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### ACADEMIC POSITION

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Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

2002-present	Alumni Distinguished Professor
1994-present	Professor, Gerontology and Family Studies
1987-1994	Associate Professor, Gerontology and Family Studies
1981-1987	Assistant Professor, Gerontology and Family Studies Department of Human Development (“Family & Child Development,” 1981-98)
1983-present	Associate Director, Center for Gerontology
2002-present	Faculty Affiliate, Religious Studies and Center for Race and Social Policy
2001-present	Adjunct Professor, Department of Sociology
1996-present	Faculty Affiliate, Women’s Studies
1983-1991	Faculty Affiliate, Center for Volunteer Development and Public Service

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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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-present	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
- 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 Major: Vocational Home Economics Education (Honors)

## **HONORS**

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- 2006 College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising, 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 Teaching Award, Virginia Tech
- 1998 Academy of Teaching Excellence, Virginia Tech
- 1998, 1999 Outstanding Educator Certificate, 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 AND SUPPORT

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Kim, K. J., & Blieszner, R. (Co-PIs). (2006). *Inter- and intra-generational examination of family influence on individual adjustment*. CLAHS Dean's Fellowship Program, Virginia Tech, \$14,788. (funded for 1 year)

"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, Center for Gerontology. 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**

Ramsey, J. L., & Blieszner, R. (1999). *Spiritual resiliency in older women: Models of strength for challenges through the life span*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

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].

Blieszner, R., & Adams, R. G. (1992). *Adult friendship*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage.

Adams, R. G., & Blieszner, R. (Eds.). (1989). *Older adult friendship: Structure and process*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage.

### **Book Chapters**

Blieszner, R. (2006). Close relationships in middle and late adulthood. In D. Perlman & A. Vangelisti (Eds.), *The Cambridge handbook of personal relationships* (pp. 211-227). New York: Cambridge University Press.

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* (pp. 261-281). Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

Blieszner, R., & Roberto, K. A. (2004). Friendship across the life span: Reciprocity in individual and relationship development. In F. R. Lang & K. L. Fingerma (Eds.), *Growing together: Personal relationships across the lifespan* (pp. 159-182). New York: Cambridge University Press.

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.

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.
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- 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.
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- 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.
- 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.
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- Blieszner, R., Roberto, K. A., Wilcox, K. L., Barham, E. J., & Winston, B. L. (revised & resubmitted). Dimensions of ambiguous loss in couples coping with mild cognitive impairment. *Family Relations*.
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### Guest Editor

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### Associate Editor

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*Journal of Family Issues*, 1996-98

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 Applied Gerontology*; *Journal of Applied Gerontology*; *Journal of Family Issues*; *Journal of Family Psychology*; *Journal of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences*; *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*; *Journal of Marriage and the Family*; *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.

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 Radcliffe Research Support Program (1991)  
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- 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.
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- 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.
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- 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., & 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.
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- 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., & Roberto, K. (2002, October). *What about elders who have no informal or formal support?* Virginia Public Health Association, Fairfax, VA.
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- 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.
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- 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.
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- 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.
- 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.
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- 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.
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- 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.

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- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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. (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, 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.
- 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.
- 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). *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.
- 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.
- 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., & 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., & 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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. (2005, November). *Complexities in research on families and the later life course*. Discussant comments 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. Pinquart (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, The 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.

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- 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); 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), 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), Conference abstract reviewer (1983-present)

### International Association for Relationship Research (formed from ISSPR and INPR)

Charter member (2002-present)

### International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships

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

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 (1976-1990)

#### Sigma Phi Omega

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

#### Southern Gerontological Society

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

#### Virginia Association on Aging

Member (1983-present); 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

Rogers, Sharon D., dissertation in progress (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
- 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
- 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
- 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

#### 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

- Stauffer, Dana Beth, *in progress*
- 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  
 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

## **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 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)  
 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)  
 Faculty Book Publishing Committee (1999-2005)  
 Faculty Honorifics Committee (2004-07)  
 Hearing Panel Co-chair, Dismissal for Cause case (1998)  
 President's Task Force on University Council, Commissions and Committees (1988-91)  
 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  
 Provost's Committee for Evaluation of the Dean of Architecture, 2004  
 Research and Instruction Committee, Warm Hearth, Inc. (1994-97)  
 Search Committees: Vice President for Student Affairs (1988), University President (1993),  
 Associate Provost for Interdisciplinary Programs (1996), Department of Psychology  
 Clinical Faculty (1997), Chair of Sociology Department (2000-01), Provost and Vice  
 President for Academic Affairs (2000-01). Department of Psychology Developmental  
 Faculty (2002-03), Department of Sociology Faculty (2003-04)  
 Service-Learning Advisory Board (1994-95)  
 Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society, Department Representative (1996-present)  
 University Council (1987-89)  
 University Honors Program, Pamplin Scholar Preliminary Selection Committee (2000-01)  
 Virginia Tech Committee for Social Justice and Diversity: Treasurer (1991), Steering Committee  
 Member (1992-93)  
 Women's Studies Advisory Board (1993-present)  
 Women's Research Institute Advisory Board (1989-93)

### **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 (1986-91, 1992-present)  
 Advisor, Sigma Phi Omega Honor Society (1995-00)  
 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-present)  
 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)  
 Scholarship Committee (1983-85, 1993-94), Chair (1994-95)  
 Search Committee, Dean (1992-93; 1995-96)  
 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-present)  
 Adult Development and Aging Program Coordinator (1981-2004)  
 Advisory Committee (1983-85, 1989-91, 2000-01, 2003-04)  
 Ad Hoc Tenure and Promotion Policy Review Committee (1986-87)  
 Awards Committee (1995-97)  
 Commencement Speaker, 2006  
 Department Head Evaluation Steering Committee (1995, 2005)  
 Developmental Sciences Committee (2002-03)  
 Equity Committee (1993-95)  
 Human Services Committee (1997-2000)  
 Graduate Policy Committee (1985-87, 1998-00, 2001-02), Chair (2002-03)  
 Professional Seminar Advisory Committee (2001-03)  
 Promotion and Tenure Committee (1988-89, 1998-99, 2004-05), Chair (1994-95, 1999-00, 2002-03)  
 Teaching Committee (1995-97)  
 Transition Team, documents for new department head (2000)  
 Search Committees: Faculty positions (1988-89, 1991, 2001-02), Chair (1997-98); Department head (1989-90, 1998-00), Chair (1996-97); Adult Day Services Director (1996)  
 Strategic Planning Committee (1988-90)  
 Undergraduate Policy Committee (1981-83, 1987-89), 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-present)  
 Numerous presentations to church and civic groups on gerontology 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

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-present)

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

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

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

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

Montgomery County Christmas Store Volunteer: (1990-present)