 98), Education Committee Chair (1993-96), invited speaker (1993 conference), liaison to Urban Affairs Initiative (1994-95), liaison to Committee on Women in Psychology (1995-99), liaison to Education Directorate (2000-01), Fellows Committee Chair (2003-05)

### Association for Gerontology in Higher Education

Member, Nominating Committee (1996-97)

### Gerontological Society of America

Member (1976-present); Publications Committee (*ex officio*, 2008-2011), Representative to Council (2000-03), Program Committee (2000-01), Media Co-Chair for Annual Scientific

Meeting (1989, 1990); Behavioral and Social Sciences Section: Past-Past Chair (2003-04), Past Chair (2002-03), Chair (2001-02), Chair-elect (2000-01), Awards Committee Chair (2002-03), Executive Committee Member-at-Large (1994-96), Nominating Committee (1994-95, 1995-96; Chair, 2002-03), Public Policy Committee Representative (1994-97), Program Committee (2007-08, 2010-11), Conference abstract reviewer (1983-present)

International Association for Relationship Research (formed by merging ISSPR and INPR)

Charter member (2002-present); Elections Committee (2010-2012); Archiving Advisory Committee (2013-14)

International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships (disbanded 2002)

Charter member (1984-01); By-laws for Organizational Merger Committee Chair (2000-01); Outreach Committee Chair (1997-2000); Conference Planning Committee Chair (1995-96), Member (1996-98); Program Committee (1988-92), Chair (1992-94); Associate Editor for *ISSPR Bulletin* (1992-94); By-laws Committee (1987-88); invited speaker, 2000 conference

International Network on Personal Relationships (disbanded 2002)

Charter member (1987-01); invited speaker, 1991 conference

National Council on Family Relations

Member (1970-present); Membership Vice-president (1996-98); Local Arrangements Committee (1993-94, 1997); Nominating Committee (1992-93); Feminism and Family Studies Section: Secretary/Treasurer (1988-90), Chair of the Endowment Committee (1988-92), Member of Fundraising Committee (1992-95); Research and Theory Section: Reuben Hill Award Committee (2000-03), Nominating Committee Chair (1994-96); Family Action Section Task Force on Aging member (1976-90); Family and Health Section Task Force on Aging member (2000-present); Search Committee, Editor of *Journal of Marriage and Family* (2011)

Sigma Phi Omega

Member (1995-present); Beta Sigma Chapter Advisor (1995-99)

Southern Gerontological Society

Member (1983-2015); Awards Committee (1985-87, 1989-90, 1997), Chair (1986-87); Nominating Committee (1997-98); Publications Committee (1985-87); Education Committee Chair (1987-88); Board of Directors (1988-90)

Virginia Association on Aging (disbanded 2007)

Member (1983-2007); Board of Directors (1987-91), Secretary (1989-91); Program Committee (1988-89); Conference Registrar (1989, 1990)

## **GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISEES**

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Doctoral Students

Kim, Sujee, in progress

Ogletree, Aaron, in progress

Komelski, Matthew, *The Role of Taijiquan in Supporting Adaptive Development in Adulthood*, 2010

- Vetra R. Mancini & Jay A. Mancini Research Prize, VT Center for Gerontology, 2010
- S. J. Ritchey Scholarship, VT Center for Gerontology, 2009
- Initiation into Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society, VT chapter, 2009
- AARP Memorial Fund Scholarship, VT Center for Gerontology, 2008
- Jerry Hulic Serving Spirit Fellowship Award, VT Department of Human Development, 2007

Rogers, Sharon D., *Resistance Training for Adults with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias*:

- Feasibility of Program Implementation, Appropriateness of Participant Engagement, and Effects on Physical Performance and Quality of Life*, 2005 (co-chair)
- Virginia Association on Aging Outstanding Doctoral Student, 2004
- Harrington, Marcia, *Navigating the University System: The Effects of Chinese and Indian Graduate Students' Social Networks on Academic Progression*, 2003 (co-chair)
- Viers-Yaun, Dawn, *Career and Relationship Satisfaction among Female Faculty in MFT Programs*, 2003
- Roberts, Jane, *Ethics Adherence as a Predictor of Age Bias in Social Work Practice with Older Adults*, 2002
- Sack, Katherine W., *Primary Lifelines: Informal Friendship Groups of Women in Higher Education*, 2001 (co-chair)
- Galway, M. Alison, *Attitudes and Moral Development during a College Course on Human Sexuality*, 1998
- Willard, G. Alan, *Using an Integrated Competency-based Group Therapy Approach in Building Adult Caregiver Strengths*, 1998
- AAFCS James D. Moran Memorial Dissertation Grant, 1996
  - Virginia Tech Graduate Research Development Grant, 1996
  - Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation Dissertation Grant, 1997
  - Graduate Certificate in Gerontology, 1998
- Greenberg, Phyllis A., *The Outsider Within: Sense of Self in Jewish Feminist Women*, 1997
- Virginia Tech Graduate Student Assembly & Honors Board Rep., 1992-94
  - VAA Board of Directors Student Rep., 1992-94
  - SGS Board of Directors Student Rep., 1993-94
  - Virginia Tech Kathleen Wampler Award for Outstanding Public Service, 1995
  - GSA Task Force on Aging Women, 1997-1999
  - Graduate Certificate in Gerontology, 1997
  - Dutch Kastenbaum Award for Minnesota Outstanding Gerontologist of the Year, 2011
- Usita, Paula M., *Immigrant Mothers—American Daughters: Context and Meaning of Relationships*, 1997
- Founding President, Beta Sigma Chapter, Sigma Phi Omega, 1994
  - VAA/AARP (area 3) Jim Edens Memorial Scholarship, 1994
  - AGHE/AARP Andrus Foundation Fellowship, 1995
  - NIA/GSA Minority Leadership Development Program in Aging, 1996
  - Virginia Tech Graduate Student Assembly Student Travel Award, 1996
  - Visiting Scholar, U. Hawaii, 12/96-1/97
  - NIA Minority Dissertation Grant, 1997 (awarded but not funded because notification was received after the dissertation defense)
  - Graduate Certificate in Gerontology, 1997
- Wingfield, Nancy P., *Midlife Development and Disability Onset: A Qualitative Integration*, 1997
- Graduate Certificate in Gerontology, 1997
  - Educator of the Year Award, Virginia Social Work Educators' Consortium, 2015
- Piercy, Kathleen W., *Family Ties and Care for Aged Parents at Home*, 1996
- Virginia Tech Graduate Research Development Grant, 1996
  - Graduate Certificate in Gerontology, 1996
  - NCFR Research and Theory Section, Student Paper Award, 1996
  - Virginia Tech College of Human Resources and Education Outstanding Alumna, 2001
- Ramsey, Janet L., *Gracious Encounters: Listening to Women Who Listen for God*, 1995
- Graduate Certificate in Gerontology, 1995
  - Pastor George Weinman Chair of Pastoral Theology and Ministry, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, 2009
- Speice, Jenny, *The Effects of Family Communication Patterns during the Middle Phase of Alzheimer's Disease*, 1995
- Department Award for Graduate Student Teaching Excellence, 1994
- Rojiani, Rhoda H., *Caregiving in Later Life: An Attachment Explanatory Model*, 1993
- GSA Humanities Committee, 1992-93
  - Graduate Certificate in Gerontology, 1993

- Bromley, Mark C., *Planning for Long-term Care: Filial Behavior and Relationship Quality of Adult Children with Independent Parents*, 1990
- Grossman, Mina P., *Loneliness among Widowed Persons in Later Life*, 1989
- GSA/BSS Awards Committee, 1987-88
  - Graduate Certificate in Gerontology, 1989
- Alley, Janet M., *Family Caregiving: Family Strains, Coping Response Patterns, and Caregiver Burden*, 1988
- Graduate Student Assembly Research Development Grant, 1987
- Hamon, Raeann R. K., *Filial Responsibility Expectations among Adult Child–Older Parent Pairs*, 1988
- Virginia Tech Gerontological Association President, 1984-86
  - Virginia Tech Center for Gerontology Scholarship, 1985-86
  - James D. Moran Memorial Dissertation Grant, 1985-86
  - GSA Student Organization Chair, 1986-87, Chair-elect, 1985-86, Program Committee, 1986
  - Center for Gerontology Outstanding Graduate Student Award, 1986
  - GSA Council, 1987
  - Phi Upsilon Omicron Diamond Anniversary Fellowship, 1987
  - GSA Task Force for Inter-organizational Relations and Interest Groups, 1988-94
  - GSA Finance Committee, 1988
  - Graduate Certificate in Gerontology, 1988
  - Virginia Tech College of Human Resources Outstanding Alumna, 1996
  - Fellow, National Council on Family Relations, 2011

#### Faculty Preceptor

- Hubbard, Will S., *Without Indoor Plumbing in Appalachia: Issues of Health, Independence, Caregiving, and Care Receiving in Late Life*, Gerontological Society of America Student Fellow, 1990
- Dychtwald Student Award, American Society on Aging, 1992

#### Master's Students

- Ogletree, Aaron, *Perceptions of Death among Older Adults: Integrating Terror Management Theory and the Lifespan Development Framework*, 2015
- Bratton, Brandy (co-chair), 2004
- Cachaper, Cecile D., *Intimacy in Older Adult Friendships*, 1997
- Virginia Tech Graduate Student Assembly Vice-chair, 1995-96, Student Budget Board, 1995-95, Delegate, 1994-95
  - Virginia Tech EOAA Committee Student Rep, 1995-96
  - National Institute on Aging “Taking the Next Step” Technical Assistance Workshop, 1997
  - Graduate Certificate in Gerontology, 1997
- Holguin, Julieta, *The Need for Adult Day Services in La Paz, Bolivia: Perceptions of Professionals Working with Aged Adults*, 1997
- Graduate Certificate in Gerontology, 1997
- Faulconer, Leigh A., *Women's Accounts of Abuse in Their Intimate Relationships*, 1994
- Graduate Student Assembly Senator, 1992-93
- Galway, M. Alison, *Commitment in Long-term Cohabiting Couples*, 1994
- Department Certificate of Merit for Research Contributions, 1993
  - Graduate Certificate in Gerontology, 1994
  - Department Award for Outstanding Thesis in Cultural Diversity, 1995
- McDonald, Mary E., *Integrity/Despair, Locus of Control, and Life Satisfaction among Elderly Residents of Homes for Adults*, 1991
- Graduate Certificate in Gerontology, 1991
- Hines, Beverly B., *Caregivers' Preferences for Institutional Information and Support during the Geriatric Long-term Admission Process*, 1987
- Graduate Certificate in Gerontology, 1987
- Habegger, Catherine E., *Social Correlates of Reminiscence in Late Life*, 1984

## **COURSES TAUGHT AT VIRGINIA TECH**

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### Undergraduate

Family in the Ecosystem  
 Human Development II: Adulthood and Aging  
 Issues in Aging  
 Social Psychology of Close Relationships (Honors)  
 Project Home Repair/Appalachian Communities

### Graduate

Adult Development and Aging I: Individual Development  
 Adult Development and Aging II: Interpersonal Relationships  
 Citizen Scholar Seminar  
 Seminar in Gerontology:  
     Professional Socialization  
     Retirement Planning and Adjustment  
     Older Adult Friendship  
     Older Women  
     Special Research Considerations in Aging  
 Theory and Research in Aging  
 Theory and Methods in Family Research  
 Theory Construction in Human Development

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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### Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

#### **University**

Academy of Teaching Excellence, Alumni Teaching Award Review Committee (2000-01),  
 Nominating Committee (2003-04)  
 Advisory Committee on Human Dimensions (2007)  
 Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning (1994-97, 1998)  
 Board of Directors, Virginia Tech Services, Inc. (1999-05)  
 Center for Gerontology 5-Year Review Committee (1997-98)  
 College of Natural Resources and Environment Named Professorship Committee (2014)  
 Commencement Assistant Marshall (1998, 99)  
 Commission on Faculty Affairs (1986-88)  
 Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Committee (1986-88)  
 Exemplary Departments and Programs Awards Committee (1995)  
 External Awards Committee (2005-08)  
 Faculty Book Publishing Committee (1999-2005)  
 Faculty Honorifics Committee (2004-07, 2010-13)  
 Hearing Panel Co-chair, Dismissal for Cause case (1998)  
 President's Task Force on University Council, Commissions, and Committees (1988-91)  
 Presidential Task Force on Envisioning Virginia Tech (2011-12)  
 President's Visioning Initiative, Beyond Boundaries, Co-chair (2015-16)  
 Provost's Task Force on Convocation and Student Creed (1999-00)  
 Provost's Advisory Committee on University Restructuring (2002)  
 Provost's Committee for Selection of an Alumni Distinguished Professor (2003-04, 2010-11)  
 Provost's Committee for Evaluation of the Dean of Architecture (2004)

Research and Instruction Committee, Warm Hearth, Inc. (1994-97)  
 Scholarship and Financial Aid Advisory Group (2012-  
 Search Committees: Vice President for Student Affairs (1988); University President (1993);  
 Associate Provost for Interdisciplinary Programs (1996); Department of Psychology Clinical  
 Faculty (1997), Developmental Faculty (2002-03); Sociology Department Chair (2000-01),  
 Faculty (2003-04); Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs (2000-01); Director of  
 Center for Student Engagement and Community Programs (2011); Aging researcher, Virginia  
 Tech-Carilion Research Institute (2011)  
 Service-Learning Advisory Board (1994-95)  
 Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society, Department Representative (1996-present)  
 Strategic Planning Committees: Institute for Critical Technology and Applied Science, Institute  
 for Distance and Distributed Learning, and National Capital Region (2012)  
 Task Force for Selective Mid-term Review of the 2006-2012 Strategic Plan, Compensation Team  
 (Oct.-Nov., 2009)  
 University Council (1987-89)  
 University Honors Program, Pamplin Scholar Preliminary Selection Committee (2000-01);  
 Faculty Co-instructor, Freshman Year Excellence Seminar (2008)  
 Virginia Tech Committee for Social Justice and Diversity: Treasurer (1991), Steering Committee  
 Member (1992-93)  
 Women's Studies Advisory Board (1993-07)  
 Women's Research Institute Advisory Board (1989-93)

### **Graduate School**

Degree Requirement Standards Criteria and Academic Policy (2009-present)  
 Graduate Curriculum Committee (2009-present)  
 Liaison to Office of Degree Support and Development (2009-present)

### **Faculty Senate**

College of Human Resources Representative (1986-89)  
 Newsletter Editor (1988-89)  
 Secretary (1988-89)  
 Senate Cabinet (1986-89)

### **Center for Gerontology**

Administrator, Graduate Certificate in Gerontology (1986-2015)  
 Advisor, Sigma Phi Omega Honor Society (1995-2000)  
 Chair, Center Director Search Committee (1995-96)  
 Coordinator, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (2002-03)  
 Coordinator, Project Home Repair Field Study Interdisciplinary Course (1986-91)  
 Elderhostel Committee (1982-1986)  
 Institutional Review Board (1999-2015)  
 Planning Committee, Warm Hearth Gerontology Center Research Roundtables (1995)  
 Search Committee (1982-83, 1985, 1988, 1997)  
 Strategic Planning Committee (1987-90)  
 Summer Institute on Aging Planning Committee (1985-86)

### **College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences** (“Human Resources and Education,” 1996-2003)

College Council (1995-96)  
 College Merger Steering Committee (1996-97)  
 Commencement Committee (1990-92), Assistant Marshall (1992-97), Diploma Assistant (1998,  
 1999)  
 External P & T Committee member, Department of Near Environments (1999)  
 Human Resources Faculty Association, Secretary/Treasurer (1985-86)  
 Promotion and Tenure Committee (1989-90, 1992-93, 1995-97, 2001-02, 2005-07, 2007-09),

Faculty Co-chair (2008)  
 Scholarship Committee (1983-85, 1993-94), Chair (1994-95)  
 Search Committee, Dean (1992-93, 1995-96, 2006-07)  
 Strategic Planning Committee (2001-02)  
 Teaching Excellence Committee (1981-82)

**Department of Human Development** (“Family and Child Development,” 1981-98)

Admissions and Assistantship Committee (1991-2009)  
 Adult Development and Aging Program Coordinator (1981-2004, 2008-09)  
 Advisory Committee (1983-85, 1989-91, 2000-01, 2003-04, 2008-09)  
 Ad Hoc Tenure and Promotion Policy Review Committee (1986-87)  
 Awards Committee (1995-97, 2007)  
 Commencement Speaker (2006)  
 Department Head Evaluation Steering Committee (1995, 2005)  
 Developmental Sciences Committee (2002-03), Co-chair (2006-07)  
 Diversity Initiative Cluster Hire Planning Committee (2002-03)  
 Equity Committee (1993-95)  
 Human Services Committee (1997-2000)  
 Graduate Policy Committee (1985-87, 1998-00, 2001-02, 2008-09), Chair (2002-03)  
 Professional Seminar Advisory Committee (2001-03)  
 Promotion and Tenure Committee Chair (1994-95, 1999-00, 2002-03, 2010-11), Member (1988-89, 1998-99, 2004-05, 2011-present)  
 Teaching Committee (1995-97)  
 Transition Team, preparation of documents for new department head (2000)  
 Search Committees: Faculty positions (1988-89, 1991, 2001-02), Chair (1997-98); Department head (1989-90, 1998-2000), Chair (1996-97; 2010-11); Adult Day Services Director (1996)  
 Strategic Planning Committee (1988-90)  
 Undergraduate Policy Committee (1981-83, 1987-89, 2004-07), Chair (1982-83), Secretary (1992-93)

The Pennsylvania State University

Graduate student representative to two Faculty Search Committees, Division of Individual and Family Studies (1979-80)

Mercyhurst College

College Senate Executive Council and Committees (1971-76)  
 Department Committees (1971-76)  
 Faculty Policies Committee Chair (1975-76), Secretary (1974-75)

**PROFESSIONAL OUTREACH / COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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Professional Outreach

New River Valley Gerontology Consortium (2003-04)  
 Numerous presentations to church and civic groups on gerontology topics (1981-present)  
 Numerous media interviews on gerontology, family and friend relationships, and other topics (1981-present)  
 Heritage Hall Health Center: Community Advisory Committee (2000-02)  
 Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of the New River Valley: Board of Directors (1995-96), Secretary (1995), Vice-Chair (1996)  
 Warm Hearth Gerontology Center, Warm Hearth Village: Research and Instruction Committee (1994-96)  
 New River Valley Hospice, Inc.: Board of Directors (1982-87), By-laws Committee Chair (1982),

Search Committee (1983-84), Vice President for Hospice Policy and Advisory Board Chair (1984, 1987), Speakers Bureau (1983-87), Quality Assurance Committee (1984-87) Conference coordinator, "Virginia Statewide Conference on Hospice." Sponsored by Virginia Tech Center for Gerontology and Center for Volunteer Development (October, 1983) Conference coordinator, "You and Your Aging Parent." Sponsored by Virginia Tech Center for Gerontology (March, 1982)

### Community Service

Blacksburg High School: Volunteer (1994-01); BHS Band Boosters (1994-99), Treasurer (1997-99)

Community Foundation of the New River Valley: grant reviewer (1994-present)

Harding Avenue Elementary School and Blacksburg Middle School: Volunteer (1985-97)

Indian Run Homeowners' Association: Board of Directors (1983-89, 2000-02), Vice President (1984), Secretary (1987)

Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, Board of Directors, Secretary (1995)

Montgomery County Christmas Store Volunteer: (1990-2006)

St. Mary's Church: Parish Pastoral Council (1992-95); Secretary (1993); Social Justice Committee (1999); Building Program Committee Co-chair (2001-03), Executive Building Committee (2003-2008); Liturgical Minister (1997-present)