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## Education

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

## Honours, Awards, Fellowships & Grants

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

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

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

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

**Student Travel Award**  
Canadian Psychological Association - CPA Conference 2008

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

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

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

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

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

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

### *Research Support & Funding*

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

### *Publications*

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

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

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

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

### *Invited Presentations*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### *Conference Presentations*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### *Professional Activities*

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