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EDUCATION

New York University, Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work 2016
Dissertation: Minority, occupational, and posttraumatic stress among veterans who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual.
Chair: James Martin, PhD

The Catholic University of America, Master of Social Work 2005
Concentration: Clinical and Macro Social Work

The George Washington University 2003
Major: Public Policy
Minor: Human Services

HONORS & AWARDS

Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC VA Medical Center, *Social Worker of the Year 2013*

Department of Veterans Affairs, *Olin E. Teague Award* for program development for the severely injured, September, 2008

Nominated for VA Health Services Research & Development Paper of the Year, VA New Jersey Health Care System
Nominee, 2021

SPECIALIZED TRAININGS & CERTIFICATIONS

Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker
The District of Columbia License No: LC50078384
Date of Licensure: July 2007, Expires July 2023

Licensed Master Social Worker
New York State License No: 077607
Date of Licensure: Not active

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College, CUNY 2016-Present

Assistant Professor, The Graduate Center, CUNY 2018-Present

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Bloeser, K., Sanner, C., & Henkel, J. (In press). Defining Clinical Social Work: An exploration of the impact of licensure on practice. *Journal of Research on Social Work Practice*.

Bloeser, K. & Lipkowitz-Eaton, J. (2022). Disproportionate multimorbidity among veterans in middle age. *Journal of Public Health*. 44(1): 28-35.

- Bloeser, K., McCarron, K., Merker, V. . . . McAndrew, L.M. (2021). "Because the country, it seems though, has turned their back on me." Experiences of Institutional Betrayal among Veterans living with Gulf War Illness. *Social Science and Medicine*. 184:114-211.
- Bloeser, K. & Bausman, M. (2020). Contemporary social work practice with veterans: A scoping review. *Journal of Research on Social Work Practice*, 30(1), 40-53.
- McCarron, K. K., Dasgupta, M. K., Campbell, C. A., Hull, A. E., Namazi, S., Adams, A. H., Allen, N. J., Bloeser, K. J., Thomas, L. A., Reinhard, M. J., Scholten, J. D., & Schwartz, B. (2020). Social rehabilitation for military veterans with traumatic brain injury, psychological trauma, and chronic neuropsychiatric symptoms: Intervention development and initial outcomes. *Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal*, 42 (3), 296-304.
- Bloeser, K. & Stewart, R. (2018). Clinical Practice Theories for Medical Social Work with Veterans. *Smith College Studies in Social Work*, 88:4, 299-311.
- Jemal, A., Gardner, M. & Bloeser, K. (2018). Perceived Race as Variable: Moderating Relationship between Perceived Discrimination in Workplace and Mentally Unhealthy Days. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40615-018-0521-y>
- Phillips, L.A., McAndrew, L.M., Laman-Maharg, B., & Bloeser, K. (2017). Evaluating Challenges for Improving Medically Unexplained Symptoms in US Military Veterans via Provider Communication. *Patient Education and Counseling*. DOI: 10.1016/j.pec.2017.03.011
- Bloeser, K., McCarron, K.K., Batorsky, B., Reinhard, M.J., Pollack, S.J., & Amdur, R. (2014). Mental health outreach and screening among returning Veterans: Are we asking the right questions? *The United States Army Medical Department Journal*, Oct.-Dec.,109-117.
- Reinhard, M.J., Nassif T.H., Bloeser, K., Barth, S., Benetato, B., Dursa, E., & Schneiderman, A. (2014). CAM utilization among OEF/OIF Veterans: Findings from the National Health Study for a New Generation of US Veterans. *Medical Care*, 52(S5), S45-S49.
- McCarron, K.K., Reinhard, M.J., Bloeser, K.J., Mahan, C.M., & Kang, H.K. (2014). PTSD diagnoses among Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans: Comparison of administrative data to chart review. *Journal of Traumatic Stress Studies*, 27(5), 626-629.
- Prisco, M.K., Jecmen, M.C., Bloeser, K.J., Akhter, J., Duncan, A., McCarron, K., & Reinhard, M. (2013). Group auricular acupuncture for PTSD-related insomnia in Veterans: A randomized trial. *Medical Acupuncture Journal*, 25(6): 407-422.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

- Ramirez, H. & Bloeser, K. (2019). Queering the Warrior Archetype: LGBTQ Women Warriors. In Thomas, K.H. & Hunter, K. (Eds.). *Invisible Veterans: What happens when service women become civilians again*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO/Praeger Publishing.
- Bloeser, K.J. & Ramirez, H. (2018). Learning from example: Resilience of service members and veterans who identify as LGBTQ. In K. Hendricks Thomas & D. Albright (Eds.) *Bulletproofing the psyche: Preventing mental health problems in our military and veterans*. Westport, CT: Praeger.
- Ramirez, H. & Bloeser, K. (2017). Creating safe spaces: Best practices for clinicians working with sexual and gender military service members and veterans. In E.C. Ritchie, J. Wise, & B. Pyle (Ed.) *Gay mental healthcare providers and patients in the military: Personal experiences and clinical care*. New York, NY: Springer.

Ramirez, H. & Bloeser, K. (2017). Risk and Resilience: A review of the health literature of veterans who identify as LGBT. In E.C. Ritchie, J. Wise, & B. Pyle (Ed.) *Gay mental healthcare providers and patients in the military: Personal experiences and clinical care*. New York, NY: Springer.

Other

Bloeser, K. & Ray, K. (2018). Contemporary Social Work Practice with Veterans: An Introduction to the Special Issue. *Clinical Social Work Journal*, 46(2), 69-73.

Reinhard, M.J. & Bloeser, K. (2014). Enhanced methods to assess suicide risk among respondents to a national survey of US Veterans. *Psychiatric Services*, 65(9), 1179.

NON-PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

Bloeser, K. (2017). Veterans Benefits. In J. Callahan (Ed.) *New York Elder Law*. New York, NY: Practising Law Institute.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor

Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College, The City University of New York

September, 2015-Present

- M.S.W. Clinical Practice I, II, and III
- M.S.W. Clinical Practice III (online)
- M.S.W. Clinical Practice IV: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- M.S.W. Advanced Standing Clinical Practice I and II
- Field Seminar
- Field Advising

Adjunct Faculty

The Catholic University of America

September, 2013-2015

Washington, DC

- M.S.W. Advanced Field Practicum, Military and Health Care Social Work
- M.S.W. Military Culture and Implications for Practice

Field Instructor

The University of Maryland School of Social Work

September, 2012-April, 2013

Howard University School of Social Work

September, 2013-April, 2014

Social Work Field Coordinator

Washington, DC VAMC, Co-Coordinator of Field Education

September 2013-August, 2015

PRESENTATIONS

PEER REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

Bloeser, K. & Pickett, L. (2022, June 21-25). Experiences of Institutional Betrayal and Institutional Courage in Health Care among Veterans. The time is right for social work. National Association of Social Workers (NASW) National Conference. Washington, DC.

Maurer, K., Brais, H., & Bloeser, K. (2021, November 3-4). Seeking a secure base: An exploration of relationship security across the lifespan with Veterans experiencing homelessness. Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness Annual Meeting, Virtual.

Maurer, K., Brais, H., & Bloeser, K. (2021, September 30-October 28). Seeking a secure base: An exploration of relationship security across the lifespan with Veterans experiencing homelessness. Canadian Institute for Military and Veteran Health Research (CIMVHR) Virtual Forum.

Bloeser, K., McCarron, K., Varon, S., Pickett, L., Johnson, I., & Greer, S. (2020, December 6-10). Experiences of institutional betrayal and institutional courage in health care among veterans exposed to airborne hazards:

Implications for providers [Conference session]. The Society of Federal Health Professionals (AMSUS) Annual Meeting, virtual conference.

Bloeser, K. (January, 2017). Intersectionality and PTSD: Race, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Veteran Health. In H. Ramirez (Chair), *Coming out in Camouflage: Strength, Resilience, Race, and Clinical Practice with LGBT Military and Veterans*, Symposium conducted at the meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.

Bloeser, K. (November, 2016). Social Work with Veterans: Future Directions and Implications for the Classroom. Paper presentation conducted at the meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Atlanta, GA.

Bloeser, K. (January, 2016). Occupational Risk and Health Outcomes among Transgender Veterans. In R.M. Kull (Chair), *Resilience in the Face of Institutionalized Risk: The Experiences of Transgender Veterans*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

Matza, A.R. (Chair), Shipherd J.C., Mattocks K.M., Bloeser, K.J., Lehavot, K, Blossnich, J.R. (July, 2015). Incorporating lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) veterans into health services research. Workshop conducted at the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Services Research & Development/Quality Enhancement Research Initiative National Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Bloeser, K. (September 2022). Gulf War Illness Military Exposures Research Implementation Center (MERIC): Optimization of a web-based approach for evidence-based treatment of Gulf War Illness. Presented to the Gulf War Veterans Illnesses Research Advisory Committee, Washington, DC.

Bloeser, K. (April 2018). Policies that Betray those who Serve: The Experiences of Veterans who identify as Sexual and Gender Minorities. Moral Transformation and War Conference. Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College, New York, NY.

Bloeser, K. (May 2017). Resilience in the Face of Institutionalized Risk: The Experiences of Veterans who identify as LGBT. Veterans Mental Health Training Institute, New York State National Association of Social Workers, Niagara Falls, NY.

Bloeser, K. (June, 2017). Veterans who identify as LGBT: History and current research. Veterans Mental Health Coalition, New York City Mental Health Association, New York, NY.

Bloeser, K. (June, 2017). Primary Care and Mental Health Integration. Mental Health Professional Academy. City University of New York School of Public Health, New York, NY.

Bloeser, K. (May 2017). Resilience in the Face of Institutionalized Risk: The Experiences of Veterans who identify as LGBT. Veterans Mental Health Training Institute, New York State National Association of Social Workers, Ronkonkoma, NY.

Bloeser, K. (April, 2017). Military and Veteran Cultural Competence. Presentation to City University of New York (CUNY) staff coordinated by the CUNY Office of Veterans Affairs.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| <i>Researcher</i> | 2015-Present |
| (Without compensation appointment) | Washington, DC |
| War Related Illness and Injury Study Center (WRIISC) | February, 2019-Present |
| Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center | East Orange, NJ |

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| <i>Clinical Social Worker and Researcher</i> | 2011-2015 |
| War Related Illness and Injury Study Center (WRIISC) | Washington, DC |
| Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center | |

Evaluation and Quality Improvement Coordinator
New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Office of Mental Hygiene Policy, Planning and Clinical Affairs, Oct. 2009-May 2010
Bureau of Children, Youth, and Families, May 2010-July 2011

2009-2011
New York, NY

Clinical Social Worker
Trauma Services Clinic
Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center

2005-2008
Washington, DC

SERVICE TO ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

College Service

February, 2019-2021 COACHE Steering Committee
2015-Present Faculty Advisor, Project for Return and Opportunity for Veterans Education (PROVE)
January, 2016 Student, Integration of Critical Race Theory in the Classroom, ACERT
March, 2016 Panelist, *Applying critical race theory in the college classroom: Pedagogical strategies for mitigating racism*, ACERT

School Service

Spring 2022 Director of Field Search Committee, Assistant Director of Field Search Committee (x2)
2020-Present Dismantling Ideologies of Dominance Student Services Committee
2020-Present Student Assessment and Writing Committee
2020-Present One Year Residency Program Committee
2019-Present BSW Committee
2016-2020 Faculty Representative, Educational Review Committee
Spring 2017 Search Committee, Director of Student Services
2016-2017 Interim Chair: Global Social Work and Practice with Immigrants and Refugees

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ACTIVITIES

2018-2020 Co-Chair, Military Service Members, Veterans and Their Families (MSVF) Cluster, Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)
2017-2020 Human Relations Commission, Peekskill, New York
2016-2018 National Association of Social Workers New York State, Veterans Mental Health Training Initiative Advisory Committee Member
2016-2017 Research Advisor, Neuropsychology Postdoctoral Fellowship, The War Related Illness and Injury Study Center at the Washington, DC VA Medical Center

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, AMSUS: The Society of Federal Health Professionals
Member, The Society for Social Work and Research
Member, Society for Behavioral Medicine