

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 1992 Ph.D.** Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, VA
Department of Family & Child Development
Emphasis: Marriage and Family Therapy
Dissertation: *Feminism and Marriage: A Qualitative Analysis.*
- 1985 M.A.** Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA
Department of Speech Communication
Emphasis: Interpersonal Communication.
Thesis: *Marital Relationship Enhancement Skills Workshop: Perceptions of and Recruitment for a Marriage Enrichment Weekend.*
- 1983 B.S.** Houghton College, Houghton, NY. Magna Cum Laude.
Majors: Communication & Bible, Minors: Psychology & Writing

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

- 1993 to Present Marriage and Family Therapist License, Michigan. ID #4101006066
1999 to present Certified Family Life Educator (issued by the National Council on Family Relations)

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 1992 to present Clinical Member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
1996 to present Approved Supervisor of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Academic Experience

- Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI** **August 1992 to Present**
Department of Family & Consumer Sciences
Professor (August 2005 to present)
Associate Professor (August 1999 to July 2005)
Department of Counselor Education & Counseling Psychology
Associate Professor (Aug 1998 to July 1999)
Assistant Professor (Aug 1992 to July 1998)
- University of Newcastle, Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom** **August 2002 to June 2003**
2002-2003 Atlantic Fellow in Public Policy and Visiting Scholar, Newcastle Centre for Family Studies.
Studied UK policy initiatives on divorce intervention and prevention. Fellowship funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (UK) and administered by the British Council.
- Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA** **August 1989 to May 1992**
Department of Family & Child Development, Graduate Teaching Assistant
- Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA** **January 1986 to May 1986**
Department of Speech, Instructor

Agency and Clinical Experience**Navy Family Services Center, Norfolk, VA****May to August 1992**

Special Project Consultant, Wrote 400-page desk guide on education and training function of Navy family services centers. Topics: family education, professional development, program design & implementation.

Tidewater Psychiatric Institute, Virginia Beach, VA**June 1991 to July 1992**

Family Therapy Intern and Part-time Employee, Conducted marital/family therapy sessions and completed psychosocial assessments with patients on women's and intensive treatment units. Ran daily process and weekly aftercare groups for women. Provided case management.

The Center for Family Services, Virginia Tech**April 1990 to May 1991**

Family Therapist (Practicum), Held caseload of 10 clients per week. Provided marital and family therapy. Issues: sexual abuse, sexual identity, step-family cohesiveness, separation, divorce, and premarital.

Navy Family Services Center, Norfolk, VA**June 1986 to August 1989**

Education Services Supervisor, Supervised Children's Programs Specialist, Family Home Care Coordinator, and Development Disabilities Liaison. Presented deployment, reunion, and children and Navy lifestyle programs. **Program Specialist**, Presented deployment, reunion, & sex education programs; facilitated single parent groups.

FUNDED GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS - external funding

Blaisure, K.R. (2002). *Divorce intervention and prevention: Comparison of policy initiatives in England/Wales and the US*. Atlantic Fellowship in Public Policy 2002-2003. Awarded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the British Government. £8979.27 plus air travel (approximately \$15,000).

Blaisure, K. R., & Geasler, M.J. (1997, August). *Second nationwide survey of court connected programs for divorcing and separating parents*. Grantor: State Justice Institute via the Center for Policy Research in Denver, Colorado. Funded for \$29,607.71

Blaisure, K. R. (1991). Dissertation proposal: *Feminists and Marriage: A Qualitative Analysis*. Submitted to the Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation, The New York Community Trust. Funded for \$2,220 (out of a possible \$2,200).

FUNDED GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS - internal university funding

Blaisure, K.R. (2006-2007). Visiting Scholar Judith Myers-Walls on Family Life Education. Visiting Scholars and Artists Program, Western Michigan University. Funded for \$1100

Blaisure, K.R. (2004-2005). Speakers on Brazil. Visiting Scholars and Artists Program, Western Michigan University. Funded for \$1806. Used \$1325.14

Blaisure, K.R., & Geasler, M. J. (1999, October). *Teaching & Learning Grant: Development of a web-based research methods courses for the department of Family & Consumer Sciences*. Submitted to the WMU Faculty Senate Committee on University Computer Policy. Grant awarded. Funded for ~ \$7000.

Blaisure, K. R., & Geasler, M. J. (1994). *Nationwide assessment of court-connected programs for divorcing parents*. Submitted to the Faculty Research and Creative Activities Support Fund Grant, Western Michigan University. Funded for \$9,952 (out of a possible \$10,000)

Blaisure, K. R., & Sinacore-Guinn, A. L. (1993). *Feminist pedagogy*. Submitted to the College of Education for a Mini-Grant, Western Michigan University. Funded for \$2,000 (out of a possible \$2,000)

Blaisure, K. R. (1992). New Faculty Research Support Grant, Western Michigan University. Funded for \$3,300 (out of a possible \$3,300)

Blaisure, K. R. (1991). Dissertation proposal: *Feminists and Marriage: A Qualitative Analysis*. Submitted to the Graduate Student Assembly, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University for the Graduate Research Development Project Grant. Funded for \$500 (out of a possible \$500).

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 1998 *Teaching Award: Golden Recognition of Exemplary Administrators, Teachers and Staff.*
Student Alumni Association, Western Michigan University
- 1996 *Award for Outstanding Scholarly Research in the Field of Marriage and Family Therapy.*
Michigan Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.
- 1995-1996 *Center Scholar, The Center for Research on At-Risk Students, College of Education,*
Western Michigan University. Half-time appointment.
- 1992 *Student of the Year Award (Co-winner).* National Council on Family Relations (\$250).
- 1991 *Outstanding Proposal from a Feminist Perspective Award.* Feminism & Family Studies Section,
National Council on Family Relations. (\$500). Proposal: *Feminists and Marriage:*
- 1991 *Graduate Student Teaching Award.* Department of Family & Child Development, Virginia Tech.

PUBLICATIONS (Refereed)

Humble, A. M., Solomon, C. R., Allen, K. R., Blaisure, K. R., & Johnson, M. P. (2006). Feminism and mentoring of graduate students. *Family Relations, 55*, 2-15.

Blaisure, K. R., & Koivunen, J. (2003). Family science faculty members' experiences with teaching from a feminist perspective. *Family Relations, 52*, 22-32.

Geelhoed, R., Blaisure, K. R., & Geasler, M. J. (2001). Status of court-connected programs for children whose parents are separating or divorcing. *Family Court Review, 39*, 393-404.

Blaisure, K. R., & Geasler, M. J. (2000). The divorce intervention model. *Family and Conciliation Courts Review, 38*, 501-513.

Blaisure, K. R., & Koivunen, J. (2000). Incorporating a discussion of equality in couple education programs. *Family Science Review, 13* (1-2), 74-95.

O'Halloran, T. M., Qureshi, A., & Blaisure, K. R. (1999). Multicultural training: Addressing the challenge of diversity training in a primarily white environment. *Democracy & Education, 13*(2), 37-40.

Sinacore, A. L., Blaisure, K. R., Justin, M., Healy, P., & Brawer, S. (1999). Promoting reflexivity in the classroom. *The Teaching of Psychology Journal, 26*, 267-270.

Geasler, M. J., & Blaisure, K. R. (1999). 1998 nationwide survey of court-connected divorce education programs. *Family and Conciliation Courts Review, 37*, 36-63.

Geasler, M. J., & Blaisure, K. R. (1998). A review of divorce education materials. *Family Relations, 47*, 167-175.

Blaisure, K. R., Talbot, D. M., Edwards, T. M., Walcheski, M. & Hirschy, A. (1998). College/university teaching resources for family science graduate students and faculty. *Family Science Review, 11*, 48-65.

Blaisure, K. R., & Walcheski, M. (1997). Preparing today's family science doctoral students to teach. *Family Science Review*, 10, 262-276.

Blaisure, K. R., & Geasler, M. J. (1996). Results of a survey of court-connected parent education programs in US counties. *Family and Conciliation Courts Review*, 34, 23-40.

Geasler, M. J., & Blaisure, K. R. (1995). Court-connected programs for divorcing parents in Michigan: A status report. *Family and Conciliation Courts Review*, 33, 484-494.

Blaisure, K. R. & Allen, K. R. (1995). Feminists and the ideology and practice of marital equality. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 57, 5-19. [Slightly modified versions of article are reproduced in the undergraduate and graduate textbooks: *Feuds About Families*, edited by N. V. Benokraitis and published by Prentice-Hall in 2000; and *Exploring Family Theories*, by B. B. Ingoldsby, S. R. Smith, and J. E. Miller and published by Roxbury Press in 2004.]

Blaisure, K. R., & Arnold-Mann, J. (1992). Return and reunion: A psychoeducational program aboard U.S. Navy ships. *Family Relations*, 41, 178-185.

GOVERNMENT REPORT

Blaisure, K. R. (2003). *Divorce intervention and prevention: Comparison of policy initiatives in England/Wales and the US*. London: The Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Blaisure, K. R., & Geasler, M. J. (2006). Educational interventions for separating and divorcing parents. In Mark A. Fine & John H. Harvey (Eds.) *Handbook of divorce & dissolution of romantic relationships*, (pp. 575-602). Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum.

Blaisure, K. R., & Geasler, M. J. (2005). Children and divorce. In American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT), *Clinical Updates for Family Therapists: Research and Treatment Approaches for Issues Affecting Today's Families* (pp. 89-100). Alexandria, VA: AAMFT.

Allen, W., & Blaisure, K. R. (2003). Family life educators and the development of cultural competency. In D. J. Bredehoft & M. J. Walcheski (Eds.), *Family life education: Integrating theory and practice* (pp. 10-21). Minneapolis, MN: National Council on Family Relations.

INVITED PUBLICATIONS

Blaisure, K. R. (2006, May/June). Trends in services and programs for families experiencing separation. *Family Therapy Magazine*, pp. 10-13.

Blaisure, K. R. (2005). The healthy marriage initiative in the US. *International Academy of Marital Spirituality Review*, 11, 316-319.

Blaisure, K. R. (2003). Relationship support in the US. *The Bulletin*, 7(4), 6-7. [A publication of One Plus One, United Kingdom.]

Blaisure, K. R. (2001). *Thriving, not surviving*. In Janice. R. Levine and Howard Markman (Eds.) *Why Do Fools Fall in Love?* (pp. 165-169). San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

Blaisure, K. R., & Geasler, M. J. (March 2000). *Clinical update: children and divorce*. Published by the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, 2(2). [8 page document sent to 25,000 members of AAMFT.]

Blaisure, K. R., & Geasler, M. J. (March 2000). *Consumer update: children and divorce*. Published by the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.

DIRECTORY

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. (1997). *The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts parent education directory*. Madison, WI: Author. Based on two data sets: one nationwide data set collected by Karen R. Blaisure and Margie J. Geasler, and another data set collected by Sanford Braver, Peter Salem, Jessica Pearson, and Stephen DeLusé.

PROCEEDINGS

Geasler, M. J., & Blaisure, K. R. (1996). Family life educators and legislators: Working together to best serve families. In L. Nelson & M. Andrews (Eds.), *Proceedings of the third Beatrice Paolucci symposium: Visioning human ecology for the 21st century* (pp. 121-122). East Lansing, MI: College of Human Ecology, Michigan State University.

EDITORIAL

Blaisure, K. *Family Relations: Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family and Child Studies*
Editorial Board Member, 2001 to Present

Blaisure, K. *Family Court Review*
Editorial Board Member, 2001 to Present

Blaisure, K. *Feminist Family Therapy*
Editorial Board Member, 2000 to Present

PRESENTATIONS (Refereed)

Blaisure, K. R., & Bosworth, D. (2006, November). Family life educators in court systems. Paper presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Minneapolis, MN

Farrer, L., Blaisure, K. R., & Dickey, B. (2006, November). One credit hour courses in family life education. Poster presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Minneapolis, MN

Blaisure, K. R., (2005, November). International study tours. Teaching roundtable presentation at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Phoenix, AZ.

Blaisure, K. R. (2003, November). *Supporting couple relationships in the UK*. Part of the Symposium on Policies to Support Family Relationships: Lessons Being Learned in the United Kingdom. Presented at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Blaisure, K. R. (2003, November). One faculty member's reflections on feminist mentoring during graduate school, or is that mentrixing? Panel presentation at the students/new professionals' development seminar, Passing the torch: Feminist mentoring of graduate students. Presented at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

- Blaisure, K. R. (2003, October). *Marriage and relationship support in the United Kingdom*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Long Beach, CA.
- Blaisure, K. R. (2001, November). *Inclusion of diversity into family life education*. Presentation at the Symposium: Teaching and Training Family Life Educators: Bridging Theory and Practice. The Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Rochester, NY.
- Geasler, M. J., & Blaisure, K. R. (2000, November). Demonstration of web-based research methods class. Presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Minneapolis, MN.
- Blaisure, K. R. (2000, November). *Feminist praxis: Feminist work outside the lecture hall: Including a discussion of equality in couples education classes*. Presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Minneapolis, MN.
- Blaisure, K. R., Koivenun, J. (1999, November). Interviews with feminist family science teachers. Presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Irvine, CA.
- Walcheski, M. J., & Blaisure, K. R. (1999, November). Staying the same by changing: The influence of Promise Keepers on men's family responsibility and leadership. Presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Irvine, CA.
- Geasler, M. J., & Blaisure, K. R. (1998, November). Growth in parent education programs for divorcing parents: A 90s phenomenon. Presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Milwaukee, WI.
- Geelhoed, R. J., McLaughlin, J. E., Wood, S., Geasler, M. J., & Blaisure, K. R. (1998, November). Trends in programming for children of divorcing parents. Presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Milwaukee, WI.
- Walcheski, M., & Blaisure, K. R. (1997, November). *Preparing doctoral students to teach*. Submitted for presentation at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Crystal City, VA.
- Geasler, M. J., & Blaisure, K. R. (1997, November). *Designing divorce education programs*. Submitted for presentation at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Crystal City, VA.
- Blaisure, K. R., & Geasler, M. J. (1997, September). *Tools for teaching: A framework for curriculum planning*. A workshop presented at the Third International Congress on Parent Education Programs. The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Breckenridge, CO.
- Blaisure, K. R., Sinacore-Guinn, A. L., Hertzog, J. (1997, March). *Feminist teaching and counseling psychologists*. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Association of Women in Psychology, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Blaisure, K. R., & Geasler, M. J. (1996, November). *A progress report on the marriage and divorce policy initiatives in the state of Michigan*. Roundtable presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Kansas City, MO.
- Geasler, M. J., & Blaisure, K. R. (1996, March). *Shaping public policies: Roles and responsibilities--parent education for divorcing parents initiative*. Presented at the 3rd Paolucci Symposium, Michigan State University. East Lansing, MI.

Geasler, M. J., & Blaisure, K. R. (1996, January). *Curriculum ideas and recommendations for emphasizing coparenting skill development*. Workshop presentation at the 2nd International Congress on Parent Education Programs. The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Clearwater, FL.

Geasler, M. J., & Blaisure, K. R. (1995, November). *Programming trends in court-connected programs for divorcing parents in the United States*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Portland, OR.

Blaisure, K. R., & Wark, L. (1995, November). *Guidelines for assessing qualitative research: A progress report*. Roundtable presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Portland, OR.

Blaisure, K. R. (1995, November). *Feminist research methods*. Roundtable presented at the Annual Conference of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Baltimore, MD.

Sinacore-Guinn, A. L., Blaisure, K. R., Brawer, S., Healy, P., & Justin, M. (1995, August). *Using feminist strategies for training counseling psychologists*. Poster session at the Annual Conference of the American Psychological Association. New York.

Blaisure, K. R., & Geasler, M. J. (1995, May). *Results of a survey of U.S. court-connected divorce education programs*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Association for Family and Conciliation Courts. Montreal, Quebec. Canada.

Blaisure, K. R. (1994, November). *Practicing marital equality: Men participating in relational vigilance*. Paper presented at the 56th annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN.

Blaisure, K. R., & Geasler, M. (1994, November). *Court-based programs for divorcing parents: Survey of Michigan*. Poster presented at the 56th annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN.

Blaisure, K. R., & Sinacore-Guinn, A. L. (1994, November). *Energizing and exhausting: Personal challenges of teaching from a feminist perspective*. Roundtable presented at the 56th annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN.

Blaisure, K. R. (1994, July). *Panel discussion on close relationship research and clinical work*. Panel presented at the 7th International Conference on Personal Relationships, sponsored by the International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships, University of Groningen, The Netherlands.

Blaisure, K. R. (1994, July). *Constructing marriage for the 21st century: Contributions of feminist marriages*. Poster presented at the 7th International Conference on Personal Relationships, sponsored by the International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships, University of Groningen, The Netherlands.

Dwyer, S., Geasler, M., Blaisure, K. R., Farnsworth, E., Marek, L., Greensberg, P., & Roberts, D. (1993, November). *Operationalizing family life education across age groups and settings*. Poster session presented at the 55th annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Baltimore, MD.

Blaisure, K. R. (1992, November). *Feminism and marriage*. Roundtable presented at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL.

Blaisure, K. R. (1992, October). *Job Opportunities at Military Family Support Programs*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Miami, FL.

Blaisure, K. R. (1990, October). *Strengthening the Navy family: A normative proactive model*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy. Washington, D. C.

INVITED DISCUSSANT COMMENTS

Blaisure, K. R. (1998, November). *Discussant comments on the gender influences on views of self and self in relationships*. Presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Milwaukee, WI.

Blaisure, K. R. (1995, November). *Discussant comments on the feminist investigations of women's vulnerability and survival session*. Presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Portland, OR.

Blaisure, K. R. (1993, March). *Panel discussant. Finishing well: Family therapy with aging intergenerational families*. Presented at the 57th Annual Conference of the Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology, Western Michigan University.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND TRAININGS

Blaisure, K. R., & Dickey, E. (2005, October 7). *Speaking and listening*. Presentation at the Annual Conference of the Family Consumer Science Educators. Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Blaisure, K. R., (2005, May 20). *Building positive family relationships: Tips from research*. Presented to Community Mental Health workers, Hanna Community Center in East Lansing, MI.

Blaisure, K. R. (2003, June 12). *Couple education and divorce interventions in the US*. Day-long workshop presented to Relate staff at the Birmingham Relate Office, UK.

Blaisure, K. R. (2003, June 10). *Comparison of UK and US Policy Initiatives Regarding Divorce Interventions and Prevention*. Presented at the Reporting Seminar for the 2002/3 Atlantic Fellows, June 10-11, 2003. The American Embassy, Grosvenor Square, London.

Blaisure, K. R. (2003, May 17). *Summary of research on couple education in the US*. Presented at the Mentor Couple Training, Buckfastleigh, Devon.

Blaisure, K. R., (2003, March 26). *Supporting relationships and promoting marriage: A comparison of public policy initiatives in the UK and US*. Presented to Sociology and Social Policy faculty members at the University of Newcastle, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Blaisure, K. R. (2003, March 3). *Divorce education services in the US*. Staff training presented to mediators and children's support staff at the NCH Family Mediation and Children's Support Service, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK.

Blaisure, K. R. (2003, January 13). *Implications of research on couple relationships for program development*. Day-long workshop presented to Education and Training Staff, Relate Central Office, Rugby, Warwickshire, UK.

Blaisure, K. R. (2003, January 14). *Implications of research on divorce for interventions with adults and children and for training professionals*. Day-long workshop presented to Education and Training Staff, Relate Central Office, Rugby, Warwickshire, UK.

Blaisure, K. R. (2002, November 14 & 15). *Couple education: Reviewing research and experiencing programs*. Two-day workshop presented to the Relate Staff, Relate Central Office, Rugby, Warwickshire, UK.

- Blaisure, K. R., & Geasler, M. J. (2002, June). *Divorce Education Programs in the US*. Presented to the faculty of the Home Economics and Dietetics, University of Latvia. Jurgala, Latvia.
- Blaisure, K. R. (2001, November). *Inclusion of diversity into family life education*. Presentation at the Symposium: Teaching and Training Family Life Educators: Bridging Theory and Practice. The Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Rochester, NY.
- Blaisure, K. R., & Geasler, M.J. (2000, November). *The status of research on education programs for divorcing parents*. Presented at the Fourth International Congress on Parent Education Programs. The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Kiawah Island, NC.
- Blaisure, K. R. & Geasler, M. J. (1999, July). *Divorce education across the United States*. Presented at Third Annual Smart Marriages Happy Families Conference, Washington D.C.
- Blaisure, K. R., (1999, July). *The benefits of feminist/equality-based relationships*. Presented at the Third Annual Smart Marriages Happy Families Conference, Washington D.C.
- Blaisure, K. R., & Geasler, M. J. (1998, October). *Children and divorce*. Workshop update at the 56th Annual Conference for the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Dallas, TX.
- Blaisure, K. R. & Geasler, M. J. (1998, July). *Mandated divorce education - A growing phenomenon*. Presented at the Second Annual Smart Marriages Happy Families Conference, Washington D.C.
- Blaisure, K. R. (1998, July). *A feminist view of marriage education*. Presented at the Second Annual Smart Marriages Happy Families Conference, Washington D.C.
- Geasler, M. J. & Blaisure, K. R. (1998, May). *Preliminary report: 1997-98 Court-connected education for divorcing parents project*. Presented at 35th Annual Conference, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Washington, D.C.
- Blaisure, K. R., & Geasler, M. J. (1997, September). *Marriage and divorce education*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Michigan Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Bloomfield Hills, MI.
- Blaisure, K. R., & Geasler, M.J. (1996, May). *Divorce education: Current practice and emerging trends*. Presented at Smart Marriages: Happy Families Conference, the first annual conference of the Coalition for Marriage, Family, and Couples Education. Washington, D.C.
- Blaisure, K. R., & Geasler, M.J. (1996, May). *Legislating premarital education: How research on premarital education informs policy development*. Presented at Smart Marriages: Happy Families Conference, the first annual conference of the Coalition for Marriage, Family, and Couples Education. Washington, D.C.
- Blaisure, K. R. (1996, November). *Student/new professional skills exchange: How to submit proposals for NCFR annual conferences*. Roundtable presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations Kansas City, MO.
- Blaisure, K. R. (1996, August). *Divorce education in the United States*. Invited presentation to the faculty and graduate and undergraduate students in the Department of Psychology and Education, University of São Paulo, Ribeirão Preto, Brasil. Presentation given in Portuguese.

Warnke, M., & Blaisure, K. R. (1995, May). *Feminist therapy*. Discussant comments presented at the 59th annual conference of the Department of Counselor Education & Counseling Psychology. Western Michigan University. Kalamazoo, MI.

Geasler, M. J., & Blaisure, K. R. (1995, March). *Status report on court-connected divorce education programs in Michigan*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Michigan Association of Family & Consumer Sciences. Grand Rapids, MI.

Blaisure, K. R. (1994, January). *Afternoon Workshop: Feminist Family Therapy*. Paper presented at the Michigan Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Ann Arbor, MI.

Sinacore-Guinn, A. L. & Blaisure, K. R. (1993, April). *Teaching from a feminist perspective*. Paper presented at the Sixth Annual Great Lakes Regional Conference for Counseling Psychology. Indiana University.

Blaisure, K. R. (1993, April). *From research paradigm to methodology: Does one follow from the other?* Paper presented at the College of Education Research Convocation. Western Michigan University.

Blaisure, K. R. (1993, April). *Female and male feminists: Upgrading their heterosexual marriages*. Poster presented at College of Education Research Convocation. Western Michigan University.

Blaisure, K. R. (1992, November). *Reclaiming marriage: Understanding equality-based relationships*. Paper presented at the Kalamazoo Area Association for Counseling and Development.

Blaisure, K. R. (1992, April). *Feminism and the reclamation of marriage*. Paper presented at the annual Southeast Symposium on Family and Child Development. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Blaisure, K. R. (1990, April). *Reconciling the Concept of Power with Family Therapy*. Paper presented at the annual Southeast Symposium on Family and Child Development. University of Georgia.

ADVISING

Doctoral Chair: Pam Berryman (2002), Kurt Stevens (2002), Kaye Centers (1999),
Jerry McLaughlin (1998), Michael Walcheski (1998)

Doctoral Committee Member: Shawn Bultsma, Mary-Catherine Kane, Adriana Fox, Shai Brosh,
Jenny Keller (Fall 2006),
Tara Cornelius (2004), Elizabeth Maier (2002),
Robyn Geelhoed (2002), Carmen Baldus (2001), Jinsook Kim (1995)

Master's Thesis Committee Member: William Perrine (2004), Tara Cornelius (2003),
Belinda Soncini (Leslie College, Boston, MA, 1999)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy	1989 to Present
Clinical Member since 1992	
Approved Supervisor since 1996	
Council on Contemporary Families	2002 to Present
Michigan Association for Marriage & Family Therapy	1993 to Present
National Council on Family Relations	1990 to Present
Sections: Feminism & Family Studies	
American Counseling Association	1996 to 1998
American Women in Psychology	1993 to 1995
Kalamazoo Area Association for Counseling and Development	1992 to 1995
Michigan Council on Family Relations	1994 to 1996

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Departmental of Family & Consumer Sciences, Western Michigan University

AAUP Representative: 2001 - June 2002 and Sept 2003 - Dec 2003

Assessment Grant Committee: Member, 2004-2005

FCS International Committee: Member, 2004-05, 2003-04

Family Studies Committee, 1999 - 2007

Graduate Program Review, 2005-2006

Promotion Committee, 2006-07, 2005-06, 2000-01

Tenure Committee: Member, 2005-2006; Chair, 2004-2005; Member, 2005-06, 2001-02, 1999-2000

United Way Liaison, 2000-2001

Faculty Search Committee, 1999-2000, 2004-2005

Department of Counselor Education & Counseling Psychology, Western Michigan University

AAUP Representative, 1996-1997, 1997-1998, 1998-1999

Library Liaison, 1992 to 1999

Faculty Search Committee, Fall 1995 to Spring 1996

M.A. Admissions and Enrollment Management Committee: Member 1995-96, 1994-95

Counseling, Leadership, and Student Affairs Doctoral Training Committee

Member, 1998-1999

Member, 1997-1998

Member, 1996-1997

Member, 1995-1996

Instructional Development Committee: Member 1993-94, 1992-93

Tenure, Promotion and Faculty Development Committee: Member 1998-99, 1994-95

College of Education, Western Michigan University

MFT Training Committee: Member, 2004-2005 and 2003-2004

COE Promotion Committee: Member, 2006-07, 2005-06, 2001-02, 2000-01

COE Curriculum Committee: Member, 1997-98, 1996-97, 1995-96, Spring 1995

COE Technology Committee: Member, 1996-1997

University

WMU-AAUP Contract Administrator, January 2004 - December 2004

Graduate Curriculum Committee, Member, 1998-1999

Marriage and Family Therapy Education Task Force, 1992 to 2002

Community

Kalamazoo Adoption Network, Adoption Consortium. Michigan Post-Adoption Services System.

Committee Member, 1994 to 1996

Conference Committee Member, 1995-1996

Van Buren County Friend of the Court Office.

Consultant (non-paid), 1993 - 1994

State

Michigan Association for Marriage and Family Therapy

President-elect, 1998 & 1999; President, 2000 & 2001

West Michigan Member-at-Large, appointed July 1996

Elections Committee 1995

No-Fault Divorce Reform Working Group. Convened by Representative Jessie Dalman. Member, summer 1995.

Divorce Reform Working Group, Convened by Representative Voorhees. Member, spring 2001

National

National Council on Family Relations

Member, NCFR's Task Force on Electronic Transfer. 1995-1996

Member, NCFR/Sage Student Book Award Committee. November 1994 - November 1996

Student/New Professional Representative (S/NP Rep) 1993-1994.

Student/New Professional Representative-Elect (S/NP-Elect) 1992-1993

Feminism and Family Studies Section

Reviewed section presentation proposals for 1992, 1993, 1997, 2005 annual conferences

Reviewed proposals for Outstanding Proposal from a Feminist Perspective Award for 1992, 1993

Reviewed papers for Outstanding Paper from a Feminist Perspective Award for 1993 awards

Nominations Committee, 1996

Family Therapy Section

Reviewed section presentation proposals for 1997 annual conference

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy

Co-chair, Gender Caucus. 1994-1995, 1995-1996

Reviewer of Conference Abstracts for Annual Conference, 2003, 2004, 2005

MEDIA INTERVIEWS Since 2000

Blaisure, K. R. (2006, October 13). The costs of raising children. *Kalamazoo Gazette*. Reporter: Michelle Miron. [email interview]

Blaisure, K. R. (2006, November 22). Stepfamily life and the holiday. Reporter Mark Schwerin from WMU Office of University Relations. Press Release_____

Blaisure, K. R. (2006, May 26). Success of Young Adults. *Kalamazoo Gazette*. Reporter: Natasha Robinson.

Blaisure, K. R., & Dickey, E. B. (2005, November 28). Puppy love. *FamilyTalk* (magazine affiliated with the *Kalamazoo Gazette*). Feature Writer Madeleine Socia.

Blaisure, K. R. (2004, September 15). Marriage and divorce in the UK and US. *WIDR*. DJ Steven Davy.

Blaisure, K. R. (2004, April 23). US, UK use different tools to keep couples together research finds. Reporter Mark Schwerin from WMU Office of University Relations. Press Release on July 14, 2004.

Blaisure, K. R. (2004, April 23). Recent trends in marriage. Reporter Mark Schwerin from WMU Office of University Relations. *WMU Radio News Service Advisory*, May 6, 2004.

Blaisure, K.R. (2001, April 9). On premarital education and divorce statistics. Reporter Cheryl Allen from the *Greenville News*, Greenville, SC.

Blaisure, K. R., (2001, February 14). On my essay, "Thriving, Not Surviving," in the book, *Why Do Fools Fall in Love*. WKZO. Announcer Bill Anthony, producer Tim Abramowski.

Blaisure, K. R., (2001, February 12). On my essay, "Thriving, Not Surviving," in the book, *Why Do Fools Fall in Love*. *WMWN & WFAT*, announcer John McNeal.

COURSES TAUGHT

Family & Consumer Sciences 1999-2005 (teaching load = 9 credit hours/semester)

Graduate Courses (3 credit hours)

FCS 535	Communication Skills for Working with Families Across the Lifespan
FCS 601	Basic Research Methods
FCS 616	Consumer Education
FCS 660	Studies in Family Relations
FCS 522	Special Topics: Human Sexuality

Graduate Courses (1 credit hour)

FCS 522	Special Topics: Couples Communication
FCS 522	Special Topics: Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program
FCS 522	Special Topics: Families and Separation/Divorce
FCS 522	Special Topics: Family Life and the Military

Undergraduate Courses (3 credit hours)

FCS 209	Consumer Education
FCS 210	Human Sexuality
FCS 318	Intimate Relationships
FCS 410	Teaching Family Life Education

Counselor Education & Counseling Psychology 1992-1999 (teaching load = 6 credit hours/semester)

Graduate Courses (3 credit hours)

CECP 608	Counseling Across the Life Span: A Family Systems Perspective
CECP 661	Foundations of Systemic Family Therapy
CECP 662	Couples Interaction and Therapy
CECP 663	Family Interaction and Therapy
CECP 686	Psychology of Women
CECP 671	Assessment & Treatment of Family Therapy

Graduate Practica (variable credit hours)

CECP 613	Marriage and Family Therapy Practicum
CECP 692	Marriage and Family Therapy Practicum
CECP 693	Doctoral Practicum in Marital & Family Therapy
CECP 698	Independent Readings